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.

**WMU Updates**

**Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer**
November 4th - Connect with Baptist sisters around the world through prayer. Observe this day with women in your Church. Collect an offering to send to Baptist Women of North America Continental Union. You can download free materials at bwawd.org/2019 day of prayer.

**November Birthday Party**
Riverview Baptist Church Loudon at Trinity Nursing Home, Lenoir City, 3rd Tuesday @ 2:30pm

Thank you Churches for your participation in bringing breakfast items for TN Baptist Children’s Home. We took a truckload of breakfast items to the Chattanooga Campus.

Our Mk Gabi Mirabella would love to hear from you, please remember her with a card, gift, and your prayer support.

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Please contact Shelby Lord if she can assist your Church with WMU at 865-986-2103 or 986-2292.

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**Calendar**

November 4 -Baptist Women’s World Day of Prayer
December 12– God’s Child Christmas Party
December 20-January 2, 2020 Office Closed
February 1—Youth Leadership Conference
February 20– VBS Showcase
March 27-29—Disciple Now

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

Thankful that God is Godly!

Last month I wrote an article about the impact the Bible study, Experiencing God, by Henry Blackaby and Claude King, has had on my walk with our Savior. I would like to quote another segment of that study (page 91).

"Have you ever prayed for one thing and got another? I have. Then some dear soul would say, 'God is trying to get you to persist. Keep on praying until you get what you want.' During one of those times I kept asking God in one direction, and I kept getting something else.

In the middle of that experience, I started reading from the second chapter of Mark in my quiet time. That is the story of the four men who brought their crippled friend to Jesus to be healed. Because of the crowd, they opened a hole in the roof and let the man down in front of Jesus. Jesus said, 'Son, your sins are forgiven' (Mark 2:5).

I started to read on, but I sensed that the Spirit of God said, 'Henry, did you see that?' I went back and began to meditate on that Scripture. Under the guiding, teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit, I began to see a wonderful truth. The four men were asking Jesus to heal the man, but Jesus forgave the man's sins. Why? They asked for one thing, and Jesus gave another! This man and his friends asked for a particular gift, but Jesus wanted to make the man a child of God so he could inherit everything!

I found myself weeping before God and saying, 'Oh, God, if I ever give You a request and You have more to give me than I am asking, cancel my request!'"

Almighty God, the only God, and the only Savior of the world, loves us and knows the best for us. It really comes down to us trusting Him enough to yield our lives to Him. He doesn’t want to just give us what we ask for, but to bless us with what is best for us, specifically, Himself filling our hearts and minds.

This Thanksgiving season, may we seek to express our thankfulness to God for the ways He blesses us with His character, His nature, and His ways. Express our delight to Him that He lives within us! Live in the middle of great JOY, for He has been bountiful towards us!

Phil Holmes
We have over 125 names of children in Loudon County that are in need of Christmas this year. Each child will receive an outfit, new pair of shoes and a gift from their wish list.

Would you, your church or group like to sponsor a God’s Child this year?

God’s Child ornaments are available for pickup at the Loudon County Baptist Association office Monday-Thursday 8am-3pm. Gifts should be wrapped, tagged and returned to the LCBA office by December 2nd.

Donations & Volunteers Needed!

We will be hosting the God’s Child Christmas Party on Thursday, December 12th at Central Baptist Church, Loudon. We will present the gospel to these families and distribute gifts to the children.

We are in need of the following donations for the Christmas Party:

- Hotdogs & Buns, Crockpots of Chili, Cookies, Individual Bags of Chips and Can Drinks

Volunteers are needed to help in these areas:
- Registration Table, Food Servers and Toy Distribution

Please contact Teresa at 986-2292 ext. 5 or via email to teresalcba@gmail.com to sign up!
What is the Immanuel House?
When DCS is called to a home to remove a child due to neglect or abuse the children are taken to the office until a foster placement can be made. The Immanuel House will be a safe place the DCS case workers can bring the children to rest, play or just hang out while they find a placement. This could be one hour up to several hours. The Immanuel House will offer a calm, uplifting space to help reduce the amount of stress and trauma the children have experienced from being removed from their home.

How can you get involved?
Individuals can become Certified Volunteers with DCS. Volunteers can come and sit with children, play, rock babies, read or just hold space with children as the DCS case workers make contacts to find a foster placement. The DCS workers will be present at all times in the Immanuel House with children. Volunteers can sign up for an “On Call” basis. If a child/children are expected to come to the Immanuel House then the “On Call” volunteers will be contacted.

You can Donate NEW clothing, shoes, toiletries and snacks. As a child comes into custody, often they do not bring the essentials needed. They will be given the opportunity at the Immanuel House to take a bath/shower, get a new clean outfit, eat a snack, take a nap, watch TV, play games, etc.

You can Donate money, supplies and/or your time to help with the renovations. In order to convert the mission home into the Immanuel House it will require some renovations. We will need mission teams and volunteers to help in many areas of the renovations.

Be a Mentor. Churches have a unique opportunity to become a mentor to broken families that may come to the Immanuel House for family visitation. More information on the many areas that we can mentor to our broken families of Loudon County will be shared once we get the project started.

Most importantly, You can PRAY. Pray for the children, the families, the DCS case workers and our volunteers.
Immanuel House Update

We have had several mission teams from various churches to come and work on renovations of the house. We have removed the kitchen cabinets, bathroom fixtures, drywall, painted drylock on concrete, removed doors and frames, removed carpet and scraped ceilings. We also have several more teams coming in the next week to finish up on more renovation projects. If you or your team would like to get involved in renovations please contact Teresa at 986-2292 ext. 5 or via email at teresalcba@gmail.com.

We are so thankful for the movement of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of His people to give toward Immanuel House. We have received several generous donations to help with the renovation of the Immanuel House. We have also received feedback from interested parties that want to help provide bags and clothing items for the children that come to the Immanuel House. There are so many ways that you can get involved with this important ministry.

Renovations are moving along and we anticipate an early Spring opening for our Immanuel House. More information will be released as we get closer to completion. We will plan an Open House for all of our churches to come and see the Immanuel House in it’s finished state. Please continue to pray for God to raise up volunteers for this ministry and send donations to provide for the needs of these children. Pray for Jesus to prepare the hearts of those children and families that will come to Immanuel House.

Reserve the Association Party Trailer for your events!
$30 per day — Contact LCBA @ 865-986-2292 ext. 5

Included in the Party Trailer:
- Bounce House with Slide
- Bounce House
- Large Grill
- Corn Hole Games
- Popcorn Machine
- Sno-Cone Machine
- Nacho Cheese Machine
- Pop Up Tents
Boxes of Blessings

Thank you for giving to this ministry. Your donations of food and money are helping to supply food and sustain life for our friends in Venezuela.

We are in need of bags of rice, beans, powdered milk, peanut butter, baby formula, baby food, diapers and toiletry items. The situation is dire in Venezuela as families are dying of starvation. Donations can be dropped off at the LCBA office Monday-Thursday 8-3pm.

Special Thanks to Angie Buchanan and Maria Luisa Chun for organizing the Venezuela Christmas project. Children of Venezuela will be blessed this Christmas with clothes, shoes and toys. We are beyond amazed at how the Lord moves in the heart of His children for these families in need. We thank all our sponsors for these children from the bottom of our hearts!
Ministries of the Loudon County Baptist Association

- Youth Leadership Conference
- VBS Showcase
- Disciple Now Youth Conference
- Night of Worship
- Back to School Youth Rally
- Immanuel House
- Boxes of Blessings
- Spring Celebration
- WMU Luncheon
- Pastor Appreciation Banquet
- Financial Peace University
- Women in Ministry Luncheon
- National Day of Prayer
- Operation Easter Basket
- DCS Snack Basket
- God's Child Christmas
- Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
- Mission Search Conference
- Bless the Schools Ministry
- Awesome August
- 3 Circles Evangelism Training
- Thom Rainer 4 steps to Revitalizing Your Church Online Series
- Memphis Street Reach Mission trip
- Costa Rica Mission Trip
- Ohio Gracepoint Fellowship Mission Trip
- Church Revitalization Conference
- Women’s Conference
- Senoir Adult Day TBC Men’s Chorale Concert
- Ministry Party Trailer
- Copying & Printing Services
- Comb Booklet Binding
- Free Notary Service
- Bulk Mailing Service
- Bulk Cutting & Trimming
- Brochures, Flyers & Bulletins
- Pastor Pulpit Supply List
- ACP Report Help
- Bible Study Library
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