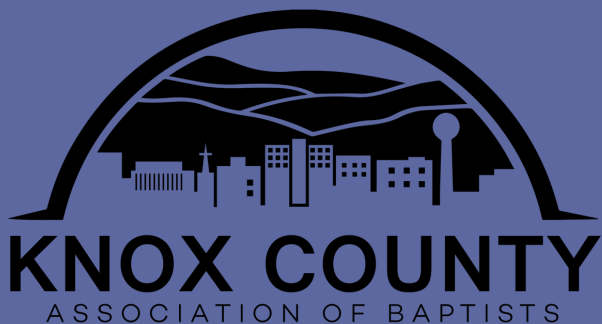


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THE REMINDER



*Moving Forward
from COVID-19*



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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

The World in Front of You looks Nothing Like the World Behind You

Last month I shared with you a quote from Tod Bolsinger regarding the rapidly changing culture we live in. Bolsinger writes, "The world in front of you is nothing like the world behind you." Without question, the COVID-19 Pandemic has changed the world we live in. We have all made adjustments in our lives – some we like, some we don't, and some we never dreamed possible. As the time period extends, our thoughts and efforts are beginning to shift from "how do we get through this", to "how do we emerge out of this better and stronger". When we think of moving forward, consider the image of driving your car. Cars are equipped with both a rear-view mirror and a windshield. Both serve a vital purpose. The rear-view mirror is helpful for backing up, and also for seeing what is behind you (and possibly monitoring the behavior of your children in the back seat!) The windshield is what you look through to see where you are going. One is helpful for backing up, the other for going forward. I want to encourage you to keep your focus on moving forward. What are we learning during this pandemic period that will enable us to be more intentional in living our God's mission? As the cultural landscape continues to change, we can look back at where we were and long for the "good 'ol days", or we can take some important lessons with us to more effectively navigate the road ahead. Consider some important lessons we are learning during this pandemic:

- o **We can accomplish a lot together when we cooperate with one another.** One thing I hope we carry forward with us is a spirit of cooperation, and not a spirit of competition. So much more can be done if we work together in a spirit of unity.
- o **Find ways to meet the needs of others.** The spirit of serving others in need has been strong. The Church must continue to look beyond its walls and reach out to meet the needs of people in their communities. Moving forward, let's "consider others more highly than we do ourselves".
- o **Stay in a constant Learning Curve.** We have all learned new skills and techniques during this time – from live-streaming services, to video meetings, to online giving and shopping. While learning curves can be challenging, they are necessary to moving forward. Don't wait for something like a pandemic to force you to learn new things – stay in a constant learning curve.

- o **Relationships matter.** During this pandemic, people all over the world have found new ways to connect – and for most of us, ways to "re-connect". We have spent more time with our family and our neighbors (with proper social distancing of course!) We have been creative in finding ways to meet with our small groups from church. We have rediscovered the value of staying connected. Let's not lose this – relationships are key in building the community of faith, in living out the grace of the gospel, and for sharing the gospel of grace.
- o **The Church is so more than a building.** We have certainly learned this valuable truth. While many of our buildings are closed, we have not stopped being the church. We have continued to worship, to disciple, to minister to one another, and to find ways to engage people in our communities. The church of the future will need to stay focused on being the church beyond the walls of our buildings.
- o **Start-Stop-Sustain-Simplify.** This period of "forced change" is helping us evaluate what we do, and most importantly "why" we do it. Keep the analysis alive as you move forward. Constantly evaluate what, how, and why you do what you do. Ask these questions often:
 - o What are we not doing that we need to **start**;
 - o What are we currently doing that we need to **stop**;
 - o What are we currently doing that we need to **sustain**;
 - o What are we currently doing that we need to **simplify**.

These are just a few things we are learning that I hope we carry with us moving forward. I don't know if you have ever tried driving your car by only looking through your rear-view mirror. While it may be fun for a brief moment, it is both inefficient and ineffective – not to mention extremely dangerous! It's okay to take a quick glance back, but keep your focus forward on where God desires you to be. Remember, "the world in front of you looks nothing like the world behind you."

Grace and Peace!



WAYS TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR DURING A PANDEMIC



Pray

Continue to pray for those around you in this pandemic, including our local, state, and national government officials. Pray that this pandemic might lead people closer to Christ.



Blessing Bags

Put together a Blessing Bag full of small, thoughtful gifts or cards that you could leave for your neighbors to show them that you are thinking and praying for them.



Financial Partnership

Pray about any local charities or organizations that are helping to serve your community during this time of crisis, and consider financially partnering with them during this time.



Prayer Walking

Go on walks around your neighborhood or apartment complex with the focus of praying for each house and apartment



Baptist Centers continue to serve the community

Western Heights and Montgomery Village Baptist Centers are continuing to **serve the community** during the COVID-19 pandemic. Both of these centers are continuing to use their resources to meet many of the **physical and spiritual needs** by offering food, clothing, household items, and most importantly, teaching God's Word by introducing people to Jesus!

Ways to Get Involved:

Both of our Baptist Centers are always taking donations to help continue their ministry in the community. The most urgent needs include **hygiene supplies, cleaning supplies, and nonperishable food items**. For more information on what you can do to help, please visit our website: www.kcab.org or call 865.693.9097.

Contact Western Heights: 865.525.9068
Contact Montgomery Village: 865.577.6244



Coronavirus Resources

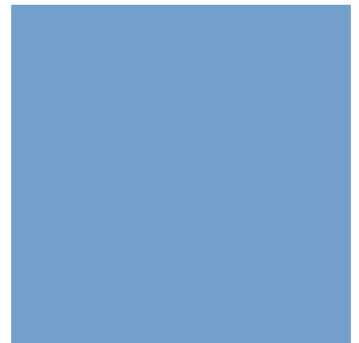
We have collected a multitude of resources to help your church navigate through this unique time. Our resources include information regarding: questions to ask before reopening the church, VBS strategies for the summer, and counseling resources. Please find all of these resources by going to our website: www.kcab.org/coronavirus

Praying for our pastors

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| May 3-9 | Chris Garner // Gillespie Avenue Baptist
Ryan Moore // Glenwood Baptist
Bobby Lewis // Grace Baptist |
| May 10-16 | Alan Smith // Grace Covenant Baptist
Wayne Roach // Greenway Baptist |
| May 17-23 | Eugene Carter, Jr. // Greater Bush Grove
Missionary Baptist
Mark Keith // Grove Heights Baptist
Kevin Webb // Harvest Point at Valley
Grove |
| May 24-30 | Wayne Trent // Hillcrest Baptist
Greg Naude // His People Church
Dale Young // Hoitt Avenue
Missionary Baptist Church |

Join us each week as we pray for our
pastors and churches.

PRAY FOR
SPIRITUAL
AWAKENING



Did you know that the KCAB offers **FREE** Pray for Spiritual Awakening prayer guides? This great resource takes you through prayers for the lost, prayers for believers, and prayers for Spiritual Awakening in our city. Email bwilson@kcab.org and we will deliver your free prayer booklet to you or your small group!

Thank you for your support of local missions

Record of giving from member churches from January 1 – March 31, 2020

Y-T-D			Y-T-D			Y-T-D			Y-T-D		
General			Temporarily			General			Temporarily		
Fund			Restricted			Fund			Restricted		
Church	Contributioins	Contributions	Church	Contributi- oins	Contributions	Church	Contributioins	Contributions	Church	Contributioins	Contributions
Alice Bell	721.33	0.00	Gallaher Mem.	0.00	0.00	OAA-Worship Cen.	0.00	0.00			
Arabic Church	0.00	0.00	Gillespie	975.00	0.00	Oakwood	150.00	0.00			
Arlington	0.00	0.00	Glenwood	900.00	0.00	OneLife	0.00	0.00			
Atkins	3,229.42	0.00	Grace	3,000.00	0.00	Parkway	0.00	0.00			
Ball Camp	0.00	462.00	Grace Covenant	0.00	0.00	Peace&Good Will	0.00	0.00			
Beaumont Ave.	0.00	0.00	Grassy Valley	2,006.17	1,042.75	Piney Grove	0.00	0.00			
Beaver Dam	3,529.09	0.00	Greater Bush Grove	0.00	0.00	Ramsey Heights	0.00	0.00			
Belmont Hghts.	1,200.00	0.00	Greenway	560.00	0.00	Reunion	381.00	0.00			
Bethany	0.00	0.00	Grove Heights	0.00	60.00	Ridgedale	0.00	0.00			
Black Oak Hghts.	800.00	300.00	Harvest Point	1,311.00	2,000.00	Ridgeview	1,234.06	0.00			
Blount	344.00	0.00	Hillcrest	0.00	0.00	Ridgeway	0.00	0.00			
Bon View	0.00	0.00	His People	0.00	0.00	Riverdale	0.00	0.00			
Branville	75.00	0.00	Hoitt Avenue	0.00	0.00	Riverview	0.00	0.00			
Broadway	375.00	0.00	Holston	500.00	0.00	Rocky Hill	750.00	0.00			
Buffat Heights	0.00	0.00	Hope Comm. Church	0.00	0.00	Roseberry	0.00	100.00			
Burnetts Creek	0.00	0.00	Hope Fellowship	500.00	0.00	Russian	0.00	0.00			
Callahan Road	836.33	0.00	House Mountain	0.00	0.00	Salem	3,000.00	0.00			
Calvary	1,000.00	0.00	Iglesia Knox	0.00	0.00	Servant Church	83.23	0.00			
Calvary Com.	0.00	0.00	Immanuel	375.00	0.00	Seven Islands	260.00	0.00			
Carter Com. Ch.	0.00	0.00	Inskip	1,937.49	0.00	Sevier Heights	4,000.00	2,600.00			
Cedar Ford	450.34	0.00	Island Home	375.00	0.00	Sharon	3,300.00	0.00			
Center Faith	0.00	600.00	John Sevier	1,292.39	0.00	Shep. of the Hills	0.00	0.00			
Central Bearden	4,998.00	9,474.50	Knoxville Korean	0.00	0.00	Shoreline	0.00	4,000.00			
Central Ftn. City	375.00	1,375.00	Kodak Community	0.00	0.00	Smithwood	1,047.20	0.00			
Chilhowee Hills	876.00	0.00	Legacy	300.00	0.00	South Knoxville	0.00	0.00			
Ch.-Sterchi Hills	500.00	0.00	Lincoln Park	900.00	0.00	South Pointe	0.00	0.00			
Churchwell Ave.	0.00	0.00	Linden	0.00	0.00	Stoney Point	300.00	0.00			
City Church	0.00	0.00	Little Flat Creek	318.27	0.00	Sunset Heights	0.00	0.00			
City View	450.00	588.10	Lonsdale	0.00	0.00	Tarklin Valley	612.08	0.00			
Clear Springs	2,094.29	0.00	Loveland	800.00	0.00	Tennessee Ave.	241.00	1,500.00			
Community	0.00	0.00	Lyons Creek	3,253.72	0.00	Third Creek	75.00	0.00			
Cornerstone	0.00	0.00	Marble City	0.00	0.00	Thorn Grove	2,374.00	0.00			
Corryton	3,000.00	0.00	Marbledale	416.66	0.00	Three Point	0.00	0.00			
Cumberland	1,250.01	0.00	Mascot	399.60	0.00	Timothy Street	807.96	0.00			
Daystar	150.00	0.00	Meadowview	0.00	0.00	Trinity	1,668.68	0.00			
Deaf Church	264.83	0.00	Meridian	1,550.01	180.00	True Vine	45.00	0.00			
East Sunnyview	0.00	0.00	Middlebrook Pike	0.00	0.00	Tuckahoe	0.00	0.00			
Eastwood	870.00	0.00	Mooreland Hhts. Com.	0.00	0.00	Union	666.00	0.00			
Ebenezer	3,185.42	0.00	Mount Carmel	719.22	0.00	Valley Grove, CH	3,000.00	0.00			
Fair Havens	939.57	0.00	Mount Harmony	2,359.49	30.00	Vestal	0.00	0.00			
Fairview	999.00	0.00	Mount Olive, E	0.00	0.00	Victory	150.00	0.00			
Faith Promise	0.00	900.00	Mount Olive, S	1,533.75	0.00	Victory Chapel	0.00	0.00			
Fifth Avenue	381.68	0.00	Mountain View	0.00	0.00	Wallace Mem.	6,750.00	3,350.00			
First Bluegrass	407.58	0.00	New Beginnings	636.94	0.00	Washington Pike	59.18	0.00			
First Calvary	0.00	0.00	New Covenant	1,350.00	0.00	West Haven	604.97	0.00			
First Concord	7,500.00	1,875.00	New Hopewell	1,848.84	0.00	West Hills	125.00	125.00			
First Knoxville	1,100.00	0.00	New Mount Calvary	0.00	0.00	West Lonsdale	0.00	0.00			
First Powell	2,499.99	495.00	New Salem	0.00	0.00	West Side	300.00	0.00			
Flint Gap	0.00	0.00	New Sevier Home	472.56	0.00	Total	\$111,190.73	\$ 1,057.35			
Fort Hill	0.00	0.00	North Acres	0.00	0.00	Grand Total \$ 142,248.08					
Forward Church	173.00	0.00	North Knoxville	368.16	0.00	<div>Total Receipts Y-T-D\$204,562.19</div> <div>Total Disburssement Y-T-D\$ 211,956.04</div> <div>Net\$(7,393.85)</div>					
Fountain City	1,000.11	0.00	Northside	0.00	0.00						
Friendship	0.00	0.00	Northwest	0.00	0.00						
Galilee	642.45	0.00	Norwood	2,029.66	0.00						

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**"Count it all joy, my brothers,
when you meet trials of various
kinds, for you know that the
testing of **your faith produces**
steadfastness."**

James 1:2-3

A Note on Upcoming Events

COVID-19 has affected almost every aspect of our lives over the course of the last few months. With new information everyday, changes to events and activities happen fast, and it can be confusing to know where to find accurate and up-to-date information. To find our most current calendar with information on cancelled and rescheduled events, **please visit our website calendar** by going to www.kcab.org/calendar.

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