

# HEART for the KINGDOM

TGBC Missions Newsletter



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## 2021 Missions Offerings

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions**  
*Church Offering: \$15,176.10*

**Mother's Day Offering for TN Baptist Children's Homes**  
*Church Offering: \$9,005*

**Father's Day Offering for TN Baptist Adult Homes**  
*Church Offering: \$6,995*

**Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions**  
*State Offering Goal: \$2,100,000*  
*Our Church Goal: \$9,000*

## 2021-2022 TENNESSEE MISSIONS EMPHASIS



**"JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER."  
HEBREWS 13:8**

### What is the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions?



24 BCMs serving over 350,000 students on TN university campuses



Disaster Relief responding to multiple state, national and international disasters each year.



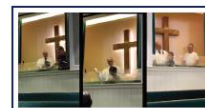
A child coming to Christ through Journey Camps.



Meeting human needs through Compassion Ministries.



English being taught to someone from another country and sharing Jesus with them in the process.



Church planting across Tennessee where there is no gospel witness.



### Why the need for Tennessee Missions?

*Tennessee is OUR mission field!*

- 4 million unchurched, spiritually lost people in Tennessee
- If current trends continue, 9 out of 10 children born after 9/11 will not accept Christ in their lifetime.
- 89 out of 95 counties in Tennessee have double digit poverty rates.
- 19 counties have a poverty rate over 20%.
- Approximately 80% of the population of most counties will not worship in any church this Sunday.

### History of GOTM

In 1902, W.C. and Mildred Golden challenged Tennessee Baptists to pray for and give to missions within the state and initiated the offering. In 1943 the state missions offering was named after the Golden.

### The Week of Prayer for TN State Missions is September 12-19.

The GOTM prayer guide is on page 2 of 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.



## Week of Prayer for Tennessee Missions – Sept. 12-19, 2021

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. The theme for this year is “*Same Jesus. Sharing Hope & Truth.*” As we join together in prayer for all that God is doing in Tennessee, take time to sit alone before the Lord. Pray for the spiritually lost, the many needs across our state, and the numerous Tennessee Baptist Mission Board ministries that share the hope and truth of the gospel as we seek to reach Tennessee for Christ.

### Day 1: Evangelism and Discipleship

- Millions in Tennessee remain spiritually lost and face significant needs. Pray for opportunities and boldness to share the hope and truth of the gospel.
- Ask the Lord to show you one person he has placed in your life with whom you can share Jesus.

### Day 2: Church Revitalization

- Tennessee Baptists giving through the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions help support church revitalization strategies through the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board.

### Day 3: New Churches

- Pray for new church plants and church planters as well as the mother churches who are working together with the purpose to share the hope of Jesus in areas of Tennessee that are underserved and under reached with the Gospel.
- Ask God to do a new thing among the 142 different ethnic groups that call Tennessee home. Many are seeking security, peace and a better future for themselves and their families. Pray for new ethnic churches to be planted among them to share the same Jesus and same truth that transcends culture and language.
- Pray for new church plants to build strong connections in order to work together in purpose to see that Tennessee is OUR mission field.
- Pray for a pipeline of at least 100 mother churches to be trained and ready to plant a new church for the Glory of God.

### Day 4: Disaster Relief

- Pray the Holy Spirit will prepare the hearts of those served by Disaster Relief volunteers as they are offered help with physical needs after the disaster, hope that is found in a personal relationship with Christ as Savior, and healing from the event and most importantly the healing from sin that a personal relationship with Christ offers.
- Pray that God will continue to do new things as we seek to involve more working adults and younger adults in bringing help, hope and healing to those affected by a disaster.
- Praise God for the provision He has made to allow Tennessee Baptists to meet the needs of those we serve through Disaster Relief. Pray that we will always be good stewards of all He has provided.

### Day 5: Baptist Collegiate Ministries

- Pray for Collegiate Ministers as they work to restart ministries that may have struggled because of Covid19 during the previous three semesters. We anticipate a season of rising hope. (Eph. 1:18)
- Pray for spiritual direction as Tennessee Baptist Collegiate Ministries strive to be essential citizens of university communities, influencing and transforming for the Gospel.

### Day 6: Tennessee WMU Ministries

- Pray that missions discipleship leaders will be relentless in their pursuit of Christ and faithful in encouraging and equipping preschoolers, children, students, and adults to engage in missions learning and involvement that enables them to fulfill the Great Commission.
- Pray that WMU scholarship recipients will be a light on their university campuses and that they will boldly share the gospel with others.
- Pray for Christian Women’s/Men’s Job Corps instructors and volunteers as they minister to participants in jails, prisons, and classrooms. Pray that the words of their mouths will be pleasing to the Lord as they share the hope and truth of the gospel.

### Day 7: Associational Ministries

- Pray for the new Associational Mission Strategists/Directors of Missions who have started their ministry in the last 12 months.
- Pray for the associations who are currently searching for their next AMS/DOM.
- Pray for a harvest of souls through the churches in your association.

### Day 8: Compassion Ministries

- Pray for churches ministering to children and teachers through school partnerships.
- Pray for churches that are sharing the gospel and ministering to emotional needs through divorce care, grief share and other special ministries.

See <https://goldenoffering.org/week-of-prayer/> for more detailed information and videos for these prayer requests.

# BROOKS HOUSE

Brooks House is a Tennessee Baptist Adult Home (TBAH) for eight women who have intellectual disabilities. It is located in the quiet Lake Park subdivision in Hermitage. Founded by an organization known as Baptist Homes for Exceptional Persons (BHEP), it was the third home to be given to TBAH by BHEP, in 1999.

Brooks House houseparent Matt Ford was our guest speaker for the Father's Day Offering for TN Baptist Adult Homes. He and his wife Alli have been at Brooks House since February with their three preschool boys. A list of items needed by Brooks House was shared with our congregation, and our members showered them with everything from toilet paper, paper towels, and toiletry items to puzzles, games, fishing magazines, and Beatles items. They were SO excited and grateful!

The Lord then led TGBC to provide several other needs for Brooks House. Pastor Gerald learned that their stove, microwave, and dishwasher had recently stopped working. The church provided funds to replace them right before Brooks House was audited and would have been 'docked' for the broken appliances. Talk about God's perfect timing!

Matt has been doing several repair/remodel projects at Brooks House since he arrived, and Pastor asked Dan Gant to determine how the church can help with those needs.

Our Women on Mission groups have planned several Dinner/Lunch & Game Times with the Brooks House ladies this church year. (See schedule on the right.) **Let Renee Mathis know if you want to join us on any of these dates!** You will receive a huge blessing! Our Craft Ministry also has plans to involve the ladies in making crafts.

Matt and Alli have been bringing the Brooks House ladies to our Wednesday night meals and Bible studies. This not only provides an opportunity for Bible study for them but also for much-needed fellowship! These ladies are so sweet and friendly. If you see them at church, be sure to make them feel at home!



Date	Time	Women on Mission Daughters of the King (daytime WoM group)	Women on Mission Sisters (evening WoM group)
Thu Sep 16	5:30-8PM		Dinner & Game/Movie/Craft/Puzzle Night
Tue Oct 5	6:30-8PM		Brooks House speaking at WoM Sisters meeting; Youth Basement
Mon Oct 11	10AM-1PM	Brooks Houses speaking at WoM Daughters of the King meeting; Room 100	
Thu Nov 18	5:30-8PM		Dinner & Game/Movie/Craft/Puzzle Night
Thu Dec 9	11AM-1PM	Lunch & Game/Movie/Craft/Puzzle Time	
Tue Jan 18	5:30-8PM		Dinner & Game/Movie/Craft/Puzzle Night
Thu Feb 17	11AM-1PM	Lunch & Game/Movie/Craft/Puzzle Time	
Thu Mar 17	5:30-8PM		Dinner & Game/Movie/Craft/Puzzle Night
Thu Apr 14	11AM-1PM	Lunch & Game/Movie/Craft/Puzzle Time	

*Amazon Wish Lists for Brooks House and for each of the Brooks House ladies can be found at the following link:  
[www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/26O2R0X3UFYMP?ref=wl\\_share](http://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/26O2R0X3UFYMP?ref=wl_share)*

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## MISSIONS PROJECTS

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### 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*

*For more information about TGBC's missions projects, contact our church office.*

## Room in the Inn

*By David and Janet Konig*

Room in the Inn is in pre-planning stages for the Winter Shelter Program. Once again, we face challenges of COVID and volunteer help during COVID outbreaks. We are hopeful that during January and February we can participate. We have a couple of options this season which we are excited about. We would be a host for these men here in our CLC as usual and in talking with the coordinators at RITI downtown, we could also choose nights to host the men at the downtown campus. Both options have their challenges, but as time passes, we feel God will show us the best path to take.

Please pray for this important ministry of our church and a clear understanding of how God would have us to proceed. **If you have a desire to be a part of serving the homeless population, contact David or Janet for ways to help.**

## Dodson Elementary

*By Eric Boswell and Nancy Andrews*

While we have not been able to resume Good News Club at Dodson Elementary due to the current COVID-19 protocols, our church has continued to minister to the school by **providing 72 backpacks** filled with supplies for the 2021-2022 school year.

Our **Family VBS Mission Project** this summer also put together encouragement gifts for the teachers and staff of Dodson Elementary. The gifts included cards from the families letting the teachers and staff know we are praying for their school year as well as school supplies, candy, and a Sonic gift card. Tiffany Curtis, principal of Dodson Elementary, said the teachers were very touched by these gifts.

## Let's Learn English Together

*By Carmen McCreary*

**We are so excited this semester as we started with 15 new students with 18 returning students.** We are thrilled to have the ability to do online classes to expand our class offerings and to keep our classes moving forward with a 2-hour class. We currently have one dedicated teacher from our neighboring United Methodist church. Amanda has impacted our community for over 8 years!

We still have lots of online opportunities on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings as well as Sunday afternoons to teach. You only need to speak English and teach from the comfort of your home. We need passionate people like you to keep this outreach going. We are uncertain if we can continue fall of 2022 with two volunteers.

Currently, if we eliminate online classes, we will have to turn away half of our students and transfer them to neighboring ESL programs like Hermitage Hills and Begin Anew who also have great programs. The online classes have been an option due to the lack of Wednesday night volunteers.

With all that is happening now in our country, the number of students will continue to double or even triple every year. As newcomers, our non-English speaking neighbors are not only excited, but want to learn how to communicate and share their thoughts in our country more than ever.

If you are interested in shadowing or co-teaching with Carmen, she would love to have you teach everyday English. Materials are provided, and no prep is needed for classes because the books guide you through the lessons. Contact Carmen at [carmen@esltulipgrove.org](mailto:carmen@esltulipgrove.org).



*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.*



*"Hi!" Here is our Wednesday night ESL Intro Class that has 10 students, and we also have an online class that has 5 students. It has been a while since we've had such large classes!*

## Craft Ministry

By Charlotte Maynard

God continues to bless our little group of ladies because it is growing. We are happy to welcome Janice LaRoy and her sister, Trish, Doris Garrison, Cecilia Meador, Carole Flood, Jyl and Cora Jones, and Vickie.

Cora learned how to make a hat and was so excited. She finished one, went to Hobby Lobby with her mom and bought her own "loom set", and has already finished another. Our own Mother's Day Out at Tulip Grove requested 10 **weighted blankets** for their classes. A special thanks to Carole for finding a "great deal" on the poly beads for us to complete our project. A special thanks also to ALL our ladies who are always finding "great deals" on yarn and material for our group.

Our projects vary from month to month. Since summer, our **hats** and **scarves** have been stored in preparation for ministry needs in the winter. **Lap blankets, cancer caps, heart shaped pillows, and drain pouches** are continually being made for the cancer patients at Sarah Cannon and the Veterans. Currently we are working on **jump ropes** to put in the Christmas Shoeboxes that will be filled in November. If you have slightly used t-shirts, we can use those. Just bring them to the church office and leave them for us.

**Please join us on the third Monday of each month in Room 223.** You can drop in any time between 10am-2pm. We can teach you, or you can bring your own project to work on. Watch for announcements in the bulletin.



Knitting with Looms



T-shirt braided jump ropes

## Homebound Ministry

By Charlotte Maynard

We welcome Amelia Green to our Homebound Team. We are glad to have you on board!

Our team meets quarterly to go over all the updates of those on our list. In the meantime, updates are given by email as we call, visit, and send cards to those on our list. A special thanks to Barbara Helton who sends out our list by email after each meeting. Our little group is small, but it is a **mighty** ministry as we reach out to those who are "stuck" at home or are in the nursing homes, assisted living, or live at home by themselves and are not able to get out.

We would love to have you join us. Cards, stamps, and a list of our Homebound members are provided. We send cards to the Homebound of the week in the bulletin and to those who are listed as in the hospital, recovering at home, etc. We encourage phone calls to those on the list along with visits when possible.

## Pregnancy Care Center

By Lisa Cathcart, PCC Executive Director

The PCC is thankful to be celebrating **12 years** of service to our community! In this time, we have ministered to over **2,360 individuals** through over **9,000 visits!** Mothers served by the PCC have **chosen life** and given birth to **720** precious Image bearers of our God (*Statistics YTD 8/2/2021!*)

We are so thankful for the faithful partnership in ministry that we have had with TGBC since the Center's inception! Because we know that you have a heart for this life-saving and life-changing ministry, **we would like to personally invite you to join us at our upcoming annual fundraising banquet taking place on Thursday, September 30!** We also invite you to prayerfully consider partnering with us in the unique role of TABLE HOST at this year's event. Registration is required, you can register to attend and/or serve as a table host online at [www.PregnancyCareCenterTN.com/banquet](http://www.PregnancyCareCenterTN.com/banquet), or by calling the office at 615-773-4673. If you have questions about the event or the role of table host, please feel free to get in touch. We are so excited to get together this year to reflect on and celebrate all that God is doing through this work and we can't wait to share with you how God is leading us into new areas of growth!



**\*NEW BANQUET VENU\***

(With generous spacing between tables.)

**Farm Bureau  
Expo Center  
945 East Baddour  
Parkway  
Lebanon, TN 37087**

**Seating begins  
at 6:00pm  
Dinner and Program  
at 6:30pm**

*Reservations required.  
Business/Sunday attire.  
Adults only, please.*

## Women on Mission Sisters

By Renee Mathis

WoM Sisters have been active this summer with our **Acts 2:42 summer mission project** to fellowship with women in our church who have not been able to be at church in several months. In July, we also had brunch at **Thistle Farms**, a nonprofit social enterprise dedicated to helping women survivors recover and heal from prostitution, trafficking, and addiction. We had our first Dinner & Bingo Night at **Brooks House** TN Baptist Adult Home in Hermitage for intellectually disabled women in July. We have scheduled several more dates with Brooks House. Check the dates in the article on page 3 to join us!

**WoM Sisters will have our first meeting of the new church year Tuesday, September 7, 6:30-8pm in the Youth Basement.** Our guest speaker is Lisa Cathcart, Pregnancy Care Center Executive Director. **Childcare will be provided by reservation.** RSVP to Jean Gant by Sunday Sep. 5.

Our **October 5** WoM Sisters meeting will be in the Youth Basement with **childcare by reservation.** Our guest speakers will be the house parents and ladies from **Brooks House** in Hermitage. They have been coming to our Wednesday nights meals and Bible study at TGBC, and this is a great opportunity to learn more about them and their life at Brooks House. RSVP to Renee Mathis by Sunday Oct. 3 for this meeting.

The **November 2** meeting will be at Janet Konig's house with guest speakers from the **Phoebe Connections** support group for widows. RSVP to Janet for this meeting by Sunday, Oct. 31.

The **December 7** meeting will be at Nancy Miller's house with guest speakers from **Rest Stop Ministries**, a faith-based organization dedicated to comprehensively restoring female survivors of domestic sex trafficking. RSVP to Nancy by Sunday, Dec. 5.

**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

Daughters of the King is still going strong. In May we were blessed to be able to meet at the home of Donna Davis and have a special luncheon afterward. **Devan Whitten from the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home** was our speaker and gave us a lot of information about this great ministry. We brought cleaning items for the Children's Home along with some items for their 21-year-old special needs child.

In August we had six police officers headed up by Lt. Michelle Coker who are ladies from the Metro Nashville Department, and we were so blessed with their stories. Truly a wonderful group of **"First Responders."** As we completed the meeting, we all gathered around them and prayed over them. They then stayed and had lunch with us which our wonderful ladies brought. The officers then went back to their jobs with baskets filled with lots of snack items and personal items for them to share with others in their department. Thanks WOM for your outpouring of "goodies"!

As we get back into the swing of things, we want to invite all you ladies who do not work during the day to join us on the second Monday of each month at 10 a.m. in Room 100. **Mary Spencer Veazey from The Next Door will be our speaker Sep. 13.** Please join us. You will be truly blessed.



Thistle Farms



Brooks House

November 11-13

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

LIFEWAY  
WOMEN'S

LEADERSHIP  
FORUM



Devan Whitten from TBCH



First Responders

# Mission Friends

By Linda Sharp

The preschool hall is buzzing with activity this fall, as we have added two new classes: Play and Worship and Mission Friends for our 3-year-olds. These classes are in addition to Preschool Music and Mission Friends for our 4- and 5-year-olds.

We are blessed with the following volunteers who are giving their time to serve our preschoolers on Wednesday nights:

- Renee Mathis and Martha Forsythe - **Preschool Music**
- Rebekah Hearn and Kay Bontrager - **Play and Worship**
- Bridgette Leonard and Jessica Crutchfield - **3-year-old Mission Friends**
- Jane Scott and Kathy Burgess - **4- and 5-year-old Mission Friends**

During **Play and Worship** this fall, the children will learn about the Bible stories Jesus Blessed the children, Creation, David and Goliath, Jesus Calmed the Storm, and Daniel in the Lion's Den. The Play and Worship curriculum consists of center related activities for the children to participate in as they learn the Bible story each week.

**Mission Friends** will be learning about missionaries from Toronto, South Africa and Hawaii. In September, our missionary is J.D. Fasolino who serves as a church planter in Toronto. He enjoys talking to new people at coffee shops to help them learn more about Jesus. In October, our missionaries are David and Julie Yngsdal. They love and help the many refugees in Durban who have had to leave their own country. In November, we will learn about the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention. Their goal is to bring unity among the churches to help build the Kingdom of God.

## Girls in Action (GAs)

By GA Team: Donna Davis, Robbie Boswell, Isabel Britton, Pam Robinson, Kathy Wantland

Girls in Action are looking forward to exploring new missions areas, missionaries, scripture focus and missions opportunities with our new curriculum.

We celebrated **"Christmas in August"** in August by purchasing gift cards for Brian Styer of Atoka, TN. He is the fire and emergency services chaplain for the volunteer Mason Fire Department in a poverty-stricken area. He will provide water, electrolyte recovery beverages and meals for volunteer firefighters.

GAs have a new group within our group. They are our **Leadership Team**. Older GAs will be leading in lessons, nurturing younger GAs and furthering the spread of the Gospel among their peers by setting an example. We are so proud of these girls. They are Avery Anderson, Emily Boswell, Cora Jones, and Ana Bentschneider.

We welcome new leader, Pam Robinson, who is working with the GA Journey Program.

## Royal Ambassadors (RAs)

By Eric Boswell

**Looking For a Few Godly Men...** We are in need of men to answer the call to work with our Royal Ambassadors (RAs) 1st-6th Grades this year.

RAs learn about missionaries around the world and what it means for them to be on mission for God in their everyday lives.

We need committed men who love the Lord and want to see boys grow in their walk with Christ. RAs meet from 6:45-7:30pm on Wednesday evenings. Please contact Eric Boswell at [eboswell@tgbc.org](mailto:eboswell@tgbc.org) for more information.



Lani Bruce led a cake decorating mission project for WoM Sisters at Rest Stop Ministries in April.





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**2021-2022 Missions Leadership**

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**Royal Ambassador (RA) Coordinator:**

Eric Boswell

**Youth on Mission Coordinator:**

Phil Lundy

**Women's Ministry Co-coordinators:**

Hallie Gipson

Alicia Bowman

**Men's Ministry Coordinator:**

Ryan Hayes

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>Sep</b>		
7	WoM Sisters Meeting	6:30-8pm, Youth Basement
12-19	Week of Prayer for Tennessee Missions and Golden Offering for TN Missions	
13	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10am, Room 100
20	Craft Ministry	10am-2pm, Room 223
<b>Oct</b>		
5	WoM Sisters Meeting	6:30-8pm, Youth Basement
8-10	Women of Joy Embrace Joy!	LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge TN
10	Global Hunger Sunday	
11	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10am, Room 100
18	Craft Ministry	10am-2pm, Room 223
<b>Nov</b>		
1	Baptist Women World Day of Prayer	Brookhollow Baptist Church
2	WoM Sisters Meeting	6:30-8pm, Janet Konig's House
8	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10am, Room 100
11-13	Lifeway Women's Leadership Forum	Long Hollow Baptist Church
15	Craft Ministry	10am-2pm, Room 223
11/28-12/5	Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	