

PROJECT KNOX SPRING 2021 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



EXODUS CHURCH is a small, 3 year church plant, deep in the Corryton community. We are a loving church that welcomes all who come without reservation. Our desire is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with this local community. Our building is small with a 75 person sanctuary and small fellowship hall. We have a subdivision within a mile of the church, Ely Park, that is continuing to grow with houses being built year round. We also have some major roads that connect to Millertown Pike which the church is right off of, with many homes along those routes. We have a diverse area of poor, lower income housing to the very nice houses among those with good jobs. The pandemic was a major hit to our church that was small to start with those that are not ready to return. There are several other churches of different denominations as well as 2 Baptist churches within a few miles of us. We have not seen much of an outreach ministry from these in our community.

NEEDS - We would welcome assistance thru a long term partnership or a one time team in doing outreach ministries in the community. Some ideas would be VBS, Backyard Bible Clubs, Block parties, prayer walking and canvassing/surveying our community, sports camp and other children activities. We are open to considering ideas that a partner might have that uses the skill sets of their people.

IGLESIA BAUTISTA LA CRUZ. Somos una iglesia pequeña con un gran Corazón, que ama al Señor primeramente por sobre todas las cosas y también a su obra. Nuestra mision es alcanzar a la comunidad hispana con el glorioso evangelio de Cristo Jesus. Estamos ubicados en el centro de Lenoir City, al west the Knoxville, un pequeño pueblo con una gran población hispana, que en los últimos años ha crecido aun más. Desde el 2015 en adelante hemos visto un crecimiento de hispanos procedentes de Guatemala. Muchos de ellos ya son cristianos, pero al llegar a este país necesitan un lugar para congregarse, servir al Señor y encontrar un familia de fe que pueda apoyarles, no solo en sus necesidades físicas, sino que también en sus necesidades espirituales. Asi que, el Señor nos ha dado una gran oportunidad de poder ministrar a estas personas.

IGLESIA BAUTISTA LA CRUZ - is a small church with a big Heart that loves the Lord first of all and also his work. Our mission is to reach the Hispanic community with the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. It is located in the center of Lenoir City, a small town with a large Hispanic population, which in recent years has grown even more. From 2015 onwards we have seen a growth of Hispanics from Guatemala. Many of them are already Christians, but when they come to this country, they need a place to congregate, serve the Lord, and find a family of faith that can support them, not only in their physical needs, but also in their spiritual needs. So, the Lord has given us a great opportunity to minister to these people.

NECESIDADES - 1) Necesitamos ayuda para trabajar con los niños y jóvenes (Capacitación para líderes). Asistencia en la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones, porque contamos con pocas personas preparadas y dispuestas a trabajar con los niños y es una buena oportunidad para evangelizar a los hispanos. Hacer estudios bíblicos en el jardín y/o fiestas en la calle. 2) Remodelar el templo. Nuestro edificio es un edificio antiguo, que necesita mantenimiento. Entendemos que un ambiente limpio y saludable atrae a personas. Muchas familias que nos visitan traen niños y al ver un lugar descuidado, es muy probable que no regresen después de visitarnos la primera vez. Acondicionamiento de los salones para los niños, especialmente el salón de cuna. Reparar las bancas o cambiarlas por sillas, la alfombra del santuario necesita ser cambiada. Mejora en las áreas verdes y patio.

NEEDS - 1) We need help to work with children and youth (Training for leaders). Attendance at the Vacation Bible School, because we have few people prepared and willing to work with children and it is a good opportunity to evangelize the Hispanic community. 2) Remodeling the temple. Our building is an old building, which needs maintenance. We understand that a clean and healthy environment attracts people. Many families who visit the church have children and when they see a neglected place, it is very likely that they will not return after visiting us the first time. Conditioning of the rooms for children, especially the nursery. Repair the benches or exchange them for chairs, the sanctuary carpet needs to be replaced. Improvement in the green areas and patio.

NEW BEGINNINGS BAPTIST CHURCH - is located in east Knoxville, in the Corryton community. NBBC is approximately one mile from Gibbs schools. We are a relatively new church in this area, having relocated our church plant from the Mascot area almost 4 years ago. Our church has been established almost eleven years and in that time frame, God has blessed us abundantly! We've had the pleasure of partnering with other local churches to reach this community in Corryton. We've specifically mapped out a three mile radius of the local families near our building, which adds up to over 3,600 homes. Our vision, purpose, and mission statements are all the same. Reaching up and reaching out! We realize the necessity of reaching up to God, praising Him and asking Him for help. We also see the need for God's church to be reaching out. We need to reach out to those who are part of the family. We are also responsible to reach out to those who are lost and hurting in the world that is around us.

NEEDS - As a fast growing community, we hope to be able to provide many opportunities for outreach. We want to offer several Backyard Bible Clubs and other visitation avenues such as handing out flyers, block parties, etc. We have other ministries that could use some assistance. Our clothing closet is full of ways to serve. We have some minor construction jobs that need worked on, Prayer walks are always welcomed as well. We appreciate your time and interests in furthering His kingdom with us!

REUNION BAPTIST CHURCH is a small church that has recently begun the revitalization process so that we might have a new vision and outreach to our community. Currently we average 20-25 persons on Sunday morning. Our community has transitioned over the years and we want to reach the diversity of people that now live around us.

NEEDS - We would like to have a partner to walk with us in this revitalization project. We hope to find a church looking for a long term opportunity. For this summer we are in need of assistance for Backyard Bible Clubs, block party and other outreach efforts into our community.

RIVERVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH is located in the heart of East Knoxville. Riverview was established in 1891 and has a rich history in the Holston Hills community. Over the past 40 years the community has changed and the church began to decrease. In 2020 the church hired a new pastor with the hopes of revitalizing the church. The church property had been neglected and the membership had fallen to around 15 people. In the past year even through Covid the church has been on the move and now sits at 50-60 each Sunday. God is sending families and leadership to form a true revitalization team. In the past year we have completed several projects to update and improve our building although there is still much to do. The church members and visitors have bought into the vision and we are seeing ministry started. The church opened a community food pantry in April and is serving 40-50 families per month, are active in the local school, and even through COVID-19 are making an impact in the community.

As we enter into our second year we have a lot of needs to be met and a lot of projects. We are seeking long-term partnerships with churches to help us to reach a lost community. We have 4700 mailboxes within a 1.5 mile radius with more than 60% that are unchurched. We have many opportunities for teams to serve with us in making a lasting impact. Below are a list of opportunities.

NEEDS – The first area of need are projects to help update our grounds and building. Some of the projects are painting windows, vestibule, worship area wainscoting children & youth rooms and updating them, general grounds improvement, new awnings on outside doors and building an outdoor pavilion. The second area of need is Outreach Projects. These include camps, Bible Clubs, VBS, revival, Block parties, concerts, care clinics for Single Moms & Widows, Medical/Dental clinics and financial courses for parents

THORN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH – Thorn Grove Baptist Church is in a more rural area in east Knox County. The church is in a revitalization process and seeking to find ways to engage their community better with the gospel. The pastor has a real heart for the Lord and leading his people to be a loving and caring people that reach out to all people in their community.

NEEDS - A part of their goal in revitalization is to connect with others outside the walls of the church. They are looking for a mission team to partner with them in reaching young families in some new apartment complexes and/or trailer parks in the area. They also may need some assistance with VBS July 11-17. They also have some thoughts for other outreach projects into the community that the team might can help with while with them.

WASHINGTON PIKE CHURCH is a growing and friendly inner city church in Knoxville, TN. It is a large church building on a busy part of Washington Pike near Broadway. Recently the church has moved into a revitalization partnership with another church in our city. The partner church has sent a core team to join with the older Washington Pike Church in this revitalization effort.

The congregation is made up of families of all different ages but has many young families with children. The church has a nursery that is small and is quickly being outgrown. They desire to be a church in the community for the community. We want to engage our community with prayer, fellowship, and care. We see God using our building for block parties, Bible studies, VBS, and a Ministry Center. We would love to have you join us and become a part of God's work here.

NEEDS – The church is in need of assistance with repair on heavy and light construction projects to make our building safer more welcoming as we seek to bring in new people. Some of the items where we need help are: pressure washing our building, windows and handrails need to be scraped and painted, old tile needs to be removed on most floors, interior walls need scraped and painted and even sheet rocked in many places. We would also love to have assistance with VBS and block parties this summer to reach the children and families in our community. We also welcome teams to Prayer Walk our community and take the opportunity to pray over families and community needs.

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH - is a 36 year old fellowship of believers that began meeting in a Community Center in North West Knoxville 1984. The church then at first rented and then purchased the former Miller Lutheran Church building on Millertown Pike in North East Knoxville. In December of 1993, the church experienced the death of the founding pastor, Reverend Don Turner, in a tragic traffic accident. After calling the present pastor in June of 1994, the church struggled through some difficult times which resulted in the leaving of several of the founding families. After regaining its footing by keeping our eyes upon the Lord Jesus Christ and beginning to grow again, the church purchased the former Tazewell Pike Baptist Church and moved to that location in 1999. We completed a 30 X 60' addition in 2001; and purchased the adjoining Blair property needed for parking in 2014. After another difficult time we lost many of our members. But we continue to attract new families to our fellowship with loving member outreach and a long running children's summer Bible camp ministry held each year in July at Camp BaYoCa.

During the pandemic year of 2020, our membership was so faithful in their tithes and offerings that we were able to start giving 10% of our undesignated offerings to missions through the Cooperative Program and through Knox County Association of Baptists.

NEEDS: Painting on the inside and outside of our church building. Our steeple needs sanding and painting. There is a section of plywood in the kitchen that has rotted and needs to be replaced due to a leak from the sink. There are some other small projects that need completion.

HAND UP FOR WOMEN – We strive to be a source of hope to ladies with the desire and motivation to pursue a more self-sufficient lifestyle. We provide long-term relationships and classes that teach women to realize their full potential in every area of life.

NEEDS – To best serve our ladies we need assistance in updating our facilities. Currently we need assistance with work on our flower beds. For more of a one-shot project, our privacy fence needs to have vines cut off and away from it, as well as other trimming duties. Throughout the year there may be other needs with our property and ministry that volunteers may assist with as serve our women.

CAMP BA YO CA **CAMP BA YO CA** is nestled in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains. Camp Ba Yo Ca provides exciting outdoor adventure activities to nearly one thousand children in the Knox County region every summer. Our staff and counselors strive to share with children the message and example of Christ. Serving at Camp is certain to refresh your team and ignite a spirit for outreach and ministry.

Needs - Our mission teams are needed to fill roles such as cooking, cleaning, maintenance, program, construction, and more. Sample work assignments may include set-up and clean the dining area, grounds keeping, construction projects, help with Bible studies, programming for the camp's activities, participating in worship and chapels, performing skits, and off campus tourist evangelism. Teams will work alongside our summer staff to ensure our daily routine runs smoothly and that our campers get the amazing opportunity to hear the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE BAPTIST CENTER Is a community of great need located less than forty minutes from the Smoky Mountains. Through the generosity of churches, we are able to meet many physical needs of the more than 1,200 residents, half of whom are under age 18. Doing so opens the door for us and for mission teams who come alongside us to share the Gospel in many ways.

NEEDS – Opportunities to serve are available year round. Any type of activities that would involve ministry to children would be appropriate. We have a significant number of older adults that would appreciate you determining and responding to needs (gift bags, visits, etc.). Sports camps often have a good response. There is opportunity to setup, serve and connect thru 'Market Days' where we share food, clothing and other goods with our community. There is a need for painting of the facilities to help it to look fresh and inviting inside and out.

WESTERN HEIGHTS BAPTIST CENTER – The Baptist Center at Western Heights is an inner city ministry located inside of a public housing community. We are an outreach to low income families who either live in the city or come to us seeking services such as food, clothing, financial assistance, etc.

Needs – We are seeking teams to provide assistance to lead a Kids Club (Monday-Thursday), Community Market (food, clothing, hygiene supplies) which operates on Tuesday and Thursday. We also have some light construction needs and can use help with cleaning, organizing and painting.

For information on any of these opportunities contact

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