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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.



## VIRTUAL DENVER PRAYER WALK

**Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021**

**Time: 11:00-12:00pm**

Join us for a Virtual Prayer Tour in Denver on January 20th. We will use video conferencing to hear from different church planters and then pray for them and their families.

The prayer tour will start at **11:00 am central time** and last approximately one hour. You can stay the whole time or come in and out of the meeting as needed. After the live video conference meeting, a recorded version of the meeting will be placed online for others to view.

The Monday before the prayer tour, those who have signed up will receive the information to join the meeting using RingCentral.

Contact Vickie Anderson ([vanderson@tnbaptist.org](mailto:vanderson@tnbaptist.org)) for further information.



# Loudon County Baptist Association

January 2021

## THOUGHTS FROM PHIL

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

Well, I'm at it...again! Yes, the New Year's goal of losing weight (at least the 5-7 lbs. that I gain during Thanksgiving, all of December, and the New Year's Eve tradition my wife and I started on our honeymoon with banana splits and all the toppings)! Every January presents me with the task (or opportunity) to lose weight, although, I know in early November that I could avoid such a diet plan if I remained faithful to eat healthy during the rest of the year, particularly the five weeks of holiday bliss!

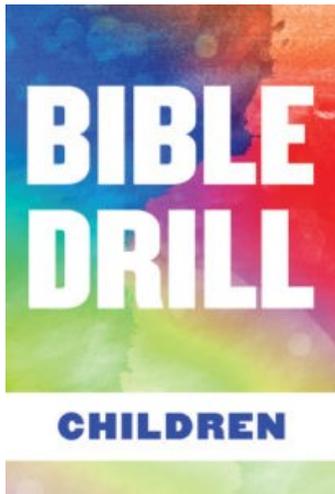
Something interesting about this: I already have the knowledge to prevent the January diet scenario. I'm fully aware of what I'm doing when I eat the banana split that puts me 7-8 pounds over weight. But the weight comes on over a 5-6 week period. At first, an extra 2 pounds is added...my thought process goes like this, "Oh, wow, I put on a couple of pounds during Thanksgiving, I should be careful during the Christmas break." But then Christmas comes, and all the candy is given, desserts prepared, and we have bunches of kids, y'all! There's always a plenty of sweets around. Gradually I continue to add one-to-two pounds until I'm eight pounds heavier than before!

The truth of this weight gain is called compromise. It's the same type of compromise that occurs when I permit sin to creep in my mind and soul. Sin gradually creeps in, one or two little sins, like gluttony or no self-control, until before you know it (but you actually do know it) the sin has added enough weight upon your soul that it's noticeable in my attitudes, in my words and in my actions.

As followers of Christ, we have a diet plan for our souls... a plan that gives us the nourishment we need without the unwanted consequences of sin. Paul gives us true instruction in Romans 6:9-12, "For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in you mortal body so that you obey its evil desires." Verse 13b says, "but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life."

May we all seek to be more like Jesus in 2021 so that all may see the truth nature of Jesus dwelling within us!

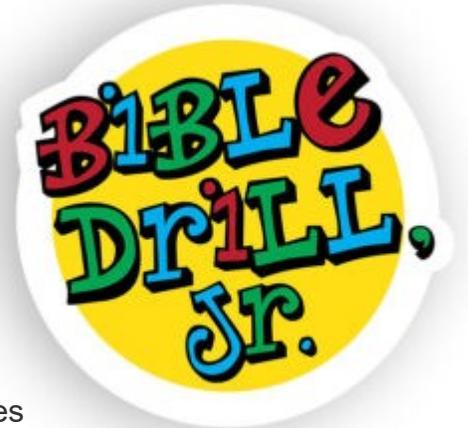
Phil Holmes



Children's Bible Drill helps children in Grades 4-6 increase in their knowledge of the Bible and in learning how to apply the Bible to their lives. Children's Bible Drill is made up of three cycles of verses and key passages that rotate over a three-year period. At the end of three years in Children's Bible Drill, children will have memorized the books of the Bible and 75 Bible verses. Children will be able to locate Bible books, verses, and 30 Key Passages.

For more information contact the TBMB

Bible Drill Coordinator: [Donna Blaydes](#) (865) 850-0455



### Introducing Bible Drill, Jr.

Bible Drill, Jr. is designed to complement your Children's Bible Drill program by helping children in Grades 1-3 form a basis for Children's Bible Drill. Children in Bible Drill, Jr. will learn the names of the Books of the Bible, 10 Bible verses, and be able to locate the key passages.



### Bible Skills, Drills, and Thrills! (Grades 1-6)

This 36-session course helps children explore God's Word and prepare for Bible Drill by learning Bible books, verses and key passages. Children will study the history and people of the Bible, discover how God's Word applies to their lives, and prepare for an exciting Bible Drill!

Children's Bible Drill is only for children in grades 4-6. However, Bible Skills, Drills, & Thrills provides a Bible skills development curriculum for all children in grades 1-6. There are two plans: one for grades 1-3 and one for grades 4-6.



## SBC PASTORAL CARE LINE

**Pastors, need prayer or counseling?**  
**A free, confidential, dedicated help line for pastors.**  
**Trained, professional counselors are available**  
**every day from 8am-10pm (ET).**  
**Confidentiality is ensured by Focus on the Family.**

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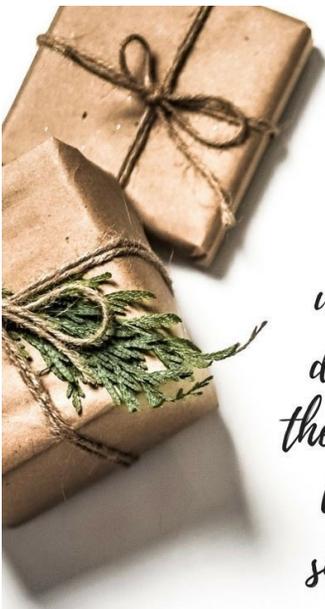
to our sponsors



Thank you to all those that sponsored an angel from our God's Child tree. We had 89 children to receive new shoes, clothes and toys from their wish list. Your generosity was such a blessing to these families. Providing a special Christmas for children and families in need is one way we can share the love of Christ with our community.

Due to Covid restrictions we were unable to host our annual God's Child Christmas party for these families. This year we set up a Gift Distribution drive thru at our LCBA office. Volunteers distributed tickets, sorted and loaded gifts in cars. We had many volunteers that weathered the cold rainy weather to help us sort and load gifts as parents came through the drive thru. We were able to share the love of Jesus with every car that came through. To see the faces of the children when they saw their gifts with their name on them was priceless!

## **DCS Christmas Child**



*"Truly  
I tell you,  
whatever you  
did for one of  
the least of these  
brothers and  
sisters of mine,  
you did for me."*

Matthew 25:40(NIV)

As part of our Immanuel House ministry, DCS provided us with Christmas wish list from children in DCS custody and foster care in our county. Due to the overwhelming support of sponsors, we were able to provide Christmas for all 39 children in foster care in Loudon County. These children were blessed greatly by the generosity of God's people. Thank you to everyone that donated money and sponsored a foster child. This was one way we could show the love of Jesus in a tangible way to children that are spending Christmas in unfortunate circumstances of no fault of their own. We were able to bring happiness where there was none. Every child was sponsored and provided new shoes, new clothes and gifts from their wish list. Imagine the joy that these children felt to know someone cared enough to do something special just for them! Thank you!



# 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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814 Webb Circle, Lenoir City, TN 37771

Visit our website at [www.lcbachurches.com](http://www.lcbachurches.com) to see a list of items needed.

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



**GIVE FOOD**



**GIVE LIFE**



**GIVE HOPE**



**GIVE THE GOSPEL OF JESUS**

# BE A MINISTRY PARTNER IN 2021

**Will you commit to being a Ministry Partner in 2021?  
Here are ways you can help us to reach our community for Jesus Christ.**

## PRAYER

- Pray that the Lord opens doors of opportunity for us to share the Gospel of Christ to our community and go before us to prepare hearts to hear and receive His gift of salvation.
- Pray for the children that will come to Immanuel House.
- Pray for God to raise up Godly families to become foster parents.
- Pray that God will move in the hearts of parents who are struggling due to addiction.
- Pray for our Boxes of Blessing ministry and the people of Venezuela.
- Pray for the Lord to move in the hearts of His people to give food items for Venezuela.
- Pray for our partner churches in Venezuela.

## VOLUNTEER

- Become a Certified Volunteer for the Immanuel House to sit with children when they are removed from the home by DCS due to neglect or abuse.
- Help pack and load Boxes of Blessings to be shipped to Venezuela each month.
- Volunteer to help with associational ministry tasks like answering phones, newsletter preparation & distribution, etc.
- Volunteer to help organize and stock the Clothes Closet in the Immanuel House.

## GIVING

- Online donations can be made online at [www.lcbachurches.com](http://www.lcbachurches.com).
- Text2Give: Donate by simply texting REGISTER from a mobile phone to 865-328-9288 .
- Scan the QR Code



- Make checks payable to Loudon County Baptist Association (LCBA) and write in the memo section what your donation is for. Mail your donation directly to:

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUTH LEADER DNOW MEETING - JANUARY 14TH @ 6:30PM AT LCBA.

MONTHLY ALT MEETING - JANUARY 19TH @ 6:30PM AT LCBA.

WMU VIRTUAL DENVER PRAYER WALK - JANUARY 20TH @ 11:00-12:00PM.

DISCIPLE NOW (DNOW) - APRIL 23-24TH HOSTED AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LENOIR CITY. MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

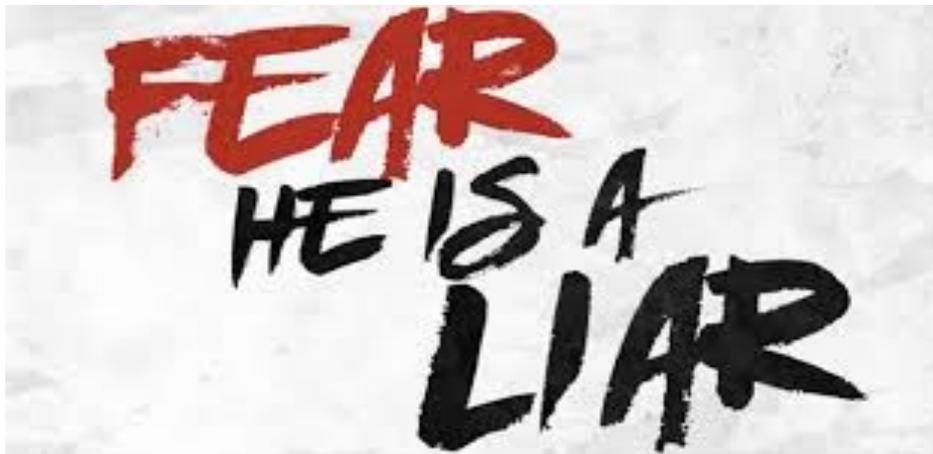
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - MAY 6TH @ 12:00 & 7:00PM



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## DNOW 2021

APRIL 23RD & 24TH

COST: \$45 PER STUDENT

HOSTED AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LENOIR CITY

HOST HOMES PROVIDED BY HOST CHURCHES

GUEST SPEAKER: ANTHONY CALDWELL

BAND TO BE ANNOUNCED!

MAKE PLANS TO BRING YOUR YOUTH GROUP! INFORMATION WILL BE SENT OUT TO YOUTH LEADERS IN JANUARY.

# CHRISTMAS BOXES OF BLESSINGS

