**PRAYER TIPS FOR KNOX COUNTY, TN**

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (visit 1 or more of your local schools)

\* Pray for the Leaders, teachers and staff of local schools to know God, to have discernment and wisdom in making decisions, compassion for students and family, and encouragement in their work, family and personal life.

\* Pray for the international students as they adjust to a new culture, language, and school setting/culture.

\* Pray for the families of all students to thrive and be healthy and for gospel sharing opportunities that lead to all our school families to know Christ and His leading in their family.

\* Pray for Knox County Board of Education to make wise decisions that will honor God and help our school communities to thrive.

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY – (visit an ethnic market/restaurant or local park where they might hang out)

\* Pray for a sense of void in their life and a longing for Truth. Ask God to open their hearts to the Gospel when it is shared with them. Pray for Groups to hear and respond together – families, neighbors, friends.

\* Pray for Believers to be burdened for the nations living in our city and seek ways to build relationships, be bold in sharing the Gospel with love and grace and to share in ways that communicate within the international person’s culture and world view.

\* Pray especially for Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists to have visions and dreams of Jesus Christ and their need for Him in their lives. Pray against cultural barriers, preconceived notions/ideas, family values and issues, and false teachings. (visit a temple or mosque in our area)

\* Pray for the Mapping of communities in Knox County. Ask for the needed teams for mapping research, engagement with the gospel and prayer walk teams.

ETHNIC CHURCH AND NEW CHURCH PLANTS (visit 1 or more of our ethnic church sites)

\* Pray that leaders hear from God about strategic ways to engage their community in Knoxville. And ask for protection for them and their children.

\* Pray for persons of peace within different communities of Ethnic People across the city.

\* Pray for Pockets of Lostness as we begin to engage these areas that God will give favor among those who live there that do not yet know Christ. May believers in these areas grow bold in sharing the gospel with love and grace to their neighbors.

\* Pray for the church to be a light and safe place for the people in the community and in Knoxville to find hope and a place they can call home.

\* Pray for Biblical discipleship for new believers and older believers not mature in their faith.

Current Language/Ethnic Churches – Arabic Christian Church // Igleslia Knox, Wallace Memorial // Imani African Church // Korean Baptist Church // Slavic Baptist Church (Slavic people of Eastern Europe) // Promesa De Fe (Hispanic campus of Faith Promise) // Deaf Church // United Awakening Church (Swahili – Congo)

KCAB CHURCHES including YOUR CHURCH (prayer walk around your church building & other church sites)

\* Pray for Senior Pastor to have wisdom and discernment as he leads and makes decisions for the church. Pray for him to be encouraged and built up thru his walk with Christ and by others within the church. Pray for his family who often feel like they live in a bubble and are often judged more with less grace than we do with each other.

\* Pray for other staff members at your church to also hear daily from the Lord and clearly know what God is directing for their area of ministry. Pray for their encouragement and their families as well.

\* Pray for lay leaders to sense God’s call as to where they are to invest their time in ministry and for their faith walk to lead them as they serve. Pray for them to keep a godly balance of service to God, family and work.

\* Pray for members to realize that they are ‘the Church’ and their responsibility to live out the Gospel thru their faith walk and ministry is as important as anyone on the staff or in lay leadership. Ask that they see themselves as ‘missionaries’ in the places where God has placed them.

\* Pray that each one of Christ’ followers will seek Him daily, listen to His voice speaking to them and be obedient to the what the Father is asking us to do.

SPIRITUAL AWAKENING (prayer guides available online or at the KCAB office)

\* Pray for every KCAB church to form a prayer group focused singularly on Spiritual Awakening and/or have a regular focused time of prayer in the larger worship time for Spiritual Awakening in our county, country and around the world.

\* Pray for believers to hear God’s call to renewal and a deeper faith walk with Him.

\* Pray for believers to have a heart for others to come into a personal relationship with Christ. Ask that they know that each believer bears the responsibility of “Living out the Grace of the Gospel and Sharing the Gospel of Grace’.

\*Pray for the lost to sense a void in their life and seek answers in God and His Word.

\* Pray for people of influence in different Pockets of Lostness and International People Groups to be open to the Gospel and be a person thru which the Gospel can flow into that community.

\* Pray for the ENGAGE 10/10 Initiative that focuses on 10 Priority Pockets of Lostness and 10 Priority International People Groups. Ask God to call out churches to work together to reach these focus areas of lostness.

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\*Ask that our relationship with God will grow deeper every day and for strength for the spiritual battle we face as leaders.

\* Pray for Spiritual Awakening all across Knox County. Ask for the Spirit to move in a mighty way in His people and in the lives of the lost.

\* Pray for KCAB staff to have wisdom and discernment as they lead our Association and in strategic planning for the association.

\* Pray for God to call out teams of volunteers to assist in projects across Knox County. Pray for projects that will fulfill the Great Commission.

 \*May God give them grace, joy and health as they serve.

\*Ask God to go before them and give favor with others with whom they work.