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TGBC Missions Newsletter



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"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
(Matthew 28:19-20, NASB)

Every church. Every nation.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING*
— for international missions —

Every Church. Every Nation.

It's more than a catch phrase. It's at the core of what we do. Every church – and every church member – has a critical role to play in bringing the gospel to the world. Your participation in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is a key part of that.

Your Gifts Transform Lives

Because you give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, IMB missionaries can take the gospel to unreached peoples around the world. Every dollar you give makes a difference because 100% of the money collected goes to support IMB missionaries who are making disciples and multiplying churches among unreached peoples and places around the world to reach every nation. Over 2.8 billion people have little or no access to the gospel. Together, we're changing that. In just the last year we've seen

811 people groups engaged
12,005 churches planted
46,495 new believers baptized

The Story of Lottie Moon

In the 1800s, a missionary named Lottie Moon wrote letters from China urging American churches to fund more overseas workers. After Lottie's death on the mission field, an offering was started in her name. The offering was established to empower international missions efforts for Southern Baptists.

The Week of Prayer for International Missions is December 2-9. The LMCO prayer guide will be available in our church bulletins. Our church offering goal is **\$55,000**.

*Join the work God is doing in the world.
Give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.*

For more information go to <https://www.imb.org/lottie-moon-christmas-offering>

MISSIONS PROJECTS

LOCAL/ONGOING:

Begin Anew (CWJC) Coordinator:

Renee Mathis

Dodson Elementary Coordinators:

Nancy Andrews, Eric Boswell

Human Trafficking Ministry Team:

*David Brown, Sabine Brown,
Jo Lena Corkern, Kevin Corkern,
Mary Fowler, La Rita Gillispie,
Stella Poole, David Shirey,
Sara Walker, Dan Wilson*

In His Grip Coordinator:

Joey Hickman

Love on the Homeless

Coordinators:

David & Connie Horton

Men of Valor Coordinator:

La Rita Gillispie

Pregnancy Care Center

Coordinator:

Desha Hearn

INTERNATIONAL:

Suriname

Nov 24 - Dec 4, 2018

Coordinator: David Shirey

College Missions: South Asia

Dec 31, 2018 – Jan 18, 2019

Matthew Mathis

Cuba #1

Feb 23 – Mar 2, 2019

Coordinator: Etriberto Britton

Cuba #2

Mar 16 – 22, 2019

Coordinator: Janet Darden

Cuba #3

May 5 – 11, 2019

Coordinators:

Ryan Hayes and Trevor Morris

Cuba #4

Aug 16 – 23, 2019

Coordinators:

David and Kendall Shirey

Kentucky Mission Trip

By Nancy Andrews

On October 19-21, we were able to deliver 90 blankets, hundreds of handmade hats, homemade baby blankets and bootie sets, and coats to Club 180 Ministry in Cumberland, KY. Thanks to all for your generosity to help those in need in Appalachia. The blankets and hats will be distributed on December 1, at their Joy to the World Community Christmas luncheon, which will be hosted by another church. Thanks to your generous gift there will be warm hearts in Kentucky.

Dodson Elementary

By Nancy Andrews

There are many exciting things going on at Dodson Elementary. Our Good News Club started in September, and we are averaging 12 children per week. About half of those children are unchurched. They and their families were invited to our Fall Festival event and will be invited to our Starry Night Christmas celebration. We are also averaging about 14 volunteers each week who selflessly give of their time and energy to share the gospel with these precious children.

We provided needed candy and supplies to Dodson for their annual Fall Festival in early November.

We were able to help one family, a widow with 3 small children, with a need for assistance through our Father's Heart Ministry. We are looking forward to continuing to help families in need as we are able, in hopes that we can build relationships and share the love of Christ in practical ways.

We have several church members who are reading to children throughout the school year through the Book'em Reading is Fundamental program in Metro Nashville. Readers are assigned to a class and read a story to the children. They also take books for the children to choose from, and each child takes home a book to keep for their very own. Nancy Andrews recently read a story to a group of third graders about the first Thanksgiving. They talked about what the children were thankful for, their own Thanksgiving traditions, and even how the women are in the kitchen while the men are watching football! Several of the children said they liked to help their mom cook. One little girl, however, told Nancy that she couldn't cook with her mom, because her mom lives in Mexico. She said she lives here with her dad. Through the simple act of reading a story, we can hear these stories from children who are hurting and offer comfort and prayers for them.

There are many continuing opportunities to love on these children, their families, and their teachers at Dodson. For more information, contact Nancy Andrews at nma0626@tds.net.

Pregnancy Care Center

By Lisa Cathcart

The Pregnancy Care Center is approaching its 10-year anniversary of serving our community. We would like to thank all those at TGBC who have been praying and partnering with us since the beginning, who have joined us along the way, and the congregation as a whole for your faithful support of this life-saving and life-changing work.

We are now ministering to individuals and families through an average of 73 visits per month with about 20% of those visits being first time contacts and 80% of the visits being for ongoing follow-up care through our parenting education/mentoring initiative. Our new online outreach efforts are resulting in more conversations and visits with those who are truly vulnerable and facing a difficult pregnancy decision.

We are thankful for every divine appointment and opportunity that the Lord provides for us to share truth, compassion, hope, and help. Please save the date to join us for our 10th anniversary fundraising banquet on May 2, 2019!

Love on the Homeless

By Connie Horton

If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness, and your gloom be as the noonday. (Isaiah 58:10)

The Love on the Homeless ministry began in the heart of Jeff Audrain and was shared in our Sunday school class for consideration. The Audrain, now Scott Gables, class added this ministry to our Pregnancy Care Center ministry and Room in the Inn ministry. The LOTH ministry has spread to other SS classes and is now church-wide.

Depending on weather and work schedules, we take a trip downtown about every 6-8 weeks. We collect seasonal clothes donations and snack foods to share with the homeless at the square in front of the Davidson County Library. There is a clear plastic tub in room 301 marked for donations.

Our goal is to show God's love and share the gospel. Simple! We meet at the church to carpool downtown at 10:30am in the summer months and 10am in the winter months to get there before the bus picks them up to take them to the shelter during cold weather. We are usually finished by about 12:30pm. It takes only a small amount of time, but the blessings are always big!

We mingle, help shop for clothes, pass out snack bags, talk, and pray with those that will. Almost all are very receptive. Some are already walking with the Lord. We have led three to Christ in our few years going downtown. They are always thankful and kind.

We seem to leave with the bigger blessing! We give God all the glory! Anyone is welcome to join us! To learn more about the ministry, to see pictures of past visits, and to check on scheduled dates, join our closed group on Facebook called "Love on the Homeless," or contact David or Connie Horton.

But if anyone has the world's good and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. (1 John 3:17-18)

Student Ministry: Youth on Mission

By Trevor Morris

In late August, our student ministry visited all the local fire houses and police stations to deliver baked goods. The objective was to show our appreciation and get to know them, pray with them, and invite them to our church if they do not already have a church home. The students asked them several questions that led into asking them about their faith in Christ. Pastor Chuck debriefed our students after their visits to tie in biblical truths to what they encountered.

Students are rotating every six weeks to a different area of ministry. The missional component is a 4 week video series titled "Life on Mission." The last two weeks are spent in the community demonstrating what we have learned in sharing the work of Christ in our everyday lives. We visited a local laundromat where we passed out quarters, water, and snacks. The students were able to pray and encourage several families. The next week we visited a local nursing home and spent time getting to know some of the residents and staff while sharing snacks, singing, and fellowship.

Pastor Chuck has developed a student leadership team that is currently working on sharing devotions and spending time with the men that are visiting our church through the Room in the Inn program.

2018

Missions Offerings

**Annie Armstrong Offering
for North American Missions**
Church Offering: \$20,076.25

**Mother's Day Offering
for TN Baptist Children's Homes**
Church Offering: \$9,553.67

**Father's Day Offering
for TN Baptist Adult Homes**
Church Offering: \$6,765.00

**Golden Offering
for Tennessee Missions**
Church Offering: \$11,251.00

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
for International Missions**
Our Church Goal: \$55,000



Youth delivering baked goods to local police and fire stations



Youth serving at local laundry mat



Youth visiting a local nursing home

Women's Ministry Mark Your Calendars!

January 18
Game Night
6-9pm
Youth Basement

March 23
Ladies Luncheon
Watch the bulletins for details
closer to the luncheon!

Women On Mission Sisters

By Renee Mathis

Our new WoM Sisters evening Women on Mission group is off to a great start! Our normal meeting time is the first Tuesday of each month 6:30-8pm at different women's homes with a few exceptions for projects or holidays.

September was our inaugural meeting in the youth basement. Larry and Nancy Dearth were our guest speakers to learn more about TGBC's Homebound Ministry. In October, we met at the home of Mitzi Lundy and learned about the Hats & Mats Ministry from Charlotte Maynard, Darlene Johnson, and Ann Huggins. November was our Mully Movie Night at Jennifer Wallace's house to learn more about the incredible testimony of Charles Mulli, an African orphan who was abandoned at six years of age but grew to become a self-made millionaire only to spend his fortune to answer God's call to rescue and rehabilitate over 12,000 orphans in Africa.

The December WoM Sisters meeting will be Friday, Dec. 7, at 6:30pm at the TN Baptist Children's Home in Brentwood. Amy Austin is coordinating this project to adopt a house family with six girls. Two to four women will decorate a table and provide gifts for each girl from a survey the girls completed. Amy will give her testimony about growing up in the TN Baptist Children's Home in Bartlett, TN.

The January WoM Sisters meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 3, at 6:30pm at Amy Austin's house. Janet Konig will be the guest Room in the Inn speaker. WoM Sisters will be providing a meal for RITI Monday, Jan. 28. Also in January, the next Meals for New Moms cook night is Tuesday night, Jan. 22, at the church. Amy plans to use this project as an opportunity to mentor our youth girls.

In February, we look forward to hearing from the new Begin Anew executive director, Heather Norvell.

Women on Mission is for ALL women ages 18 and up, so come join our WoM Sisters evening group or WoM Celebrators daytime group as we strive to live a missional lifestyle and join God where He is working!

Women On Mission Celebrators

By Charlotte Maynard

In September we were blessed to have Janet Konig speak to us about TGBC's Caregiving Ministry. Kathy Rodgers also gave us an update on this vital team effort. Our WoM ladies provided "goodies" and made nineteen gift bags which were later delivered to the Caregiving Ministry recipients. We received a blessing by preparing these as well as did the recipients.

Janet Darden spoke to our ladies in October and told us all about her Cuba Mission trips. It was great to witness and catch her enthusiasm about missions. What a blessing to be on mission for the Lord our God! In November, La Rita Gillispie shared about Human Trafficking, a most important issue and growing problem in today's society.

Join us December 10th in Room 100 at 10 a.m. and become a part of Women on Mission.

Hats and Mats Ministry

By Charlotte Maynard

Each month we have been blessed to have 12 in attendance coming together for some great fellowship, delicious snacks, and lots of crafting. We work on hats, scarves, baby blankets, ear warmers, dish rags, and even wooden baby hangers (done by the husband of one of our ladies).

Darlene Johnson and Ann Huggins met with the new WoM Sisters group in September and demonstrated how to make hats. In an effort to get more people involved, Phyllis McElhiney also shared with another group informing them about making mats.

We were excited to send over 300 colorful hats with Nancy Andrews for the KY mission trip in October. You have been working hard, ladies! Making hats for Love on the Homeless, Global One Response, and Dodson Elementary School students will be our focus for the coming months. Please join us and learn how to make hats of all different sizes, styles, and colors. It's simple and lots of fun. Our next meeting will be Jan. 21 10am-2pm in Room 223.

Homebound Ministry

By Charlotte Maynard

Our Homebound Ministry was blessed to have Larry & Nancy Dearth talk to WoM Sisters about sending cards to TGBC's homebound. Thanks so much, WoM Sisters, because this is a special blessing, not only for us but for the recipients of these beautiful cards.

Thanks to all our homebound team members for faithfully sending cards to those on our homebound list. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and such a blessing to these precious ladies and gentlemen. November 25 at 5pm in Room 100 will be our next meeting. We would love to have you join us.



Nashville Baptist Association Toy Store

**Shelby Avenue
Baptist Church
11th & Shelby
Monday-Thursday,
Dec. 3-6
8:30am – 3pm**

www.nashvillebaptistassociation.org

IN HIS GRIP

By Joey Hickman

We started eight small groups at golf clubs and courses this year and had over 150 men involved. We were in the Word 4915 total minutes!

Goals for 2019 are to have over 400 men involved with over 10,000 minutes in the Word!

www.inhispgrigolf.com

Mission Friends

By Linda Sharp

Mission Friends have been blessed by so many church members willing to come and share with us about their mission trips. Our little ones are learning that they can be "real live missionaries" as well by going out and telling others about Jesus. Having these people come in and talk with us face to face and bring things for us to see and touch makes it all more real for our preschoolers.

In August, Grace Gillispie shared with us about her mission trip to Japan. The children were allowed to try on a Sari and Grace showed them how she writes her name in Japanese.

In September, Jeff Gilliam shared about his most recent trip to Uganda. He brought pictures for the children to look at.

In October, Mission Friends joined the RAs and GAs as the Teodosiu family shared with us about Romania. Romania was our monthly "area of study" for October. They brought so many great things for us to see! October also provided an opportunity for preschool leaders at TGBC to attend the ETCH Family Ministry Conference in Nashville. It was a great time of worship and learning for our preschool ministry. Also in October, Andy Sutherland spoke with the children about his recent trip to Dominica.

In November, we are looking forward to hearing about Judy Ester's trip to Israel and Kim Capps will share with us about the Macau mission trip. We will also be making our second set of place mats for the Room in the Inn dinners. We are excited to be a part of this church ministry again this year.

Room in the Inn

By Janet Konig

The Room in the Inn (RITI) ministry began its 2018-19 winter season Monday, Nov. 5. We had 29 volunteers that gave over 101 volunteer hours. We are so excited to once again begin hosting some of the homeless of Nashville.

It is a blessing and privilege to serve those less fortunate, for when we do, we know that God's Word says "We have done it unto Him". It's all about being about the Lord's work right here at home.

Our youth are very involved with RITI this year in sharing during the devotional time. We are so proud of them and so appreciative of Pastor Chuck's leadership. Our children again are involved in preparing lunch bags and placemats for our meals. Tulip Grove from the youngest to the most senior make this ministry possible. You are truly a blessing to these men, but the greatest blessing comes back to each of you for sharing your love.



Grace Gillispie - Japan



Jeff Gilliam - Uganda



Teodosiu Family - Romania



Andy Sutherland - Dominica

WorldCrafts



WorldCrafts is a ministry of WMU that enables missionaries to develop sustainable, fair-trade businesses among impoverished people around the world and allows missionaries to go into areas that they may not otherwise be allowed to go to share the gospel of Christ. Their vision is to offer an income with dignity and the hope of everlasting life to every person on earth.

TGBC has hosted three WorldCrafts benefits for Begin Anew of Middle Tennessee since August with Begin Anew receiving 20% of our sales. The August benefit during our Ladies Mini-Retreat provided \$438.63 for Begin Anew, and our October benefit during the Ladies Fall Retreat will produce over \$500 for Begin Anew! Begin Anew has expressed how thankful they are for Tulip Grove and how much they appreciate our benefits for them.

You can purchase WorldCrafts items online at www.worldcrafts.org, and through Nov. 30 you can use code TGNOV for 20% to benefit Begin Anew. Our next WorldCrafts Begin Anew Benefit will be in the spring after the new spring/summer WorldCrafts items are available. For more information, contact Renee Mathis.



WMU WorldCrafts online purchases through 11/30 benefit Begin Anew of Middle TN with code TGNOV at www.worldcrafts.org!



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Trevor Morris

Women's Ministry Coordinator:

Laurie Abel

Men's Ministry Coordinator:

Ryan Hayes

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>Dec</i>		
2	International Leadership Coalition Guest Speaker Fady Al-Hagal	6pm, Sanctuary
2-9	Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	
3-6	NBA Toy Store	Shelby Ave Baptist Church
7	WoM Sisters	TN Baptist Children's Home Brentwood
10	WoM Celebrators	10am, Room 100
16	Men's Ministry Family Christmas B'fast	8:45am, CLC
<i>Jan</i>		
12/31-1/18	College Mission Trip to South Asia	South Asia
3	WoM Sisters	6:30-8pm, Amy Austin's home
14	WoM Celebrators	10am, Room 100
21	Hats & Mats Ministry	10am-2pm, Room 223
16	Ladies' Craft Day	10am-3pm, Room 220
18	Women's Ministry Game Night	6-9pm, Youth Basement
22	WoM Meals for New Moms Cook Night	6:30pm, Kitchen
27	Men's Ministry Breakfast	7:15am, CLC
28	WoM Sisters serving RITI meal	6pm, CLC
<i>Feb</i>		
5	WoM Sisters	6:30-8pm, TBD
11	WoM Celebrators	10am, Room 100
18	Hats & Mats Ministry	10am-2pm, Room 223
20	Ladies' Craft Day	10am-3pm, Room 220
24	Men's Ministry Breakfast	7:15am, CLC
2/28-3/7	Cuba Mission Trip #1	Cuba