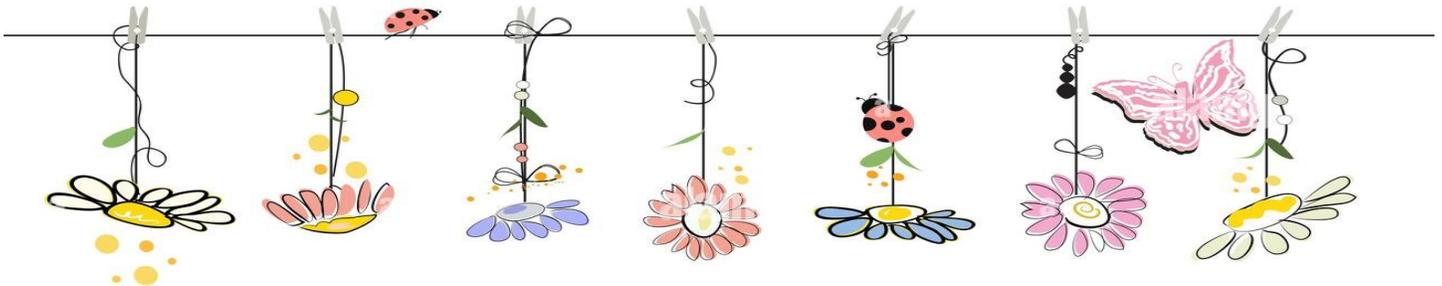




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Calendar

May 5- National Day of Prayer
June 5-10—Memphis Mission Trip



THOUGHTS FROM PHIL

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

"His (Jesus) divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness." 2 Peter 1:3

Jesus gave us the greatest gift when he placed his Holy Spirit within us... we are filled with everything that is HIM by his divine power.

Everything we need for life [living in the real world, with its struggles, turmoil, hard relationships, hurt feelings, difficult and even impossible circumstances], and godliness [acting like Jesus, being kind, gentle, full of grace, righteous in our decisions, merciful, just in our corrections, exhibiting holiness and selflessness].

I like to dwell on this verse when I come to a place of not understanding. Some people choose to walk away from the relationship with Jesus, claiming they don't believe any longer. Others say that Jesus just isn't for them because they have witnessed too many failed believers either failing them, or failing to live up to the standard. I do understand their logic, because they compare themselves to other people who remain sinful in spite of claiming to have surrendered their hearts, minds, and souls to Jesus.

My own misunderstanding of these issues raises two questions for me:

1. If people who are far away from God, either because they don't know him at all or they have chosen to walk away, why are they comparing themselves to flawed humans? The comparison should be with a Holy, Righteous God, not with other sinners.
2. My second question is: why is it difficult to walk like Jesus, as a believer in him, when I have been given, through his divine power, everything needed for life and godliness?

Verse four answers these questions for us.

"Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires." The promises of God are weaved all throughout the Scriptures. There are more than 8,800 promises in the Bible, almost 7,500 of those are made by God to humankind. Our answers are always in God's Holy Word, the Bible. When we seek to know Him through His Word, we find Him, and he is full of wisdom to guide us in this life. Know the Word and we will participate in His divine nature and escape the corruption in this world.

Next Month we are going to explore how knowing God's Word produces within us a stronger desire to share our faith with people, especially those who don't know Him!

Let's pray for our knowledge of the scriptures to increase our desire to please Him, living godly lives.

Phil



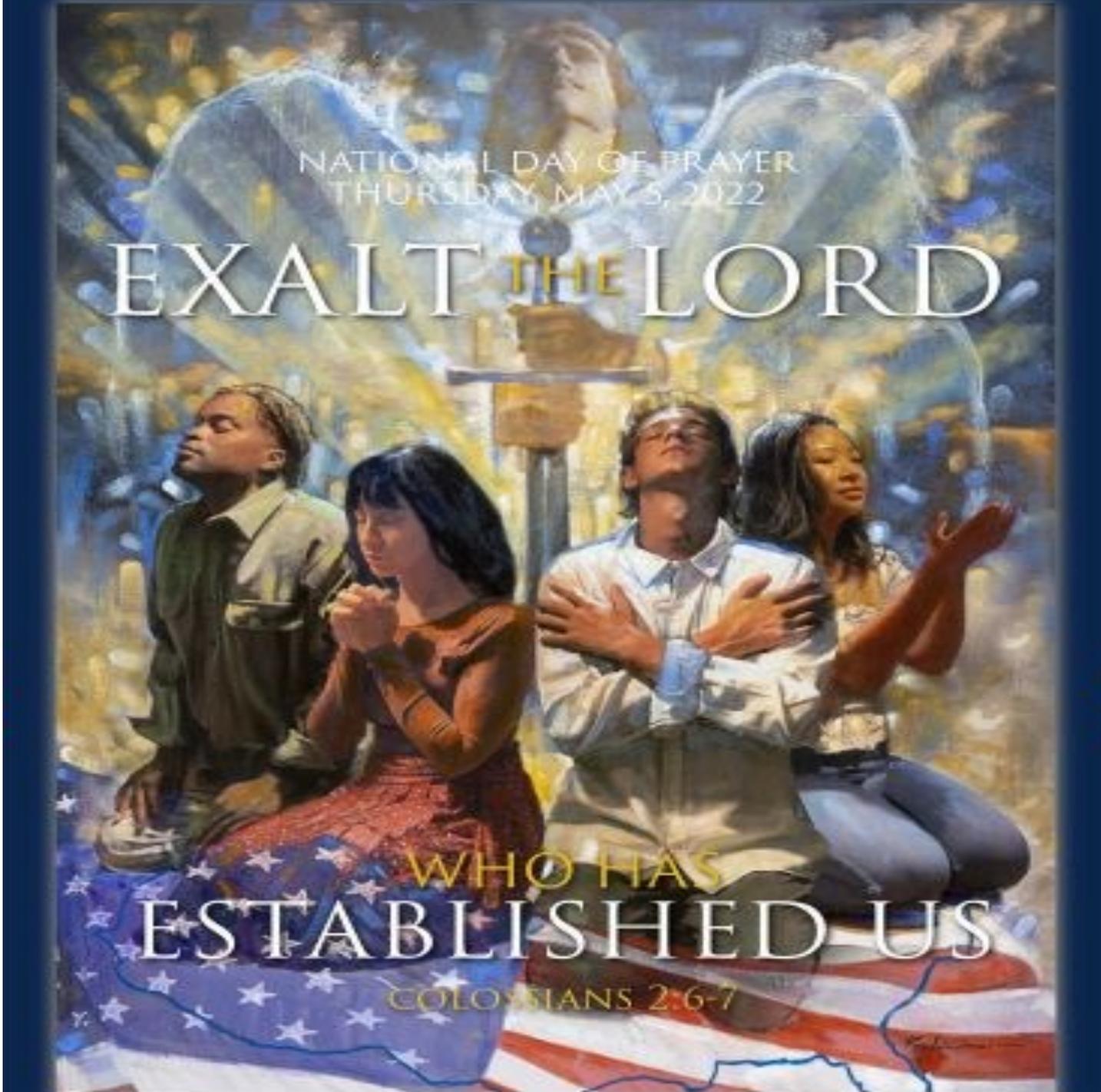
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**NEW Clothing & Shoes in ALL sizes
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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022

EXALT THE LORD

WHO HAS
ESTABLISHED US

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

May 5, 2022

Prayer Times: 12pm & 7pm

Veterans Park in Loudon

Across from the Courthouse



WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG



Special Thanks to everyone that donated to the Easter Baskets for children in Foster Care. We put together 64 baskets filled with candy, toys, bibles and inspirational notes. We do not do this so that kids think of the Easter bunny. We do this to show the Love of Jesus Christ to His children. This is just one way that we can bless children that have been through difficult and sad times. They deserve to be LOVED and shown how much Jesus loves them! Together we can make a difference in the life of a child.





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A Ministry of Loudon County Baptist Association

Show your support for Immanuel House!

We now have T-Shirts and Sweatshirts available.

T-Shirts \$20, Sweatshirts \$30

All proceeds go directly for the Immanuel House Ministry.



Turquoise

Green

Pink

Jade



Turquoise

Pink

Quantities and colors are limited. You can pick up shirts at the LCBA office or if you need after hour pickup or delivery please let us know!



Loudon County Updates



Tennessee Baptist
Children's Homes

We will be collecting breakfast items for the TBCH Chattanooga Campus during the month of May. Please bring items to the LCBA office at 814 Webb Circle, Lenoir City, TN.

Breakfast items needed: Cereals, Oatmeal, PopTarts, etc.



Show your support by donating in honor of a Mother to www.tennesseechildren.org,

call 1-800-624-8591 or mail to: Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes

P.O. Box 2206, Brentwood, TN 37024

Please contact Shelby Lord at 986-2103 or via email to sjeanlord@hotmail.com for questions or assistance with your WMU projects.

Reserve the Association Party Trailer for your Ministry Events!

\$30 per day—Contact LCBA @ 865-986-2292

Included in the Party Trailer:

- ◆ Bounce House with Slide
- ◆ Bounce House
- ◆ Large Gas Grill
- ◆ Corn Hole Games
- ◆ Popcorn Machine
- ◆ Sno-Cone Machine
- ◆ Nacho Cheese Machine
- ◆ Pop Up Tents





DONATIONS NEEDED!

We have depleted our shelves and supply of food and toiletries to send to Venezuela. We are in need of the following items:

- ♦ Rice & Beans
- ♦ Powdered Milk
- ♦ Peanut Butter
- ♦ Cooking Oil
- ♦ Can Meat
- ♦ Boxed foods
- ♦ Toiletries (feminine hygiene, deodorant, shampoo, etc.)
- ♦ Baby Formula
- ♦ Diapers

Mission Teams Needed to help pack Boxes of Blessings!

We pack boxes to ship to Venezuela the last Wednesday of each month. Volunteers are needed to help pack food and toiletry items as well as help load boxes to be shipped.

Contact us to sign your group up!

Donations can be dropped off at the LCBA office Monday–Thursday 8–3pm. Monetary donations can be made online at www.lcbachurches.com or by check payable to LCBA.

Please write “Boxes of Blessing” in the memo section and mail to:

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