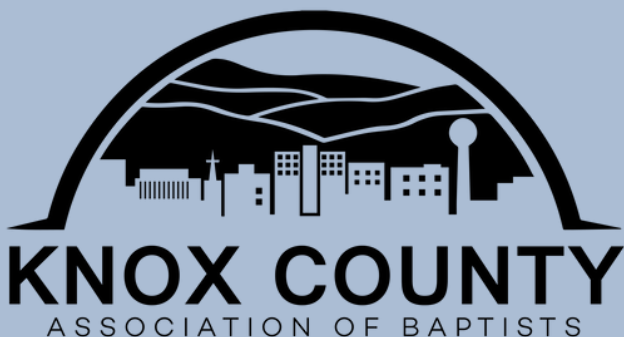


JANUARY 2023

THE REMINDER



*New year.
New Blessings*



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The church on God's mission

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

It is hard to believe that we have turned the calendar page on another new year. It seems that in the last couple of years, church leaders have been faced with extremely difficult challenges. In a recent podcast I was listening to, the speakers commented that in times of extreme difficulty, we tend to look for the wrong kind of leader. They commented, "We tend to look for leaders who can make hard problems simple. The problem is - these are not simple problems."

So, what does that mean for church leaders facing "hard problems"? What type of program, strategy, or leadership skill is needed to guide through such difficult challenges? I recently picked up a book by Bill Elliff titled, The Presence Centered Church. In the Foreward to the book, Byron Paulus writes, *Virtually everything has been tried in American church life. We have access to the best equipment, the best programs, the best advice, the best consultations. But the one thing that makes the difference is rarely pursued as the primary matter of utmost urgency. Yet that factor – the extraordinary presence and power of Christ through outpourings of the Holy Spirit- is what is vitally missing in order to fulfill the church's extraordinary mission in the 21st century.*

I admit it can be easy to dismiss a statement like that – as powerful as it is. In some ways it sounds like a statement that every church leader knows to be true. Yet in some ways it stands before us as a challenge that too few of us have taken to heart.

In the book, Elliff dares us to dream. He invites us to imagine with him a church...

- *Where God is clearly and consistently present and the evidence is unmistakable not only to you, but also to the world around you.*

- *Where worship is so accessible, authentic, and powerful that people are thrilled and overwhelmed with Christ.*
- *Where the whole church carries a great burden for the world, and the church is clearly on God's mission.*
- *Where the worst sinner feels so loved he can't leave, but so confronted he can't stay where he is.*
- *Where children are intentionally disciplined by their parents, and the church is their greatest partner in the process.*
- *Where students are so enamored with their parents' spiritual experience, that they are drawn to Christ.*
- *Where people are being visibly changed into the likeness of Christ.*
- *Where gossip, slander, and disunity are a distant memory.*
- *Where prayer is unceasing, and becoming the atmosphere in which people live and breathe.*
- *Where God's love flows in unceasing acts of service.*
- *Where loving cooperation is experienced among the congregations in a city and there is an obvious spirit of unity.*

It may be hard to even imagine a church where this is true. But "hard problems" demand extraordinary solutions – the presence and power of Jesus Christ. This dream keeps us focused on being an Association that champions churches to live out God's mission everywhere, everyday. Let's live it out – everywhere, everyday!

Grace and Peace!



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Praying for our pastors

- January 1-7** // Alice Bell Baptist Church
Milad Guirguis // Arabic Christian Church
Marty Henry // Arlington Baptist Church
AC Cooper // Atkins Baptist Church
- January 8-14** Lee Fox // Ball Camp Baptist Church
Dean Braden // Beaumont Avenue Baptist Church
Alan Price // Beaver Dam Baptist Church
Keith Tillman // Bell's Campground Baptist Church
- January 15-21** Nick Swarthout // Belmont Heights Baptist Church
Josh Cagley // Bethany Missionary Baptist Church
Todd Stinnett // Black Oak Heights Baptist Church
- January 22-28** Byron Chambers // Blount Baptist Church
Andy Long // Bluegrass First Baptist Church
// Bon View Baptist Church



2nd Home is a joint project of KCAB and Knoxville International Network (KIN) to connect international students with Christian families in the greater Knoxville area. Most international students will come and study for a year or more and never be invited into an American home or have a connection with a Christian family. We invite you to consider becoming a part of welcoming our international students!

For more information contact Bonita Wilson at 865-693-9097 or visit our website at www.kcab.org.



Thursday, February 23, 2023
9:30-11:00am

A quarterly gathering for pastors to offer a place of "refuge" and encouragement

Location coming soon!

ACTS 2:17

**SEEKING GOD'S VISION FOR
TN BAPTISTS**

**Acts 2:17 Regional Listening Session:
Wallace Memorial Baptist Church
February 20th @ 10am-12pm
register online at
www.tnbaptist.org/acts217**

CARE CONTAINER FOR EASTERN UKRAINE

The Jefferson County Baptist Association is collecting items to fill a shipping container for Eastern Ukraine until January 26, 2023. For the full list of items and information please visit our website at www.kcab.org

DOES YOUR CHURCH NEED A VOLUNTEER GROUP for 2023?

Project Knox would love to connect your church with volunteer groups from other churches to assist with some projects.

Project ideas include: Backyard Bible Clubs, VBS, Sports Camps, surveys, sharing church information in neighborhoods, prayer walking, simple renovations, block parties, food pantries, or any other creative outreach events. If your church has a need for any time in 2023 or want to discuss a possibility, please let us know by contacting Bonita Wilson at bwilson@kcab.org or 865-693-9097.

PROJECT KNOX



Thank you for your support of local missions

Record of giving from member churches from January 1 – December 31, 2022

Church	Y-T-D	Y-T-D	Church	Y-T-D	Y-T-D	Church	Y-T-D	Y-T-D
	General Fund	Temporarily Restricted		General Fund	Temporarily Restricted		General Fund	Temporarily Restricted
	Contrib.	Contrib.		Contrib.	Contrib.		Contrib.	Contrib.
Alice Bell	1,602	50	Glenwood	3,960	0	Northwest	0	0
Arabic Church	0	75,000	Grace	12,000	241	Norwood	1,667	0
Arlington	0	0	Grace Covenant	0	0	OAA-Worship Cen.	1,600	0
Atkins	0	0	Grassy Valley	9,696	2,730	Oakwood	600	0
Ball Camp	0	7,046	Greater Bush Grove	0	0	OneLife	2,400	0
Beaumont Ave.	600	0	Greenway	1,910	500	Parkway	0	0
Beaver Dam	14,749	0	Grove Heights	0	480	Peace&Good Will	1,200	0
Bell's Camp.	10,550	0	Harvest Point	5,000	1,444	Piney Grove	750	0
Belmont Hghts.	750	0	Hillcrest	0	0	Ramsey Heights	0	0
Bethany	0	0	His People	2,400	0	Reunion	1,085	0
Black Oak Hghts.	4,000	600	Hoitt Avenue	0	0	Ridgedale	0	0
Blount	0	0	Holston	0	0	Ridgeview	9,848	0
Bon View	0	0	Hope Comm. Church	0	0	Ridgeway	0	0
Branville	150	0	Hope Fellowship	0	0	Riverdale	0	0
Broadway	1,625	0	House Mountain	0	0	Riverview	250	0
Buffat Heights	1,100	500	Iglesia Knox	0	0	Rocky Hill	3,000	650
Burnetts Creek	0	0	Imani African Fellowship	0	0	Roseberry	375	0
Callahan Road	2,743	0	Immanuel	1,500	0	Russian	549	0
Calvary	6,050	0	Inskip	8,400	0	Salem	14,400	2,084
Calvary Com.	300	0	Ironworks @ Churchwell	350	0	Seven Islands	1,600	0
Carter Com. Ch.	0	0	Island Home	0	0	Sevier Heights	12,000	4,400
Center Faith	5,102	0	John Sevier	4,990	0	Sharon	11,004	0
Central Bearden	24,932	11,848	Knoxville Korean	0	0	Shep. of the Hills	0	0
Central Ftn. City	1,875	6,375	Knoxville International	0	0	Shoreline	13,000	0
Chilhowee Hills	3,504	0	Kodak Community	0	0	Smithwood	119	600
Ch.-Sterchi Hills	1,500	200	Legacy	1,650	0	South Knoxville	300	0
City Church	0	0	Lincoln Park	3,600	450	South Pointe	0	0
City View	2,110	650	Linden Avenue	0	0	Stoney Point	1,200	0
Clear Springs	6,000	0	Little Flat Creek	345	0	Sunset Heights	0	0
Community	0	0	Lonsdale	0	0	Tarklin Valley	2,158	0
Cornerstone	0	0	Lonsdale Community	0	0	Tennessee Ave.	0	0
Corryton	12,000	0	Loveland	1,700	0	Third Creek	300	0
Cumberland	5,000	0	Lyons Creek	12,562	6,028	Thorn Grove	6,640	0
Daystar	600	250	Marble City	1,000	0	Three Point	0	0
Deaf Church	625	0	Marbledale	0	0	Timothy Street	4,072	0
East Sunnyview	0	0	Mascot	2,079	0	Trinity	12,708	0
Eastwood	1,205	0	Meadowview	0	0	True Vine	180	0
Ebenezer	12,842	0	Meridian	6,275	738	Tuckahoe	0	0
Fair Havens	3,289	500	Middlebrook Pike	0	0	Union	4,172	200
Fairview	2,000	0	Midtown Community	0	0	United Awakening	250	250
Faith Promise	0	1,800	Mooreland Hghts.Com.	0	250	Valley Grove, CH	12,000	0
Fifth Avenue	1,039	2,055	Mount Carmel	4,530	0	Vestal	0	0
First Bluegrass	1,269	0	Mount Harmony	10,476	0	Victory	5,104	0
First Calvary	0	0	Mount Olive, E	0	0	Victory Chapel	500	600
First Concord	30,000	7,500	Mount Olive, S	7,601	22,510	Wallace Mem.	27,000	9,987
First Knoxville	3,300	0	Mountain View	220	0	Washington Pike	6,764	50
First Powell	11,250	5,950	New Beginnings	3,780	0	West Haven	0	500
Flint Gap	0	0	New Covenant	1,000	0	West Hills	1,790	1,862
Fort Hill	520	0	New Hopewell	5,248	140	West Lonsdale	500	0
Forward Church	534	0	New Mount Calvary	0	0	West Side	1,200	0
Fountain City	6,000	0	New Salem	0	0	Total	472,127	177,019
Friendship	0	0	New Sevier Home	1,002	0	Grand Total Church Receipts		649,146
Galilee	5,360	0	North Acres	700	0	Total KCAB Receipts Y-T-D		1,093,551
Gallaher Mem.	0	0	North Knoxville	6,869	0	Total Disbursements Y-T-D		1,092,567
Gillespie	2,925	0	Northside	0	0	Net		985

DISASTER RELIEF

On December 5, 2022 eighteen Disaster Relief Team members traveled to Jackson, Kentucky to rebuild homes damaged by the floods in July of 2022.

Happy Church located in Jackson, Kentucky graciously hosted our team. This church has done a wonderful job in one of the poorest counties in KY to help meet the physical and spiritual needs in their community.



Our team worked on five different homes with their framing, drywalling, insulation, paneling, wiring, and flooring.

We are still working with the local church to help raise funds to provide families safe and warm tiny homes for the winter.

Want to stay informed on all of our Disaster Relief projects and needs? Sign up today for our emails by contacting us at info@kcab.org!



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Join us as we collect non-perishable items for our Centers!



for more info visit www.kcab.org

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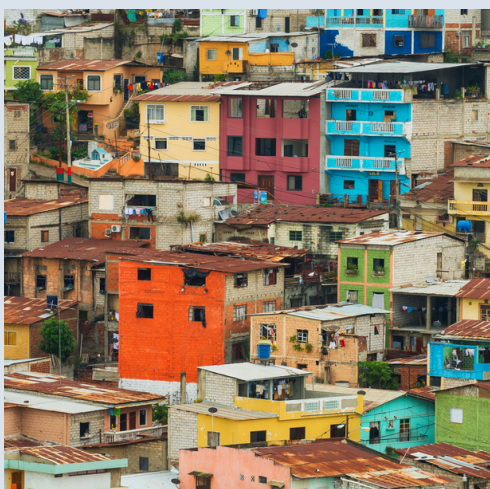
State Evangelism Conference

JANUARY 29-30, 2023

**New Vision Baptist Church,
1750 N. Thompson Lane,
Murfreesboro, TN**

register online at www.tnbaptist.org/wintn

Engage 10/10 Prayer



ENGAGE 10/10 is a priority focus on engaging 10 People Groups (PG) and 10 Pockets of Lostness (POL) with the Gospel. Prayer is our first step toward loving and engaging people with the Gospel. JOIN US THIS YEAR as we pray for and engage these PG and POL. Questions? Contact Bonita Wilson at bwilson@kcab.org.

HISPANIC PEOPLE GROUP

Hispanics make up the largest People Group in the greater Knoxville area.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Ask that God will move Christians with the Spirit of Christ living in them to be servants of Grace, Love and Light in this community, so that all might be drawn to Him.
- Ask that God would raise up leaders, mature in the faith within this community.

POCKET OF LOSTNESS #1

This area is located in the Watt Road area across Knox and Loudon County. For more information regarding Pockets of Lostness, please go to <https://www.kcab.org/engage1010>

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Ask that God would prepare the hearts of those in darkness to be open to His Spirit, convicting them of their lostness without Christ.
- Ask that relationships will be formed between neighbors, co-workers, families with kids in the same sports or groups that will lead to Gospel conversations and friends becoming family through Christ's love.

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Join a Learning Community!

OUR LEARNING COMMUNITIES:

- Pastors
 - Co-vocational Leaders
 - Church Revitalization
 - Student Leaders
 - Worship Leaders
 - Preschool & Children Leaders
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- A Learning Community is not another book club. We do provide books and other resources, but we want to learn from what we read and provide specific applications that assist in development.
 - A Learning Community is not another accountability group. We do encourage each other and hold each other accountable, but we learn to trust each other as we learn together on the journey.
 - A Learning Community is not another seminar course. No one receives a grade but we do realize that the level of "return" is related to the level of "investment."
 - A Learning Community is not a "panel of experts." We learn from each other!

Interested? Contact us at info@kcab.org!

PRAY FOR SPIRITUAL AWAKENING IN OUR CHURCHES AND CITY

Visit www.kcab.org to
download our prayer guide.

Upcoming Dates:

Youth Evangelism Conference:

When: March 24-25
Where: First Baptist Concord
Knoxville, TN

Ignite Tennessee Rally: Pastors, Church Staff and Lay Leaders

When: March 27 6-8pm
Where: Knox County Association
of Baptists office building
Speakers: Mark Miller &
Roc Collins

Live it out

The Lord your God in your
midst, the Mighty One, will
save; He will rejoice over you
with gladness, He will quiet
you with His love, He will
rejoice over you with singing.
-Zephaniah 3:17