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MISSIONS NEWSLETTER

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2025 Missions Offerings

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions
Church Offering: $29,780.52

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
Church Offering: $34,405.60

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions
National Goal: $210,000,000
Our Church Goal: $60,000

WHAT IS THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING?

At 18, Lottie Moon chose to follow Christ, and her life became a testimony of hope. Years later in China, she gave herself to serving others and sharing the light of God's love in the midst of great need.

In her letters home, she pleaded for prayer and support — so that more people could bring that same hope to a world in darkness. Her words sparked a legacy that continues today through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®.

Every dollar you give becomes more than a gift — it brings hope, it brings light. **100% of your offering supports missionaries who carry the gospel to the ends of the earth.**

This Christmas, carry the light of Christ to others. Together, we can shine in the darkest places. **Be the light.** Thank you for giving.

PRAY… Week of Prayer for International Missions is Nov. 30 – Dec. 7.
GIVE… The national goal for the 2025 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is $210,000,000. Our church goal is $60,000.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands
Revelation 7:9 (ESV)

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

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

THANK YOU TGBC from Dodson

Dodson's Good News Club

Dodson's Award's Day

Dodson's Fall Festival

Dodson Elementary

By Nancy Andrews

We are almost finished with the first semester of **Good News Club** at Dodson Elementary. We have 33 students registered, with around 25 regularly attending each week. We are excited to note that we currently have four families from Good News Club attending Wednesday dinners, Adventure Cub, and ladies Bible study on Wednesday evenings. The kids are so excited to join us for Adventure Club!

Currently we need a couple of men who would be interested in volunteering in our club each week. We meet Thursday afternoons from 2:30-4:15 during the school year. Men are needed to help with our boys, and as always male role models are always loved by the kids. Volunteers will need to pass background checks for Child Evangelism Fellowship and Metro Schools and will need to complete online training through CEF. Please contact Nancy Andrews in interested.

In other activities, we provided a **Teacher Breakfast** from mission funds raised during VBS, provided **Awards Day Breakfast** for families of K-2 grades, and sent a volunteer team to help at the **Fall Festival**. Each week we help distribute weekend food bags for eligible students.

As always, we appreciate the **Cantrell Class** who donates snacks for the Woot Woot Cart incentive, and the **Pillow Class** who donates snacks for our Good News Club each week.

Pregnancy Care Center

By Desha Hearn

We are still celebrating all that God did at our **Imago Dei: Created, Chosen, and Called in Christ Banquet**! Over 420 guests gathered for an evening of fellowship, impactful stories, and the affirmation that every life is made in the image of God.

Thank you to everyone who joined us, hosted tables, prayed, partnered through one-time and monthly gifts, and to all who gave in advance as underwriters. Together you helped raise over **$150,000** to further the mission of the Pregnancy Care Center! Your generosity and presence made the evening truly special. It was a joy to gather together, celebrate what God is doing through the PCC, and invite others into this life-changing work.

During the ministry update, Lisa and Daria shared several exciting developments and ways the PCC continues to grow and serve families across our community:

- Ultrasound services are now available in both Old Hickory and Lebanon.
- Nurse consultations and case management provide personalized care.
- Our new bilingual client advocate is helping us ensure that every person is seen, heard, and valued.
- Through your support, we've walked with over 800 individuals, through 4,600+ visits, and celebrated the arrival of 155 babies in the past year—offering truth, compassion, and hope in the name of Christ.

This fall, as we reflect on all God has done, we're reminded that every season bears fruit in its time. The lives changed, babies born, and families strengthened through the Pregnancy Care Center are the harvest of your faithfulness and generosity. Thank you for sowing into this life-giving work—we can't wait to see what God will do next.

Fall semester ESL Thanksgiving Dinner

Let's Learn English Together

By Phil Bentschneider, ESL Director

As we wrap up a wonderful fall semester, I want to thank everyone who has served, prayed for, or shown interest in this vital ministry. This fall nearly **100 students from 21 countries speaking 14 different languages** who are eager to learn English are experiencing the love of Christ through our volunteers. This is truly the mission field come to us!

As we look ahead to **2026**, we're making some exciting updates to make volunteering simpler and more sustainable by moving to **one night a week (Tuesdays)** and **creating team-teaching and substitute opportunities** to share the load. Whether you've served before or are considering helping for the first time, we'd love to have you join us!

We seek volunteers for a variety of roles: **Teachers and Substitutes** (Spring and Fall, 12-week semesters), **Club Leaders, Greeters, Graders, Event Helpers, Behind-the-scenes/at-home support.**

If you feel led to serve—or just want to learn more—please reach out. Pull me aside at church or call/text me. Even if you can't participate at this time, **your prayers for our students and teachers are deeply appreciated.** Thank you for considering how you might be part of what God is doing at ESL Tulip Grove!

Women on Mission make scripture greeting cards with the human trafficking survivors at Rest Stop Ministries every other month.

Women on Mission helped Trinity Hope Haitian Feeding Program stuff 2,600 pieces of mail for their November and December mailouts in less than 2 hours! That's record time!

New Hope Association Romanian Ministry

By Benjamin Teodosiu

This fall of 2025, with God's help we were able to send our support to several Romanian pastors. For the first time in many years one pastor did not receive support because of not having enough funds.

A Romanian pastor preaching at the celebration of Thanksgiving

A pastor supported by New Hope Association was visiting a widow on a regular basis at our recommendation. She has been supported by our mission for many years and was very open to the Gospel. She accepted to pray for her salvation, and God had mercy on her. Recently this lady went to be with the Lord, in peace.

A group of handicapped orphans received clothes and shoes for the beginning of the new school year. It was a good occasion for a pastor to share the Gospel with them.

Samaritan's Purse OPERATION Christmas Child

Thank you TGBC for packing

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Operation Christmas Child boxes!

MISSIONS GET-TOGETHER

Sign up by **Monday, Feb. 9, 2026** 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. 17 at 7:30am and return Saturday, Apr. 18 by 4:30pm.

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

Contact Renee Mathis at crmathis1@gmail.com to sign up!

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:

- Connect with state, national and international missionaries & hearing their stories!
- Experience spiritual growth through Biblical truth!
- Discover new missions & ministry opportunities for you and your church!
- Uncover fresh ideas & resources!
- Gather with mission-minded women from all across Tennessee!
- Return home inspired & empowered to connect, tell, disciple, lead & serve!

The event features FOUR General Sessions, SIX Breakout Sessions and a Missions Fair with WorldCrafts store and a Silent Auction!

THEME: CREATED FOR THIS...
SCRIPTURE: "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he has planned for us long ago." Ephesians 2:10

REGISTRATION:

REGISTRATION OPENS ON JANUARY 6, 2025
(closes on April 2 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:
$130 per person from Jan 6 -March 13
$140 per person from March 14 - April 2

FRIDAY or SATURDAY ONLY:
$65 per person from Jan 6 - March 13
$75 per person from March 14 - April 2
(one box meal included either FRIDAY dinner or SATURDAY lunch)

(All registrations are transferable but not refundable.)
(Missions Get-Together is for women 18 years and older.)

TennesseeWMU

SPECIAL GUESTS:

Catherine Renfro
Bible Study Leader
National Director of Women's Evangelism at the North American Mission Board

Jenna & Zoë
Worship Leaders

Missionaries from:
International Mission Board
North American Mission Board

Visit tnbaptist.org/mgt2026 for breakout session details.

TGBC teens at Connection: Glow Up!

Connection: Glow Up!

Connection is an annual event planned and hosted by Tennessee WMU for teenage girls in grades 6-12 and their leaders.

This year's conference was hosted at Northside Baptist Church in Murfreesboro Sep. 5-7 with Sunday morning at MTSU's BCM. Thanks to TGBC's Mimi Fisher for taking Skyler and Kyleigh Fisher and Ella Leonard to this missions conference!

The weekend was filled with missionary speakers, Bible Study, discipleship breakouts, worship, mission projects and activities. Our girls met missionaries, got deep into God's Word, had fun together, participated in a mission project, and chose from a variety of breakout sessions to help teenage girls live life God's Way.

Kelly Chilcote, Area Director for YOKE Youth Ministry, was the conference Bible Study Leader/Speaker. IMB Missionary Hannah Yount also shared about her work with the Deaf Affinity and overseeing work among the Deaf of Africa.

Watch for more information about next year's Connection event!

Craft Ministry

By Charlotte Maynard

Our ladies continue to make and bring to the meeting their BEAUTIFUL TREASURES all of which are donated to various hospitals all over Tennessee. A SPECIAL thanks to Kathy Bentley, our VA contact who picks up everything each month and delivers to these hospitals.

The "treasures" include lap blankets, little teddy bears to go with our baby blankets, fidgets, hat and bootie sets, hats for babies, kids, and adults; prayer pockets, scarves, hat/scarf sets, head warmers; drain bags, heart shaped pillows, mittens, soft sewn and knitted hats for cancer patients; bibs, and jump ropes.

We have made enough jump ropes to put in the Christmas Shoeboxes that Tulip Grove packs each year along with enough ropes and hats to give to the Good News Club students at Dodson Elementary. Jump ropes were also requested and made for the emergency bags in the classrooms at church. WOW! A GREAT BIG thanks to the White House TBAH ladies who love working on our jump ropes each month. They can sure turn them out quickly!

We would love for you to join us! We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month (*except December)* from 10am-2pm in Room 223 at the church. Everyone brings a snack to share while we work and fellowship. Hope to see you soon.

Debi makes baby hats and booties

Charlotte's car packed with October's crafts for hospitals

Braiding jump ropes

Homebound Ministry

By Charlotte Maynard

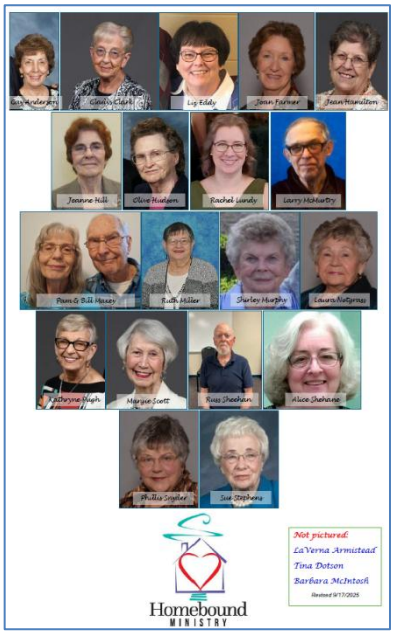
After our wonderful Missions Fair in August, we welcomed to our Homebound Ministry Team: Skyler Fisher, Mimi Fisher, Lani Bruce, Christina Jones, Mary Fowler, Nancy Miller, Linda Mosher and Donna Edwards. **Praise the Lord** for these wonderful ladies who have a heart for our Homebound!

We want to add to our Homebound List: Lovey Bergstrom who is one of our neighbors just across the street in Fox Run. She is homebound in her home.

Sympathy is extended to the families of Ola Mae Malin, Gail Reed, and Jim Anderson who passed away during this last quarter. Our prayers are with these families in their loss.

A SPECIAL THANKS to all of our team who are SO faithful to send cards, make calls, and visit these precious members of our Homebound Ministry.

We would love to have you join us. We meet once a quarter on Sunday evening at 5pm in the church conference room. Cards, address labels, and stamps are provided if you need them. Watch the church bulletin for the announcement about our next meeting the last Sunday in January.



Getting to Know Grace Fellowship Paris

From Ryan Powell's November e-newsletter

Reaching & Teaching International Missionaries Ryan & Dana Powell have been serving in Paris since 2010. They are currently planting an international church, Grace Fellowship Paris. They praise God for the privilege of proclaiming the gospel in Paris and welcoming the nations into Christ's family. They are already running out of space! **Pray** for wisdom as they seek creative ways to maximize space and warmly welcome all who walk through their doors.

Ryan has been working to revise the church's constitution and bylaws for Grace Fellowship to be officially recognized by the French government as a legal religious association. **Pray** as the church votes on the proposed constitution Dec. 2. **Pray** they will be able to delegate responsibilities to qualified leaders and that the Lord would raise up faithful servants to share in the workload to lighten the administrative and pastoral burdens currently falling to Ryan.

Check them out on Instagram at **gracefellowshipparis** and Facebook at **gracefellowshipparis17**.

Ryan Powell preaching in Paris

Tabitha Jenkins sharing about Pregnancy Care Center's ministry

Lydia Fulcher and Nancy Andrews shared about TGBC's partnership with Dodson Elementary and GNC

WoM Sisters assembled 60 ThankHisGiving Baskets for TNDR!

TGBC WMU Leadership at Nov. 6-7 Lifeway Women's Leadership Forum

Focus on WMU Sunday is Feb. 15.

Carolyn Riley sharing about being the mom of an IMB Missionary

Chaplain Williams sharing about his ministry for Nashville Fire Department

Women on Mission Sisters

By Renee Mathis

There are 32 women with a heart for missions in our evening WoM Sisters this fall with about 20 in attendance at our monthly meetings. ALL women 18+ are welcome to attend at any time whether it is a meeting or a mission project! We are very flexible and understand that not everyone can attend meetings for various reasons from small children to work schedules, but it is our prayer you can still participate in some mission projects and live a missional lifestyle.

In September, guest speaker Tabitha Jenkins, **Pregnancy Care Center** Client Care Coordinator, gave us an update about PCC's ministry to those with unplanned pregnancies at their Old Hickory and Lebanon facilities. WoM Sisters brought donations of items needed by the PCC Boutiques for our project.

In October, Lydia Fulcher, Community Schools Coordinator at **Dodson Elementary**, and TGBC's Nancy Andrews shared about TGBC's partnership with Dodson and the Good News Club. WoM Sisters generously donated 63 pairs of pants needed by Dodson's Clothing Closet!

In November, Susan Weathersby, **The Next Door Recovery** Director of Development, updated us on this faith-based addiction treatment ministry for women in Nashville. For our project, we assembled ThankHisGiving baskets for 60 residents who come through their program EACH MONTH. The highlight of this project is delivering these baskets and seeing the TNDR women's faces when they see the love that went into these baskets!

In December, **IMB Missionaries Lisa & Nick Jungheim** will share about their ministry to The Deaf People affinity. During our fellowship time we will play a Christmas gift exchange game, so bring a gift from home worth $10-$15 for the game. Our mission project will be an offering for Lisa & Nick's ministry to the deaf.

In January, Laurie Garner, **TN Baptist Children's Home** Chief Program Officer will share about their Adoption and Foster Care program.

Our February meeting will be a 'field trip' to **Begin Anew** **Madison** MONDAY, Feb. 9, 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

Close to 30 lovely ladies make it a priority to come hear our speaker each month and learn more about being on mission for the Lord, and THESE LADIES ARE!

Carolyn Riley came in September and told us about her IMB Missionary son and their family's missionary adventures throughout the years. God has done a MIGHTY work through them, and it was exciting to hear all about it. **What a praise!!!**

Chaplain Williams came in October and told us all about his ministry as **Chaplain for the Nashville Fire Department**. He has touched so many lives and continues to be one of God's wonderful ministers in his position. He created the Chaplain program and is on call 24/7 in a department with seven chaplains for 1,400 people. God is using him in GREAT and MIGHTY ways. A generous donation of $360 was collected and sent to the Nashville Rescue Mission per his request.

Each month we have a speaker, ministry project, reports on various missions, and a delicious covered-dish luncheon to top it all off. We would love to have you come and see how you can be on mission for the Lord with us and help our group grow. God has blessed us, and it is always exciting to hear from the ladies how God is working in their lives and blessing them above and beyond measure.

We meet on the second Monday of each month September through May from 10am to 1pm in the Youth Basement. Hope to see you there soon. Please watch the church bulletin for details.

Mission Friends

By Linda Sharp

We are blessed to have Samantha Johnson and Beth McComb leading our Mission Friends this year. They plan so many fun activities for the children to do while learning about missionaries serving around the world.

In September, the children learned about Erik and Danni Naylor who are missionaries in **Maui, Hawaii**. Mr. Naylor became a church planter in 2022 and is the pastor of Lahaina Baptist Church. He focuses on teaching the Bible, building a culture of prayer, and being with the people. Mrs. Naylor supports her husband while taking care of their five children. She also leads a women's Bible study and spends time with other moms. Our Mission Friends enjoyed learning about the Naylors while wearing leis, listening to our own Adelaide Lundy play the ukelele and tasting some yummy Hawaiian treats.

Adelaide playing ukelele and singing Jesus Loves Me with Mission Friends

In October, we have been learning about 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. Our Mission Friends have been talking about how they can pray to God and pray for others… knowing He hears us and brings comfort when we are sick or scared. We had a special night of making praying hands and sharing our favorite stuffed animals that bring comfort to us.

Mission Friends with comforting stuffed animals and praying hands

In November, we are learning about David Carey who has been a hospice chaplain for 17 years. He is currently serving in **Portland Maine**.

In December, we are excited to participate in the first **International Missions Study for Preschoolers**. We will "meet" Peter and Tina Kim who are new missionaries in **Brazil**. Their goal is to come alongside Brazilian churches to help them start new churches where there are no churches to tell the people about Jesus. This study will take place on our Parent's Night Out December 5. On Wednesday nights in December, we will focus on the birth of Jesus.

Children in Action

By Donna Davis

In September our children studied about missionaries, Erik and Danni Naylor in **Maui, Hawaii**. They learned about the fires in Lahaina and how our missionaries showed the love of Jesus even when they had lost their own home. The children tried to build a church in order for them to learn how hard it is to rebuild after a fire. We made gospel sand art jars so that our children could learn to share the gospel with their friends. Fruit kabobs were served with fruit from Hawaii. DELICIOUS!

In October missions found us in **Eastern Europe** traveling in a medical van with Harrison Martin. Robbie Boswell shared how a medical missionary would have the opportunity to share Jesus as they provided much needed medical care. Walking smores were a treat to celebrate fall.

Looking forward to November we will be in **Windham, Maine** with David and Sherrill Carey. We will study the life of a Hospice Chaplain. Also, we will be taking part in the International Mission Study and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in December. Stay tuned for exciting news on how our children take part in missions.

Adventure Club's Children in Action

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

Monday, Dec. 22
Monday, Jan. 26
Monday, Feb. 23
Monday, Mar. 23
Monday, Apr. 27

The Gospel is our Mission

By Chris Frankovich, Hermitage Gideon Camp

For those on a mission to spread the Gospel, **The Gideons International** is a global association equipping Christian business and professional men, along with their wives, to distribute God's Word and lead others to faith in Jesus Christ.

For over 125 years, the singular mission of The Gideons has been to win people to the Lord. Through the faithful service of its members, more than 2.6 billion lives across 200 countries, territories, and possessions have been touched by receiving the life-changing message of God's Word.

In a world searching for hope, The Gideons believe it is found in Jesus Christ. Whether it's a small pocket Testament placed in a student's backpack, a Bible left in a hotel drawer, or a personal word of witness shared with a coworker, God uses his Word and simple acts of obedience to spark eternal change.

Here is a salvation testimony from one of our Tennessee Gideons . . .

Our camp had the opportunity to distribute Scriptures as part of a local church outreach providing food and gifts to families during Christmas. I had a conversation with a young lady named Austin. She has three children and came by to get food and presents for her kids.

During our conversation, we started talking about Christ. I asked her if she thought she would go to Heaven, and she answered, "I hope so! I try really hard to do good every day."

I felt the Holy Spirit prompting me to keep sharing, so I led her through the Scriptures in the back of a Testament. I explained how God's gift of salvation was a free gift; it's not something to be earned. "Did you do anything to get these gifts for your children?" I asked. "No," she answered.

"Austin, would you like to change from hoping you'll be in Heaven to knowing you'll be in Heaven?" I asked.

Tears started streaming down her face. I showed her how to receive salvation through Jesus Christ then offered her an opportunity to pray, which she did. When she finished, she looked up at me smiling and said, "I know I'll be in Heaven!"

For the men and women who serve through The Gideons, this calling is more than a ministry. It's a way of life—a spiritual adventure marked by fellowship, growth, accountability, and above all, a passion to see others come to know Jesus.

To explore opportunities to increase your Gospel impact in The Gideons International, please contact Chris Frankovich at cfrankovich1@comcast.net.

2025-2026 Missions Leadership

Senior Pastor:
Dr. Chase Sears
Discipleship & Family Pastor:
Brian Joines
Preschool & Children's Pastor, Staff Missions Liaison:
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

Dec		
11/30-12/7	Week of Prayer for Int'l Missions and	Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
2	WoM Sisters Meeting	6:30–8pm, Youth Basement
5	Children's Int'l Mission Study	6-7:30pm, CLC
5	Preschool Int'l Mission Study	6-7:30pm, Preschool Hallway
8	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10am, Youth Basement
22	White House TBAH Christmas Party	White House TBAH in Lebanon
Jan		
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
26	White House Lunch & Bingo	White House TBAH in Lebanon
Feb		
9	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10 am, Youth Basement
9	WoM Sisters Meeting	6–8 pm, Begin Anew Madison
15	Focus on WMU Sunday	
16	Craft Ministry	10 am–2 pm, Room 223
23	White House Lunch & Bingo	White House TBAH in Lebanon

Looking ahead… March 1-8, 2026 *Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions*
April 17-18, 2026 *Missions Get-Together conference at Dickson First Baptist*