



Heart for the Kingdom

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MISSIONS NEWSLETTER

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2026 Missions Offerings

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

Church Offering: \$28,773

General Missions Offering includes:

Mother's Day Offering for TN Baptist Children's Homes:
\$9,000 goal

Father's Day Offering for TN Baptist Adult Homes:
\$9,000 goal

Global Hunger Relief: \$3,600 goal
Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions: \$14,400 goal
GMO Church Goal: \$36,000

General Missions Offering (GMO)

TGBC's **General Missions Offering (GMO)** combines our annual missions offerings 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).

The Lord blessed our first GMO offering last year with a total of \$40,479.60! TGBC was able to give some of its largest missions offerings to date to these missions organizations: \$10,119.90 to TN Baptist Children's Homes, \$10,119.90 to TN Baptist Adult Homes, \$4,047.96 to Global Hunger Relief, and \$16,191.84 to Golden Offering for TN Missions.

Gifts for these missions offerings can be designated to GMO throughout the year or can be given during our annual Missions Celebration in August. Be in prayer for these missions organizations and give to them as the Lord leads to our General Missions Offering.

The children at Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes need you to support the

TGBC MDO Goal \$9,000

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT, children in hard places from Memphis to Kingsport find safety and love at Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes!

TBCH does not receive any government funding. We operate debt-free, and are donor-supported.

TennesseeChildren.org 615-376-3140
P.O. Box 2206, Brentwood, TN 37024

TENNESSEE MISSIONS EMPHASIS 2026-2027

WE PRAY. WE GIVE. WE GO.
Celebrating 125 Years of Prayer & Giving for Tennessee Missions
"...striving TOGETHER AS ONE for the faith of the gospel!"
Philippians 1:27

GOLDEN OFFERING FOR TENNESSEE MISSIONS
2026-2027 GOAL:
\$3,000,000
CHALLENGE GOAL:
\$3,500,000

TGBC GOTM Goal \$14,400
(Give offering to GMO)

GOLDENOFFERING.ORG TBM Tennessee Baptist MISSION BOARD

FATHER'S DAY OFFERING 2026

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.tbah.org

When you give through the Father's Day Offering, you are providing Christian residential care for men and women who will likely never be able to live independently. Because of your gifts, TBCH has never turned any qualifying individual away due to financial reasons. Please give generously through the Father's Day Offering and you will help us continue to do so.

"Jesus said to him the third time, 'Simon Peter, do you love me?'
He answered, 'Lord, you know that I love you.'
Jesus said, 'Then, show me.'" -John 21:17 (paraphrased)

TGBC FDO Goal \$9,000

VISIT tnbaptisthomes.org CLICK "DONATE"

These SBC missions organizations do not accept government funding and depend on donations from churches like TGBC through our General Missions Offering.

Global Hunger Relief **TGBC GHR Goal \$3,600**

Global Hunger Sunday

AUGUST 23, 2026

Bring relief to hungry neighbors—near and far.

Visit GlobalHungerRelief.org or text HUNGER to 888-123 to learn more.

MISSIONS PROJECTS

ONGOING

[Begin Anew](#)

[Dodson Elementary](#)

[English as a Second Language](#)

[International Leadership Coalition](#)

[Pregnancy Care Center](#)

[Rest Stop Ministries](#)

[Romanian Pastor Sponsorship](#)

[The Next Door Recovery](#)

[White House TN Bapt Adult Home](#)

MISSION TRIPS

Mission Trip to Paris, France

August 26-31, 2026

Chase Sears

Brian Joines

Stan Anisimov

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



Dodson Elementary Good News Club



Spring & Summer 2026 ESL Groups



Youth at Crossings Camp and Second Harvest Food Bank



Dodson Elementary

By Nancy Andrews

The TGBC team serving at [Dodson Elementary](#) is busy getting ready for the 2026-27 school year. We have 12 volunteers signed up to work with [Good News Club](#) this year. Our volunteers will be attending **Regional Training** held August 1 at FBC Mt. Juliet. We are planning a **Prayer Walk** at the school Thursday, August 6, and will plan to pray over every classroom and student space. We will host two tables at the **Meet the Teacher Open House** Friday, August 7, where we will meet students and families, and make sign-ups available for Good News Club.

We are also excited to host the annual **BooHoo Breakfast** on the first day of school, which will be Tuesday, August 11 this year. We provide a fun breakfast of donuts and assorted juices to the parents and families of pre-K and kindergarten students after they drop their students off in their classrooms. At the breakfast, they will learn about various opportunities at the school, including our Good News Club. We enjoy this time spent getting to know the families of our Dodson students.

Our club will start Thursday, September 10, and will meet every Thursday afternoon through early April when school is in session. Various opportunities to serve at Dodson will be made available throughout the school year. If you are interested in volunteering in Good News Club, serving in family outreach opportunities, or praying for our ministry, please contact Nancy Andrews at nma0626@tds.net.

As a church family, we have the opportunity to encourage and support the wonderful teachers and staff at Dodson Elementary by collecting some much-needed classroom supplies. **Requested items include hand sanitizer, Kleenex, paper towels, disinfecting wipes, baby wipes. Bring your items to the front steps of the Worship Center on Sunday, August 16th.** Every item helps keep classrooms clean, healthy, and ready for students to learn. Thank you for helping us show the love of Christ through this simple act of kindness and support for our local educators!

Let's Learn English Together

By Hallie Bentschneider

TGBC's [English as a Second Language](#) (ESL) ministry continues to be a wonderful opportunity to welcome people from around the world, build meaningful friendships, and share the love of Christ.

This summer, we launched a six-week **Conversational English** class where students practiced everyday English while reading through portions of the Gospel of John together. It was a great opportunity for learning, friendship, and gospel discussions.

Our fall semester begins **August 11**, and we expect 50-60 students in five classes. Because we do not currently have enough teachers to offer our full schedule, we are looking for additional teachers, teachers-in-training, substitute teachers, and other volunteers. If you have a heart to serve, we'd love to have you shadow a class and explore how you can get involved.

Please pray for our students, teachers, and leadership as we begin the semester. Above all, pray that God would deepen friendships and provide many opportunities to share the gospel with our students.

To learn more or volunteer, please contact Phil Bentschneider at info@esltulipgrove.org.

Youth on Mission

By Mike Westveer

Our students had a busy day on June 10. The middle schoolers started the day **cleaning up the buses** for the various ministries of the church. The high schoolers spent the afternoon at [Second Harvest Food Bank](#) packing boxes of food that families rely on for the summer.

Our students attending [Crossings Camp](#) heard about the International Mission Board's work in Colombia and were able to give to help that mission work. Our **Youth Choir shared the Gospel in Cincinnati** at senior living facilities, memory care units, assisted living homes, Chick-fil-a and Skyline Chili's by song and word.

CROSS CON27

Contact Pastor Brian about the CROSS CON27 missions conference for Young Adults ages 18-25 in St. Louis, MO Dec. 31, 2026-Jan. 2, 2027. The \$129 group price is available until Sep.17.

Visit crosscon.com for more info.



JOIN US FOR

*Imagine.
Believe.
Achieve.*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH 2026 @ 6:30PM
MADISON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Begin Anew
of Middle Tennessee

beginanew.org/madison-fundraiser

THIS DAY THAT DAY

We are not promised tomorrow.

We are given *this day*—and then *that day* when we stand before Him.

So we begin where everything ends.

When we gather in St. Louis, in our first moments together, we will fix our eyes on the inescapable realities every human being will face: the judgment of God and eternity—either with Him in unending joy, or without Him in unfathomable loss.

From there, over the next two days, we will ask the unavoidable question: *How then shall we live?* If God is infinitely holy, if the future is infinitely long, and if this brief life is the decisive prelude to everlasting joy or sorrow, then every day matters.

God calls us to live intentionally—to live for glory that lasts. We're called to savor *this day* as a gift of mercy, and to shape every choice in light of *that Day*, when we will see Him face to face.



TGBC young adults at CROSSCON26

CROSS CON27 MAIN SPEAKERS

JOHN PIPER
AJAY THOMAS
KEVIN DEYOUNG
JOHN MUSYIMI
RYAN FULLERTON
DAVID PLATT

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
A FARM TO FORK EVENT
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026

UNMASKING FREEDOM

REST STOP MINISTRIES
14TH ANNUAL GALA

reststopministries.org/annual-gala



"Light for a Lifetime"
The Next Door Recovery
Annual Fall Benefit Lunch

Tuesday, Sep. 15
12-1:30pm
St. George Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Pike
Nashville TN 37205

"I am the light of the world"
John 8:12

thenextdoorrecovery.org/get-involved/#events

Fundraising Banquets

Several of TGBC's missions partners have annual fundraising banquets this fall to provide the funds necessary for their faith-based ministries. Use the links below and to the right to get more information about the fundraising benefits for **Begin Anew Madison, Rest Stop Ministries, The Next Door Recovery, and Pregnancy Care Center....**



ROOM TO HOPE
Step inside the story

Pregnancy Care Center Annual Fundraising Banquet

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

FIRST BAPTIST MT. JULIET

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him..."
Register at pregnancycarecentertn.com/banquet ROMANS 15:13



2025 TGBC Missions Fair with 27 missions displays and 155+ attendees



Rose Wiley, Candy Lee, Bridgette Leonard

One of the most meaningful ways we can share the love of Christ this Christmas is through [Operation Christmas Child](#).

We invite the church family to be part of this and join our **Packing Party** in November. We will pack shoeboxes **together** for children around the world. Each month starting in July we will collect the specific items listed below to put in the boxes at the packing party.

Place these in the basket at Welcome Center.

Jul 12- 26: Toiletries, Personal Care

Aug 9-23: School Supplies

Sep 13-27: Clothing Items

Oct 11-25: Toys, Wow items



Grace Fellowship Church of Paris celebrated baptisms and summer interns in their spring newsletter.



Missions Sunday

By Renee Mathis

TGBC's **Missions Sunday** is Sunday, Aug. 16. The goal of Missions Sunday is missions awareness, missions education and missions involvement. Pastor Chase has plans for all youth and adult classes to come together in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour to present ideas for our future in missions.

Missions Sunday is also a time to promote our **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 offering. (See GMO article on page 1.)

The **Missions Fair** will start at 4:30pm to encourage missions involvement and give everyone an opportunity to respond and sign up to serve. The Missions Fair is organized based on **Acts 1:8** and will be set up in the gym with 27 missions display tables for local, national, and international missions ministries and organizations. Last year, over 155 people attended the Missions Fair.

Our **Missions Project** for Missions Sunday is an opportunity to encourage and support the teachers and staff at one of TGBC's missions partners, Dodson Elementary, by collecting some much-needed classroom supplies. Requested items include hand sanitizer, Kleenex, paper towels, disinfecting wipes, and baby wipes. **Bring your items to the front steps of the Worship Center Missions Sunday, Aug. 16.**

The Missions Fair will be followed by a **Missions Prayer Service** in the Worship Center at 6pm for an organized time of prayer to hear from some of TGBC's missions partners and pray for them.

Missions is one of the last direct commands Christ gave to us. Come learn about the many ways you can obey that command at Tulip Grove!

"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)

Serving our Missionaries in Paris

By Pastor Chase Sears

At the end of August, Pastor Chase Sears, Pastor Brian Joines, and Stan Anisimov will have the privilege of traveling to Paris to serve alongside our missionaries, Ryan and Dana Powell, and their church, Grace Fellowship International Church of Paris (www.gracefellowshipparis.org). They will be in Paris from **August 26-31** to give the Powell family an opportunity to take a much-needed vacation and be refreshed.

August is traditionally a holiday month throughout France, making it an ideal time for the Powells to step away briefly while our team ministers in their place. On **Sunday, August 30**, Pastor Chase will preach God's Word to the congregation, while Pastor Brian will lead the church in worship. Throughout the week, Stan will use his gifts to help with plumbing repairs and maintenance projects at the Powell family's home.

Please join us in praying for this trip. Pray for safe travel, for strength and wisdom as our team serves, and that they would be an encouragement and blessing to the Powell family. Most importantly, pray that Grace Fellowship Church would be strengthened through the faithful ministry of God's Word.

To keep up with the mission work of the Powells in Paris follow them on Instagram (@gracefellowshipparis) or sign up for their newsletter (<https://tinyurl.com/f532f4x8>)

Missions Support

- To support **Ryan Powell at Grace Fellowship in Paris**, use this link to give: rtim.org/about-us/our-staff/ryan-and-dana-powell
- To support **Smith Springs Baptist Church replant** efforts, you may mail your check directly to Nashville Baptist Association, 420 Main Street, Nashville, TN 37206 with Smith Springs Baptist Church in the memo line, or give online at secure.myvanco.com/YQFP/campaign/C-15HK1

Craft Ministry

By Charlotte Maynard

We welcomed Mary Fowler and Jean Anne Cogdell this past quarter as they joined us to learn more and enjoy great fellowship with our Craft ladies.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of one of our dear ladies, Irma Estes. She was a talented lady who made LOTS of baby hats each month that have blessed so many families with newborns. Irma will be dearly missed! A sympathy card was sent from the group and a "large" donation of money to purchase Gideon Bibles in her honor. Thanks to all who contributed!!!

It was our blessing to be able to help with the **84 Days Project** for Amy Morgan. Our ladies cut and sewed washable sanitary napkins for a mission trip to Uganda. Coach Armstrong at Friendship Christian School was key in getting Amy to get in touch with us so we could help out. Ladies in Uganda miss lots of school days due to their monthly cycles, so this project will enable them to be able to go to school regardless.

Our ladies continue to turn out so many wonderful "treasures" each month to bless **veterans, new moms, and residents in facilities around the area**. Lots of baby blankets, walker bags, lap blankets, hats for adults and children, teddy bears, fidgets, worry worms, baby hats and booties, adult bibs, mittens for dialysis patients, heart-shaped pillows, soft sewn hats, drain bags for cancer patients, etc. have been made and passed along to bless others.

Our White House TN Baptist Adult Home ladies are our expert jump rope makers and turn out a lot to be used in our Christmas shoeboxes. On a recent visit to the **Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes Brentwood Campus**, 30 jump ropes that they had made were donated to the children there. We appreciate all the hard work our White House TBAH ladies put into making jump ropes each month as Pam and Carole cut strips to be braided together to make the ropes.

A special thanks to Kathy Bentley who takes all our items and delivers them to hospitals and facilities all around TN after each meeting.

A friend of Sherry Campbell's blessed us with several boxes of donated items that she had made. What a blessing to so many! These have been passed along to several hospitals and facilities in the area. A special thanks for all the yarn donations we have been given. This helps out SO VERY MUCH! **(Yarn donations are always welcome - just earmark for the Craft Ministry and leave at the church office please.)**

At our June meeting we welcomed Jean Hamilton who was one of the first ladies to help start our Craft Ministry years ago. It was great seeing her again and to even see a picture of one of the colorful mats for the homeless that she had made from plastic bags strips - a priority project years ago.

We would love for you to join us in Room 223 every third Monday of the month 10am-2pm for some great fellowship and crafting!

Homebound Ministry

By Charlotte Maynard

We welcome our newest member, Elizabeth Sneed, to our Homebound Team. This team is SO valuable to our Homebound Ministry. We have 27 who send cards, make visits and calls to our Homebound to encourage, uplift, and check on them each quarter. We are SO blessed to have so many who care for our 24 Homebound Members both at home and at facilities around the area.

We extend our sympathy to the families of Laura Notgrass, Shirley Murphy, Mary Hodges, Ken Jones, and Gladys Clark, five of our Homebound who passed away this past quarter. They will be dearly missed!

More Homebound Team members are always welcome! We meet quarterly and would love to have you join us and bring a ray of sunshine to our Homebound Members. Please contact Charlotte at charlotte63051@gmail.com.



TGBC Craft Ministry



WoM summer movies and pizza with White House TBAH

WoM WHITE HOUSE

Lunch & Games

11am - 12:30pm

Aug. 24	Jan. 25
Sep. 28	Feb. 22
Oct. 26	Mar. 22
Nov. 23	Apr. 26
Dec. 28	



Not pictured:
LaVerna Armstrong
Tina Dutton
Barbara McIntosh
Bessie Williams



WoM Sisters serving in April at [Rest Stop Ministries](#)



WoM helps [Trinity Hope Haitian Feeding Program](#) with their newsletter mailouts.

Mark your calendars for upcoming dates at 9am:
9/24/26: Emmanuel Lutheran
11/17/26: TGBC
3/16/27: Mt. Juliet Nazarene
6/22/27: Emmanuel Lutheran

MISSIONS
 GET-TOGETHER
SAVE THE DATE
 MARCH 12-13, 2027
 COOKEVILLE, TN
 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



WoM at the April [Missions Get-Together](#) at 1st Baptist Dickson



WoM Daughters of the King toured [TN Baptist Children's Homes](#) Brentwood Campus in May.

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 everyone 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. Our speakers teach us about new ministries or give us 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 mission 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 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 also continue our card-making sessions the first Monday every other month with the RSM ladies. It is now MUCH easier to complete RSM's Volunteer Orientation with their new ONLINE Volunteer Training at <https://forms.gle/5DS7zcEPB4nYqzXt8>. Each of our group volunteers also needs to sign RSM's Confidentiality and Liability Waiver and complete a background check before going to their farm to serve. Volunteers who want to serve individually with projects like card-making need to complete RSM's Volunteer Application at reststopministries.org/volunteer.

Our first WoM Sisters meeting is Tuesday, Sep. 1, 6:30-8pm. Vickie Anderson, TN WMU Executive Director-Treasurer, will share about the Toronto Prayer Walking Trip in May and about Tennessee missions since the Week of Prayer for TN Missions is Sep. 6-13. On September 17, WoM Sisters is also hosting an 8-person table at [Begin Anew Madison](#)'s fall fundraiser. Watch for more info at our September meeting!

Looking ahead, former TGBC member Donnitta Hayes will share at our October 6 meeting about an inner-city ministry she and her husband Brian started called [We Feed The People](#) that provides free food to people in poverty. At our November 3 meeting, Susan Weathersby, [The Next Door Recovery](#) Director of Development, will give us a TNDR update. Our project will be assembling 60 ThankHisGiving baskets for the residents at TNDR's addiction treatment center who 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

Our monthly meetings will resume **Monday, Sep. 14, at 10am.** We ended our 2025-26 year with a wonderful field trip to **tour the [TN Baptist Children's Homes](#) Brentwood Campus.** What a fantastic visit we enjoyed as we learned so much touring the marvelous facilities there. The children have been greatly blessed with staff that care and love on them each and every day. A delicious lunch was enjoyed at Cheddars afterward. A special thanks to Renee Mathis and Carl Maynard, our bus drivers, for getting us safely there and back again.

We are looking forward to our meetings starting back on the second Monday in September. Lots of interesting speakers are being lined up to share their various ministries with us. We hope you will join us the **second Monday each month at 10am in the Youth Basement.** We have some great cooks and always have a delicious luncheon after each meeting. Hope to see you this fall!

Preschool and Children's Missions

By Melissa Willis & Eric Boswell

We are looking forward to a great year of learning in [Mission Friends](#) about missions with our preschoolers! Thank you to Mrs. Beth McComb and Mrs. Debbie Johnson for their faithful teaching of our preschoolers every Wednesday night this coming year. During their Mission Friends time, preschoolers review our Sunday School lessons from the Gospel Project in addition to learning about missionaries and their work. This repetition of Bible teaching time helps them to retain God's Word and truths.

This fall our [Adventure Club](#) children (Kindergarten-5th Grades) will continue to grow in their understanding of God's heart for the nations through [Children in Action \(CIA\)](#), our missions education program. Each month, children will learn how God works through missionaries serving in unique places and ministries while discovering how they, too, can be part of God's mission. Preschoolers and children will learn about:

- **August – Theme Park Chaplain:** Missionary, Joey Buck, serves as a chaplain at a theme park in the Smokey Mountains in Tennessee, caring for employees during both joyful and challenging times. As part of the wellness team, Chaplain Buck helps employees and park guests with their spiritual and mental health needs.
- **September – Jacksonville, Florida:** A missionary serving as a corporate chaplain to nine companies, providing compassion, encouragement, and gospel hope to employees in the workplace. Children will study how God called Paul to proclaim the good news and serve as Christ's ambassador (Romans 1:1; Acts 20:17–24; 2 Corinthians 5:20).
- **October – Rome, Italy:** A missionary couple partnering with other believers to plant Italian-speaking churches in the historic city of Rome. Through the story of Samuel (1 Samuel 3), children will learn the importance of listening to and obeying God's call.
- **November – Buckley Space Force Base:** A missionary chaplain ministering to members of the United States Space Force, offering peace through Jesus Christ to those who stand on the front lines of our nation's galactic interests. Children will explore Jesus' promise of peace in John 14.

Our prayer is that as children learn about missionaries serving both across the street and around the world, God will grow in them a love for the gospel, compassion for people, and a desire to faithfully follow Christ wherever He leads.



Mission Friends enjoyed their end-of-year ice cream sundae party before summer break!



Pastor Eric teaching children in Adventure Club Children in Action



Children learned about missions in Kenya and packed 40 swim bags and 40 toiletry bags for [TN Baptist Children's Homes](#) in their VBS Missions Rotation this summer.

New Hope Association Romanian Ministry

By Benjamin Teodosiu

Knowing how difficult it was for pastors to do the work of God under the persecution of the communist regime, a short time after arriving in this country, I started supporting myself in that area. After a while in order to give this opportunity to other brothers, I decided to start a non-profit organization. **New Hope Association** started about 22 years ago to support several pastors in the West Carpathian Mountains of Romania.

About five pastors are pastoring 10 churches, and they don't receive full support from the churches. Most Romanian Christians are elderly and live on small pensions from the government. We are helping the pastors with \$100 each month. This is not enough but is a good help for them. The minimum income there is about \$300. Besides that, there are many other needs such as an orphanage of handicapped boys in that area and sometimes sick people.

We send money to the Romanian pastors four times a year in March, June, September and December instead of monthly to reduce the transfer fee. Over the years, dear brothers have supported this ministry. When some brothers stopped donating, we thought the Lord wanted us to stop this work. But praise be to God, He had other brothers ready to support. I thank God for them.

"For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God." 2 Corinthians 9:12 ESV

Thank you for your generous donation to help some pastors in the West Carpathian Mountains of Romania. With the help of you and Tulip Grove Baptist Church in 2015 we were able to build a Chapel in a village to accommodate the needs of our Romanian brothers and sisters. In the picture on the right, you can see the chapel in the back, a building with a red roof.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me." Matthew 25:40



West Carpathian Mountains in Romania



Chapel TGBC helped build in Romania in 2015

Gideons International

By Chris Frankovich, Hermitage Gideon Camp President

As I write this article, I'm reminded that we are well into county fair season. At fairs across our nation, [Gideons](#) will staff booths with a simple but eternal purpose: to place God's Word into the hands and, by God's grace, into the hearts, of people, especially young people.

Research by the Barna Group indicates that approximately two-thirds (64%) of those who profess faith in Christ come to faith before their 18th birthday. County (and other) fairs provide our association a wonderful opportunity to engage younger people in meaningful conversations about Christ and to distribute copies of God's Word. While we are grateful for every copy of Scripture distributed, our objective is to see lost people come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ.

This year, members of local Gideons camp will again have a booth at the Wilson County Fair/Tennessee State Fair. Our prayer is that every Testament distributed provides with it an opportunity for a gospel conversation. That was certainly true for Dewayne.

A couple of fairs ago, a father named Dewayne stopped by the Gideons booth to request a Bible for his teenage son. As he received the Testament, one of the Gideons asked him a simple but important question: "Do you know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?" Caught off guard, Dewayne hesitated before answering, "I think so."

As the conversation continued, Dewayne shared that just two weeks earlier he had suffered a heart attack. Confronted with the reality of life's brevity, he listened intently as a Gideon explained God's plan of salvation found in the back of the Testament. Praise God that Dewayne repented of his sin and placed his trust in Christ alone for salvation. He then wrote his name in the back of that Testament and dated it as a reminder of the day he received new life through faith in Jesus Christ.

Regardless of whether it's fair season or any time of the year, members of the Gideons and Auxiliary members are out in the "traffic lanes of life" faithfully sowing the seed of God's Word and proclaiming Christ crucified for the forgiveness of sins. Please pray that God will continue opening doors for gospel conversations and the sharing of His living and powerful Word to draw many people, including young people, to a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. To God be the Glory!

[Gideons](#)
serving at
Wilson
County -
TN State
Fair



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug		
5	Preschool/Children's missions begin	6-7:30pm, Education building
11	ESL Classes begin	6-8pm, Downstairs classrooms
16	Missions Sunday/GMO/Missions Fair	General Missions Offering
Sep		
1	WoM Sisters Meeting	6:30-8 pm, Youth Basement
10	Good News Club begins	2:30-4:30pm, Dodson Elem.
6-13	Week of Prayer for TN Missions	General Missions Offering
14	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10 am, Youth Basement
21	Craft Ministry	10 am-2 pm, Room 223
28	WoM White House TBAH Lunch	11am-1pm, White House TBAH
Oct		
6	WoM Sisters Meeting	6:30-8 pm, Youth Basement
12	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10 am, Youth Basement
19	Craft Ministry	10 am-2 pm, Room 223
23-24	Harvest for leaders of teen girls	WMU in Birmingham AL
26	WoM White House TBAH Lunch	11am-1pm, White House TBAH
Nov		
3	WoM Sisters Meeting	6:30-8 pm, Youth Basement
5-6	Lifeway Women's Leadership Forum	Long Hollow Baptist Church
9	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10 am, Youth Basement
13-15	Youth Fall Retreat	Camp Calvary of TN
16	Craft Ministry	10 am-2 pm, Room 223
23	WoM White House TBAH Lunch	11am-1pm, White House TBAH
Dec		
11/29-12/6	Week of Prayer for Intl. Missions	Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
1	WoM Sisters Meeting	6:30-8 pm, Youth Basement
14	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10 am, Youth Basement
28	WoM White House TBAH Christmas	11am-1pm, White House TBAH
12/31-1/2	CROSS CON27 for young adults	St. Louis, MO

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