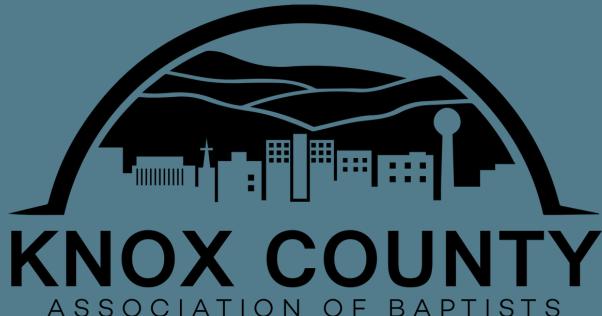


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# THE REMINDER



Pray for  
Spiritual  
Awakening



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## *The church on God's mission*

### FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

I am 59 years of age (insert your favorite "old person" joke here – go ahead, I can take it!) My dad was a Southern Baptist pastor from the time I was born. I have been connected to the church all of my life ... and I love His Church – God's people living out His mission! Yet one thing I have noticed through the years; it is common for people within the local church to be divided among themselves – often on issues like style of music, building décor, and dress code, and other personal preferences.

Our nation is strongly divided today – perhaps as much as any point in my lifetime. The issues that divide us are significant, weighty matters. Matters that impact human lives and stretch the very fabric that holds our society together. Today, someone asked me this question: "Where is the Church in all of this?" Good question. Could it possibly be that we have focused so much, for so long, on matters "within" the church that divide us, that we have paid little or no attention to matters that widen the gap between the church and our ability to impact the society around us?

In the early days of the COVID-19 Pandemic, I was in conversation with my friend Claude King. Claude is the author of *Return to Me: God's Plea and Promise to his Church*. Claude has the uncommon gift of possessing both a humble spirit and a prophetic voice. In our conversation, Claude asked me if I had read the first chapter of Malachi recently. I confessed that I had not. He asked me to turn to that chapter and we looked at Malachi 1:6-10.

In this passage, God expresses His displeasure with the "polluted" sacrifices being offered to Him. In verse 10, the Lord speaks and says, "Oh that there were one among you that would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my alter in vain!" In a deep spirit of humility and a broken heart, Claude wondered aloud if the doors of our churches had been shut to give us time to consider what we have been offering to God. He did not say that the pandemic was a judgment, but that simply we have been given an opportunity to examine our heart of worship.

I was reminded of the words to the song, Heart of Worship by Matt Redman which read:  
*I'm coming back to the heart of worship  
And it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it  
When it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus*

It was these words, "I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made It", along with the words in Malachi that made me stop and reflect. Has God been pleased with what we (I) have been offering Him in our (my) personal and corporate worship? Have we had a few weeks with the "doors being shut" to give us a chance to examine our hearts, and the heart of our church? Here's a question worth asking: "God, is there something about our (my) worship, and the fruit of our worship as it impacts the way we live our lives each day, that displeases you and needs to change?"

In recent days, we have started re-gathering as the body of believers. As we do, perhaps this is one area where we do not need to "return to normal". Imagine how different it could be if we returned offering our lives as a living sacrifice that was holy and pleasing to God. Imagine the impact if we truly began to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength; and loved our neighbors as ourselves – all our neighbors. Imagine what could happen if we acted justly, loved mercy, and walked humbly with our God. It's a question worth asking.

We have been praying for a spiritual awakening. Perhaps this is the time when a mighty movement of God's Spirit will sweep across our county, our nation, and our world. We encourage every church to form at least one prayer couplet or group that will focus on praying solely for this movement of God's Spirit. Please let us know if your church is willing to join others in our network in this united prayer focus. Please know that I am praying for you. Let me know how I can walk alongside you in these unique days as we *Live it Out!*

Grace and Peace!



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## Annual Church Profile Q&A

### **Q: What is the Annual Church Profile?**

**A:** The ACP is a way to gather information on churches in order to strategize and celebrate the ways that God is working in our state.

### **Q: Why should I fill out the ACP?**

**A:** The ACP helps your church and the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board to understand important trends and statistics that can help everyone more effectively reach the lost with the Gospel.

### **Q: How do I fill out the ACP?**

**A:** It's easy! Your church will be sent a packet to fill out and return to the Association office OR you can simply fill out one quick form online.

### **Q: When is the ACP due?**

**A:** The ACP is due NOVEMBER 1, 2020. Please contact us if you need more time!

## The year so far...

2020 probably has looked vastly different than anyone thought that it would, but that doesn't mean God isn't working and moving in our community! Here are some ways you can STILL get involved to help reach those who do not know Christ or His Church:

- **Pray for Spiritual Awakening:** Does your church have a group or team that prays *specifically for Spiritual Awakening?* If not, prayerfully consider starting one!
- **Community Profiles:** Our goal is by the end of 2021 to have equipped each of our churches with a *community profile*.
- **Engage 10/10:** This initiative focuses on 10 *pockets of lostness* and 10 *people groups* in Knox County that we want to focus on to bring them the Gospel.

To get started today, email [bwilson@kcab.org](mailto:bwilson@kcab.org)

# COVID-19 Update

As churches begin to open, we want to continue to provide our church leaders with resources to make the reopening process smooth and safe. You can visit our **resource page** here: [www.kcab.org/coronavirus](http://www.kcab.org/coronavirus)

We also have **MASKS** available for **FREE** at the association office. If your church or ministry is in need of **any number** of reusable masks, please email [info@kcab.org](mailto:info@kcab.org)

## Praying for our pastors

July 5-11      **Jerry Baltimore** // Little Flat Creek Baptist Church  
**Marvin Carter** // Lonsdale Baptist Church  
**Brandon Blair** // Loveland Baptist Church

July 12-18      **Mark Williams** // Lyons Creek Baptist Church  
**Randy Troutman** // Marbledale Baptist Church

July 19-25      **Lewis Thomas** // Mascot Baptist Church  
**Fred Wade** // Meadow View Baptist Church  
**Dana Fachman** // Meridian Baptist Church

July 26-31      **Jim Haggard** // Middlebrook Pike Baptist Church  
**Ernie Sands** // Mooreland Heights Community Church  
**Chris Hutchins** // Mount Carmel Baptist Church

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



**Goal:** Every KCAB church would develop or conduct one or more local mission trip partnerships in Knox County during 2020. Due to COVID-19, many groups and individuals that were going **over there** must now find new ways to serve **here**.

**Date:** To be determined by the project or focus areas you choose. You can plan a project within your church community or call Bonita Wilson at KCAB for assistance at 865-693-9097.

### Opportunities to Serve:

- Prayer
- Engage 10/10
- Neighborhood Outreach
- Western Heights Baptist Center
- Montgomery Village Baptist Center
- Church-to-Church Outreach

**Thank you for your support of local missions**  
**Record of giving from member churches from January 1 – May 31, 2020**

Church	Y-T-D General Fund Contrib.	Y-T-D Temporally Restricted Contrib.	Church	Y-T-D General Fund Contrib.	Y-T-D Temporally Restricted Contrib.	Church	Y-T-D General Fund Contrib.	Y-T-D Temporally Restricted Contributions
Alice Bell	1,037	0	Gallaher Mem.	0	0	OAA-Worship Cen.	0	0
Arabic Church	0	0	Gillespie	1,950	0	Oakwood	250	0
Arlington	0	0	Glenwood	1,500	0	OneLife	0	0
Atkins	3,229	0	Grace	5,000	0	Parkway	0	0
Ball Camp	0	794	Grace Covenant	0	0	Peace&Good Will	300	0
Beaumont Ave.	0	0	Grassy Valley	3,689	1,524	Piney Grove	0	0
Beaver Dam	5,895	0	Greater Bush Grove	0	0	Ramsey Heights	0	0
Belmont Hghts.	1,500	0	Greenway	925	0	Reunion	598	0
Bethany	0	0	Grove Heights	0	60	Ridgedale	0	0
Black Oak Hghts.	1,600	500	Harvest Point	1,311	2,000	Ridgeview	3,220	0
Blount	344	0	Hillcrest	0	0	Ridgeway	0	0
Bon View	0	0	His People	0	0	Riverdale	0	0
Branville	150	0	Hoitt Avenue	0	0	Riverview	350	0
Broadway	750	0	Holston	1,000	0	Rocky Hill	1,250	0
Buffat Heights	0	0	Hope Comm. Church	0	0	Roseberry	125	100
Burnetts Creek	0	0	Hope Fellowship	500	0	Russian	432	0
Callahan Road	1,645	0	House Mountain	0	0	Salem	5,000	0
Calvary	2,000	0	Iglesia Knox	0	0	Servant Church	83	0
Calvary Com.	0	0	Immanuel	625	0	Seven Islands	520	0
Carter Com. Ch.	0	0	Inskip	3,229	0	Sevier Heights	6,000	3,000
Cedar Ford	728	0	Island Home	625	0	Sharon	5,500	0
Center Faith	0	1,050	John Sevier	1,947	0	Shep. of the Hills	0	0
Central Bearden	8,330	16,981	Knoxville Korean	0	0	Shoreline	0	4,000
Central Ftn. City	750	2,250	Kodak Community	0	0	Smithwood	1,535	0
Chilhowee Hills	1,460	0	Legacy	300	0	South Knoxville	125	0
Ch.-Sterchi Hills	500	0	Lincoln Park	1,500	0	South Pointe	0	0
Churchwell Ave.	0	0	Linden	0	0	Stoney Point	500	0
City Church	0	0	Little Flat Creek	318	0	Sunset Heights	0	0
City View	741	588	Lonsdale	0	0	Tarklin Valley	976	0
Clear Springs	3,588	0	Loveland	1,200	0	Tennessee Ave.	353	1,500
Community	0	0	Lyons Creek	5,129	0	Third Creek	125	0
Cornerstone	0	0	Marble City	250	0	Thorn Grove	3,677	0
Corryton	5,000	0	Marbledale	417	0	Three Point	0	0
Cumberland	2,083	0	Mascot	860	0	Timothy Street	1,002	0
Daystar	150	0	Meadowview	0	0	Trinity	2,154	0
Deaf Church	504	0	Meridian	2,583	300	True Vine	75	0
East Sunnyview	0	0	Middlebrook Pike	0	0	Tuckahoe	0	0
Eastwood	870	0	Mooreland Hhts. Com.	0	0	Union	1,333	0
Ebenezer	4,728	0	Mount Carmel	719	0	Valley Grove, CH	5,000	0
Fair Havens	1,645	0	Mount Harmony	3,673	30	Vestal	0	0
Fairview	1,665	0	Mount Olive, E	0	0	Victory	250	0
Faith Promise	0	1,500	Mount Olive, S	2,556	0	Victory Chapel	0	0
Fifth Avenue	555	0	Mountain View	70	0	Wallace Mem.	11,250	3,350
First Bluegrass	698	0	New Beginnings	1,387	0	Washington Pike	84	0
First Calvary	0	0	New Covenant	1,350	0	West Haven	842	0
First Concord	12,500	3,325	New Hopewell	3,117	0	West Hills	500	125
First Knoxville	1,100	150	New Mount Calvary	0	0	West Lonsdale	0	0
First Powell	4,167	925	New Salem	0	0	West Side	500	0
Flint Gap	0	0	New Sevier Home	750	0	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$178,333</b>	<b>\$44,051</b>
Fort Hill	0	0	North Acres	0	0	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$222,384</b>	
Forward Church	343	0	North Knoxville	722	0			
Fountain City	1,667	0	Northside	0	0	<b>Total Receipts Y-T-D</b>	<b>\$303,043</b>	
Friendship	0	0	Northwest	0	0	<b>Total Disbursement Y-T-D</b>	<b>\$350,845</b>	
Galilee	1270	0	Norwood	2,030	0	<b>Net</b>	<b>(\$47,802)</b>	

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"The Lord is my strength and my shield;  
in him my heart trusts,  
and I am helped."  
-Psalm 28:7

## Support Camp Ba Yo Ca!

Camp Ba Yo Ca has been deeply impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic, and we are asking for your help! To be able to continue Camp Ba Yo Ca's ministry to children, youth, and churches, we need to make up \$100,000 in lost revenue. **Here is how you can help:**

- Pray for the ministries of Camp Ba Yo Ca
- Send a donation to Camp Ba Yo Ca
- Schedule a retreat at Camp Ba Yo Ca for your church or group

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