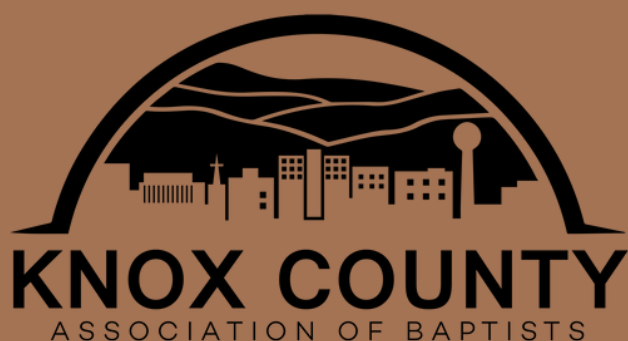


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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

In June of last year, Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) messengers called for an independent investigation into how matters of sexual abuse have been handled among leaders of the SBC. The Sexual Abuse Task Force and Guidepost Solutions released the report this past Sunday, May 22, 2022. While I am still carefully reading the findings and recommendations contained in this extensive report, the summary of findings is deeply troubling and heartbreaking.

First, my prayers are with all of those who have suffered deeply from these tragic actions of abuse and neglect. My heart is broken for all who have been hurt so badly by the actions of others in positions of trusted leadership. My prayer is that our response to these actions will be one of genuine repentance and loving restoration.

As I reviewed the report, I was saddened and grieved by many of the findings. The report provides details of alleged inappropriate behavior as well as inadequate response to reported cases of sexual abuse.

The report not only addresses serious issues that demand resolution, but also identifies specific recommendations that lead toward reform. Southern Baptist messengers will meet again in just a couple of weeks to respond to the findings and act upon the recommendations in this report. It is my prayer that the response will be prayerful and thoughtful, honoring to God and to all who have suffered from this abuse and neglect.

For the past several weeks, I have been inviting you to join with me in prayer for spiritual awakening. With broken hearts we need to cry out to God. Our hearts need to be tuned to God. *I would like to invite you to come together for a time of prayer on Wednesday, June 8th at 10:00 am at the Knox County Association building.* Please contact our office at info@kcab.org, or contact me personally, and let us know that you want to join in this urgent and united time of prayer.

Now, more than ever, it is time for us to know God's mission; be His Church; and *Live it Out!*

Grace and Peace!



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Join us on Wednesday, June 8 @10am for a time of prayer at the KCAB office

Join us in praying for our pastors

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| May 29 - June 4 | Toby Downey // Holston Baptist Church Kenny Moore // Hope Fellowship Church Mark Hammond // House Mountain Baptist Church |
| June 5-11 | Orlando Estevez // Iglesia Knox Peter Kinuthia // Imani African Fellowship George Hollander // Immanuel Baptist Church |
| June 12-18 | Mike Segers // Inskip Baptist Church Matt Mahelic // Island Home Baptist Church Bubba Gurley // John Sevier Baptist Church |
| June 19-25 | Brent McDougal // First Baptist Knoxville Phillip Barr // Knoxville International Church Jaeho Kim // Knoxville Korean Baptist Church Earl Sheperd // Kodak Community Baptist Church |



Did you know that the KCAB keeps a list of resumes for supply, student, worship, and other pastors? If you are a member of a pastor search committee OR if you are a pastor searching for a place to serve, email info@kcab.org to add your resume to our list or request the resume file!

Engage 10/10 Prayer Focus



ENGAGE 10/10 is a priority focus on 10 People Groups (PG) and 10 Pockets of Lostness (POL) toward engagement 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.

CONGOLESE PEOPLES

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is the largest country in surface area in Sub-Saharan Africa, equaling the size of Western Europe. DRC has the third largest population of poor people globally. DRC is known as a 'Christian nation' with a little less than half of the people as Roman Catholic, and nearly half being Protestant. Less than 5% make up all other religions. There is a growing number of Congolese refugees settling in the USA. Estimates are 1,200 or more have arrived in Knoxville within the last 2+ years to join friends and family already settled here. Recently here in Knoxville our KCAB staff discovered that a small group of Congolese refugees had formed a church and were looking for a place to meet. We have since then met and helped them partner with one of our churches to share space for worship and ministry.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray that Congolese believers will seek Him with all their heart and walk closely with Christ.
- Pray for healing of trauma that many refugees experienced as they fled their homes, lived years in refugee camps and are now trying to navigate and transition to life in America.

POCKET OF LOSTNESS #6

This area is known as the Magnolia Corridor. For more information on all of our pockets of lostness, please visit www.kcab.org/copy-of-community-engagement.

- Pray that believers will have opportunity to demonstrate God's love to hurting people.
- Pray that God would raise up leaders with a call for discipleship and church planting.



PRAY FOR THE LOST

- **PRAY** that spiritual strongholds are destroyed and the knowledge of God is poured out by His Spirit.
- **PRAY** that the Holy Spirit brings conviction of sin and reveals the hopelessness of works-based salvation.
- **PRAY** against the schemes of the evil one to distract lost persons seeking Christ.

PRAY FOR THE BELIEVERS

- **PRAY** that the churches in Knox County are unified and bold in taking the Gospel to our people.
- **PRAY** for believers to respond to God's call to pray for the lost and to have eyes to see every person as one for whom Christ died.
- **PRAY** believers will overcome the fear that keeps them from sharing the Gospel.

For our entire prayer guide visit our website at <https://www.kcab.org/pray-for-spiritual-awakening>

"HE MUST INCREASE, I MUST DECREASE."

-JOHN 3:30

- ASK THE FATHER TO MAKE YOU MORE LIKE HIM.
- PRAY THAT THE CHURCH IN KNOX COUNTY TRUST FULLY IN JESUS TO FINISH HIS WORK AND PUT THEIR FAITH IN HIM.

"REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND!"

-MATTHEW 3:2

- ASK THE FATHER TO BREAK YOUR HEART OVER YOUR SIN.
- PRAY FOR THE CHURCH TO BE SWEEPED WITH A SPIRIT OF REPENTANCE, FOR THE KINGDOM IS AT HAND.

PRAY FOR SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

"THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S..."

-1 SAMUEL 17:47

- ASK THE FATHER FOR STRENGTH TO NOT GROW WEARY IN PRAYING FOR REVIVAL AND AWAKENING.
- PRAY THAT GOD'S PEOPLE LIVE OUT THEIR FAITH AND TRUST GOD TO RENEW HIS CHURCH.

"THE EFFECTIVE FERVENT PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILS MUCH."

-JAMES 5:16

- ASK THE LORD TO DRAW YOU INTO A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.
- PRAY FOR THE LORD TO GIVE YOU A PASSION FOR THOSE WHO ARE LOST.

Project Knox Opportunities

- **CENTER FAITH CHURCH** – has grown significantly in the last couple years and needs some major building remodeling done.
- **CITY VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH** – is striving to develop a vision for reaching families in their community: through an outdoor family gathering, a 3-day crusade, and a parent conference.
- **GRASSY VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH** – would love help with VBS on June 27 - July 1.
- **IGLESIA BAPTISTA LA CRUZ** – needs leadership training for their children's ministry, assistance with VBS (Spanish or English), and building updates.
- **KNOXVILLE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH** – is seeking partnerships with churches to create community engagement teams.
- **NEW SEVIER HOME BAPTIST CHURCH** – would love help with VBS this summer, building renovations, and improvements with their audio/visual setup.
- **VILLAGE CHURCH** – needs volunteers to help with their weekly grocery distribution ministry, international summer camps, and minor building updates.
- **CAMP BA YO CA** – teams needed to fill roles such as cooking, cleaning, maintenance, program, construction, participating in worship/chapels, skits, etc.
- **MONTGOMERY VILLAGE BAPTIST CENTER** – needs include: ministry to children and older adults, sports camps, Market Days, painting of facilities, and more.
- **WESTERN HEIGHTS BAPTIST CENTER** – assistance needed with Kids Club, Community market days, light construction, cleaning, organizing and painting.

If your church would like to partner with one of these ministries contact Bonita Wilson at bwilson@kcab.org

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"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, that transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."-Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

Upcoming Events + Announcements

- VBS is coming soon! We have VBS training videos for all themes and churches that can help your volunteers engage children with the Gospel! Access this great resource by going here: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/8194681>
- Camp season is upon us! Don't forget you can still register for one of our camps or book a time for your church group to have a great retreat at Camp Ba Yo Ca! Visit <http://www.campbayoca.com/> for more information!
- Tired of receiving a paper copy of our Newsletter? Then we would love to send you the digital version of "The Reminder". Simply subscribe to our monthly email list on our website and receive the digital version!