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2025 Missions Offerings

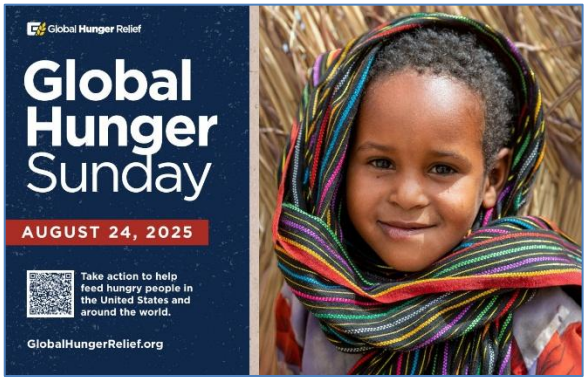
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions
Church Offering: $29,680.52

General Missions Offering
includes:
Mother's Day Offering for TN Baptist Children's Homes
Father's Day Offering for TN Baptist Adult Homes
Global Hunger Relief
Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions
Our Church Goal: $30,000
Current Offering: $24,963.60

General Missions Offering (GMO)

TGBC implemented a **General Missions Offering (GMO)** this year that is a combined missions offering for Mother's Day Offering for Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes (MDO), Father's Day Offering for Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes (FDO), Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions (GOTM), and Global Hunger Relief (GHR).

Offerings for these missions offerings can be designated to GMO throughout the year, or it can be given during our annual Missions Celebration in August. The GMO will be divided proportionately based on historical giving to these missions offerings at the end of the calendar year.



TGBC's 2025 GMO Goal is $30,000
with percentages of
40% GOTM (GMO Goal $12,000)
25% MDO (GMO Goal $7,500)
25% FDO (GMO Goal $7,500)
10% GHR (GMO Goal $3,000)

MISSIONS PROJECTS

ONGOING

Begin Anew
Dodson Elementary
English as a Second Language
International Leadership Coalition
Pregnancy Care Center
Rescue 1 Global
Rest Stop Ministries
Romanian Pastor Sponsorship
The Next Door Recovery
White House TN Bapt Adult Home

MISSION TRIPS

Interest is being determined for TGBC Mission Trips.
Contacts: Dan Wilson and Malcolm Helton

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

TGBC VBS Mission Project: 90 Dodson Elementary Teacher Welcome Baskets

Good News Club Training

Fall 2025 Tuesday & Thursday ESL Groups

Dodson Elementary

By Nancy Andrews

The 2025-26 school year is off and running, and we are already busy at Dodson Elementary. In late July, a group of volunteers went to Dodson Elementary to participate in a **prayer walk**. We prayed over every classroom in the building and had the opportunity to pray with teachers who happened to be working in their classrooms that day. We delivered care packages to all teachers and staff. The baskets were crocheted by our Craft Ministry, and the baskets were filled by our children at VBS. There were seven students from our Good News Club who came to VBS, and they were thrilled to be packing baskets for their teachers.

On the first day of school we provided a breakfast of donuts, fruit, and juice at the **BooHoo Breakfast**. This annual event is for the parents and families of pre-K and Kindergarten students on the first day of school. They have an opportunity to hear about different programs at the school, and we were blessed to present information about the Good News Club.

In August we conducted a training for **Good News Club** volunteers and were glad to have Evan Chase from the Metro Nashville chapter of Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) to provide our training. We currently have 14 volunteers including student ministry volunteers. The children love to see our teenagers at club each week!

Our first Good News Club meeting is scheduled for September 4. We meet each Thursday through the end of April. The children come directly to our club at dismissal and stay until 4:15. Please be praying for us each week as we share the gospel with these precious Dodson students. To date, we have 21 club members signed up which is where we left off last year! We are expecting big things this year!

Sunday School classes are also helping. The Pillow Class is providing snacks for our Good News Club, and the Cantrell Class is collecting snack items for the Woot Woot Cart. Students earn points for things like good behavior and school work which they can spend on a variety of items such as bringing a stuffed animal to school or having lunch in a special "diner". The Woot Woot Cart is full of fun snacks like Takis chips, Skittles, and Kool-aid Jammers and is a student favorite.

If you would like more information about how to become involved at Dodson Elementary, including the Good News Club, please contact Pastor Eric or Nancy Andrews at nma0626@tds.net.

Let's Learn English Together

By Phil Bentschneider

We are so thrilled to have such a great response for our first two weeks. We have welcomed **nearly 100 students this fall.** Our students represent **21 countries all around the world** and **speak 14 different languages** in addition to learning English.

We started August 12, but don't think you missed out. We can use help in many areas. **We still need to train teachers for Spring 2026 and would welcome additional substitutes and/or teaching assistants for this semester**. Come and shadow a class or two soon and see if this ministry is something you would like to invest in, what roles would excite you, or which class you would most like to teach. We anticipate a need for 2-3 teachers next semester to lead formal classes and/or lead a less formal English Club group.

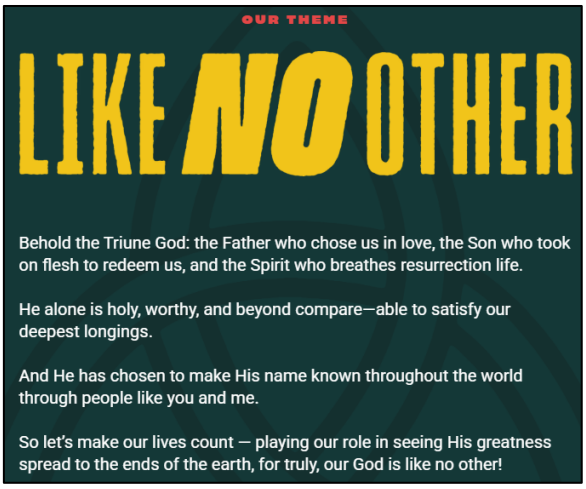
Nervous about teaching in front of a class? No worries! We also have needs for those who want to **help behind the scenes or in a non-teaching role** even from the comfort of your own home. The heartbeat of this ministry is that this is an opportunity to serve on a mission field that has come to us right here in Middle Tennessee. If that is something that excites you and is what you want to be involved in, please email Phil Bentschneider at info@esltulipgrove.org.

CROSS CON

Contact Pastor Brian about the CROSS CON26 missions conference for Young Adults ages 18-25 in Louisville, KY January 1-3, 2026.

TGBC is subsidizing the expenses of this conference. The only cost to young adults is the $125 group price for their ticket to register by Sep. 18.

Visit crosscon.com for more info.

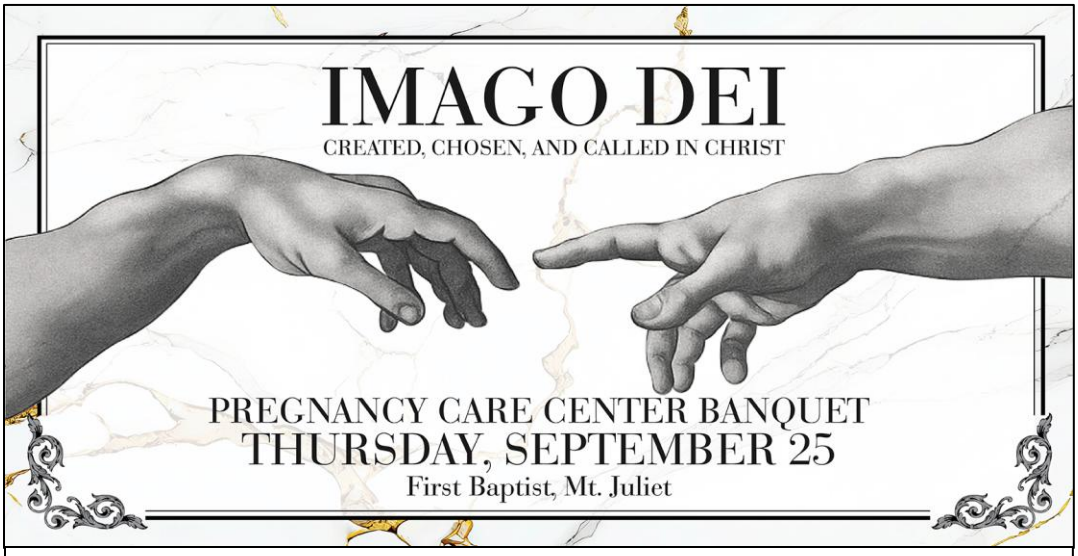


The Operation Christmas Child team is excited about our box collection for 2025!
Our team members this year are Bridgette Leonard, Candy Lee and Don & Rosie Wiley.

We will begin handing out boxes Sunday, Oct.19. **They need to be returned no later than Nov. 16.**
Info regarding suggested items and other general info will be given out with each box.

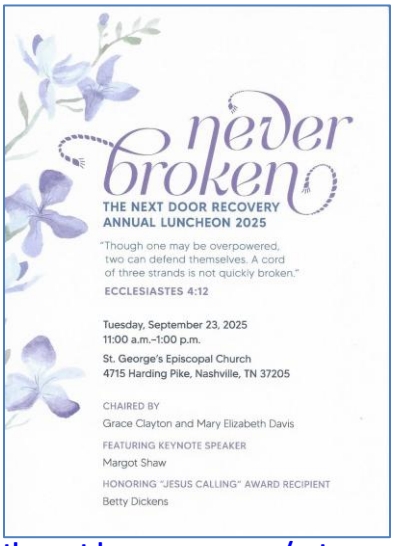
Fundraising Banquets

Some of TGBC's missions partners have annual fundraising banquets to provide the funds necessary for their faith-based ministries. Here are a few this fall for Rest Stop Ministries, The Next Door Recovery, and Pregnancy Care Center….



Register Online at pregnancycarecentertn.com/banquet

reststopministries.org/annual-gala



thenextdoorrecovery.org/get-involved/#events

TGBC Missions Fair with 27 missions displays and 155+ attendees

"Jerusalem" – Our Community

"Judea" – Our Region

"Samaria" – Our Nation

"End of the Earth" – Our World

Missions Fair

By Renee Mathis

TGBC's 2025 **Missions Fair** was Sunday, Aug. 17, to kick off our new church year in missions and give everyone an opportunity to respond and sign up to serve. The Missions Fair was organized based on **Acts 1:8** and was set up in the gym with 27 missions display tables for local, national, and international missions ministries and organizations. Over 155 people attended the Missions Fair. Everyone was encouraged to complete information to indicate areas of missions interest.

The Missions Fair was held in conjuction with our first Missions Sunday this year to promote our new **General Missions Offering (GMO)** which combines our offerings for TN Baptist Children's Homes, TN Baptist Adult Homes, Global Hunger Relief, and Golden Offering for TN Missions into one missions offering.

The goal of **Missions Sunday** is missions awareness, missions education and missions involvement. We were blessed to hear international missionary Ryan Powell from Paris, France with Reaching and Teaching International Ministries Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour for adults and youth. He shared his testimony and how the Lord led him to answer the call to missions as a church planter. He also preached a dynamic sermon from Psalm 72 entitled "Give Them Jesus" during the worship service.

The Missions Fair was followed by a **Missions Prayer Service** in the Worship Center for an organized time of prayer to hear from three of TGBC's missions partners and pray for them: Ryan Powell from Reaching & Teaching, Ben Teodosiu from New Hope Assocation Romanian Ministry, and Fady Al-Hagal from International Leadership Coalition.

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

New Hope Association Romanian Ministry

By Ben Teodosiu

TGBC member Ben Teodosiu started **New Hope Association** to help support several Romanian pastors. TGBC helps support them financially through TGBC's **Romanian Pastor Sponsorship** account. For 2024, NHA had $16,078 in expenses, and the amount of donations was $16,111. Of that total, TGBC donated $4,800 to the mission of NHA. Pictured below are some of the ways NHA supports Romanian pastors and their ministries.

We are trying to cover a lot of needs, and sometimes it is very hard. The church building of Campeni required pouring concrete to repair the damaged floor.

A group of special needs orphans who received clothes and shoes. This fall with God's help we will be able to send financial support to 6 Romanian pastors and orphans with special needs.

A Romanian pastor preaching at a church service

Some children of an unbeliever family received Christian books.

An old man decided to follow Jesus and be baptized in a house.

A Bible and some Christian brochures sent to unbelievers by mail

Craft Ministry

By Charlotte Maynard

Your talent is God's gift to you... What you do with it is your gift back to God.

Our Craft group is growing with leaps and bounds! We welcome Jen, Brooklyn, and Ashley, the newest members to our group plus our White House TN Baptist Adult Home ladies. These ladies are hardworking and fast learners. A special thanks to Darlene, Debi, and Phyllis who take time each month to teach our newest members. Our ladies not only crochet, knit, make jump ropes, and loom knit hats but take time to help others learn these skills.

Thanks to Carole and Pam who stay busy cutting t-shirt strips for our White House TBAH ladies to make jump ropes. We have enough now for our **Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes this year and are also working on some for the Good News Club kids.

We already have 25 hat and scarf sets ready to be donated to **The Next Door Recovery** for the ladies at Christmas way ahead of schedule!

Our list of items that we make has grown: lap blankets, baby blankets, hats for kids and adults, hats and booties for babies along with blankets and even teddy bears thanks to Connie who came up with this pattern. Our list continues with prayer pockets for the **Homebound Ministry**; warm mittens, drain bags, soft sewn hats, heart shaped pillows for cancer patients; lap blankets and hats for the **Veterans** at various hospitals; even baskets for special projects here at our church. Our ladies are OUTSTANDING!

We want to give a shout out and a BIG thank you to Kathy Bentley, our Veteran contact who comes each month to pick up all our "Treasures" and takes them to hospitals all over Tennessee. Our "treasures" are far reaching and bless SO many others. We are VERY BLESSED to be able to bless others in so many ways!

We meet the third Monday of each month (except December) from 10am to 2pm in Room 223 at church. Our next meeting will be Monday, September 15. We would love to have you join us. If you don't know how to knit, crochet, or loom, our ladies will be glad to help.

TGBC Craft Ministry

WoM summer movies and pizza with [White House TBAH]

WoM WHITE HOUSE
Lunch & Games
11am - 12:30pm

Aug. 25	Jan. 26
Sep. 29	Feb. 23
Oct. 27	Mar. 23
Nov. 24	Apr. 27
Dec. 22	

Homebound Ministry

By Charlotte Maynard

"If anyone ministers, let him do so with the strength God provides, so that in ALL things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen." I Peter 4:11

We currently have 26 Homebound members, some of whom are at home and others at facilities around the area. We are SO BLESSED TO HAVE 26 team members who faithfully visit, call, and send cards each month to these precious Homebound.

At our Missions Fair, we recently had seven new people sign up to help with the Homebound Ministry: Mary Fowler, Mimi Fisher, Skyler Fisher, Nancy Miller, Lani Bruce, Donna Edwards, and Christina Jones. We welcome these ladies with open arms. The more we have, the more our Homebound can be contacted and loved.

We would love to have you join us! **We meet once a quarter** to give updates, get new information lists, and select cards which are provided to send to our Homebound. As we receive updates throughout the quarter, those are emailed out to keep you updated on what is going on.

Our next meeting will be the last Sunday in October at 5 p.m. in the Conference Room at church. Hope to see you there.

WoM Sisters serving in April at Rest Stop Ministries

WoM making greeting cards with Rest Stop Ministries

WoM at the April Missions Get-Together at 1st Baptist Dickson

Women on Mission Sisters

By Renee Mathis

Women on Mission is the WMU missions discipleship group designed to equip women 18+ in becoming active disciples of Christ as they live on mission for Him. Women on Mission members seek to live out missions as they build relationships through mission projects, ministries, prayer, and giving. Their purpose is to provide every person with the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel

WoM Sisters is TGBC's evening Women on Mission group that meets the first Tuesday 6:30-8pm September through May. We have speakers to learn about new ministries or get updates from existing ministries. Our projects typically collect items needed by these ministries with a few hands-on projects. Our meetings also focus on fellowship to get to know each other better and build relationships. All meetings this fall are in the Youth Basement.

Women on Mission will continue our ongoing missions projects with **White House TN Baptist Adult Home** in Lebanon. This summer WoM enjoyed taking our White House TBAH friends to six $1 movies and to Cici's Pizza after each movie. WoM also has monthly Lunch & Games at the White House TBAH the fourth Monday each month. Contact Renee Mathis to sign up!

Last spring our WoM Sisters had what has become our annual spring cleaning and organizing project at **Rest Stop Ministries** Good Hope Farms in Lebanon, a faith-based residential ministry for human trafficking survivors. We will also continue our monthly card making sessions with the RSM ladies that we started this summer. If you'd like to join us to make cards with them, just complete the RSM Volunteer Application at reststopministries.org/volunteer.

Our first WoM Sisters meeting is Tuesday, Sep. 2, 6:30-8pm. Tabitha Jenkins, Client Care Coordinator at **Pregnancy Care Center**, will give us a PCC update. Newer members may not know that the Lord led a group of women at TGBC to start PCC in Old Hickory several years ago. Our mission project is collecting items currently needed by both the Old Hickory and Lebanon PCC boutiques.

Looking ahead, Nancy Andrews will share how TGBC volunteers at **Dodson Elementary** and their **Good News Club** at our October 7 meeting. At our November 4 meeting, we will get an update on **The Next Door Recovery** from Susan Weathersby, TNDR Director of Development. Our project will be assembling 60 ThankHisGiving baskets for the residents at TNDR's addiction treatment center that go through their faith-based ministry each month.

Join us 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

WoM Daughters of the King consists of approximately 40 ladies who have a BIG heart for missions and love to serve the Lord. We are a missions-minded group who not only love each other but are open to serve wherever the Lord leads us. We welcome our newest signups from our recent Missions Fair: Anne Bush, Ruth Loper, and Sandra Mahoney.

WoM Daughters of the King is TGBC's daytime Women on Mission group that meets the second Monday each month from September through May at 10am in the Youth Basement. Our speakers include missional topics that are of interest to our missions-minded ladies. We have a devotional and prayer calendar update, person of interest, treasurer's report, reading of minutes, WMU report, and birthday recognition. Our luncheon is always a huge success because we have so many wonderful cooks who bring a delicious dish each month. We have LOTS of wonderful fellowship while we meet. You will be blessed to be a part of this amazing group of ladies.

Usually when our speakers come, we have a special project or donation that will help out their ministry. That project may be bringing items to bless that particular ministry or a monetary donation. Occasionally we will take a field trip to a place we want to visit and learn more about.

Come join us and learn more about how to be ON MISSION FOR THE LORD!

WoM Daughters of the King toured the Nashville Rescue Mission in April.

Mission Friends

By Linda Sharp

We are excited to have our Mission Friends missions program for preschoolers restarting this year with two new teachers. Samantha Johnson and Beth McComb will be our preschool leaders, and they are already doing an AMAZING job!

We are also including a review of our Sunday School lessons from the Gospel Project during our Mission Friends time as well. This gives our preschoolers another exposure to the Gospel… and the repetition they need to help them learn and remember what they are taught here at church on Sunday mornings.

During the month of August, we learned about **missionaries Osvaldo and Vanessa Lerma who serve in Laredo, Texas**. They help meet the needs of legal refugees and immigrants on the Texas/Mexico border through Send Relief's Laredo Ministry Center in Texas. As a special project, our Mission Friends collected toiletry items and placed them in hand painted bags they designed. These bags were placed in the church food pantry and will be given to people in need who come to Tulip Grove Baptist Church for assistance.

In September we will learn about **Erik and Danni Naylor who are missionaries in Maui, Hawaii**. Mr. Naylor is a church planter. He focuses on teaching the Bible, building a culture of prayer, and being with the people.

In October we will meet **Harrison Martin, a medical missionary serving eastern European peoples**. As a nurse practitioner, he has the opportunity to meet medical needs while also sharing the gospel of Jesus.

In November our missionary is **David Carey who has been a hospice chaplain for 17 years and currently serves near Portland, Maine**. He visits very ill patients and provides comfort for their families. He always finds time to talk about God and Jesus. He also enjoys singing hymns to the patients and often encourages caregiving staff members by praying for them.

Mission Friends with toiletry items collected and placed in TGBC's Food Pantry for those in need

3&4-Year-Old Mission Friends learn about a missionary in Texas.

Children in Action (CA)

By Donna Davis and the CA Team

Looking back at our Girls in Action (GA) and Royal Ambassadors (RA) last spring, in April our girls studied about **Fire Chaplains** and how they ministered to the firemen and to the people involved in a fire. The chaplain we studied was in Pinnellas County, Florida. Mrs. Linda Sharp got busy and contacted a Fire Chaplain here in the Nashville area. He came to visit and talked to the children about his job and how difficult it sometimes could be. He brought fire hats and lots of other items for the children to take home. The GAs decided to do a ministry project for our local fire hall that services our church. It is on Old Hickory Blvd in Hermitage, Tennessee. We took black coffee mugs and filled with all kinds of goodies the girls brought. We placed them in clear gift bags, tied with red ribbons and put scripture stickers on the front. Mrs. Kathy Wantland made a tag with our church name and address. When we delivered the cups to the firehall, the men that greeted us were so thankful and excited.

May brought our Girls in Action and Royal Ambassador groups to an end as our **GAs and RAs merged to become Children in Action and be a part of the new Adventure Club.** We celebrated in May with a hamburger cookout for all GAs and RAs and parents. As a Children in Action (CA) group, we meet along with the Adventure Club on Wednesday nights. It's an exciting time to begin a new adventure.

This August, Children in Action studied **Border Ministry in Laredo, Texas**. We learned there is a lot of work to be done with the immigrants that come into the United States via Laredo, Texas. Along with meeting their physical needs, they are telling them about Jesus and meeting their spiritual needs too. Osvaldo and Vanessa Lermer have a tremendous amount of work to do through Send Relief. We got to view items from Mexico that Mrs. Kathy Fields brought to share. We tasted Mexican Foods, experienced real Mexican jumping beans and prayed for our missionaries that have birthdays in August.

In the spring GAs and RAs learned about Fire Chaplains

Children in Action learn about Border Ministry in Texas

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TGBC missions
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2025-2026 Missions Leadership

Senior Pastor:
Dr. Chase Sears
Discipleship & Family Pastor:
Brian Joines
Preschool & Children's Pastor, Staff Missions Liason:
Eric Boswell
WMU Coordinator, WoM Sisters, Missions Newsletter Editor:
Renee Mathis
WoM Daughters of the King:
Charlotte Maynard
Mission Friends:
Linda Sharp
Children in Action:
Donna Davis
Missions Ministry Team:
Dan Wilson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep		
2	WoM Sisters Meeting	6:30–8 pm, Youth Basement
7-14	Week of Prayer for TN Missions	General Missions Offering
8	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10 am, Youth Basement
15	Craft Ministry	10 am–2 pm, Room 223
29	WoM White House TBAH Lunch	11am-1pm, White House TBAH
Oct		
7	WoM Sisters Meeting	6:30–8 pm, Youth Basement
13	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10 am, Youth Basement
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Nov		
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10	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10 am, Youth Basement
17	Craft Ministry	10 am–2 pm, Room 223
24	WoM White House TBAH Lunch	11am-1pm, White House TBAH
Dec	*looking ahead to December…*	
11/30-12/7	Week of Prayer for Intl. Missions	Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
2	WoM Sisters Meeting	6:30–8 pm, Youth Basement
8	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10 am, Youth Basement
22	WoM White House TBAH Christmas	11am-1pm, White House TBAH