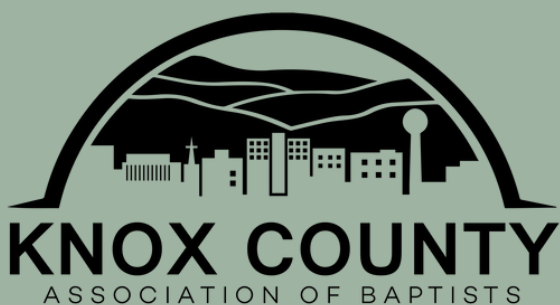


MARCH 2025

# THE REMINDER



Engaging our  
Community



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*The church on God's mission*

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Almost a decade ago, I wanted to hike to Mount LeConte by myself, and thought there was no better time than my 50th birthday. Maybe I thought it would make me feel younger to know that I could do it. Rain forced the postponement of the journey a few days, but I was determined. Tracy wasn't keen on the idea of me going by myself, but Alum Cave Trail is usually well populated. But not on this cold but clear February day, as I immediately discovered when I got to the parking lot where there were only a few cars.

No trouble making it to the caves on the lower end of the trail. I only passed one couple but otherwise was alone. Someone had erroneously told me that past the caves the journey was easy. Maybe it is in summer, but on this day ice covered much of the trail. It was slow going. Carefully looking for dry spots on the rocks among the ice, or at times clinging to the cables drilled into the rocks for safety. All the while remembering that I was alone. One slip causing any kind of injury and I might be in trouble.

I held out the thought that once at the top I could refresh myself by a warm fire while eating lunch. I knew the cabins were closed, but thought the caretaker would be waiting on me. He wasn't. There was nothing open, everything was locked. I was alone on Mount LeConte. Knowing that the same ice awaited me on the trip down, and still thinking in the back of my mind that one fall could be troublesome, I didn't waste any time. I was only at the top for a few minutes, didn't even take the time to eat, just headed back down.

I was relieved to pass several other people shortly after I began my descent. Now I knew that if I did fall, someone would be along behind me in twenty or thirty minutes. As I stepped aside to let another couple by the man asked, "How was the view at the top? I bet it's beautiful." I lied and said it was, and went on my way. The truth was I hadn't even taken the time to look. I was so concerned with getting back down safely I hadn't enjoyed the moment.

Five plus hours of hiking and I had rushed right through the summit. His question and my inability to answer haunted me the rest of the hike. Why was I so concerned with the accomplishment that I missed the journey itself? The greater question became, was this just an issue of the day or indicative of my life?

I say all of that to say, don't miss the journey. Enjoy the moments because they go by so fast. Yes, there is a lot of hard work and effort expended in life and ministry, but don't miss the joy along the way. Take time to see the beauty around you. You'll be glad you did.



*Dr. Alan Price*

Director of Missions  
Knox County Association of Baptists

## *Pray for Spiritual Awakening*

Did you know that we have free prayer guides available? These prayer guides are specifically designed for Knox County churches and are a great way to pray for awakening in our city.

Get one online at [www.kcab.org/pray-for-spiritual-awakening](http://www.kcab.org/pray-for-spiritual-awakening) or email [info@kcab.org](mailto:info@kcab.org) to get free hard copies today!

# Upcoming Events

## DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

There are several upcoming training events in East Tennessee including on March 8 & 15th . Click [HERE](#) for more information including locations and registration information.



## STUDENT MINISTRY

**COLLECTIVE** is a gathering of student pastor/leaders for a time of encouragement and networking. All student workers are invited March 6, 1:00PM @ Valley Grove Baptist Church. Please RSVP to KCAB office



## THE YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

is March 28-29 & will be hosted at Black Oak Heights Baptist Church. This conference includes a great lineup of including student ministry specialist Shane Pruitt For more info, or to register, click [HERE](#)



Support missionaries across North America by giving to the **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering!** The Week of Prayer for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is March 2-9. You can view of download the prayer guide [HERE](#)



## Hurricane Helene Relief Fund

Want to continue to support Helene Relief and the ongoing work? Click [HERE](#) to donate

# VBS 2025



Our annual **VBS Training** will be on **March 11 from 6:15-8:45pm** at FBC Morristown. Bring your VBS group for training! For questions, please email [info@kcab.org](mailto:info@kcab.org).



## NAMB EVANGELISM TRAINING

APRIL 22 | 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

HOSTED AT: GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH  
7171 OAK RIDGE HIGHWAY  
Includes lunch & NAMB Evangelism Kit

Get ready to ignite your passion and transform your community with the power of the gospel! Join us at our NAMB Evangelism Training designed to equip you with the tools and resources to create an evangelism-focused culture in your church. Register for free by clicking [HERE](#)

## NEIGHBORING INITIATIVE FOR LOCAL CHURCHES

Grant Standefer - sharing practical steps on community engagement from 'The Art of Neighboring'.

MARCH 27 | 11:30AM-1:00PM

Knox County Association of Baptists Building  
7709 Westland Dr, Knoxville, TN 37919

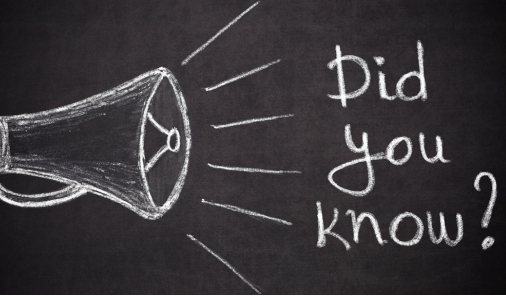


RSVP to [info@kcab.org](mailto:info@kcab.org) for lunch count.

Thank you for your support of local missions

Record of giving from member churches from January 1 – January 31, 2025

| 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.               | Contrib.                           | Contrib.      | Contrib.               |
| Alice Bell        | 0            | 0                      | Gillespie                | 975          | 0                      | Northwest                          | 0             | 0                      |
| Arabic Church     | 0            | 0                      | Glenwood                 | 330          | 100                    | Oakwood                            | 50            | 0                      |
| Arlington         | 0            | 0                      | Grace                    | 1,000        | 0                      | OneLife                            | 0             | 0                      |
| Atkins            | 0            | 0                      | Grace Covenant           | 0            | 0                      | Parkway                            | 0             | 0                      |
| Ball Camp         | 0            | 223                    | Grassy Valley            | 200          | 0                      | Peace&Good Will                    | 0             | 0                      |
| Beaumont Ave.     | 0            | 0                      | Greater Bush Grove       | 0            | 0                      | Piney Grove                        | 0             | 0                      |
| Beaver Dam        | 1,962        | 0                      | Greenway                 | 100          | 0                      | Ramsey Heights                     | 0             | 0                      |
| Bell's Camp.      | 1,070        | 0                      | Grove Heights            | 0            | 0                      | Ridgedale                          | 0             | 0                      |
| Belmont Hghts.    | 0            | 0                      | Harvest Point            | 2,500        | 2,002                  | Ridgeview                          | 2,391         | 0                      |
| Bethany           | 0            | 0                      | Hillcrest                | 0            | 0                      | Ridgeway                           | 0             | 0                      |
| Black Oak Hghts.  | 0            | 0                      | His People               | 500          | 0                      | Riverdale                          | 0             | 0                      |
| Blount            | 0            | 0                      | Hoitt Avenue             | 0            | 0                      | Riverview                          | 100           | 0                      |
| Bon View          | 0            | 0                      | Holston                  | 0            | 0                      | Rocky Hill                         | 0             | 100                    |
| Branville         | 0            | 0                      | Hope Fellowship          | 0            | 0                      | Roseberry                          | 0             | 0                      |
| Broadway          | 125          | 0                      | House Mountain           | 0            | 0                      | Salem                              | 1,375         | 0                      |
| Buffat Heights    | 100          | 0                      | Iglesia Knox             | 0            | 0                      | Seven Islands                      | 0             | 0                      |
| Burnetts Creek    | 0            | 0                      | Imani African Fellowship | 0            | 0                      | Sevier Heights                     | 1,000         | 500                    |
| Callahan Road     | 0            | 0                      | Immanuel                 | 125          | 0                      | Seymour First                      | 1,623         | 0                      |
| Calvary           | 0            | 0                      | Inskip                   | 833          | 0                      | Sharon                             | 0             | 0                      |
| Calvary Com.      | 0            | 0                      | Ironworks @ Churchwell   | 50           | 0                      | Shep. of the Hills                 | 0             | 0                      |
| Carter Com. Ch.   | 0            | 0                      | Island Home              | 0            | 0                      | Shoreline                          | 0             | 0                      |
| Center Faith      | 450          | 0                      | John Sevier              | 0            | 0                      | Slavic                             | 0             | 0                      |
| Central Bearden   | 1,667        | 467                    | Knoxville Korean         | 0            | 0                      | Smithwood                          | 0             | 0                      |
| Central Ftn. City | 0            | 0                      | Knoxville International  | 0            | 0                      | South Knox                         | 50            | 0                      |
| Chilhowee Hills   | 0            | 0                      | Kodak Community          | 0            | 0                      | South Knoxville                    | 0             | 0                      |
| Ch.-Sterchi Hills | 0            | 0                      | Legacy                   | 150          | 0                      | South Point                        | 0             | 0                      |
| City Church       | 0            | 0                      | Lincoln Park             | 300          | 0                      | Stoney Point                       | 100           | 0                      |
| City View         | 0            | 0                      | Linden                   | 0            | 0                      | Sunset Heights                     | 0             | 0                      |
| Clear Springs     | 500          | 0                      | Little Flat Creek        | 0            | 0                      | Tarklin Valley                     | 356           | 0                      |
| Community         | 0            | 0                      | Lonsdale                 | 0            | 0                      | Tennessee Ave.                     | 150           | 0                      |
| Cornerstone       | 0            | 0                      | Lonsdale Community       | 0            | 0                      | Third Creek                        | 0             | 0                      |
| Corryton          | 1,000        | 0                      | Loveland                 | 0            | 0                      | Thorn Grove                        | 542           | 0                      |
| Cumberland        | 417          | 0                      | Lyons Creek              | 1,004        | 0                      | Three Point                        | 0             | 0                      |
| Daystar           | 0            | 0                      | Marble City              | 0            | 0                      | Timothy Street                     | 298           | 0                      |
| Deaf Church       | 0            | 0                      | Marbledale               | 0            | 0                      | Trinity                            | 2,044         | 0                      |
| East Sunnyview    | 0            | 0                      | Mascot                   | 0            | 0                      | True Vine                          | 15            | 0                      |
| Eastwood          | 0            | 0                      | Meadowview               | 0            | 500                    | Tuckahoe                           | 0             | 0                      |
| Ebenezer          | 1,487        | 0                      | Meridian                 | 542          | 66                     | Union                              | 1,882         | 0                      |
| Fair Havens       | 251          | 0                      | Middlebrook Pike         | 0            | 0                      | Unity African                      | 0             | 0                      |
| Fairview          | 0            | 0                      | Midtown Community        | 0            | 0                      | Valley Grove, CH                   | 1,000         | 0                      |
| Faith Promise     | 0            | 0                      | Mooreland Hghts.Com.     | 0            | 0                      | Vestal                             | 0             | 0                      |
| Fifth Avenue      | 143          | 0                      | Mount Carmel             | 0            | 0                      | Victory                            | 1,183         | 0                      |
| First Bluegrass   | 289          | 0                      | Mount Harmony            | 2,061        | 0                      | Victory Chapel                     | 0             | 0                      |
| First Calvary     | 0            | 0                      | Mount Olive, E           | 0            | 0                      | Wallace Mem.                       | 2,250         | 1,050                  |
| First Concord     | 2,500        | 667                    | Mount Olive, S           | 1,000        | 0                      | Washington Pike                    | 0             | 0                      |
| First Knoxville   | 2,500        | 0                      | Mountain View            | 0            | 0                      | West Haven                         | 0             | 0                      |
| First Powell      | 1,083        | 150                    | New Beginnings           | 0            | 0                      | West Hills                         | 0             | 0                      |
| Flint Gap         | 0            | 0                      | New Covenant             | 0            | 0                      | West Lonsdale                      | 0             | 0                      |
| Fort Hill         | 0            | 0                      | New Hopewell             | 744          | 0                      | West Side                          | 100           | 0                      |
| Forward Church    | 0            | 100                    | New Mount Calvary        | 0            | 0                      | <b>Total</b>                       | <b>45,070</b> | <b>5,925</b>           |
| Fountain City     | 500          | 0                      | New Salem                | 0            | 0                      | <b>Grand Total Church Receipts</b> |               | <b>50,995</b>          |
| Friendship        | 0            | 0                      | New Sevier Home          | 104          | 0                      | <b>Total KCAB Receipts Y-T-D</b>   |               | <b>73,311</b>          |
| Galilee           | 0            | 0                      | North Acres              | 0            | 0                      | <b>Total Disbursements</b>         |               | <b>79,667</b>          |
| Gallaher Mem.     | 0            | 0                      | North Knoxville          | 0            | 0                      | <b>Net</b>                         |               | <b>-6,356</b>          |



## Our Learning Communities:

- PASTORS
- CHURCH REVITALIZATION
- CO-VOCATIONAL
- PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN LEADERS
- STUDENT LEADERS
- WORSHIP LEADERS

*It's not too late to join!*

Visit our website to learn more:  
[www.kcab.org/learning-communities](http://www.kcab.org/learning-communities)

## KCAB TEAMS

### CHURCH LEADERSHIP

The Church Leadership Team exists to serve church leaders in personal and professional development.

### CHURCH ENRICHMENT

The Church Enrichment Team exists to serve churches in developing a missional profile that helps move toward sustainable congregational health, Great Commission focus, and Kingdom effectiveness.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Community Engagement Team exists to serve churches to discover and engage those living among us through relationship building ministries that lead to Gospel conversations and opportunities to plant reproducing churches.

## Praying for our pastors

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|----------------------|--|
| March 1-8            | Les Hughes // Chillhowee Hills Baptist Church<br>Brandon Kennedy // Christ Fellowship Church<br>Kent Bateman // City Church<br>Luckey Steele // City View Baptist Church |
| March 9-15           | Allen England // Clear Springs Baptist Church<br>Brad McCoy // Community Baptist Church<br>John Mark Harrison // First Baptist Church Concord                            |
| March 16-22          | Melvin Myers // Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church<br>Rocky Ramsey // Corryton Church<br>Chad Crawford // Cumberland Church   |
| March 23-29          | Keith Price // DayStar Church<br>Arthur Clayton // Deaf Church Knoxville<br>Brandon Leaper // East Sunnyview Baptist Church  |
| March 30-<br>April 5 | Mike Sledge // Eastwood Baptist Church<br>Bob Provence // Ebenezer Baptist Church<br>Jeff LaBorg // Fairview Baptist Church  |

## Engage 10/10 Prayer Focus



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](mailto:bwilson@kcab.org).

### ARABIC PEOPLES

There are 422 million people in our world who speak the Arabic language. About 93% of Arabic peoples are followers of Islam. About 1700 Arabic speakers have settled in the Knox County area, and a few of these are Christians. The Arabic Christian Church of Knoxville is a member of KCAB and seeks to reach all Arabic speakers so that they might come to know the One True God.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for the Arabic Christian Church to have wisdom for planning evangelical outreach events as they, like all of us, move forward in a new way due to the pandemic.
- Pray that Christians will develop relationships with Arabic peoples and show Christ's love and speak words of Truth to them.

### POCKET OF LOSTNESS #3

This area has Middlebrook Pike as the north border, Northshore Drive on the east, Walker Springs and Ebenzer Road on the west and Westland Drive on the south. For more information on all of our pockets of lostness, please visit [www.kcab.org/copy-of-community-engagement](http://www.kcab.org/copy-of-community-engagement).

- Pray for families with children to have peace within their homes and that family relationships will grow strong and supportive.
- Pray that as people move in and out of this area that Christians will welcome their neighbors and live out Christ's love and grace with each one.

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The Tennessee Baptist Mission Board (TBMB) is excited to invite you to an upcoming Collaboration Interest Meeting, where we will explore opportunities to partner together in implementing the Acts 2:17 Initiative. This will include the opportunity for you to become a Collaborative Catalyst in our six strategic focus areas so that we can reach every Tennessean and beyond for Christ.

For your convenience, there will be two meetings from which you can select! This is a free event and includes a free lunch for those who register to attend. When registering, please select which date you would like to attend as well as a total head count of those attending with your group (including yourself)

Tuesday, March 18  
KCAB Offices  
10:30-12:00 (with lunch served at the end of the event)

Tuesday, March 25  
KCAB Offices  
12:00-2:00 (with lunch served at the start of the event)

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)



MISSIONS  
GET-TOGETHER  
APRIL 4 5, 2025  
FIRST BAPTIST DICKSON  
DICKSON, TN

"I have said these things to you that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But **take heart; I have overcome the world.**"  
John 16:33



## Mark your calendars!

- March 6:** Student Ministry Collective | Valley Grove Baptist
- March 8:** Disaster Relief Training | FBC Jonesborough
- March 11:** VBS Regional Training | FBC Morristown
- March 15:** Disaster Relief Training | Fellowship North Church
- March 18:** Acts 2:17 Initiative Interest Meeting | KCAB
- March 25:** Acts 2:17 Initiative Interest Meeting | KCAB
- March 27:** Neighboring Initiative Meeting | KCAB
- March 28-29:** Youth Evangelism Conference | BOHBC
- April 4:** TN WMU Missions Get-Together | FBC Dickson
- April 20:** Easter Sunday
- April 22:** NAMB Evangelism Training | Grace Baptist Church