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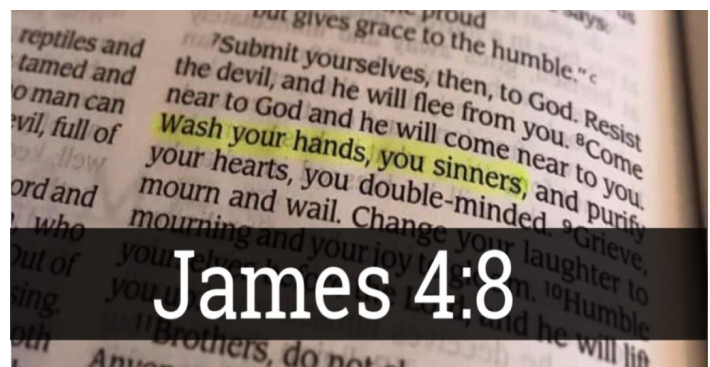
We are a group of Southern Baptist churches cooperating together to reach Tennessee, our nation, and the world for Jesus Christ. Christ reached out to people of all ages and backgrounds, we desire to do the same. That's why our ministries are geared to reach our communities for Christ and meet our churches' needs. We endeavor to cooperatively reach out to others through numerous ministry opportunities.

In an effort to keep our office staff, church visitors and community members safe, our office will be closed through April 30th due to COVID-19. We will be checking email and voicemail daily.

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Don't Forget to Wash Your Hands!



Calendar

Immanuel House Grand Opening— Spring 2020
National Day of Prayer—May 7, 2020
Women in Ministry Luncheon—May 14, 2020
Memphis Mission Trip—May 31-June 5, 2020
Costa Rica Mission Trip—July 4-10, 2020
Youth Leadership conference—August 15, 2020
WMU Ladies Luncheon—September 2020
Fall Annual Meeting—October 4, 2020
Pastor Appreciation Banquet—October 22, 2020



THOUGHTS FROM PHIL

From the desk of your D.O.M., Phil Holmes

These are challenging days! Churches across our country, and literally around the world, have had to alter our methods of communicating the truths of our Savior due to the pandemic that has taken many lives and threatens many more. We are finding alternative ways of sharing the Good News with people through social media outlets, like Facebook Live, so that we can still gather as the church for worship and Bible study without physically being together. However, without this technology, we would be faced with very limited contact within the body of Christ.

How does the Church of Jesus face such a foe that has secluded us from one another and remain strong and courageous? I'm reminded of the Psalms of David when he was on the run because of the threats against his life. He would write songs to sing to himself that comforted his own heart as he reflected upon the steadfastness of the presence and love of God. Psalm 56 records these words in verses 1 and 2: "Be merciful to me, O God, for mean hotly pursue me; all day long they press their attack. My slanderers pursue me all day long; many are attacking me in their pride." Wow! David had no rest from the mental, emotional, and even physical stress, fearing his life was about to end.

In verses 3 and 4, David continues to reveal his heart of complete trust in the Lord: "When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid." Again, his refrain states in verses 11 through 13: "In God I trust, I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? I am under vows to you, O God; I will present my thank offerings to you. For you have delivered me from death that I may walk before God in the light of life."

David faced overwhelming fear due to serious, life-threatening foes, yet he stood upon the solid foundation of his faith in God's presence and God's love. We can be like David and demonstrate his strength and courage and place all of our trust upon the Lord Jesus! We will get through this trial with the Lord!

A word from our Executive Director of the TBC, Dr. Randy Davis. He is intending on declaring for the TBC churches a Resurrection Day Celebration sometime in the summer for all of us to celebrate Easter as churches, being we will still be apart on April 12th. We will keep you posted when that will take place.

The Lord loves us and He is still on His Throne...so be strong and courageous and please follow all of our governments guidelines during these difficult days.

Phil





BOXES OF BLESSINGS

“GIVE” CAMPAIGN

What can You GIVE?

Give **FOOD** to help feed starving families in Venezuela.

Give **MONEY** to help pay the shipping costs to send the food to Venezuela.

Together we are not only fulfilling the physical needs of the people of Venezuela, but we are feeding them the Gospel of Jesus. Every shipment of food is topped with bibles that are distributed to the community and those that come to eat.

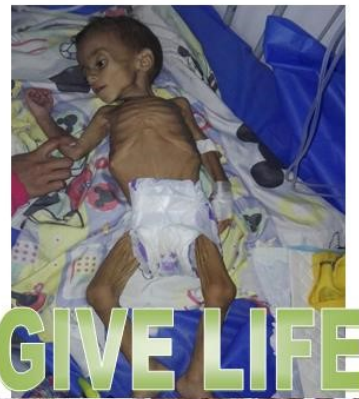
Donations can be dropped off at the LCBA office or mailed to:

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Visit our website at www.lcbachurches.com to see a list of items needed.

Together we can make a difference in the lives of others!



GIVE THE GOSPEL OF JESUS

Immanuel



House

A Ministry of the Loudon County Baptist Association

We are accepting donations of **NEW** children's clothing, pajamas and shoes in all sizes for the Clothing Closet. When children are removed from their home by DCS due to neglect or abuse they will come to the Immanuel House to await foster placement. During this time children will be given new clothing and backpacks filled with necessary toiletries to take with them to their placement. We will also have a need for snacks and drinks.

Items should be in **NEW** condition. Items are needed for both boys and girls:

- ♦ Lice treatment kits
- ♦ Throw blankets
- ♦ Hairbrushes/Combs
- ♦ Deodorant
- ♦ Shampoo/Conditioner
- ♦ Soap
- ♦ Backpacks
- ♦ Small **NEW** stuffed animals
- ♦ Socks
- ♦ Shoes
- ♦ Underwear/panties
- ♦ Clothing (seasonal Spring/Summer)
- ♦ Lightweight jackets
- ♦ Pajamas
- ♦ Diapers
- ♦ Wipes
- ♦ Formula
- ♦ Baby items
- ♦ New children's books/puzzles/coloring books & crayons

All items can be donated at the LCBA office. Monetary donations can be made payable to Loudon County Baptist Association with Immanuel House in the memo line and mailed to

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Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 virus, both of our mission trips have been cancelled due to travel restrictions.



Costa Rica Mission Trip July 4-10, 2020



We have a great team of 17 going on our Mission trip to Costa Rica . We are partnering with Beautiful Feet International to go into a small village where they have set up Pregnancy Resource Centers and teach VBS.



STREET REACH

Memphis Mission Trip June 9-14, 2020



Join us on Mission to Memphis to participate in "Street Reach" a ministry of Brinkley Heights Baptist Church. This trip is being led by Holly Harris. If you are interested in being part of this mission opportunity please contact our office at 986-2292.

The cost for the Memphis Mission trip is \$275 per person which includes travel & food, with exception of 2 meals on the road and one meal out on Wednesday.

- ♦ VBS Bible Clubs in the morning
- ♦ Community projects in the afternoon
- ♦ Worship in the evening

Churches and non-profits that have individuals on payroll are able to take advantage of the SBA Paycheck Protection Program. Loans will not be required to be paid back as long as you meet the guidelines. This will help struggling churches during this COVID 19 pandemic to cover expenses while still remaining closed. Information can be found directly on the Small Business Administration website at www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/paycheck-protection-program-ppp

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)

An SBA loan that helps businesses keep their workforce employed during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.

Program Overview

The Paycheck Protection Program is a loan designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll. SBA will forgive loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, or utilities. The Paycheck Protection Program will be available through June 30, 2020.

Who Can Apply

This program is for any small business with less than 500 employees (including sole proprietorships, independent contractors and self-employed persons), private non-profit organization or 501(c)(19) veterans organizations affected by coronavirus/COVID-19.

How to Apply

You can apply through any existing SBA 7(a) lender or through any federally insured depository institution, federally insured credit union, and Farm Credit System institution that is participating. Other regulated lenders will be available to make these loans once they are approved and enrolled in the program. You should consult with your local lender as to whether it is participating in the program. Lenders may begin processing loan applications as soon as April 3, 2020.

Loan Details and Forgiveness

The loan will be fully forgiven if the funds are used for payroll costs, interest on mortgages, rent, and utilities (due to likely high subscription, at least 75% of the forgiven amount must have been used for payroll). Loan payments will also be deferred for six months. No collateral or personal guarantees are required. Neither the government nor lenders will charge small businesses any fees.

Forgiveness is based on the employer maintaining or quickly rehiring employees and maintaining salary levels. Forgiveness will be reduced if full-time headcount declines, or if salaries and wages decrease. This loan has a maturity of 2 years and an interest rate of .5%.