



Heart for the Kingdom

TULIP GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
MISSIONS NEWSLETTER

Tulip Grove Baptist Church, 563 Shute Lane, Old Hickory, TN 37138
www.tgbc.org 615.883.1856

Volume 20 Issue 3
Winter 2024

Inside This Issue

- 1 [Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions \(LMCO\)](#)
- 1 [Missions Offerings](#)
- 2 [Dodson Elementary](#)
- 2 [Pregnancy Care Center](#)
- 3 [Let's Learn English Together](#)
- 3 [Operation Christmas Child](#)
- 3 [Romanian Ministry](#)
- 4 [Missions Get-Together](#)
- 5 [Craft Ministry](#)
- 5 [Homebound Ministry](#)
- 5 [White House TBAH](#)
- 6 [WoM Sisters](#)
- 6 [WoM Daughters of the King](#)
- 7 [Mission Friends](#)
- 7 [Girls in Action \(GA\) and Royal Ambassadors \(RA\)](#)
- 7 [Vanover Missionary Update](#)
- 8 [Calendar of Events](#)

WHERE DO PEOPLE NEED TO HEAR THE GOSPEL? EVERYWHERE.

Each green dot on this map represents 50,000 lost people.

Every day, more than 174,000 of them will die without Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Will you join us in the Great Pursuit of taking the gospel to the lost – wherever we find them?



Note: Representative map based on population density data and IMB Global Research evangelist estimates.



WHAT IS THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING?

Growing up in Virginia, Lottie Moon and her siblings chose to rebel against Christianity. At 18, Lottie followed Christ and was baptized. When she was 33, she sailed to China as a Southern Baptist missionary. She saw firsthand the world's greatest problem – **LOSTNESS**.

In letters to Southern Baptists in America, she pleaded for increasing prayer and giving. Her letters raised more support for missionaries to be sent to China.

Every year, Southern Baptists collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® where 100% of the money given sends and support missionaries.

CELEBRATE GOD'S WORK IN 2023

As reported by IMB missionaries and national partners:

- **1,036** Unique People Groups heard some portion of the gospel
- **879,798** People heard the gospel
- **141,206** New Believers
- **116,992** Baptisms
- **269,571** Discipled
- **12,618** Trained in Church Planting

PRAY... The Week of Prayer for International Missions is Dec. 1-8.

GIVE... The national goal for the 2024 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is \$205,000,000. Our church goal is \$60,000.

The Lord gave us the
GREAT COMMISSION
Matthew 28:18-20

He showed us his vision of the
GREAT MULTITUDE
Revelation 7:9

Between these, God invites us to
THE GREAT PURSUIT
Acts 1:8

Join the
Great Pursuit
through your generous gift today!

2024 Missions Offerings

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
for North American Missions

Church Offering: \$23,126

Mother's Day Offering

for TN Baptist Children's Homes

Church Offering: \$3,821

Father's Day Offering

for TN Baptist Adult Homes

Church Offering: \$3,506

Global Hunger Relief

Church Offering: \$1,600

Golden Offering for
Tennessee Missions

Church Offering: \$7,076

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
for International Missions

National Goal: \$205,000,000

Our Church Goal: \$60,000

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

Vision Trip to Paris

Jan. 23-28, 2025

*Coordinators: Pastor Chase and
Dan Wilson*

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



Dodson's Award's Day



Dodson's Good News Club



Dodson Elementary

By Nancy Andrews

Our **Good News Club** is quickly winding up our first semester. We have 10 students who faithfully attend our club each week. They are a joy to work with. We also have opportunity to interact with parents and grandparents in the car line and are building some good relationships with the entire family. We are so thankful for our faithful volunteers and are especially loving our youth workers. The kids enjoy having our students there as well.

In October, we hosted breakfast for **Awards Day**. Parents, grandparents, and younger siblings enjoyed a breakfast of Gourmet Donuts from Mt. Juliet as well as the juice of their choice. We have had at least one new member of our Good News Club who signed up as a result of the Awards Day breakfast.

Our **Father's Heart** ministry was able to help obtain a bed, dishes, and cooking utensils for a family coming out of homelessness into their new apartment. We are so glad that the Lord provides us opportunities to serve the Dodson families in this way. Through the generosity of several Sunday School classes, we were also able to provide food for Thanksgiving food boxes, which were distributed in mid-November with the help of several volunteers from Tulip Grove.

Please continue to be in prayer for our Good News Club volunteers, club members, and families, as well as for opportunities to continue to serve the families, faculty, and staff at Dodson. For more information on how to become involved, please contact Nancy Andrews at nma0626@tds.net.

Pregnancy Care Center

By Desha Hearn

Mission Statement: The Pregnancy Care Center (PCC) empowers individuals to make life-affirming decisions through education, medical services, counseling, and compassionate care based on the ministry of Jesus Christ.

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us." Ephesians 3:20

We have been ministering compassion, hope and help since 2009.

Ministry impact 2009 – 2024

- **1,124** Babies welcomed by mothers who have visited the PCC
- **3,800** individual lives impacted through 17,482 visits
- **2,371** Pregnancy test and decision coaching visits
- **11,596** Group and individual Parent Support classes and follow up visits with mothers & fathers

2023 - 2024

- **38** Church partners providing monthly support and/or participating in events and praying for the PCC
- **885** Financial partners providing monthly support and/or giving through events in the past year
- **6,000+** Volunteer hours provided by those who serve on a regular basis at the center & events
- **392** Pregnancy Tests
- **274** Ultrasounds
- **2,146** Parent Support Visits providing prenatal and parenting lessons for moms and dads
- **19,442** Material Items were earned and given
- **117** Babies were born
- **658** Unique individuals visited for a total of 3,327 visits
- **125** Healthy Relationships 4 Life Sexual Risk Avoidance (SRA) presentations in schools to **730** students

Let's Learn English Together

By Carmen McCreary

"My daughter often sings a sweet 'Alleluia' while playing in her room—a song she learned in her choir class, not from me. It's beautiful!" — Damayanti, Intro Level student, Wednesday nights.

In spite of challenging times, our program is thriving with **126 paid students and 83 prospective graduates** who have completed all assignments and tests required to advance. We now offer classes on Tuesdays through Thursdays, with eight total sessions and an English Club on Sundays. Next semester, we aim to concentrate most classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays due to our growing need for volunteers.

We are currently seeking three additional teachers, especially for Tuesdays from 6-8 pm, with training provided. Thanks to Damayanti's Wednesday class, her daughter has been able to join our children's program—a valuable part of our offerings that has also piqued the interest of other parents.

Our ESL students continue to appreciate the dedication of our teachers and the quality of all our church programming. As we search for a new director to guide our expanding ESL program and build connections within our community, please pray for this change in 2025.

To volunteer, please contact Carmen or visit esltulipgrove.org/volunteer.



We celebrated our students' achievements with a festive Thanksgiving Dinner.



Check out our turkeys from this year's play!



Focus on WMU Sunday is Feb. 16. What is WMU? It is the missions organization in Southern Baptist churches that involves individuals in missions and supports missions cooperatively. It is the umbrella organization for all adult, youth, children, and preschool missions organizations.

New Hope Association Romanian Ministry

By Benjamin Teodosiu

This fall with God's help we were able to send our support (almost \$3000) to several Romanian pastors, families affected by the flood, sick people and handicapped orphans.

Below are photos of God's love in action through this ministry in Romania...



A Romanian pastor preaching



A sick elderly man visited at the hospital



A sick elderly bedridden lady visited at her home by two pastors



Children of unbeliever families participated in a Bible study at Ponorel church.



A group of handicapped orphans received clothes and shoes for the beginning of the new school year.



A pastor's wife fighting cancer encouraged by prayers and financial support.



Thank you TGBC for packing

240

Operation Christmas Child boxes!



MISSIONS GET-TOGETHER

Sign up by **Monday, Jan. 13, 2025** to attend our annual missions conference with TGBC Women on Mission!

TGBC WMU will cover \$100 of the registration fee for both conference days, or \$50 for one conference day, for TGBC members.

We will leave TGBC in the church van Friday, Apr. 4 at 7:30am and return Saturday, Apr. 5 by 4:30pm.

Each person is responsible for their own lunch Friday and their own lodging cost Friday night which will be about \$60 per person to share a hotel room at a group rate.

Contact Renee Mathis at to sign up!



TGBC WoM at Baptist Women World Day of Prayer Monday, Nov. 4, at Iglesia Bautista Renacer church



TGBC WMU Leadership at Nov. 7-8 Lifestay Women's Leadership Forum



Missions Get-Together is an annual event planned and hosted by Tennessee WMU for women 18 years of age and older. During this event, women will discover:

- * JOY connecting with state, national and international missionaries & hearing their stories!
- * JOY experiencing spiritual growth through Biblical truth!
- * JOY considering new missions & ministry opportunities for you and your church!
- * JOY uncovering fresh ideas & resources!
- * JOY gathering with mission-minded women from all across Tennessee!
- * JOY returning home inspired & empowered to connect, tell, disciple, lead & serve!

The event features three General Sessions, FIVE Breakout Sessions - (PLUS TWO BONUS Breakouts on Friday morning), and a Missions & Ministry Fair with WorldCrafts store and a Silent Auction!

THEME: WHAT JOY

SCRIPTURE: "Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well." 1 Thessalonians 2:8

REGISTRATION:

- * **REGISTRATION OPENS ON JANUARY 2, 2025**
(closes on March 21 or when capacity is reached)
- * No registration at the event - everyone must pre-register
- * Registration Fee (includes a box dinner on Friday & box lunch on Saturday):

BOTH DAYS:

\$120 per person from: Jan 2 - Feb 28, 2025

\$140 per person from: March 1 - 21, 2025

FRIDAY or SATURDAY ONLY:

\$65 per person from: Jan 2 - Feb 28, 2025

\$75 per person from: March 1 - 21, 2025

(one box meal included either FRI dinner or SAT lunch)

(All registrations are transferable but not refundable.)

(Missions Get-Together is for women 18 years and older.)

SPECIAL GUESTS:

- * Andrea Lennon
Bible Study Leader
- * Sarah Mentzer & Tim Paul
Worship Leaders

* Missionaries from:

International Mission Board
North American Mission Board
Tennessee Baptist Mission Board



FRIDAY

9:00 AM
9:30-10:15 AM
10:30-11:15 AM
11:15 AM - 1:15 PM

Doors Open/Registration Opens
BONUS Breakout
BONUS Breakout
Lunch Break (participants can bring their lunch and eat at the church or go into Dickson to eat)

12:00 PM
1:15 - 2:00 PM
2:15 - 3:00 PM
3:15 - 4:00 PM
4:15 - 5:30 PM
5:30 - 7:00 PM
6:45 PM
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Missions Fair opens
Breakout Session 1
Breakout Session 2
Breakout Session 3
General Session
Dinner On-Site (Box Meal Provided)
Missions Fair closes
Missions Family Game Night

SATURDAY

8:00 AM
8:45 - 9:30 AM
10:00 - 11:30 AM
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
12:45 PM
1:00 - 1:45 PM
2:00 - 3:15 PM

Doors Open/Registration Opens/Mission Fair open
Breakout Session 4
General Session/TN WMU Annual Meeting
Lunch On-Site (Box Meal Provided)
Missions Fair closes
Breakout Session 5
General Session

Visit tnbaptist.org/mgt2025 for breakout session details.

Craft Ministry

By Charlotte Maynard

Our Craft Ministry ladies have been busy turning out hats, scarves, baby blankets, lap blankets, soft knit and soft sewn cancer hats, drain pouches, warm mittens and heart shaped pillows for cancer patients, and LOTS of jump ropes for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, plus 60 crocheted baskets for a project for The Next Door Recovery.

A special thanks to Carole Flood for cutting SO MANY t-shirts into strips for us to make jump ropes. Brittany is our resident jump rope maker. That is her specialty! Trinity Hope Haitian Feeding Program has also requested jump ropes so we will be making more in the coming months.

We appreciate Debi Frankovich coming to our meetings to teach crocheting and knitting. If you would like to learn, please join us the 3rd Monday of each month (except Dec.) and drop in anytime from 10am to 2pm.

Renee and her team have worked on lots of cards to go into the 60 baskets our ladies crocheted to bless The Next Door Recovery ladies who are recovering from addiction.

We look forward to Irma Estes being back with us. She has been out with health issues and is due back this month.

***YOUR TALENT IS GOD'S GIFT TO YOU...
WHAT YOU DO WITH IT IS YOUR GIFT BACK TO GOD!***

Homebound Ministry

By Charlotte Maynard

We appreciate all our **Homebound Team** for faithfully sending cards, making calls, and taking time to visit those on our homebound list. It takes time, but it is so rewarding to talk to those who are "stuck" at home. They treasure hearing your voices!

We welcome Catherine Hartley and Cyndi Dillard to our team. We are glad to have Amelia Green back with us after a long, extended absence while taking care of her husband. We were saddened to hear of Chuck's passing.

Newcomers are always welcome to help with this rewarding ministry. Please contact Charlotte if you would like to join our Homebound Team.

"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

White House TN Baptist Adult Home

Women on Mission continue our ongoing missions projects with **White House TN Baptist Adult Home** in Lebanon. The ladies love to play bingo and love our monthly Lunch & Games at the White House TBAH the fourth Monday each month. Most of all they just love for us to come visit them! We will have a Christmas party for them December 23. Contact Renee Mathis to sign up for any of our White House dates.



Debi teaching us to crochet



Making cards for The Next Door



Brittany braiding jump ropes



**WHITE HOUSE
TN Baptist Adult Home
LUNCH & GAMES
11am - 12:30pm**

Monday, Dec. 23
Monday, Jan. 27
Monday, Feb. 24
Monday, Mar. 24
Monday, Apr. 28



TN WMU's Vickie Anderson shared about the TN-Denver Partnership



TenThirtyFive's Angie Brantley was thrilled to leave with her SUV filled with our clothing donations!



Guest speaker Jillian Simon didn't mind helping assemble 60 ThankHisGiving Baskets for TNDR.



Carol Pharris from Phoebe Connection



Mike Cowan updating WoM about the Nashville Rescue Mission



Pam Bryant from Begin Anew leading a Refugee Loss Simulation

Women on Mission Sisters

By Renee Mathis

Our evening WoM Sisters group has been very busy this fall learning about and serving several missions ministries! In September, our guest speaker Vickie Anderson, TN WMU Executive Director-Treasurer, shared about the **TN-Denver Partnership** with Denver church planters and the **Denver Prayer Walking Trip**. In October, Angie Brantley from **TenThirtyFive** shared about their local ministry based on Hebrews 10:35 that instills confidence, dignity, and worth through mentorship and fashion for at-risk young women. In November, Jillian Simon, **The Next Door Recovery** Development and Volunteer Coordinator, gave us an update on their addiction treatment ministry in Nashville. We assembled ThankHisGiving baskets for 60 residents who come through their program EACH MONTH.

In December, TGBC member and **IMB Missionary parent Carolyn Riley** will share about being a missionary parent for our international missions emphasis. During our fellowship time we will play a Christmas gift exchange game, so bring a \$10 gift for the game. Our mission project will be a Send Relief project from catalog.sendrelief.org.

In January, Candi Boudreau, Operations Manager at **Trinity Hope Haitian Feeding Program**, will share how that ministry uses local resources to feed over 60,000 students in 240+ Christian schools to satisfy physical and spiritual hunger. Jeff and Renee Mathis can personally attest to this ministry since they have sponsored the Frères Unis de Marre school for the past two years after Trinity Hope spoke to our GA-RA and WoM in December 2022.

Our February meeting will be a 'field trip' to **Begin Anew Madison** MONDAY, Feb. 10, to provide a Valentine Party for the children in childcare for their students who are learning computer skills and going to GED/HiSET classes at this Christian ministry to get better jobs to care for their families and defeat poverty.

Women on Mission is for all women 18 and up. Join us the first Tuesday each month 6:30-8 pm 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

We are so excited to be in our new surroundings. Women on Mission (WoM) Daughters of the King now meet in the Youth Basement where we have plenty of room to spread out with a microphone and kitchen area with a big refrigerator. Our attendance has grown to around 30 for which we are so thankful and very blessed.

We appreciate all our ladies who come each month, especially the ones who keep up with our monthly "duties" such as Moya Leuty preparing detailed WoM minutes, Barbara Helton presenting the Treasurers Report, Lucy Schwartz leading our Prayer Calendar and Devotional, and Renee Mathis with our WMU Report.

Our September ladies welcomed Carol Pharris from **Phoebe Connection**. She gave us a lot of information about their ministry as widows and to widows. October brought us Mike Cowel from the **Nashville Rescue Mission**. Their motto is "Hope for Today, Hope for Tomorrow, and Hope for Eternity." Pam Bryant from **Begin Anew** came this month and did a very eye-opening Refugee Loss Simulation with us.

Each month we have a wonderful speaker, a special project, and a delicious luncheon. Please join us the second Monday each month at 10 a.m. **We are Women on Mission for the Lord and love it!!!**

"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 for ever and ever. Amen." I Peter 4:11.

Mission Friends

By Linda Sharp

Mission Friends learned about missionaries Jason and Cassie Harris who serve in **Paris, France** in September. We enjoyed connecting this to the 2024 Olympics which was also held in Paris.

In October we had so much fun with the **FAITH Riders** Motorcycle Ministry (faithriders.com). They brought key chains for all of the children and taught them to tell others that “It makes sense (cents) to follow Jesus.” The key chain had a penny on it with a cross cut out, as well as a Jesus figurine.

In November we are learning about Don and Maria Friesen who serve in **Brazil**. The children enjoyed making popsicle houseboats that resemble the floating house that the Friesen’s live in on the Amazon River.

We will pause our missions lessons in December to celebrate **Jesus’ birth**.

In January we will learn about David Gaskins who serves as a missionary in **Provo, Utah**. He is a church planter in an area with many Mormon believers who do not have the same beliefs that we have about Jesus.

Finally, in February we will meet Leah Kennedy who grew up as a Missionary Kid. She is also serving in **Brazil**.

Girls in Action (GA) and Royal Ambassadors (RA)

By Donna Davis and the GA-RA Team

The **Craft Stick Boat** is afloat in Birmingham, Alabama. It is a boat made from craft sticks by GAs and RAs all across the USA and several countries. It was built to show what cooperating with others can accomplish the same as our Cooperative Program does for our missionaries. The children studied about the Cooperative Program. Go to <https://wmu.com/craft-stick-houseboat-represents-joy-impact-of-working-together/> for more info about the project and our amazing Cooperative Program that helps supports our missionaries.

In September the girls studied about missionaries Jason and Cassie serving in **Paris, France**. Kathy Fields brought lots of pictures of Paris so the girls could see just what Paris is like. They ate food from Paris and made crafts.

In October we studied about the **FAITH Riders**. People who ride motorcycles and share the love of Jesus with other motorcycle riders. Shrek and Fiona (nicknames) came and brought their motorcycles and shared with our children just what and where they share Jesus. They brought the children keychains with a penny which had a cross cut out of it and a little figure of Jesus. They tell people as they give them out that “It Makes Sense to Follow Jesus.” Each child was given two—one to take home and keep and one to share with a friend. The GAs learned the FAITH Rider theme song.

Stay tuned, or better yet, come visit to see what is happening on the third floor! You may not want to leave!

Missionary Update

By Renee Mathis

IMB Missionaries Jason and Jennifer Vanover from Brentwood, TN spoke with several of TGBC’s missions leadership team when they were in the Nashville area Sep. 25 to provide an update about their current work in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. They spoke for TGBC’s international missions emphasis a few years ago about serving as missionaries in Spain for seven years planting churches before the Lord called them to Toronto to train church planters. TGBC is helping support their upcoming Soul Care Retreats and Food Court Evangelism projects in Toronto. Pray for them as they face extreme lostness among the 6.5 million people in Toronto with only 1% evangelical Christians.



Mission Friends, GAs and RAs learning about the FAITH Riders



Mission Friends, GAs and RAs made sections for a Craft Stick Boat to learn about Cooperative Program



IMB Missionaries Jason & Jennifer Vanover updating several of TGBC’s missions leadership



Tulip Grove Baptist Church
563 Shute Lane
Old Hickory, TN 37138

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024-2025 Missions Leadership

Senior Pastor:

Dr. Chase Sears

WMU Coordinator, WoM Sisters,

Missions Newsletter Editor:

Renee Mathis

WoM Daughters of the King:

Charlotte Maynard

Mission Friends:

Linda Sharp

Girls in Action:

Donna Davis

Royal Ambassadors:

Eric Boswell

Youth on Mission:

Mike Westveer

Missions Ministry Team:

Dan Wilson

<i>Dec</i>		
1-8	Week of Prayer for I'ntl Missions and	Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
3	WoM Sisters Meeting	6:30-8pm, Youth Basement
9	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10am, Youth Basement
23	White House TBAH Christmas Party	White House TBAH in Lebanon
23-28	Vision Trip to Paris	Paris, France
<i>Jan</i>		
7	WoM Sisters Meeting	6:30-8 pm, Youth Basement
10	GA-RA International Mission Study	5:30-8:30pm, CLC
13	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10 am, Youth Basement
20	Craft Ministry	10 am-2 pm, Room 223
27	White House Lunch & Bingo	White House TBAH in Lebanon
<i>Feb</i>		
4	WoM Sisters Meeting	6:30-8 pm, Youth Basement
10	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10 am, Youth Basement
16	Focus on WMU Sunday	
17	Craft Ministry	10 am-2 pm, Room 223
24	White House Lunch & Bingo	White House TBAH in Lebanon

Looking ahead... March 2-9, 2025 Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

April 4-5, 2025 Missions Get-Together conference at Dickson First Baptist