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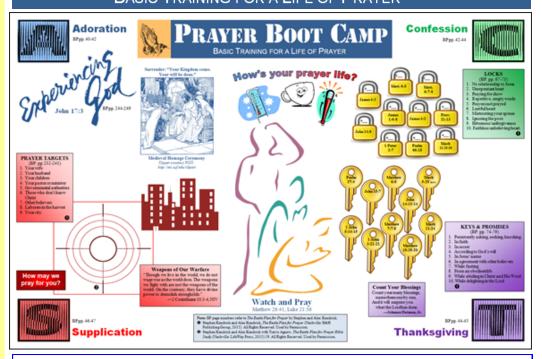
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PRAYER BOOT CAMP

BASIC TRAINING FOR A LIFE OF PRAYER



Zephaniah ~ Haggai ~ Zachariah ~ Malachi ~ Matthew ~ Mark ~ Luke ~ John ~ Acts

Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Matthew 26: 41 (NKJV)



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Jím's Journal

This year's presidential process has been nothing like anything I've seen in my lifetime. *The Wall Street Journal's* Peggy Noonan believes that "we're in the midst of a rebellion." She cites "the general decline of America's faith in its institutions" and notes that "we feel less respect for almost all of them—the church, the professions, the presidency, the Supreme Court." (Denison, J., Denison Forum, 2016)



In 1959 (when I was born), three-fourths of Americans said they trusted the federal government to do the right thing always or most of the time. Today, only 26% of Democrats and 19% of Republicans feel the same way. According to a *CNN* exit poll, 53% of Republicans voting in recent primaries said they feel betrayed by the GOP. In a recent Gallup poll, the issue identified as America's top problem was "dissatisfaction with the government."

It's also noteworthy that since 1959, the number of non-religious Americans (known as the NONES) has grown from 3.5 million to 50 million. Legalized abortion has taken nearly 59 million lives in the U.S. <u>Would you</u> say our culture is closer to God than we were 57 years ago, or further from him?

This battle in culture (that we seem to be losing) is not won at the voting booth, but on our knees, in prayer, crying out to God. Our weapons are spiritual, not physical. ¹⁰ "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, [a] against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—" Ephesians 6:10-18 (NKJV).

The answer to all that is happening in our world is prayer! "Prayer can do anything! It can reach out and address any issue that anyone is facing anywhere on earth. This silent conversation can go on without our enemy ever hearing the life-changing conversation going on in our heads and hearts" (Kendrick, A. & S., *The Battle Plan for Prayer*, 2015, p. 17)

I want to challenge every NKBA church to engage in prayer like your life and the lives of your family and friends depend on it, because it does! Please plan to send a leader from your church to a Prayer Boot Camp (details in this newsletter) and let's claim the victory that is ours in Christ!

While I may not like the choices presented in the elections, I know where real change takes place...it's what happened on the cross that provides to us a raw power, an access to God Almighty, and a boldness that no amount of enemy resistance can steal from us unless we give it away. And that only happens when we don't pray. May we not let silence be our greatest sin!

Following Him,

Jim Woolums

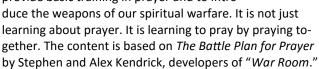
Prayer Boot Camp

BATTLE PLAN

PRAYER

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Recent response to *War Room* indicates that God is calling His people to prayer, and God's people are responding with a hunger to learn to pray more effectively and strategically. Developed by Claude King, **Prayer Boot Camp** is a flexible prayer-training experience to provide basic training in prayer and to intro-



In an effort to equip God's people and mobilize them for prayer, we're looking for church, ministry, and prayer leaders who are willing to be trained to equip others using Prayer Boot Camps. Trainers will receive:

- ♦ A copy of *The Battle Plan for Prayer*
- Reproducible handouts including the learning map pictured on the front page
- A leader guide including scripts for leading a variety of prayer experiences
- ♦ Optional PowerPoint slides.

Trainers will be encouraged to offer training to churches, ministries, small groups of intercessors, denominational district and associational organizations, and others requesting training.

Upcoming NKBA Prayer Boot Camp Training Events

Weekend Retreat: April 1-2, Friday evening 6:30 – 9:30 and Saturday morning 9 – Noon Deadline to register is Wednesday, March 30

Monday, April 18 (two sessions available)
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM <u>or</u> 3:30 PM – 9:30 PM
Deadline to register for either Monday session is Friday,
April 15

Saturday, May 14, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Deadline to register is Friday, May 13

Cost is **\$10 in advance** (received at NKBA by deadline date) or **\$20 at the door**.

You may register by calling the NKBA office or on our website, www.nkbaptist.org, on the "registration" tab. Be sure to specify which session you are registering for in the "comments" field. You can mail your payment to NKBA, 3001 Riggs Road, Erlanger, KY 41018 or pay on the "Donate" button on our website. Please specify **Prayer Boot Camp** in the memo line of your payment.



The NKBA will be providing a **region-wide training** on **APRIL 16** from 9-12 to prepare for "Operation Inasmuch (http://www.operationinasmuch.org)"

INASMUCH Kentucky will take place in September of 2016. It is a ministry event in which the local church serves their community with a single day of projects. The church or association determines the day upon which they will conduct INASMUCH. Projects mobilize the church for sharing the gospel through "hands-on" community service. Please join us on April 16 to learn more about how your church can participate.

INASMUCH AS YOU DID IT FOR THE LEAST OF THESE, YOU DID IT FOR ME.

— JESUS

WELCOME to NEW Pastors/Staff to the NKBA!

Pastor Ron Duty and the High Point Baptist Church family in Alexandria! They were received into our fellowship at our spring meeting. Greg Gannon who became pastor at Rosedale Baptist Church (formerly at Licking Valley Baptist Church). Welcome to Brandon Shaffer, Campus Minister at Main Street Church/Alexandria, Randall Reardon, Student pastor at Erlanger Baptist Church, and Matt Beers, Next Steps pastor at Hickory Grove!

Shoeper Bowl 2016

The 2016 NKBA Shoeper Bowl was a great success! Thanks to the churches of the NKBA, we collected over 150 pairs of shoes and \$2300 for our local ministries. In addition to

received a donation of 2,000 pairs shoes from The Men's Warehouse. The truckload of shoes was picked up by Lifeline Ministries in Erlanger on March 21. Thank you to all who participated in providing much needed

shoes for our communities!

these generous donations, we



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Mark Your Calendars Upcoming Events

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April 18 Prayer Boot Camp, Two sessions available (9 am—3 pm OR 3:30 pm—9:30 pm)

April 26—Associational WMU Meeting

May 14 Prayer Boot Camp, 9 am—3 pm

July 11—7 p.m. NKBA Executive Board Summer Meeting, Union Baptist Church

