

Nashville First Family,

We are thankful for you, a church community that loves and cares deeply about children and students becoming and growing as followers of Jesus. We believe each person is an image-bearer of God, created with inherent dignity, worth, and value. With this conviction, we intentionally seek to provide a safe, nurturing environment grounded in Scripture to cultivate a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ, particularly, for our children and students.

Your ECAP Council Team has been hard at work in recent months to ensure the safety of all children and students on our church campus. The council members are Sandy Fields (Child Safety Coordinator), Zach Williams, Hallie Caddy, Grace Wilkinson, Marissa Moore, Gwenn Fitzpatrick, Mary Bunn, Patrick Roshetko, Shannon Meadors, and Caleb Cummings. We are working toward our church becoming an accredited member of the Evangelical Council for Abuse Prevention (ECAP). What this means is that our efforts are aiming and will continue to aim at aligning our children and student safety policies and procedures with the industry standards set forth by ECAP. As we continue our work, you will notice improvements that we will be making along the way to ensure the safety of our children, students, and leaders.

At least one dimension of the Gospel is safety. In Jesus alone do we find the safety and rest for which our hearts long. We are safely and securely in His hands all the way into eternity. He promises us that. Nashville First Baptist Church is committed to being an expression of that Gospel safety for anyone who walks through our doors.

If you have any questions about this work, please feel free to reach out to any of the above ECAP Council Team members. We appreciate each of you and your prayers for us as we continue this important effort.

If you would like to explore more about the Evangelical Council of Abuse Prevention, you can visit their website <u>HERE</u>.

With joy, Nashville First ECAP Council