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Immanuel House page: www.ImmanuelHouseLC.com,

LOUDON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PASTOR

Appreciation

BANQUET



27th Sept. 2022

Gabby's Big Red Barn
29201 Hwy 72, Loudon, TN 37774

6:30 - 8pm

All of our Associational Pastors (Senior, Associate, Youth, Family & Music Pastors) & Wives are invited to attend!

Sign Up 865-986-2292 or via email to teresalcba@gmail.com

THOUGHTS FROM PHIL

Phil has asked Leslie Holmes to be our Guest Writer for August

The Value of Life

Those of us who are pro-life were celebrating when the decision was made to reverse Roe vs Wade. It has always been our stance to protect and value every life and believing that life begins at conception, we fight for the life of that unborn person.

That life.

That fellow human being.

We stand firm to protect those who are unable to speak for themselves. After all, it is illegal to destroy an Eagle egg, right? That precious bald headed bird is valuable enough to make it against the law to destroy... Even in it's unborn state.

God help us!

As I think of the blessings of life and of the babies that might be saved as a result of this recent decision, another problem comes to mind: If we are going to make that stand and say to the world that every life is valuable, then what responsibility do each of us need to play in order to make sure, well...that every life feels valued? Objecting to something is one thing. Acting on it...now that is a horse of a different color. I just meddled, but if you dare, read on.

Our job as believers truly is to value life. As you all know, in my previous work with Childhelp, I would talk to people about helping to take care of children born into families who are not valuing them. Children who have been neglected, abused, sometimes sexually violated, ignored. I believe those children have value...same as I believe that precious bald headed BABY has value.

Such tremendous *w o r t h*.

Valuing life cannot discriminate. If we say we are believers in the sanctity of life, then every life has value. I hope that all of us who are willing to vocalize our disgust over abortion would be equally willing to take in a pregnant teen who doesn't see she has a choice.

I hope those who cry as I do over the babies who die each year, would be equally willing to look at those little faces a few years later, after their mamas chose to give birth, and still find them *valuable*.

It's complicated, I know. Surely we can vocalize our disgust over abortion and not have to take in the children.

Or can we?

It seems we shouldn't have to even debate this or talk about it at all. Children. Babies. Their innocence and utter dependence on us brings tears to my eyes. Whether they are in the womb or looking at us from their messy, seven year old body, they are dependent on us as adults to keep them safe. They are counting on *US*.

So where does that leave us? It leaves us with some responsibility. We continue to object over the horrors of abortion. We make our stand and we don't budge. And...we begin to see what is expected from us even as we take that stand.

We might have to walk along side a pregnant mama...maybe furnish her with a baby bed and clothing. We might have to go through training to become foster parents and bring a child or two or three to live with us for a while..or forever. We might go across the world and bring home a two year old, dark-skinned beauty. We might volunteer at Immanuel House, furnish clothing or snacks or help out with organization.

Oh friends, my heart breaks for unborn babies.

For seven year olds with tear-stained faces and one pair of pants.

For the terrified sixteen year old girl, barely old enough for makeup...pregnant with a child.

For the twelve year old bully...tough as nails to survive.

I'm broken.

I'm perplexed.

But I'm not helpless.

We can do something.

Some. *thing*.

Leslie Holmes



DONATIONS NEEDED!

- * Rice & Beans
- * Peanut Butter
- * Can Meat
- * Toiletries
- * Baby Formula
- * Powdered Milk
- * Cooking Oil
- * Boxed foods
- * Feminine Hygiene
- *Diapers



Mission Teams Needed to help pack Boxes of Blessings!

Volunteers are needed to pack boxes to ship to Venezuela the last Wednesday of each month. 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:

Loudon County Baptist Association, 814 Webb Circle, Lenoir City, TN 37771

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





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1 Please use the 2022 Annual Church Profile for Tennessee Churches Worksheet in your packet to gather your Church information. Statistics should reflect a 12 month period.

2 File your ACP Report online at tn.sbcworkspace.com. Your church log in information is located in the top right hand corner of the 2022 ACP Statistics Form.

3 Unable to file online? That's ok. Just complete the form and mail it to our LCBA office and we will file it for you. You can also email reports to us at  teresalcba@gmail.com

ACP REPORTING

It is that time again to gather information from our churches for our Annual Church Profile. Packets have been mailed to the churches.

Need Help?

We are here to help. Please contact us with any questions at (865) 986-2292



Filing Deadline is September 5th !



A Ministry of
Loudon County Baptist Association

Immanuel House is a Safe House where we share the Love of Jesus to children that have been abused, neglected and removed from their home. Immanuel House offers a calm, uplifting, kid friendly space to help reduce the stress and trauma that children have experienced.

When a child is removed from their home, DCS may bring them to Immanuel House to rest, play, eat, watch movies or just hang out while they await foster placement.

Every child receives a NEW outfit, shoes, blanket and a backpack filled with necessary toiletries like a toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, deodorant, as well as much needed school supplies. We have a fully stocked kitchen with snacks, drinks and meals for children to eat during their stay at Immanuel House.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

We are in need of donations of NEW clothing (all sizes), shoes, toiletry items, snacks and drinks. Donations can be dropped off at the LCBA office Monday-Thursday 9-3pm. Monetary donations can be made online at www.ImmanuelHouseLC.com.

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Become a Certified Volunteer to sit with children during their stay at Immanuel House. Share the love of Jesus by making a meal, playing games, watching movies, reading a book or just hanging out with a child. For more information on becoming a Certified Volunteer contact Teresa Wood at 865-986-2292 or via email to teresalcba@gmail.com.

We are pleased to announce that our Immanuel House Playground has been installed and complete. We are so thankful for our donors that helped make this happen. The children that come to Immanuel House will be able to enjoy outside play in a safe and protected place.



Loudon County Baptist Association

MINISTRY Celebration

October 23, 2022 at 5pm

Join us for our Annual Meeting to celebrate all that God has done through the ministries of LCBA. All LCBA Church members and messengers are encouraged to attend.



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