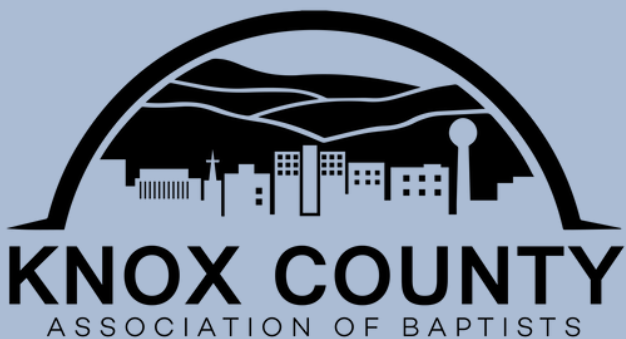


JANUARY 2025

THE REMINDER



*New Year.
New Blessings*



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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

January is often the exact opposite of December. In December Christmas keeps us busy, too busy. We hustle from store to store looking for the perfect gift. Friends and family stop by and visit or we make the trip to do the same. The gatherings and parties seem to come one right after another. And then it is January. For awhile we're content with the slower pace of life. We're glad to have our house back and fewer social gatherings. But it doesn't take long for contentment to change to restlessness. The cold January days keep us inside and many people exchange their December busyness for January loneliness.

So what can you do if you have a case of the winter blues? First of all you can express your feelings honestly. It's okay to battle loneliness. We all do sometimes, though many refuse to admit it. By expressing your feelings I mean to start with God. He can handle it. He knows your heart anyway. Confess to Him in prayer that you are lonely and need help. Jesus cried on the cross, "My God, My God, Why have you forsaken Me?" He felt the sting of loneliness in a way that we can't imagine, but He wasn't afraid to express those feelings to His Father.

Secondly, you can examine God's promises. Times of loneliness are wonderful opportunities to search the Scriptures and rest in the promises of God. While you might feel alone, you'll find that God has promised His eternal presence in the life of His children.

While you may feel forsaken, God has promised never to leave you nor forsake you. The truth is we often allow our feelings to override the facts. I'm not ignoring your feelings of loneliness. I'm simply suggesting that when we rightly understand the promises of God, we'll conclude that we do have a "friend who sticks closer than a brother."

Third, you can expect God's provisions. Once you understand the promises of God you can expect that God will provide exactly what you need. Notice I did not say what you want. There is often a world of difference. Expressing our feelings to God should come with the understanding that He not only knows our thoughts but desires to heal our wounds. If that means we need a friend, He can certainly provide. As I look through Scripture I realize that David had his Jonathan, Moses had his Joshua, Elijah had Elisha, and Paul had Timothy, Barnabas, Silas, and a host of others from time to time. God has designed us to need companionship. At the same time the Bible says that those who want friends must themselves be friendly.

Finally, explore helping others. I know of no better cure for the winter blues, or loneliness, than to fix our eyes on someone other than ourselves. Volunteer at church. Help out at a local ministry, perhaps one of our two Baptist Centers or Camp. Or just go next door and visit with an elderly widow for an hour. The opportunities are endless but with each one you'll find that you can brighten someone else's day and help cure your loneliness at the same time.

**The TBMB is hosting a Youth Evangelism Conference at
Black Oak Heights Baptist Church**

Speaker
Shane Pruitt

Worship:
Micah Christopher

Speaker:
Ryan Young

Comedy:
Shama Mrema

Visit www.tnbaptist.org/yec to register



Praying for our pastors

Tim Tatum // Alice Bell Baptist Church
Milad Guirguis // Arabic Christian Church
Marty Henry // Arlington Baptist Church

AC Cooper // Atkins Baptist Church
Lee Fox // Ball Camp Baptist Church
Dean Braden // Beaumont Avenue Baptist Church

Keith Tillman // Bell's Campground Baptist Church
Nick Swarthout // Belmont Heights Baptist Church

Todd Stinnett // Black Oak Heights Baptist Church
Byron Chambers // Blount Baptist Church
Andy Long // Bluegrass First 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.



THE COLLECTIVE
1 Timothy 2:1

Student Pastor Prayer Gathering

February 6 • 1:00 PM
KCAB Building

All Student Pastors are invited for a time of prayer and community building on Thursday, February 6th. Chick-Fil-A lunch provided to those who RSVP by Monday, February 3rd. RSVP to KCAB Office (865-693-9097) or Nick (865-985-2646)

Join us for our KCAB

Minister's Wives Fellowship

Date: Tuesday, January 21

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: KCAB 7709 Westland Dr.

Purpose: To have a time of encouragement, growth, prayer, and fellowship. FREE meal included!

Please RSVP to Bonita Wilson at bwilson@kcab.org so we can have an accurate meal count.

DOES YOUR CHURCH NEED A VOLUNTEER GROUP for 2025?

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 2025 or want to discuss a possibility, please let us know by contacting Bonita Wilson at bwilson@kcab.org or 865-693-9097.

PROJECT KNOX

VBS Regional Training
March 11
6:15-8:45 PM
Morristown FBC

Thank you for your support of local missions

Record of giving from member churches from January 1 – November 30, 2024

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	3,912	0	Gillespie	3,900	0	Northwest	0	0
Arabic Church	0	0	Glenwood	3,630	0	Oakwood	550	0
Arlington	900	18,998	Grace	11,000	25,438	OneLife	1,800	0
Atkins	0	0	Grace Covenant	0	0	Parkway	0	0
Ball Camp	0	5,130	Grassy Valley	3,589	2,912	Peace&Good Will	1,200	0
Beaumont Ave.	0	0	Greater Bush Grove	0	0	Piney Grove	750	2,087
Beaver Dam	14,381	550	Greenway	2,645	0	Ramsey Heights	0	0
Bell's Camp.	8,981	100	Grove Heights	0	0	Ridgedale	0	0
Belmont Hghts.	0	0	Harvest Point	8,434	0	Ridgeview	8,927	0
Bethany	0	0	Hillcrest	0	0	Ridgeway	0	0
Black Oak Hghts.	4,400	0	His People	4,400	0	Riverdale	0	0
Blount	0	0	Hoitt Avenue	0	0	Riverview	1,100	0
Bon View	0	1,994	Holston	0	0	Rocky Hill	3,000	1,200
Branville	0	0	Hope Fellowship	0	0	Roseberry	125	0
Broadway	1,250	0	House Mountain	0	0	Salem	14,667	0
Buffat Heights	700	7,020	Iglesia Knox	0	0	Seven Islands	1,600	0
Burnetts Creek	0	0	Imani African Fellowship	0	0	Sevier Heights	11,000	2,750
Callahan Road	2,639	0	Immanuel	1,375	0	Seymour First	9,440	50
Calvary	3,750	0	Inskip	8,250	5,642	Sharon	8,250	9,944
Calvary Com.	0	0	Ironworks @ Churchwell	550	0	Shep. of the Hills	250	1,295
Carter Com. Ch.	0	0	Island Home	1,000	0	Shoreline	13,750	0
Center Faith	6,172	865	John Sevier	3,445	0	Slavic	0	0
Central Bearden	21,759	29,550	Knoxville Korean	0	0	Smithwood	0	1,400
Central Ftn. City	1,500	2,550	Knoxville International	0	0	South Knoxville	275	0
Chilhowee Hills	2,628	0	Kodak Community	0	0	South Point	0	0
Ch.-Sterchi Hills	0	0	Legacy	1,500	0	South Pointe	0	0
City Church	0	0	Lincoln Park	3,300	1,600	Stoney Point	1,100	0
City View	3,420	700	Linden	0	0	Sunset Heights	0	0
Clear Springs	5,500	0	Little Flat Creek	152	0	Tarklin Valley	2,512	0
Community	0	0	Lonsdale	0	0	Tennessee Ave.	783	2,100
Cornerstone	0	0	Lonsdale Community	0	0	Third Creek	250	0
Corryton	11,000	750	Loveland	700	0	Thorn Grove	6,705	0
Cumberland	4,583	0	Lyons Creek	13,070	4,483	Three Point	0	0
Daystar	600	500	Marble City	250	0	Timothy Street	4,343	0
Deaf Church	115	0	Marbledale	0	2,043	Trinity	16,852	0
East Sunnyview	0	0	Mascot	2,581	0	True Vine	135	0
Eastwood	0	0	Meadowview	0	0	Tuckahoe	0	0
Ebenezer	9,733	0	Meridian	5,958	726	Union	3,600	96
Fair Havens	4,190	1,000	Middlebrook Pike	0	0	Unity African	0	0
Fairview	1,375	0	Midtown Community	0	0	Valley Grove, CH	11,000	0
Faith Promise	0	0	Mooreland Hghts.Com.	0	0	Vestal	0	0
Fifth Avenue	901	2,080	Mount Carmel	3,308	2,788	Victory	5,223	0
First Bluegrass	1,051	0	Mount Harmony	10,319	9,297	Victory Chapel	500	1,590
First Calvary	0	0	Mount Olive, E	0	0	Wallace Mem.	24,750	16,091
First Concord	27,500	7,085	Mount Olive, S	11,000	1,525	Washington Pike	9,143	800
First Knoxville	2,200	5,000	Mountain View	2,400	0	West Haven	0	0
First Powell	10,333	2,100	New Beginnings	0	0	West Hills	1,250	0
Flint Gap	0	0	New Covenant	2,700	0	West Lonsdale	500	0
Fort Hill	0	0	New Hopewell	5,552	60	West Side	1,100	0
Forward Church	0	1,000	New Mount Calvary	100	0	Total	451,000	186,389
Fountain City	5,500	500	New Salem	0	0	Grand Total Church Receipts		637,389
Friendship	0	0	New Sevier Home	1,379	0	Total KCAB Receipts Y-T-D		
Galilee	600	0	North Acres	0	0	Total Disbursements		
Gallaher Mem.	1,400	0	North Knoxville	5,109	0	Net		



Arise and Build Nehemiah 2:18

HURRICANE HELENE DISASTER REBUILD IN EAST TENNESSEE

More than 1,500 families in East Tennessee were devastated by the floods in late September 2024, caused by Hurricane Helene. The homes of over 500 families were destroyed. Tennessee Baptists have committed to rebuilding at least 40 of these homes and repair as many others as possible working in collaboration with Appalachian Service Project.

Click here for more information or to volunteer for "Arise & Build" or visit <https://tndisasterrelief.org/ariseandbuild/>

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

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



for more info visit www.kcab.org



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

Planned & Hosted by Tennessee WMU for women 18 years of age and older.

The event features three General Sessions, FIVE Breakout Sessions and much more!

For more information, or to register, visit <https://www.tnbaptist.org/mgt2025>

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.

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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Discovery Research

Curious about who is in your
neighborhood?

Discover who lives around
your church building or a
targeted neighborhood.

For assistance with research
and demographic mapping,
contact Bonita Wilson at
bwilson@kcab.org

DID YOU KNOW...

The videos from our
2024 Annual Meeting
are on our Knox
County Association of
Baptists youtube
channel?

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

PRAY FOR
SPIRITUAL
AWAKENING
IN OUR
CHURCHES
AND CITY

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

Upcoming Dates:

Minister's Wives Fellowship
January 25th

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February 6th

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Morristown FBC
March 11

YEC East TN
Black Oak Heights Baptist
Church
March 28-29