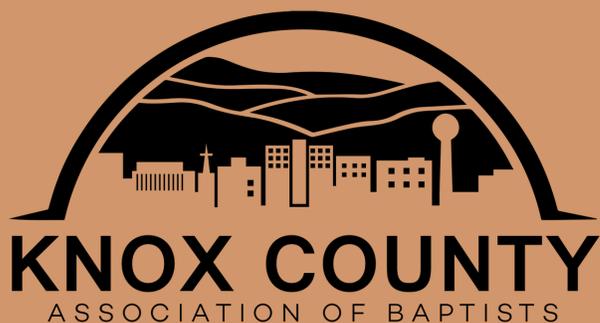


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THE REMINDER



*The New
Normal*



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The church on God's mission

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Almost everyone I talk with seems to agree that the challenges of our current society are unlike anything that most of us have ever experienced. We are facing uncertain days with the impact of the pandemic that heightens both fear and frustration; hatred and anger is creating wider divisions within our society; and churches are torn between the hope of "returning to normal" versus the reality of facing a "new normal" or perhaps wondering what normal will even look like.

A few weeks ago as I worshiped in one of our KCAB Network churches, a fervent time of prayer was followed by the Andrae' Crouch song, Jesus Is the Answer. Throughout this song these lyrics are repeated:

*Jesus Is The Answer For The World Today
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In a dialogue with a friend a few days later, he commented that "it's not that simple". He went on to remark that there are people who love and respect others well that are not even in a relationship with Jesus. As we talked further, it became clear what he meant. Jesus is the answer – but simply saying Jesus is the answer falls short. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are to be transformed, new creations – and that determines how we live our lives every minute of every day.

The apostle Paul lived in some tumultuous times. In 2 Corinthians 5 Paul reminds believers that:

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. -2 Corinthians 5:16-20

People in our society need to be reconciled to God; and people in the church need to fully and faithfully live out this ministry of reconciliation. There are a lot of activities that we could create as a network of churches. But it is for this ministry of reconciliation that we are committed to helping churches live out the grace of the gospel and share the gospel of grace.

The strategy that God has guided us toward is not thwarted by the pandemic, cultural tensions, nor any other challenges in our world today. In fact, this missionally-focused strategy guides us through the toughest and most difficult challenges we could ever face. Empowered by His Spirit: We continue to explore our community; encounter the people; equip the church; and engage with the gospel. Restrictions, cancellations, and even opposition cannot prevent His Church from living out His mission. Jesus is the answer; but we cannot simply say it – we must **Live it Out!**

Grace and Peace!



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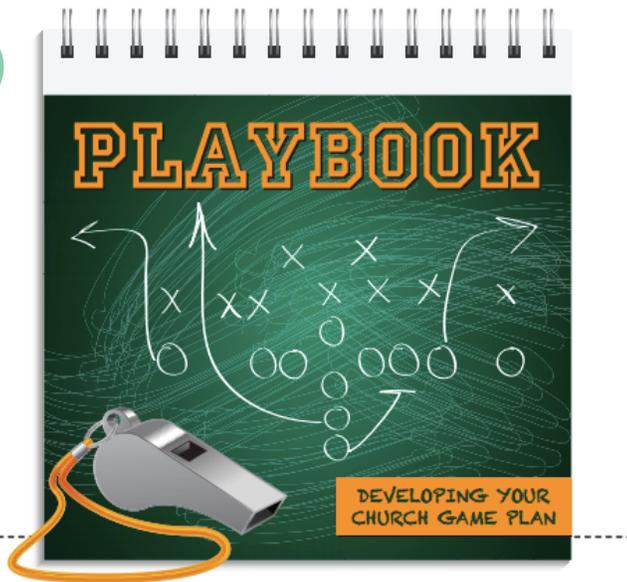


Interns Go Here

This summer Knox County Baptists have been blessed by the hard work and service of our two interns working with Bonita Wilson, Community Engagement Director. Bonita says it has been a great joy to see the willing spirit of these two young ladies to do whatever task was asked of them and their dedication to our times of discipleship which included study of the book of Acts, a Bible study on 'Being a World Christian' and reading books on many different missions topics. Their work focused on a new initiative called *Engage 10/10* by doing prayer walk/drives, surveys and research in 12 areas identified as underserved with the gospel. This initiative also involves working among many international People Groups. They have shared the gospel with the lost, prayed over much of our county, and talked to countless people. Rebecca Jones and Rachel Harris, we thank you for faithfully serving Christ and making Him known in all parts of Knox County. May God bless and continue to use you as return to your universities this Fall. You will always be a part of the KCAB family and all God is doing here.

Upcoming Events

1



TBMB is hosting training for discipleship ministries on Saturday, August 29 via a Zoom conference! For more information, email info@kcab.org.

2

NAMB Bi-Vo Retreat

Sign up for the NAMB Timothy+Barnabas Pastors and Wives Retreat! There are two weekends available, hosted in Asheville, NC: **August 28-30** or **September 25-27**. For more information, please email info@kcab.org.

3

KCAB Annual Meeting

Due to Covid-19, we will be hosting a **virtual Annual Meeting this year**. Be on the lookout for registration information soon! Mark your calendars for our virtual event **October 6 at 6pm**.

4

The **11th** Annual
Western Heights Center
Golf Classic
THREE RIDGES GOLF COURSE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020
Tee Off Time -10:00 a.m.
For more information contact Jeff Loos at
865-481-0385 or email jloos@cjwealth.com

Disaster Relief

Our Disaster Relief teams have been hard at work throughout 2020. Here are just a few of the things they have accomplished so far this year:

31,761 Meals Served

153 Gospel Presentations

81,857 Work Hours

8 Professions of Faith

We are so grateful for all that they do! To support DR, go to <https://www.kcab.org/donate> and help them continue their great work.



Support our Baptist Centers

Western Heights Baptist Center

The Western Heights Baptist Center continues to serve the community in need and would greatly benefit from having an increase in volunteers to assist our customers. The community market provides food, household items, cleaning supplies, hygiene supplies, and other items. In addition to the need for supplies and food, they are in need of volunteers to help minister to people as they arrive. Market days are Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:30am to noon.

Contact WHBC: baptistcenter@aol.com

Montgomery Village Baptist Center

MVBC will be distributing backpacks and school supplies again this year. All related items can be used--pencils, paper, folders, crayons, markers, etc. The greatest need is for backpacks, particularly for middle/high school students. Items can be provided through August 12.

Contact MVBC: [m vbaptistcenter@gmail.com](mailto:mvbaptistcenter@gmail.com)

Praying for our pastors

August 2-8	Dr Bruce Martin // Mount Harmony Baptist Church Jesse Williams // Mount Olive Baptist Church (East) Kirby Ownby // Mount Olive Baptist Church (South)
August 9-15	Mike Powell // Mountain View Baptist Church Danny Neal // New Beginnings Baptist Church Fredrick Brabson // New Covenant Baptist Church
August 16--22	Reginald Butler // New Mount Calvary Baptist Church Johnny Lane // New Salem Baptist Church Sam Brooks // New Sevier Home Baptist Church
August 23- 29	William Purvis // North Acres Baptist Church Joe Emmert // North Knoxville Baptist Church Joshua Sharp // North Side Baptist Church

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

It's ACP time!

Deadline to submit: November 1, 2020

This year it is easier than ever to fill out your church's Annual Church Profile (ACP). Log on to <https://www.kcab.org/annual-church-profile> to fill it out in just 2 easy steps--no login required.

JobCenter

If you are part of a pastor search committee or if you are looking for job openings among our churches, we have a new resource for you!

Check out our new **JobCenter** page on our website. This page hosts a number of resources that can help connect you with the perfect position in a church. Email info@kcab.org if you have any questions.

New Job Openings

Children's Director - Ridgeview Baptist Church

Pianist - Lincoln Park Baptist Church

Choir Director - Lincoln Park Baptist Church

Administrative Assistant - Lincoln Park Baptist Church

Full-Time Children's Minister - First Baptist Church Madisonville

Part-Time Worship Leader- Center Faith Church

Bi-Vocational Youth Pastor - Roseberry Baptist Church

If you would like to submit your resume or a church opening, please email info@kcab.org

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"Do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."
-Matthew 6:34

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be 100% **VIRTUAL** this year! We will be releasing a series of ministry video updates the week of October 5 and have our **virtual** meeting on **Tuesday, October 6 at 6:00pm**. Mark your calendars!

Annual Ministry Update Video Schedule:

Monday: Explore the Community

Tuesday: Encounter the People

Tuesday Evening: Virtual Meeting at 6PM

Wednesday: Equip the Church

Thursday: Engage with the Gospel

Join our weekly email list to get our weekly updates by emailing info@kcab.org!

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