



## Michael Koontz

BLACK OAK HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH

### About the Family

I was born and raised in southern Indiana. Though Indiana is where I lived for more than 35 years, I always felt at home in Tennessee when we would visit family and vacation in Knoxville growing up. In fall of 1993, I met a sweet Southern lady named Janet at a Baptist Student Union event. Six months later, we started dating and were married in 1996.

We have one son, T.J., who is a junior in high school, a member of the marching band and a member of the Roane County Youth Leadership Program. T.J. hopes to go to college, serve in the United States Air Force and work for NASA.

As a family, we love to watch superhero and science fiction movies together and vacation in Florida.

### About My Ministry

I am a pastor, law enforcement chaplain and Chaplain Ambassador for SBC chaplains. I started serving in ministry in August of 1994 as a youth director in Indiana. I've been fortunate to serve as a youth pastor, associate pastor, director of global outreach and senior pastor in various churches. God allowed me to serve many years with World Changers as a project coordinator and to participate in national and international missions. Today we also serve our local community through various missions outreaches.

Find out how you can  
**Pray.**  
**Participate.**  
**Provide.**

#### PRAY.

Pray for the safety and health of my family. Pray for my wife who has a heart condition that has steadily gotten worse over the past four years. Pray for our son serving in the Air Force. Pray for boldness to share the gospel and open hearts among the people to whom I minister. Pray for people to come to saving faith in Jesus. Pray for our law enforcement men and women. Pray for our SBC chaplains as they serve in various roles and in difficult situations. Pray that others would follow God's calling to law enforcement chaplaincy.

#### PARTICIPATE

Commit to long-term prayer support. Explore the opportunities to extend the reach of your church by becoming a chaplain. Be involved in supporting chaplains and their families. Send notes of encouragement. Talk with a chaplain about his or her ministry context. Send resources that support a chaplain's ministry context. Pray for chaplains and their families.

#### PROVIDE

Learn the ministry strategy and context, so you can provide relevant resources. Support a missionary financially.