

# LOOKING BACK + MOVING FORWARD

2020 REPORT + 2021 VISION

KCABIS A
NETWORK OF
CHURCHES
LIVING OUT
GOD'S MISSION
TO CONNECT
PEOPLE WITH
CHRIST + HIS
CHURCH

## LOOKING BACK

The global pandemic significantly changed and even stopped many activities across our nation, but God continued to move through His Church. Here are a few ways that COVID-19 was not able to stop God's people:

### DISASTER RELIEF

KCAB Disaster Relief served as the hands and feet of Jesus through 2020. We provided tornado relief and recovery following the Middle Tennessee tornadoes in March and continued to serve locally and nationally following countless other natural disasters throughout the year. In partnership across our state, Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief Volunteers gave more than 12,000 volunteer days in 2020 and led 18 people to the Lord through their ministry.

## KCAB LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Learning Communities continued throughout 2020 to equip our Knox County pastors. These groups connected pastors and church leaders across a wide range of positions, including lead pastors, student pastors, worship leaders, second chair leaders, and lay leaders with a desire to become more missional. We quickly moved to a virtual format that connected over 100 leaders from churches across our network in these peer groups.

## MONTGOMERY VILLAGE BAPTIST CENTER

In spite of the concern of being isolated from the community by COVID, MVBC found that great spiritual conversations could be held from opposite sides of their front porch, with plenty of social distance to allow for spiritual closeness. We continued to develop and strengthen new relationships with local schools through providing meals for children during the pandemic and reaching students, parents, and teachers with the gospel. Through a unique partnership, God brought Sunny Ikojoh to serve as our Coordinator of Community Ministry Outreach, focused on reaching young men in the community.

### WESTERN HEIGHTS BAPTIST CENTER

With tensions at an all-time high throughout 2020, WHBC found that cultural stress provided an open door for ministry. WHBC continued to provide assistance to the community through Community Market, transportation, job searches, and mentoring for members of the community. Additionally, WHBC continued to host weekly adult Bible studies and after-school programming that incorporates the Gospel. Needless to say, WHBC experienced the faithfulness of God in the midst of a chaotic time in our nation.

### **NEW CHURCHES**

We were pleased to welcome two new churches this year to our network:

- o Bell's Campground Baptist Church, Pastor Keith Tillman
- Exodus Church, Pastor Jeff Hunter

### PROJECT KNOX

Many of our KCAB Churches formed teams to help support those affected by the pandemic. These teams made and distributed thousands of masks, provided meal boxes every week for 60+ families in their local schools, provided school supplies, and sent cards and gifts to teachers and front line workers to provide encouragement and hope.

#### FOOD MINISTRY

Over 22 churches in our network have ongoing ministries to those with Food Insufficiency Needs through Food Pantries and other avenues. In addition to weekly food distribution, these ministries:

- Gave more than 2500+ bags of dried beans and rice to hungry families through these food pantries
- Fed 350+ homeless people breakfast every morning for 10 weeks

#### GOING HERE INTIATIVE

Due to the pandemic, teams from outside of Knoxville that had planned to come and serve with Project Knox during 2020 were forced to cancel. In order to serve our county during this time, our churches refocused their mission efforts to serving people right here in our own communities. The "Going Here Initiative" is a list of resources and ideas that helps churches engage right where they are, despite not being able to travel.

### CAMP BA YO CA

It is no surprise that Camp Ba Yo Ca was hit hard by the COVID pandemic, but thanks to the faithful support of many, we are confident that Camp Ba Yo Ca will be able to continue its vital ministry moving forward. Alan Snyder, Camp Director for 15 years, retired at the end of 2020. Alan has done a remarkable job at maintaining the mission and vision of Camp Ba Yo Ca. In a seamless transition, Carter Brown has been named as the new Director of Camp Ba Yo Ca. Carter brings a vision and passion for moving Camp Ba Yo Ca toward a renewed purpose in spiritual growth an development for camp ministry.

## ENGAGE 10/10 INITIATIVE

ENGAGE 10/10 is an initiative that was launched in 2020 that calls Knox County Baptists to network together to reach 10 Priority Pockets of Lostness and 10 Priority People Groups. Of our total population it is estimated that 80% of all persons in Knox County have no relationship to Christ or His Church. The studies show that there are 44.000+ internationals from more than 120. countries living in Knox County. ENGAGE 10/10 challenges us to be more focused in encountering and engaging lostness here in Knox County. Our hope is that churches will come to adopt a People Group or Pocket of Lostness to pray and engage as we work to share the gospel in Knox County

#### NATIONS & NEIGHBORS

Churches continued to do demographic and community assessment surveys to determine who lives in their community and how to best meet needs with the love of Christ. We were also able to house two interns over the summer who worked with Nations and Neighbors to do research, mapping, and prayer walking throughout all of Knox County to learn more about our People Groups and Pockets of Lostness.

### PRAY FOR SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

Many small groups were formed within our churches across our network for the specific purpose to pray for Spiritual Awakening. We published a Pray for Spiritual Awakening booklet that served as a guide to these groups and continues to be available to churches across our county. These prayer groups provide the essential foundation for setting our hope on an outpouring of God's Spirit and a mighty movement of God across our county.

### FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

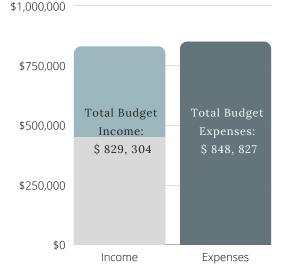
We are grateful for the faithfulness our churches have shown through financial support this year. To request additional financial information, please contact our office at info@kcab.org or call 865-693-9097.

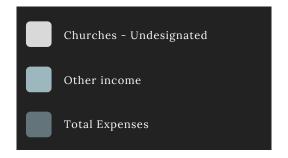
## DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS + CASH AND INVESTMENTS





## 2020 TOTAL BUDGET INCOME + EXPENSES





### **OUR STRATEGY**

Addressing the challenges of a post-Christian culture will require us to be intentional and strategic in living out God's mission. Our missional strategy is proving to be more timely and timeless than ever as we face the challenges of living out the gospel of grace in the days ahead.

### EMPOWERED BY HIS SPIRIT

EXPLORE THE COMMUNITY

**ENCOUNTER THE PEOPLE** 

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## EMPOWERED BY HIS SPIRIT

Being empowered by His Spirit is NOT a strategy step, but it is a starting point. Through intentional prayer, we believe that God's Spirit will empower His people to live out His mission. Among other initiatives, we want to encourage churches across out network to focus prayer efforts in the following ways:

### PRAY FOR SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

We desire to see every church launch at least one prayer group dedicated to praying solely for Spiritual Awakening. We have a prayer resource guide available on our website at: www.kcab.org/pray-for-spiritual-awakening

### ENGAGE 10/10 PRAYER RESOURCE

You can begin praying for specific areas and people in our city by learning more about our Engage 10/10 initiative and beginning to pray for 10 Priority People Groups and 10 Pockets of Lostness throughout Knox County that are part of our strategic focus.

### **BLESS EVERY HOME**

Bless Every Home is a great resource for prayer and equipping people to live on mission. Their vision is that every home in America will be adopted by neighboring Christians who are committed to ministering to them through long-term, pray-care-share lifestyles. This vision can become a reality right here in Knoxville. To learn more, visit their website at: www.blesseveryhome.com

## EXPLORE THE COMMUNITY

In Knox County, research indicates that over 350,000 people are not actively connected to Christ and His Church. Exploring the geographical, social, and spiritual layers of our communities will create a pathway to reaching our neighbors for the gospel. Here are some of the key ways that we will be exploring our community in 2021:

### COMMUNITY PROFILE

We want to help each of our churches create and utilize a Community Profile. Using mapping technology and demographics, along with community assessments, we desire to see every church come to know and understand the community around them.

### PRAYER WALK + COMMUNITY SURVEYS

Prayer walking and community surveys are critical tools in exploring the community. We hope to encourage churches to prayer walk and survey their community by providing them important resources to be able to do so.

### COMMUNITY LEADERS PANEL

One of the strategic ways that we will explore and learn more about our community is creating a community leaders panel. This will involve developing relationships with key leaders in schools, local government, and other key locations across Knox County so that we can better understand the true needs of the community around us.

## PEOPLE

To effectively encounter the people of Knox County, we must move beyond the walls of our churches and create opportunities to build relationships with people who will not typically attend out churches. Here are a few ways we can partner together to encounter the people in 2021:

### DISASTER RELIEF

Not only do our Disaster Relief teams answer the call when there is a national disaster, but they also help the people in our own community with local relief and support. By helping with physical needs, they build trust and relationships to help with spiritual needs of the community as well.

### FOOD + CLOTHING MINISTRY

Our Baptist Centers continue to run food and clothing ministries for the community around them. These ministries give opportunities to encounter people right where they are to share the love of Christ.

### MEETING LOCAL COMMUNITY NEEDS

We want to make it a priority to come alongside each church in our network to help them discover and meet the specific needs within the context of their own community.

## EQUIP THE CHURCH

The church must be equipped and prepared to live out God's mission among the current and future challenges of our post-Christian culture. We are committed to equipping the church in the following ways

### KCAB PODCAST: LIVE IT OUT

We are launching a KCAB podcast in 2021, led by our Director of Missions, that will have a focus on ministry and leadership in our current cultural context. This valuable resource will be an important part in equipping church and ministry leaders throughout Knox County.

### LEARNING COMMUNITIES

A learning community is a group of people who share common goals and who meet regularly to collaborate and learn from one another. We have over 10 different learning communities that meet regularly to grow in learn in areas of leadership and ministry.

### PASTOR WELLNESS RESOURCES

Not only have we partnered with Full Strength Network to provide valuable spiritual, physical, and emotional wellness tools to pastors, but we have also launched a KCAB Women's Fellowship to provide resources to women across our network.

## ENGAGE WITH THE GOSPEL

Engaging with the gospel is what sets us apart from so many other organizations attempting to make a difference in our society. We are focused on ways to not only live out the grace of the gospel, but to effectively share the gospel of grace in the following ways this year:

### GOSPEL CONVERSATION TRAINING

We will provide assistance and training to churches across our network in order to have effective and biblical conversations. We will seek to help churches discover the various resources available for gospel conversations to engage the diverse people in context across our county.

### KCAB MINISTRIES

Our KCAB ministries exist not only to meet physical needs, but to intentionally share the gospel of grace with those that they encounter. Camp Ba Yo Ca and our Baptist Centers will continue to host Bible studies and create intentional times for the gospel to be shared in their ministry.

### CHURCH RESOURCES

We want to be intentional in providing churches with resources to train their staff, leaders, and members on how to effectively share the gospel. This will involve resources from videos, podcasts, workshops, and more that churches will be able to use to help them engage with the gospel in their communities.

### LOOKING AHEAD

The cultural shifts, global pandemic, and national tensions we are currently experiencing have required changes and adjustments beyond what most of us could have ever imagined. Our commitment to be a network of churches living out God's mission to connect people to Christ and His Church is more urgent than ever. . . And the timeless principles of our missional strategy to assist churches are proving to be more timely than ever. Our missional strategy is designed to assist churches in taking on a missionary posture right here in our own community. This strategy will not only guide us as a network of churches, it is a strategy that can be reproduced in every church that desires to be intentional in living out God's mission. In all honesty, we had no idea how relevant this strategy would become. God has always called His church to be on mission. That is why we must be intentional and strategic in living out the grace of the gospel and sharing the gospel of grace.

Now, more than ever, it's time for us to know His mission, be His church, and Live it Out!

Grace and Peace!

Phil Young, Director of Missions



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### KCAB MINISTRIES

Partnering together through ministry

## WESTERN HEIGHTS BAPTIST CENTER

Partnering with churches in compassion ministry to meet the spiritual needs of people in communities impacted by the devastating challenges we face in our city.



Partnering with churches to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of people from all nations who live next door to us as our neighbors



Partnering with churches in their local context to assist in community engagement and church



Partnering with churches to provide a Christ-centered camp and retreat experience

## Montgomery Village Baptist Center

Partnering with churches in compassion ministry to meet the spiritual needs of people in communities impacted by the devastating challenges we face in our city. KCAB P.O. BOX 11028 KNOXVILLE, TN 37939

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