

## Faith-Based Initiatives Newsletter



### Faith-Based Community Regional Coordinators



#### Meet Sarah Keel

Sarah Keel is the Faith-Based Community Coordinator for the East Grand Division of Tennessee. She is a point of contact in the faith community for establishing recovery programs, training, providing educational presentations, facilitating communication and coordination of special events in the region. She was the High-Risk Educator for a behavioral healthcare company in Southwest Virginia, has worked for Tennessee's Department of Children's Services, and has worked as a Resident Adviser for at-risk youth in New Mexico. She has worked in prisons, county jails, detox units, crisis stabilization units

and treatment facilities in a variety of roles, helping people navigate through treatment and recovery. She is a certified Transformational Leadership Trainer and Mental Health First-Aid Trainer. She is a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist and has her Bachelors Degree in Applied Behavioral Science. She is also working towards obtaining her Masters Degree in Global Studies. Her passion is to bridge the gap between those who feel hopeless to finding hope in the faith community.

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### Initiative Goals:

1. Connect individuals struggling with addiction to treatment.
2. Facilitate understanding of what treatment and recovery are.
3. Increase knowledge of what addiction is.
4. Understand the continuum of care and collaborate with it.
5. Help groups understand and implement the best practice model.
6. Promote and improve effectiveness of the faith-based initiative and how it connects the community with recovery and support services.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### West Tennessee

- \* 3/10/20 - Day of Hope Prayer Breakfast, Old Country Store, Jackson, TN, 7:30-9:30am
- \* 3/10/20 - Empowerment Mini-Conference, Jackson State Comm College, Jackson, TN, 6-9pm
- \* 3/10/20 - TN's Day of Hope-Saving Lives in Crockett County, Alamo First Christian Church, 6-8pm
- \* 3/14/20 - START, Cordova Library, Cordova, TN, 10am-12pm
- \* 4/2/20-4/3/20 - Shelby County Opioid Summit, Michael D. Rose Theatre Lecture Hall, 8:30-4:00pm

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TENNESSEE'S COMMUNITY-BASED CHANGE AGENTS

**Project Lifeline** Coordinators, Recovery Navigators, & Regional Overdose Prevention Specialists



## Meet Brannon Powell

I began working for TN Project Lifeline in February 2018. I love my job because I have the honor of spreading the message of hope and sharing my story in the 9 counties I serve in Region 6 North. I suffered with substance abuse and struggled with alcohol/drugs for many years until I found freedom in recovery in the 12 Step Rooms and my faith in my Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. I do understand everyone's journey is different, so it is very important to meet people where they are and to show them I care. I am blessed with

a beautiful wife, 4 daughters, and 2 red-headed grandsons. Please reach out to me if I can ever be of help in any way. If I cannot help, I will find someone who can.

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**TN Day of Hope is March 10, 2020**  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

<https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/dayofhope>

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Middle Tennessee

- \* 3/10/20 - TN Day of Hope Prayer Breakfast, Progressive Savings Bank, Cookeville, TN, 8:30-9:30am
- \* 3/10/20 - Day of Hope, Murfreesboro Housing Authority, Murfreesboro, TN, 6-8pm

### East Tennessee

- \* 3/10/20 - Day of Hope at GRACE, GRACE at Harbort Center, Coalmont, TN, 6:30-8:30pm
- \* 3/10/20 - Day of Hope, Wears Valley Ranch, Sevierville, TN, 6-8pm
- \* 3/10/20 - Day of Hope, Carter County Library, Elizabethton, TN, 12-2pm
- \* 3/10/20 - Substance Abuse/Suicide Prevention Training, Calvary Church, Johnson City, TN, 6-8pm
- \* 3/12/20 - Lifeline Addiction & Recovery Presentation, Piney Flats Ruritan, Piney Flats, TN, 7:00pm
- \* 3/12/20 - Unlocking the Potential of Recovery Ministry, Hixson UMC, Chattanooga, TN, 6:00-8:00pm
- \* 3/25/20 - Recovery Forum, Maryville UMC, Maryville, TN, 6:00pm
- \* 3/26/20 - Suicide Prevention Training, GRACE Coalmont, TN, 6-8pm
- \* 3/27/20 - Frontline III—Compassion Coalition, Knoxville, TN, 12:00pm
- \* 3/28/20 - Faith & Recovery Day, Jefferson City, TN
- \* 4/2/20 - Recovery Forum, Colonial Heights UMC, Knoxville, TN, 6-8pm
- \* 4/21/20 - Mental Health First Aid Training,, Cedar Springs Presbyterian, Knoxville, TN, 8am-5pm
- \* 4/30/20—Healthy Church Partnership, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Knoxville, TN, 8am-3:30pm