

# HEART for the KINGDOM

TGBC Missions Newsletter



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**2020-21 TENNESSEE MISSIONS EMPHASIS**

*See & Tell TENNESSEE*

*'Return home and tell how much God has done for you.' Luke 8:39a*

GoldenOffering.org

## ANY WAY YOU SLICE IT, TENNESSEE IS A MISSION FIELD!

Tennessee IS a mission field! The Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions is our way to work together to #WinTN. Every dollar you give through the Golden Offering helps to plant churches show compassion, minister to the hurting and evangelize our state.

### Why the need for TN Missions?

- **6.94 million** people living in TN
- **4 million** spiritually lost people
- **350,000 unchurched** college students
- **850,000 people** of immigrant or refugee backgrounds
- **12th in overdose deaths** in the nation
- **10th highest divorce rate** in the United States
- **15% of Tennesseans** live below the poverty line.
- **9 out of 10 children** born after 9/11 will not accept Christ in their lifetime if current trends continue.
- **94 out of 95 TN counties** have double-digit poverty rates.
- **31 counties** have a poverty rate over 20%.
- **80% of the population** of most counties will not worship in any church this Sunday.

### What is GOTM?

- **Golden Offering for TN Missions** initiated by W.C. and Mildred Golden in 1902 who challenged TN Baptists to pray for and give to missions within the state
- **24 BCMs** on TN campuses ministering to 350,000 students
- **Disaster Relief** responding to multiple state, national and international disasters each year
- **A child coming to Christ** through Journey Camps
- **Meeting human needs** through Compassions Ministries
- **Teaching English** to someone from another country and sharing Jesus with them in the process
- **Church planting** across TN where there is no gospel witness.

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**GOTM 2020-21 Goal:**  
**\$1,800,000**

Our Church Goal: \$ 8,000

GoldenOffering.org

**The Week of Prayer for TN State Missions is September 13-20.** Look for your GOTM prayer guide in this newsletter. Give your GOTM offering online through TGBC's web site or specify GOTM on your offering envelope and place it in the offering boxes at church.



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## 2020-21 TENNESSEE MISSIONS EMPHASIS

### TENNESSEE: MY MISSION FIELD

Tennessee Baptists contributing through the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions continue to provide invaluable financial support for Tennessee ministries.

Today the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions is meeting human needs through Compassion Ministries, restoring communities after a storm through Disaster Relief, sharing the hope of Christ on college campuses through Baptist Collegiate Ministries, reaching the spiritually lost in Tennessee through evangelistic events, and so much more. Pray about how you can reach, connect, and give to state missions through the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions.



### A Calm After the Storm

"Because people give through the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions" said TBDR Volunteer Gene Cole, "We are able to respond on the scene to help people and show them the love of Jesus. The people giving are helping just as much as we. Because they gave, Tennessee Disaster Relief is able to help in these times of great need."

### One Ministry, Hundreds of Stories

A decade of names rolls off Stacy Murphree's tongue as effortlessly as if she were reading them from a list. Hundreds of students have come through the Austin Peay State University Baptist Collegiate Ministry during the 10 years Murphree has been the BCM minister, and every one of them is someone in whom Murphree has invested heart and soul. "I can see their faces," she said. "And every one of them is a testimony to what God has done through collegiate ministry."

Tennessee Baptists support 22 BCM ministries on campuses across the state potentially reaching 350,000 young adults with the gospel.



### 2020-21 GOTM MINISTRY ALLOCATIONS

#### Tennessee Baptist Mission Board Ministries

- I Stand for Life Initiative .....\$50,000
- Evangelism and Baptism Objective .....\$120,000
- Church Revitalization Objective .....\$105,000
- New Churches Objective .....\$480,000
- Church & Association Services .....\$315,000
- Minister Engagement .....\$15,000
- Baptist Collegiate Ministries .....\$250,000
- GOTM Promotion & Development .....\$80,000

**Tennessee WMU Ministries .....\$105,000**

**Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes: Special Friends Camp .....\$100,000**

**Associational Ministries (10% of receipts) .....\$180,000**

**2020-21 GOTM Goal .....\$1,800,000**



## Week of Prayer for Tennessee Missions

The Week of Prayer for Tennessee Missions is a concentrated time of prayer for Tennessee Baptists which coincides with the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions. The Golden Offering is collected all year with a special emphasis during this week. As we come together and enter this time of prayer for all that God is doing in Tennessee, pray for the spiritually lost, the many needs across our state, and the numerous Tennessee Baptist Mission Board ministries which seek to reach Tennessee for Christ.

### SUNDAY: SEE & TELL TENNESSEE

***“Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” Luke 8:39a***

Any way you slice it, Tennessee is a Mission Field! Pray Tennessee Baptists will see the needs across the state and in their communities, and that they will share the hope of Christ telling what He has done for them.

### MONDAY: DISASTER RELIEF

***“Yet does not one in a heap of ruins stretch out his hand and in his disaster cry for help?” Job 30:24***

- Pray that Tennessee Disaster Relief volunteers will boldly, clearly, and lovingly share the Gospel with those they meet and serve.
- Pray for the health, safety, and stamina of volunteers as they serve and share Christ with those affected by a disaster.
- Pray that a new generation will hear God’s call to get involved in volunteering through Disaster Relief.

### TUESDAY: NEW CHURCHES

***“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people... This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”***

***1 Timothy 2:1,3-4***

- Pray for Harvest Field Training Centers that are training pastors, lay leaders, and church planters in theological preparation, church organization, and church planting.
- Pray for new church plants to grow, mature, and raise up new leaders to plant new congregations.
- Pray for new church plants and church planters to discover creative ways to connect, gather, to reach lost and unchurched people in Tennessee in a post COVID-19 world.

### WEDNESDAY: BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRIES

***“Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who taught you.” 2 Timothy 3:14***

- Pray for undergraduate small group leaders who are leading hundreds of groups to disciple and reach college students across Tennessee.
- Pray for BCM campus ministers, who are redesigning complex ministries to accommodate the changes brought to university life by Covid-19.

### THURSDAY: CHURCH REVITALIZATION

***“But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.” 2 Chronicles 15:7***

- Pray for pastors and wives battling discouragement.
- Pray for churches attempting to rebuild attendance during COVID-19 suspended or restricted public worship.
- Pray for evangelism and community ministry efforts hindered by social distancing restrictions.

### FRIDAY: COMPASSION MINISTRIES

***“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those of the household of faith.” Galatians 6:9-10***

- Pray for churches and ministry centers that are providing food and medical services.
- Pray for churches that are ministering to and sharing the gospel with those struggling with addictions, those who are incarcerated, and the bereaved who have lost loved ones from COVID-19.

### SATURDAY: ASSOCIATIONAL MINISTRIES

***“Besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.” 2 Corinthians 11:28***

- Pray for Associational Mission Strategists/Directors of Missions as they continue to minister to the churches of their associations.
- Pray for unity and harmony among the churches in your association.
- Pray for a harvest of souls through the churches in your association.

### SUNDAY: SEE & TELL TENNESSEE

***“Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” Luke 8:39a***

Millions living in Tennessee remain spiritually lost and face significant needs. Ask the Lord to help you see beyond your house, your church, and your community. Pray for opportunities and boldness to share the gospel and be prepared to tell your story of what God has done in your life.

For more information go to:  
**WWW.GOLDENOFFERING.ORG**

To request promotional material, contact Tennessee Woman’s Missionary Union:  
**800-558-2090 extension 7923 or 615-371-7923.**

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## MISSIONS PROJECTS

## In His Grip

By Joey Hickman

We are currently well ahead of the pace set in 2019 to see men in the Word daily. We are now at **108,000 minutes in the Word** in our Bible studies, and last year we totaled 116,000!

We currently have **four virtual life groups** going. One of those includes men from all over the USA, one in Puerto Rico, one in Australia and one in Ethiopia. The gentleman in Puerto Rico has begun a life group there with 25 men! We have eight face-to-face life groups meeting in and around greater Nashville, and plans are shaping up to begin in Athens, Alabama and Chattanooga, TN soon!

We have hosted the **In His Grip/Honors & Council Fire Pro-Am** as well as the 2nd Annual **In His Grip Memorial Classic** in August and will be hosting the 3rd Annual **TopGolf Celebrity Pro-Am** September 15.

## Room in the Inn

By David and Janet Konig

After giving consideration to all the health issues our society has been going through this year, and with consideration for the health of our church family as well as the guests we would serve, the **Room in the Inn Ministry will not be providing services for this upcoming season, November 2020 through March 2021.** It is our prayer and desire that we can resume our services in November of 2021.

Please pray for The Room in the Inn in Nashville as they carry on with their service to these men and women during this period of time. Pray for healing and health in our land.

## Let's Learn English Together

By Carmen McCreary

This coming September, we are available for English classes while implementing security measures in place to protect both our teachers and students. We are excited to be back and share with our students the love of Christ! Our small classes provide one-on-one attention from our volunteer teachers, and it also aids our community to have multiple levels available to our students.

We are very excited for TGBC to be part of this ministry. **Fall Semester starts September 9 through the first week of December.** Please pray for continued student success and attendance.

**To be a part of this ever-growing ESL family, please contact Carmen McCreary (carmen@esltulipgrove.org) to see how we can plug you in.**

### LOCAL/ONGOING

*Begin Anew*  
Renee Mathis

*Dodson Elementary*  
Nancy Andrews & Eric Boswell

*Human Trafficking Ministry Team*  
Dan Wilson

*In His Grip*  
Joey Hickman

*Let's Learn English Together (ESL)*  
Carmen McCreary

*Pregnancy Care Center*  
Desha Hearn

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*For more information about TGBC's missions projects, contact our Spiritual Formation Pastor David Shirey*

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*Pray that TGBC will be able to have Good News Club at some point this year at Dodson Elementary and that we will have opportunities to meet the needs of students and their families during this challenging time.*



*Southern BBQ appreciation meal for ESL students and their families!*

## Craft Ministry

By Charlotte Maynard

PRAISE THE LORD for these ladies during this crazy time in our lives. While "stuck at home" these ladies' hard-working hands and nimble fingers have produced LOTS of hats and lap blankets for the **Veterans** and **Sarah Cannon Cancer Center. Esther's Closet**, an Appalachian Ministry, is being blessed with over 50 baby blankets and baby hats to be distributed in November at a huge baby shower in that area.

We want to welcome Dick Gilmore who has expressed an interest in our Craft Ministry. He has a wonderful wood-working talent, and we were all anxious to see his "treasures" at our August meeting. I know the Veterans will be so excited to receive some of the items from his handiwork. Our **Veteran's Hospital** contact, Reggie, has been so thrilled over our donations that he plans to add a story and pictures to the VA Facebook page.

A big thank you to Kathy Fields whose friend Aramis passed away and left a **large yarn donation** to the Craft Ministry from her household. It was such a huge blessing!

Our Craft Ministry has been able to meet this summer in the gym with social distancing and masks and have enjoyed the fellowship as we encouraged each other with our projects and news of families and friends. **Please come join us the third Monday of each month 10am-2pm in Room 223.**

## Homebound Ministry

By Charlotte Maynard

The Homebound Ministry has not met in person since the COVID restrictions. However, that does not mean we have not been busy.

Even though we have not been allowed to make visits, our team has been diligent to **call our homebound members** and check on them and to see if there are any needs or prayer requests. **Lots of cards have also been mailed** to them to brighten their days and send them some cheer. We hope to resume our meetings soon, so watch the church e-newsletter for updates.

## Pregnancy Care Center

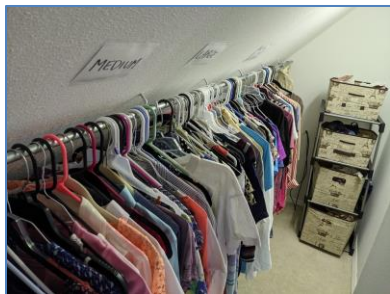
During these times of uncertainty, the PCC has implemented creative ways to reach and serve those in need of our services. While being diligent in their responsibility to care for the safety of their team, their clients, and community, they have found meaningful ways for ministry through new and varied means such as **In-Person Pregnancy Tests/Counseling, Curbside Material Assistance, and Virtual Parenting Lessons.**

The Pregnancy Care Center invites you to join them for **Life Stream**, a live-streaming fundraising event to support the life-saving and life-changing work. **October 1 at 7pm**, PCC will be streaming a video about their work, insight into real client stories, and how you can champion this effort. Just go to [pregnancycentertrn.com/lifestream/](http://pregnancycentertrn.com/lifestream/).

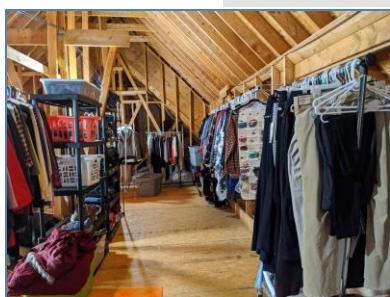


## Women on Mission Sisters

By Renee Mathis



WoM Sisters  
Rest Stop  
Ministries  
Summer Mission  
Projects



Our WoM Sisters meetings were a challenge this spring due to the weather and COVID-19 restrictions. We were not able to have our March WoM Sisters meeting because of the March tornado. We did not meet in person in April due to COVID-19 concerns, but we did meet virtually using Zoom, and Nancy Andrews shared about TGBC's work with the Good News Club and Father's Heart Ministry at Dodson Elementary. We also did not have our year-end meeting in person as planned in May, but we once again met using Zoom to share prayer concerns.

WoM Sisters did a couple of mission projects at **Rest Stop Ministries** over the summer. A couple of our ladies helped organize the RSM Clothing Closet June 9 to switch out their fall/winter clothing for spring/summer and to hang new clothing donations. We worked with three of the RSM residents June 20 to teach them how to make strawberry freezer preserves. The RSM ladies are always so grateful!

**WoM Sisters plan to have our first meeting of the new church year Tuesday, Oct. 6, 6:30-8pm at Renee Mathis' house.** Our speaker, Errica Johnson, will share about her experience with her now college-age daughter surviving childhood cancer in middle school. She will also help us make a fun 'welcome back' project to kick off the new church year. Please RSVP to Renee by Sunday, Oct. 4.

Women on Mission is for all women 18 and up. **Join us the first Tuesday night each month 6:30-8pm** as WoM Sisters create multigenerational bonds where doing life together for His kingdom is our desire as we live out His mission!

## Women on Mission Daughters of the King

By Charlotte Maynard

Always on mission for the Lord whether or not we meet in person, our Daughters of the King eagerly await our next meeting which will prayerfully be the **second Monday in October**. Each month we evaluate the current situation and make a decision about whether we should meet.

Each of us has God-given talents, and we have been contacting each other and providing some much needed uplifting words to keep us strong in the Lord until we meet again in person. Be sure to watch the church e-newsletter for news about our October meeting. Until then, look for those "God-moments" when the Lord is leading you on a special mission for Him.

## Women's Ministry

By Renee Mathis

TGBC's Women's Ministry coordinates Theology Night for women and the Ladies Prayer Time. They have not been able to meet over the spring and summer due to COVID-19 restrictions but were able to meet for the first **Ladies Prayer Time** for the new church year Saturday, August 22, to pray together for our church and staff.



November 12-13  
Virtual Event

[lifeway.com/en/events/womens-leadership-forum](https://lifeway.com/en/events/womens-leadership-forum)

# Mission Friends

By Linda Sharp

**Missions Friends will resume September 9**, with a slight time change. We will be meeting from **6:00-7:00 p.m.** This time may be adjusted later in the year, if and when preschool choir resumes. Children ages 3-5 may join us for Mission Friends. Our teachers this year are Kathy Burgess and Jane Scott.

In September we will learn about Missionary Kay Bennett from New Orleans, Louisiana. She is the director at **Baptist Friendship House**.

In October we will learn about special workers Jim and Stacy Landry. They work for **Send Relief** which is a Southern Baptist disaster relief and community development organization in Asia.

In November we will learn about Roy and Cassandra Garza, **church planters** in California.

# Girls in Action (GAs)

By Donna Davis

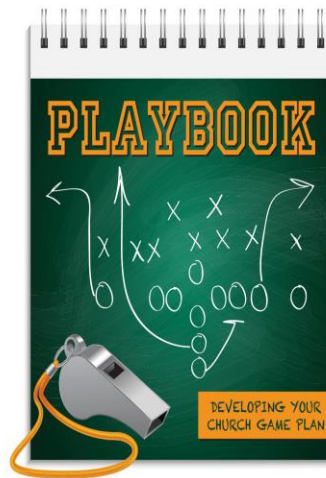
It's that time again! **We are back to Girls in Action Wednesday, September 9.** Our times are a little different this year. Our meeting will be **6:30 until 7:00 each Wednesday.** We know that is only 30 minutes, but God can do a lot in a little time. Isabel Britton, Kathy Wantland, Robbie Boswell, and Donna Davis will be there to greet you and take you on exciting adventures with missionaries.

In September get ready to meet Kay Bennett at **Friendship House** in New Orleans. Mrs. Robbie can tell you some special things about Friendship House since her sister was a missionary there. Also, Mrs. Isabel will be filling us in on the **Golden State Mission Offering** and what we as GAs can do to help.

In October we will meet Jim and Stacy Landry, missionaries in Asia. We will be talking about **Global Hunger** and how you as young girls can take part in providing food to the hungry.

In November, our focus will be Roy and Cassandra Garza in California. You will learn about the **"Praetorian Project"**. That's a really big word so be sure to be present to find out what this is.

Girls, we want to be relentless (unstoppable) like the ant in our study about Jesus and our missionaries. **Join us in room 309 immediately after music.** Hurry!



Does your playbook incorporate proven principles, strategies and "plays" that will lead to seeing people Saved, Baptized and set on the road to Discipleship? Discover how to develop a winning game plan for your group and Discipleship ministries.

Breakouts will include conferences for Pastors, Discipleship Leaders, Sunday School Directors, Small Group Leaders, Preschool, Children, Youth and Adult teachers and leaders, Hispanic Leaders, Special Needs Leaders and WMU leaders (Baptist Women, Acteens, Girls in Action and Mission Friends).

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2020 ZOOM Video Conference

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Central)   Cost: \$5	
8:30-8:50	Opening Session
9:00-10:00	Session 1
10:15-11:15	Session 2
11:30-12:30	Session 3

For more information and to register please visit [www.tbaptist.org/missions-ministries/sunday-school](http://www.tbaptist.org/missions-ministries/sunday-school)

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Tennessee Baptist Churches giving through the Cooperative Program and the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions make TBMB ministries possible.

## 2020 Missions Offerings

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions**  
Church Offering: \$11,004

**Mother's Day Offering for TN Baptist Children's Homes**  
Church Offering: \$2,770

**Father's Day Offering for TN Baptist Adult Homes**  
Church Offering: \$3,411

**Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions**  
State Offering Goal: \$1,800,000  
Our Church Goal: \$8,000

**2020-2021 Missions Leadership**

- **Senior Pastor:**  
Dr. Gerald Bontrager
- **Spiritual Formation Pastor and Missions Ministry Team Coordinator:**  
David Shirey
- **WMU & WoM Sisters Coordinator, Missions Newsletter Editor:**  
Renee Mathis
- **WoM Daughters of the King Coordinator:**  
Charlotte Maynard
- **Mission Friends Coordinator:**  
Linda Sharp
- **Girls in Action (GA) Coordinator:**  
Donna Davis
- **Royal Ambassador (RA) Coordinator:**  
Ryan Hayes
- **Youth on Mission Coordinator:**  
Phil Lundy
- **Women’s Ministry Co-coordinators:**  
Hallie Gipson  
Hannah Clark
- **Men’s Ministry Coordinator:**  
Ryan Hayes

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>Aug</b>		
29	Playbook TBMB Discipleship Conference	8am-12:30pm, Online Conference
<b>Sep</b>		
9	Mission Friends, RAs and GAs resume	
13-20	Week of Prayer for Tennessee Missions and Golden Offering for TN Missions	
21	Craft Ministry	10am–2pm, Room 223
<b>Oct</b>		
6	WoM Sisters Meeting	6:30-8pm, Renee Mathis’ house
12	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10am, Location TBD
19	Craft Ministry	10am–2pm, Room 223
<b>Nov</b>		
3	WoM Sisters Meeting	6:30-8pm, Janice LaRoy’s house
9	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10am, Location TBD
12-13	Lifeway Women’s Leadership Forum	Long Hollow Baptist Church/Virtual
16	Craft Ministry	10am–2pm, Room 223
11/29-12/6	Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	