July 2011 Link

Just sitting here thinking about the heat outside and enjoying the cool air conditioner inside. I have said a prayer for all those having to work outside in this heat this week. I am also saying a prayer for those shut-ins who may not have access to the cooler air that I am enjoying.

Activities are taking place in all of our churches this summer. Many have already had their VBS and some are still anticipating the VBS and the stories of Jesus and his encounters with people. Continue to pray that God would have encounters with these young people as well as the leaders even after the VBS is over. Don't forget to send your VBS report to the CBBA as quickly as possible after the conclusion of your VBS.

Many have taken their vacations or getting ready to do so. Don't forget the work of the church continues so you might want to leave your tithe check prior to leaving on vacation. Everyone needs some time to get away and relax and regroup. Pastors and staff need time away as well. Teachers have had a time of relaxation and regrouping for the coming school year. Please begin to pray for all those who will have an impact on our children as they return to school. As I write this article, school will be resuming in less than a month.

The new Sunday School year will begin very soon. Associational Church Profile information will be sent to the churches to be filled out with information we will use in the office. The Tennessee Baptist Convention will also be using the information gathered from the ACPs. When the materials are received, please pass it on to the person responsible for the gathering and recording the material if you are not the responsible party. If you do not have access to a computer, bring your information to the office and give it to Amy and she will enter it into TED.

The Nominating Team, Budget/Finance Team and other teams from the association are in the process of working at this time. Soon the church teams or committees will begin their work for the local church. Just like the church, the association cannot exist without volunteers to help carry out the ministries of the CBBA. Very special thanks are given to all those volunteers that make the church and the association run smoothly.

Doing together what we cannot do alone,

Jimmy Furr