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- KY MINISTRY NETWORK -

## SANCTITY OF LIFE

KMN is Pro-Life

NETCON25

May 4-6, Erlanger

**WINTER 2025** 

## A word from our Superintendent

KMN Family,

It remains a battleground; the Church's teachings on LIFE. Everything seemingly changed on June 24, 2022. That sunny Friday outside of the Supreme Court of the United States, a great divide and a stark contrast between competing worldviews in our nation was realized. We, the Church, must stand strongly for the sanctity of human life and the fact that we are made in the image of our Creator, from inception, in the womb.



Hold the Line, friends. Hold the Line.

-- Pastor Joe & Reneé Girdler, KMN Superintendent

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## BE PROACTIVE INSTEAD OF REACTIVE



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It always seems to surprise people when they hear that I was arrested in the late 80's for blocking the entrance of an abortion facility in Cincinnati, Ohio. I had been introduced to the tragedy of abortion a few years previously and like many during that era our options for processing and responding to such injustice seemed limited. Those options included writing letters to politicians, preaching sermons and writing articles to inform our congregations, or literally gathering for a few hours with other like-minded citizens to restrict entrance to those who had a scheduled abortion on any particular day. That decision led to being arrested and going before a judge in a full courtroom to give a brief explanation as to why our behavior seemed justified. The sentencing was hardly more than a slap on the wrist, so we continued to look for creative ways to have an impact, and hopefully save the life of unborn children.

I remember the day when the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart to stop protesting and be silent, but instead, to take that same passion and do something proactive instead of reactive. During that season is when our church purchased a home and for over 10 years operated a ministry called Mercy Maternity Home. During those years of operation over 100 babies were born to the women who lived there, grateful for the options offered to them as they determined for themselves how best to move forward. Most kept their babies, but a few offered their child up for adoption.

The reversal of Roe v Wade in June 2022 has resulted in each state passing legislation that reflects the current mindset of politicians

and citizens. The overall numbers show a significant decline since the early 90's but little impact the past few years, still totaling nearly one million abortions annually.

Today there are many ministries that are having a huge positive impact. 'Crisis Pregnancy Centers' across the nation offer pregnancy testing, ultrasound examinations, and STI testing and treatment. And housing, counseling, and support options are available to those who need them. Additionally, adoption and foster care agencies are always looking for those who are willing to open their hearts and their homes to children in need.

Wednesday, January 22, 2025, is 'Sanctity of Life' day. Pastors are encouraged to take the occasion to give voice to the value of every life, preborn through the final season that leads to death. In doing so, we certainly offer dignity and hope for those neglected and often discarded. This is so much more than a political debate and specific judges being appointed to rule in our courts, locally and nationally. This is a matter of the heart, the soul of our nation, as we grapple with how to best reflect the heart of God in a culture that sometimes forgets the most innocent and precious among us. Please take this opportunity to say something and perhaps even do something that would make a difference.

By the grace of God,

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## WE NEED A SHIFT IN THINKING





### Darren M. Lewis, PhD KMN SECRETARY/TREASURER

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The overturning of Roe vs Wade was a monumental step toward protecting life in America. This decision placed abortion law back into the hands of individual states. That will result in laws coming and going as governors and legislatures change over time. Be assured, abortion will remain legal in much of the US. As a result, we need a shift in thinking in the American church.

For far too long, we've been vocal about our support of life from conception to natural death with no substantive plan for bringing lasting change. Yes, we must remain ardently prolife. Yet, much of the Church has ONLY been vocal, with no actionable steps taken. For the tide in America to turn, the Church must be at the forefront of dealing with difficult questions such as these:

- 1. What can the Church do to break the cycle of poverty and lack of education that so often leads to abortion?
- 2. What can we do about the shortage of foster families in our state?
- 3. How can we alleviate the pressure on the local Family Services office?
- 4. Is God calling me and my family to adopt?
- 5. How can our church support foster and adoptive families?

It is not enough to say we are believers, yet never share our faith. In the same way, it is not enough to say we are pro-life and then do nothing to alleviate the problem. This is an open door of ministry many churches are missing. Adoption is hard. Fostering is hard. Dealing with the system is hard. Yet, they are all necessary.

Most of our KMN churches are in small, rural communities. You may easily be able to meet the local directors of foster care and family services in your county. For those in our larger counties, connecting with county leaders may take a concerted, creative, and consistent effort. Some might wonder where to start or what can be done. Here are a few practical suggestions to help meet the needs of your community...and, in turn, reach your community.

- 1. Start a food bank to help alleviate food needs in your community.
- 2. Volunteer your building to host Family Services/Foster training.
- 3. Send a meal to your local foster care office.
- 4. Collect emergency bags for foster kids in your county. (Your county office can give you a detailed list of items needed.)
- 5. Educate yourself on fostering and adoption in the US and KY, specifically.
- 6. Financially support a local foster, adoption, anti-trafficking, or homeless outreach in your county.

There is no quick fix to any of these issues. As more and more local churches partner within the Body of Christ, we can make an eternal impact in communities, families, and kids in need.

On a Network level, my office actively seeks direction from national AG leaders. Jenna and I have happily represented KY in this sphere for 12 years. We are thankful to announce a partnership with Backyard Orphans missionary Adam Bell and to have KMN minister Ashlee McCoy join the team. There is still much to be done. If you want to join our developing team, please contact my office. In addition, we are looking for 5–7 passionate pastors willing to be trained. Again, if you are interested, contact me at <code>dlewis@kyag.org</code>.

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GUEST CONTRIBUTOR, SHEILA HARPER

#### **Founder, SaveOne**

Helping Men, Women & Families recover after Abortion

I had an abortion on March 29, 1985. I always remember that date because it was the most regrettable decision of my life. I was 19 years old and justified the choice thinking this was my right. Abortion was supposed to be good for me. Nothing could have been farther from the truth.

For seven years after that date, I hated myself and did not know how to get back to the me I knew on March 28. I numbed myself with drugs and alcohol, and two years in, I attempted suicide. My life was in shambles until I heard an advertisement for a class being offered for people who had experienced abortion and were struggling. I went to this class, terrified and ashamed.

On the first night I was intrigued because every person present was telling my story. I realized what I had been dealing with for seven years was a common struggle many men, women, and family members face whose lives have been deeply impacted by abortion. I kept showing up week after week and throughout the course of this Bible study I was introduced to a Jesus who forgives the sin of abortion. I was taught Truth and Truth set me free!

As soon as I completed the class, I wanted to give back to this pregnancy center who offered me God's truth and a safe place to lay down this burden. I started volunteering, giving money, attending their events, and before long I was teaching the same abortion recovery Bible study and getting to see others be set free from the same pain. In every class I heard people say, "If I could just save one unborn

baby, I would be willing to tell my story." Knowing the bravery it takes to tell such a story, I knew God wanted me to do something more. These people were willing to tell their powerful, God-driven stories!

Fast forward to 2000 and the non-profit organization, **SaveOne** was founded. God showed me the influence of our stories by first taking me to Proverbs 18:21 that tells us the power of the words we speak. Then He took me to Revelation 12:11 that solidified this cause...we overcome the enemy by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.

When **SaveOne** was born I thought it was going to be a resource for my church in Nashville, TN. But God gave me a vision for a ministry model that was repeatable and scalable. We developed a training and started raising up leaders and launching chapters across America and around the world. A chapter is simply a church, pregnancy center, or standalone ministry who is teaching our abortion recovery Bible studies. God has grown the ministry to be, as of this writing, 416 chapters in 27 nations. To God be the glory!

The aftermath of abortion cuts deeper and is much more cruel than other sinful choices. As men and women, mothers and fathers, God created us with a loving nature to nurture and protect our children. He never intended for us to choose death for our children. When we choose abortion, we go against the very nature of who God created us to be. Therefore, we do not have the mental, spiritual, or emotional capacity

to deal with the aftermath of such a choice, because God did not create us in this way. The men and women who have experienced abortion try to deal with the aftermath on a human level when ultimately, they need a Divine intervention.

**SaveOne** originally was focused only on women. My first book, SaveOne-A Guide to Emotional Healing after Abortion was written for women, and we started having great success. When the women started being vocal about their stories, men started asking to go through the women's study. My husband and I authored together, SaveOne-The Men's Study. Then we started having grandparents and siblings of aborted children want the study so I wrote the third book, <u>SaveOne- The Ripple</u> **Effect** for those impacted by a loved one's abortion. All three of these studies mirror each other, so a church can offer one abortion recovery small group and invite anyone who is abortion-wounded. Each person has their own book, with questions that pertain to their situation, but the group discusses the same subject each week.

We are working to take this issue back from politics and place it where it belongs...in the local church. For it is in the church we find healing, restoration, community, sharpening, and discipleship. We are not trying to turn people toward **SaveOne**, but rather we are pointing people to the local church, the most powerful entity on the planet.

**SaveOne** can help you open this avenue of healing in your community. With tens of millions of men, women, and family members in our country, having experienced abortion or been deeply impacted, we know there are scores of hurting people in our churches. All they need is a safe place to lay down this burden. What we have found is the people who come to your church for help become the greatest members, the loudest voices, and the most dependable servants. They are overjoyed a church offers the opportunity to safely and confidentially seek healing and find freedom through Jesus Christ.

You can join us today by visiting saveone. org, email us at <a href="mailto:info@saveone.org">info@saveone.org</a>, or you can follow us on Facebook or Instagram for more information. We would love to hear from you!

### Sheila L. Harper Founder and President SaveOne



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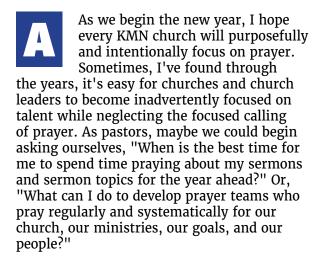
## NEW KMN DEPT: PRAYER MINISTRIES



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I know of churches (I used to do it) that had focused prayer groups, teams of people, who would be praying during the Sunday church services and preaching. And, often church pastors and board members or church leaders, department heads, ministry leaders, etc. rarely get the opportunity to pray together. Maybe we can focus this year ahead on developing regular times that we as a leadership team can pray together. And, what prayer ministries can you add to your church ministries?

If you're looking for prayer resources, **ag.org** is the place to start. We're believing with you that 2025 will be – your year of making prayer a new priority. It will become key – and make the difference.

For Him,

Pastor Joe & Reneé



**Rev. Krista Hampton**Director, KMN Prayer
Ministries

It is my honor to be appointed by Pastor Joe to serve our Network in the new position of Director of KMN Prayer Ministries.

Prayer is something that we know as believers must be part of our daily walk with Christ, but yet it is something we must be intentional about or it will fail to happen. Pastor Joe has chosen to be intentional about prayer in our KY Network by creating a new directors/ministry position specifically for that, prayer.

I have served as pastor at River of Life Ministries in Paris for the past 23 years and one thing I have found to be true is prayer is at the foundation of all that we build on in the Kingdom. We look forward to growing this ministry and joining together in prayer for corporate events as well as local church prayer ministry.

This year we will form a team of intercessors throughout our Network that will be here to serve and and assist our local bodies.

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

Pastor Krista Hampton



## May 4-6, 2025 Christ's Chapel - Erlanger



#### Dr. Samuel Huddleston

General Council Executive Presbyter & Asst. Supt., Northern CA & NV Assemblies of God



Joseph S. Girdler, DMin Network Superintendent



Details & register: kyag.org/netcon









KMN WELCOME GATHERING: 7:00-9:30PM

with AG World Missions

REGISTRATION: 7:00-8:00PM

5/5 MON CREATION MUSEUM: 9AM FREE for all

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**REGISTRATION: 12-2PM** 

**Business Session: 2-4:30PM** 

Evening Service: 7-9:30PM — Childcare available!

5/6 TUE

**Business Session: 9-11:30AM** 

Ordination Orientation: 4PM

Ordination Service: 7-9:30PM ← Childcare available!

Ordination Reception: 9:30-10:30PM



All Meals are Off-Site:

20+ restaurants are within 10 minutes of Christ's Chapel

Ministry Fellowships are Off-Site:

Contact Department Leaders for info

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### New this year



#### For 2025, we're meeting at Christ's Chapel in Erlanger, Kentucky!

With this year's venue, we're able to offer unique and family-friendly experiences. NetCon25 registration is still FREE but <u>required</u>, so we can be ready to welcome you.



#### CHILDCARE FOR EVENING SERVICES

- · Pre-registration is required
- · Bring your whole family this year!



#### CREATION MUSEUM FAMILY OUTING

- FREE ADMISSION for all NetCon25 Registrants (reg price: \$49.99)
- KMN Guests only pay for parking (Pre-registration required)
- Event sponsored by KMN Church Planting & Revitalization



#### RELAXED SCHEDULE

- · Sunday evening fellowship outside -- with fireworks!
- Free time between meetings
- No-rush evening services begin at 7:00 pm



#### ALL MEALS ARE OFF-SITE

- 20+ restaurants are within 10 minutes of Christ's Chapel
- · Choose restaurants that fit your budget
- · Catch up with friends and colleagues over a meal



#### MINISTRY RECEPTIONS ARE OFF-SITE

Contact Department Leaders for times and locations

Christ's Chapel: 3819 Turfway Rd, Erlanger KY 41018

## **Monday Morning: Creation Museum**



#### Be a Missionary with your books!

Donate your library to African Bible schools with Africa's Hope. Donations will be received at NetCon25, May 4-6, 2025.

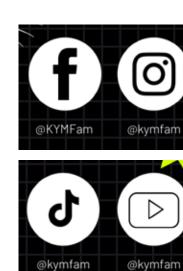
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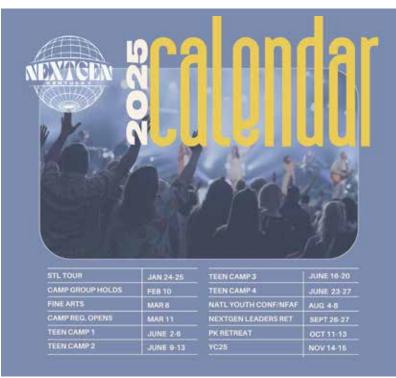


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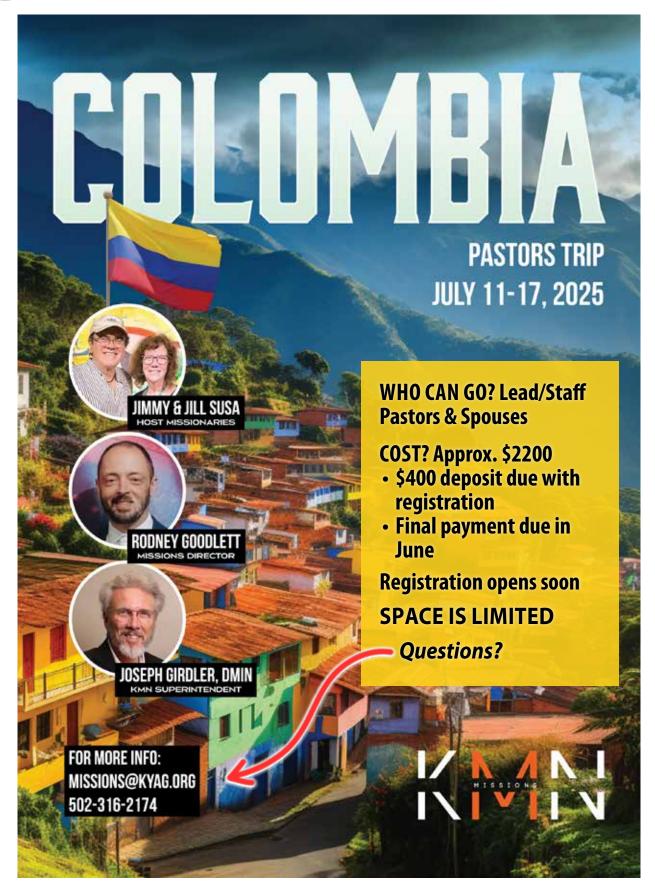
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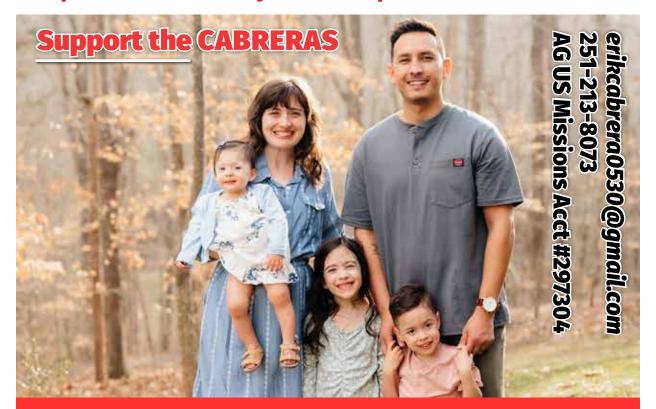
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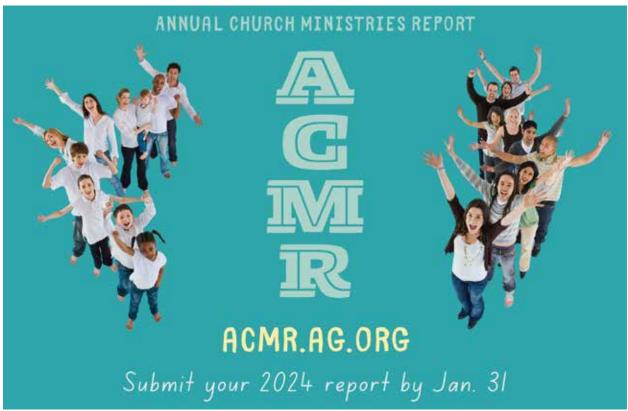
Erik and Ashley Cabrera

Pioneering Chi Alpha at the Univeristy of Louisville

Erik and Ashley Cabrera are excited and filled with vision for launching Chi Alpha at the University of Louisville. Erik has 7 years of Chi Alpha experience and Ashley has worked 7 years for the State of Tennessee and together they bring a unique set of skills to effectively reach and disciple students on the university. They have recruited a team member, Hannah Hyatt, to be a part of this pioneering team, and they are working on adding two more. Erik and Ashley are products of Chi Alpha at Austin Peay State University and have been sent to the city of Louisville to bring spirit-filled discipleship to the students of the University of Louisville. They want to see lives transformed and see people become life-long disciple makers that will impact the university, the city, and overseas. They want to see disciples that make disciples that will extend to generations to come. There is a harvest of students waiting to be gathered and they are willing to do the hard work and eager to bring them into the Lord's kingdom. Ashley is finishing up her training, while Erik is going through Chi Alpha's national Director's Training. Their hope is to launch in August of 2025, and all they need is to raise \$4000 of monthly support in order to be released to start the work at U of L. Pray for the Cabreras as they work diligently to raise their budgets and recruit their team and even consider partnering with them.



The ACMR gives a snapshot of the great things happening in AG churches across our country, including *yours*. Please share what the Lord did in your church last year by submitting your ACMR at *acmr.aq.orq*. It's only 9 simple questions!



#### Network Affiliated Church Pastors:



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April 11-12	New Testament Survey with Scott Bowman	Effective Leadership with Mike Phillips	Corinthian Correspondence with Brandon McDaniel	Mar 28

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- January 10-11
- February 7-8
- March 7-8
- April 11-12
- May 16-17 (Cert & Lic only)
- No classes in June & July
- August <u>15-16</u> \*(previously announced as August <u>8-9</u>)
- September 12-13
- October 10-11
- November 7-8
- No classes in December



### KMN HAPPENINGS

What's new and what's next

#### PASTORS' REPORTS:

- Frankfort, Elevate: 4 water baptisms, 6 new members
- LaGrange, Real Family: 1 salvation, 1 Spirit baptism
- Lexington, First AG: 6 salvations, 3 water baptisms, 21 new members
- Louisville, Southwest AG: 2 salvations
- Pikeville, Jubilee: 22 salvations, 10 water baptisms, 4 new members

Request the PDF Church Report and email to mpabon@kvaq.org or submit your church's info at acmr.aq.org/Account/Login (use church's AG Passport login, not pastor's personal login).

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- Changes such as: Mailing or email address, phone number; marital status; birth of a child; ministry position (change within same or new church, resign position, etc.)
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- If you are moving and need to transfer your credential to another District

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