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TGBC Missions Newsletter



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Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes

Mother's Day Offering for TN Baptist Children's Homes

Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes believes every child should experience the stable, nurturing love of a family. They also believe the most crucial thing they can share with a child is the love and hope of Christ. Holding these two convictions, they provide Christ-centered homes for children in hard places—children whose families are not currently able to provide the day-to-day care they need. They train and develop evangelical Christians to be house parents and foster parents with the mission of not only providing safety and stability but showing Christ's love to each child who comes into their care. Whether children are in foster care or have been voluntarily placed in one of their on-campus homes by families seeking help, they are committed to helping children and families thrive.

Your generous investment in the ministry of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes will immediately impact the life of a child. TBCH is partially funded by the churches of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. It is also dependent on the sacrificial giving of individuals and businesses who care about the needs of children from hard places. They do not receive money from the state which allows them to keep Christian values front and center. You will be helping hurting children in your own backyard by helping TBCH place them in Christ-centered homes.

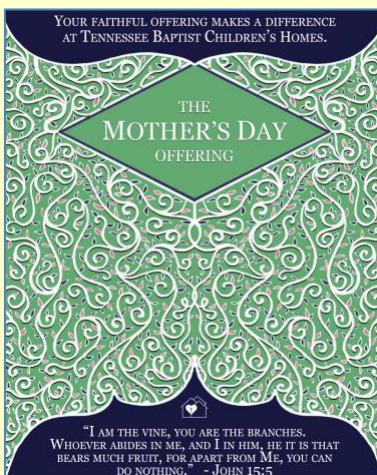
For more information, visit www.tbch4kids.org.

Father's Day Offering for TN Baptist Adult Homes

Sponsored by the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, the "Father's Day Offering for Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes" provides additional funds to assist in caring for senior adults and adults with exceptional needs. This offering undergirds the entire ministry of Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes in order to provide affordable care and services for residents including assisting those with limited financial resources.

Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes was founded in 1974 by the Tennessee Baptist Convention with the express purpose of leading Tennessee Baptists in developing a residential ministry for senior adults. In 1987, the Deer Lake Retirement Community in Nashville came under TBAH. A year later construction was completed on Baptist Village of Johnson City. In 1988 the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board assigned TBAH to work with Baptists across the state in providing a residential ministry for adults with exceptional needs. We now have two group homes in Knoxville, one in Jacksboro, two in Lebanon and one in Hermitage. Today, TBAH has nine ministry facilities providing Christian care and homes for senior adults in retirement and also for exceptional adults. Nearly 200 adults are provided a home in these facilities. In addition, since 1996, TBAH has held two weeks of "Special Friends Camp" annually. Approximately 280 intellectually and physically challenged adult campers are served each year.

The Offering Goal for 2019 is \$475,000. Please join in praying for and supporting this offering. For more information, visit www.tnbaptisthomes.org



In His Grip

By Joey Hickman

LOCAL/ONGOING:

Begin Anew Coordinator:

Renee Mathis

Dodson Elementary Coordinators:

Nancy Andrews
Eric Boswell

Human Trafficking Ministry Team

Coordinator:
Dan Wilson

In His Grip Coordinator:

Joey Hickman

Love on the Homeless Coordinators:

David & Connie Horton

Pregnancy Care Center

Coordinator:
Desha Hearn

INTERNATIONAL:

Cuba #3

May 5–11, 2019

Coordinators:

Ryan Hayes and Trevor Morris

Cuba #4

Aug 16–23

Coordinators:

David and Kendall Shirey



TGBC members distributing items to Nashville's homeless



Nancy Miller and Connie Horton praying with the homeless

In His Grip has been quite busy this winter. We didn't think that any of our groups would want to meet over the winter since golf weather would not be at a premium, but man were we wrong! Four groups from Nashville Golf & Athletic Club, Old Fort, Old Hickory Country Club, and Vanderbilt Legends Club met all through the winter. We track statistics showing the total number of minutes our guys were in The Word, and it is impressive. Our goal for the summer was to be in The Word for 10,000 minutes, and we have actually been in The Word for over 21,000 minutes through the first week in April. Praise God!

We are now looking at setting our year-long goal to be at 100,000 minutes. The total is calculated by multiplying the number of attendees weekly by 50 minutes of Bible study which is the average length of our study each week. We have a very large group at Nashville Golf & Athletic which has really boosted our totals for the year. I'm looking for a very good year for Bible study and golf this year throughout Nashville and the surrounding area!

Let's Learn English Together

By Carmen McCreary



We are very excited about finishing a successful year. As we look forward to our fall semester, we are having an open house on May 15. It's for our neighbors who are interested in learning English for this upcoming fall semester.

Some of our students have greatly thanked us for our time and are grateful that child care is provided. They are able to concentrate and fully engage with the class without having to worry about their little ones. The majority of our students are women and do want to advance to better careers once they are able to communicate in English. One of our students recently said, "[I went to the doctor and I was able to make] an appointment for tomorrow at 12 o'clock." She was ecstatic. She explained in Spanish, "This was the first time I could communicate in almost full sentences, and they understood me!" This student just learned about time and days of the week, and she could use what she learned immediately.

Please pray for our students to return this fall and be prepared to learn with our new curriculum through Pearson's Future books. Continue to pray for meaningful conversations through memorization of scripture. We hope as we learn the English language that we can share our faith. We are so encouraged to see that our students can have meaningful and full lives here in the United States.

We are in need of two more teachers or helpers that are Tulip Grove members. Our main teachers are from a nearby church, and it would be great to see Tulip Grove involved. If you are interested, please contact Carmen at carmen@esltulipgrove.org or fill out a form on our website, esltulipgrove.org. You only need to know English and have fun speaking it!

Love on the Homeless

By Connie Horton

TGBC's Love on the Homeless Ministry continues to grow. After three years of being a Sunday School class ministry with four to six members going regularly, we had 24 church-wide members join us for a recent trip downtown. What a blessing and a wonderful time of fellowship.

We continue to go on a monthly basis to pass out food, water, clothing, toiletries, Bibles/New Testaments, and other needed items to allow us an opportunity to make a personal contact with the folks downtown. They are very receptive to us when we offer prayers and talk with them about the Lord. Many already know the Lord, and several of the volunteers have been blessed to hear some of their testimonies.

They persevere! Therefore, we go! Join the Love on the Homeless Facebook page for details, dates, and other information.

"For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.

He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death.

He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight." Psalm 72:12-14

Cuba Mission Trip: March 16-22, 2019

By Janet Darden

Our team of three—Ginger Gaines, Robin Schutt and Janet Darden—ministered in Manzanillo and Campechuela, Cuba.

We led a three-day Women’s Retreat based on the Proverbs 31 Woman in Campechuela at the 1st Baptist “Christ is Coming” Church. This event was limited to 150 women, but the Lord brought 185! Thirty churches were represented, and eight pastors’ wives attended! It was an incredible time of studying God’s Word, worshiping, praying and encouraging each other as we become the women God created us to be!

We were also able to share in the Sunday worship services at 7th Baptist Church in Manzanillo and Thursday Bible study at 3rd Baptist, Manzanillo.

Women are hungry and thirsty for the Word—and the fellowship—in Cuba! We look forward to 2020 and beyond for opportunities to serve the Lord in partnership with the Women’s Ministry of the Eastern Cuba Baptist Convention!

Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Cuba!



Cuba Mission Team:
Ginger Gaines, Janet Darden, Robin Schutt

Room in the Inn

By David & Janet Konig

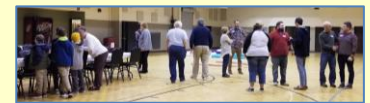
The Room in the Inn Ministry completed the 2018-2019 season on March 25. More than three decades ago, the power of one person reaching out in love to his neighbor with nothing more than a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and an open door built the foundation that fuels the mission of Room in the Inn.

Tulip Grove has also continued that same love over years of service provided by our many faithful volunteers. The delicious meals, hygiene services, and encouragement from God's word all have an impact that goes far beyond our walls. The many thank-yous we receive each week turn into the greatest blessings.

This year Tulip Grove provided 249 beds, served 498 meals, gave 1344 volunteer hours, drove 630 miles and witnessed one profession of faith.

To all of our amazing coordinators and volunteers—from those making up a bed to staying overnight, from preparing a meal to washing clothes, from driving a van to providing that special handshake or smile, mission friends, RAs, GAs, and youth—you are appreciated so very much, and you humble our hearts.

We look forward to November when we will begin another season. We pray God will lead you to join us in service to this wonderful ministry.



TGBC's Room in the Inn ministry provides meals, beds, and fellowship to Nashville's homeless during the cold months November through March.

Missions Get-Together and Connection

By Renee Mathis

The annual WMU Missions Get-Together and Connection conference April 4-6 in Gatlinburg was well attended this year by four women and five youth girls from TGBC! The conference was based on the current WMU theme and devotional book “Unshakable Pursuit: Chasing the God Who Chases Us” and 1 Corinthians 15:58 “My dear friends, stand firm and don’t be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile.”

Timely conference topics for women included Finding Peace in a Violent World, Restoring Love, The Only Way Out is Through, Persevering in Prayer, and Developing a Plan to Stand. The girls attended sessions such as Bible Journaling, I Think I’m Called to Missions: Now What, Perfectly Imperfect, What Am I Doing With My Life, and Worship through Creative Movement.

The conference had over 1,500 total attendance. Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend next year’s conference March 20-22, 2020! Watch for more conference details as they are added at <http://www.tnbaptist.org/gtcon2020>



294 girls at Connection conference



Worship through Creative Movement



1113 women at Missions Get-Together



Tulip Grove women and youth girls



Women On Mission Sisters

By Renee Mathis

Our WoM Sisters evening group continues to grow and currently has about 20 members. Everyone has enjoyed building relationships through fellowship at each other's homes while learning about missions opportunities in our church and community.

Our March 5 meeting at Judy Ester's home focused on TGBC's Love on the Homeless ministry with speaker Nancy Miller. At the April 2 meeting at Jean Gant's home, we received human trafficking awareness training and volunteer orientation from Dr. Rony Smith from Rest Stop Ministries so that we can volunteer with them as a group at their home in Lebanon in the future.

We will wrap up our 2018-19 year with fellowship at our May 7 meeting at Five Oaks Clubhouse in Lebanon. Plans are being made for a couple of summer missions projects such as a cooking class for the residents at Rest Stop Ministries and a back-to-school project for the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home in Brentwood. Our regular monthly meetings will resume in September for the new church year.



Items collected by WoM Sisters for Rest Stop Ministries



World Changers speaker Jessica Best

Women on Mission Celebrators

By Charlotte Maynard

Jessica Best from World Changers spoke at our March meeting enlightening us about the youth of our country who are involved in this fabulous ministry. Lots of different projects are tackled by the youth and their sponsors, giving them an opportunity to work as they present the gospel to those they come in contact with. Tulip Grove has been a big part of this ministry. I hope when your Sunday School class is asked to help this year, that you will be one of the first to say "YES!"

Women on Mission's April meeting was blessed by having Carol Pharris of the Phoebe Ministry join us and tell all about how this widows ministry got started and how these ladies have in turn blessed others by their projects throughout the community. Our Tulip Grove ladies brought items for Easter Baskets to be given to some of our widows and homebound ladies. Ron and Elaine Nunnery have headed up this wonderful project for several years and they always get many others (including our youth) involved in helping prepare, put together, and deliver these.

Join us the second Monday of each month at 10 a.m. as we learn more about missions and how we as ladies can truly be WOMEN ON MISSION. Watch the bulletin for details.

Missions Offerings

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions
Church Offering: \$13,273.29

Mother's Day Offering for TN Baptist Children's Homes

Father's Day Offering for TN Baptist Adult Homes
State Goal: \$475,000

Hat Ministry

By Charlotte Maynard

Our Hat Ministry ladies continue to work hard on lots of colorful hats and scarves donated to various ministries around the area. In March we were blessed to send lots of hats to Rest Stop Ministries, Vanderbilt Children's Hospital for cancer patients and to the Women's Mission downtown. Thanks ladies for all your hard work! We invite you to come join us the 3rd Monday each month from 10-2 for some great fellowship. We will teach you if you don't already know how to make these colorful hats and scarves.

Homebound Ministry

By Charlotte Maynard

Our Homebound Ministry needs YOUR help. We love sending cards (which are supplied, along with stamps), making phone calls and visits as we check on our homebound residents. You will be greatly blessed as you bless others. Please join us May 19th at 5pm and learn more about the precious ladies and gentlemen we minister to. Please watch the bulletin for details.



Several RAs and GAs helped serve at the April 13th Anna Luncheon

Women's Ministry

By Renee Mathis

TGBC's Women's Ministry has been busy planning events for the women in our church including the Ladies' Prayer Tea-Luncheon featuring Kay DeKalb Smith in March and the upcoming Women of Joy conference in Pigeon Forge in October.

Ladies who attended the tea enjoyed the beautiful table decorations provided by women in our church who volunteered to be table hosts as well as a delicious meal catered by Susan Bryant and fabulous entertainment from Christian comedian, speaker, and singer Kay DeKalb Smith. Everyone received a copy of "The Red Sea Rules" by Robert J. Morgan, and Kay talked about the 10 God-Given Strategies for Difficult Times outlined in the book. WorldCrafts items were available for our mission project.

Plans to take a group of women to the Women of Joy conference October 4-6 was announced at the tea. Instead of having a women's fall retreat this year, the Women's Ministry is coordinating the registration, travel, and lodging for the Women of Joy "Overwhelmed: Finding Peace in a Chaotic World" conference at the LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge. The conference features speakers Margaret Feinberg, Lisa Harper, Angie Smith, Sheila Walsh and musicians Charles Billingsley, Plumb, and Michael W. Smith.

The cost for the conference ticket and hotel (2 per room) is \$260. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your spot. Partial payments can be made until paid in full with half of the total due by June 30. Full payment is due by September 1. Hotel accommodations are at the Music Road Hotel and include a hot breakfast. All other meals are on your own.

We plan to take the bus and carpool. Limited financial assistance is available. Contact Laurie Abel or Pam Reasonover for more information. Conference information is available at <https://womenofjoy.org/upcoming-events/2019>.

Human Trafficking

By David & Janet Konig

The Tulip Grove Baptist Church Human Trafficking Ministry Team (HTMT) has decreased in size like many ministries within the congregation recently. We still exist and are looking for members with a passion for service and a heart for those who have been victims of modern day slavery which is known as Human Trafficking.

Human Trafficking does happen here in Middle Tennessee. With that in mind, during the months of January and February the HTMT brought the subject before the congregation with some information events. On a Sunday night in January two Metro police detectives came and spoke. They shared the things to look for in human trafficking situations and stressed that churches can play a vital role in helping to minister to victims of trafficking. We can do that through our volunteer efforts to organizations like Rescue 1 Global and Rest Stop Ministries.

Saturday, February 23, about 15 to 20 volunteers from the congregation either individually or in pairs passed out human trafficking awareness flyers to businesses at risk of human trafficking. This included beauty and nail salons, massage salons, and hotels in the Hermitage, Donelson, Mount Juliet, Old Hickory and Lebanon communities. Each team or individual had the opportunity to give out flyers to 15 to 20 businesses. One of the HTMT's primary ministry goals is awareness both within the congregation and outside of it in the communities we represent and to which we minister.

February 24 during the Sunday evening worship time, Dr. Rondy Smith, the Founder and Executive Director of Rest Stop Ministries, Inc., spoke to the congregation. Rest Stop Ministries is the organization with which the HTMT is partnering in 2019. This partnership will include volunteering at different levels depending on the training and background checks one completes.

Dr. Smith also spoke at the April 2 WoM Sisters meeting and provided volunteer orientation so that those who were in attendance could volunteer with them as a group in the future at their home in Lebanon. There were 15 women at that meeting.

If you are interested in serving with the HTMT, please contact either Daniel Wilson or David Shirey.



Ladies Prayer Time

Saturday, May 18
and June 15 at 9am
in Room 100

This is a sweet time of prayer for women to pray for our church.

Coordinator:
Hallie Gipson



Ladies' Tea speaker Kay DeKalb Smith



WMU WorldCrafts at the Ladies' Tea

Ladies' Theology Night

Friday, May 17
at 6:30 p.m.
in Room 100

All ladies of the church are invited and encouraged to attend! \$25 childcare vouchers are available to offset the cost of childcare in your home if needed. Sign up in the Welcome Center. Contact Kay Bontrager with questions.



TULIPGROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH

563 Shute Lane
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2018-2019 Missions Leadership

- **Senior Pastor:**
Dr. Gerald Bontrager
- **Missions Pastor and Missions Ministry Team Coordinator:**
David Shirey
- **WMU & WoM Sisters Coordinator, Missions Newsletter Editor:**
Renee Mathis
- **WoM Celebrators Coordinator:**
Charlotte Maynard
- **Mission Friends Coordinator:**
Linda Sharp
- **Girls in Action (GA) Coordinator:**
Open Position
- **Royal Ambassador (RA) Coordinator:**
Eric Boswell
- **Youth on Mission Coordinators:**
Ryan Hayes
Jaime Breedlove
- **Women's Ministry Coordinator:**
Laurie Abel
- **Men's Ministry Coordinator:**
Ryan Hayes

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May		
2	Pregnancy Care Center Annual Banquet	6:30pm, Victory Baptist Church
5-11	Cuba Mission Trip #3	Cuba
7	WoM Sisters	6:30-8pm, Five Oaks Golf & CC
13	WoM Celebrators	10am, Room 100
15	Ladies' Craft Day	10am-3pm, Room 223
17	Men's Theology Night / Ladies' Theology Night	6:30-8pm, Youth Basement/Room 100
18	Ladies' Prayer Time	9-10am, Room 100
20	Hat Ministry	10am-2pm, Room 223
Jun		
2-5	Children's VBS	6:30-8:30pm
15	Ladies' Prayer Time	9-10am, Room 100
17	Hat Ministry	10am-2pm, Room 223
19	Ladies' Craft Day	10am-3pm, Room 223
21	Men's Theology Night	6:30-8pm, Youth Basement
23-28	Youth Choir & Missions Tour	Cincinnati
23-27	CentriKid	Campbellsville University in KY
30	Women of Joy Conference Signup Deadline	
Jul		
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