

# HEART for the KINGDOM

TGBC Missions Newsletter



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*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, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" Revelation 7:9-10 (ESV)*

## LOSTNESS IS GROWING EVERY DAY

WE WILL NOT IGNORE IT.  
WE WON'T BE SILENT.  
WE WON'T STAND STILL.

WE WILL REACH THE NATIONS,  
NO MATTER THE COST.  
**WE WILL BRING THE SOLUTION —  
THE GOSPEL—**  
TO THE WORLD'S GREATEST PROBLEM,  
LOSTNESS.

Lostness around the world is growing every day. In fact, 59% of the world's population remains unreached. This means there are less than 2% evangelical Christians within their people group or nearby. Unless something changes, they have little to no chance of hearing the gospel in their lifetime.

Your missionaries are a steadfast presence among the lost. You pray, give, go and send. Together we are committed to reaching the lost. In obedience, we will follow the Lord's command to go into all the world.

### God's Work Through the International Mission Board (IMB) in 2022:

- 3,521 missionaries supported with comprehensive care
- 67 new people groups and places engaged
- 728,589 people heard the gospel
- 178,177 new believers
- 21,231 new churches
- 102,417 baptisms
- 146,026 people received leadership training

*Over 90% of IMB teams actively engage at least one unreached people or place.*

173,451 LOST DYING DAILY  
7,225 UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS  
4.6 BILLION people are considered unreached.

Southern Baptists observe a Week of Prayer for International Missions each year before the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering emphasis. **This year the Week of Prayer for International Missions is Dec. 3-10.** Join your heart with others to pray for missionaries around the world who are faithfully sharing the gospel.

The 2023 national Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal for International Missions is \$200 million. **Our church goal is \$59,000.**



imb.org/weekofprayer

## MISSIONS PROJECTS

### ONGOING

#### *Begin Anew*

*Brooks Home TN Bapt Adult Home*

*Dodson Elementary*

*English as a Second Language*

*International Leadership Coalition*

*Pregnancy Care Center*

*Rescue 1 Global*

*Romanian Pastor Sponsorship*

*The Next Door*

### MISSION TRIPS

*Interest is being determined for:*

*Dominica Mission Trip*

*Contact: Malcolm Helton*

*Cuba Mission Trip*

*Contact: Ryan Hayes*

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

## Pregnancy Care Center

*By Desha Hearn*

On September 28, 482 guests attended our annual banquet grossing the largest amount ever raised, **\$131,570!** Our keynote speaker was Dr. Marc Newman, a pro-life apologetics expert and founder/president of Speaker for Life. In addition to being our keynote, Dr. Newman spoke at our Pastors' Reception just prior to the banquet.

This year, as of October, we had **298** client visits with **1,847** return visits. We gave **224** pregnancy tests, conducted **1,606** peer-counseling, **797** material assistance with **1,399** Earn While You Learn class visits. But most importantly, **we welcomed 64 precious babies.**

Our new Sexual Risk Avoidance curriculum has been approved by Wilson County. We are waiting for the Metro Nashville committee to set a date for their approval meeting.

TGBC's Women on Mission Sisters have been focusing on the Pregnancy Care Center this fall. They provided several baby items in November for the PCC Boutique where PCC clients will use points that they earn by attending classes to purchase items they need.

In December, WoM Sisters will tour the new Lebanon PCC location and provide new toys for the children's areas in both Old Hickory and Lebanon. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about this ministry!

## Dodson Elementary

*By Nancy Andrews*

Volunteers from Tulip Grove have been busy at Dodson Elementary since the start of school. Each week we help **distribute weekend food bags** to students in need at the school, including several students who are classified as homeless. This can range anywhere from "doubling up" in an apartment or home with other family members, to living in a hotel, to living in a vehicle. Food bags are provided each week by the Bridge Ministry, and volunteers from Tulip Grove get them to the students who need them. We have been averaging just under 130 bags per week.

We have volunteered each month at the **Dodson Market** attendance store. Shoppers earn "dollars" to spend for household and personal care items for each day that their student is on time and stays for the entire day. Many students have missed at least 10 school days so far this year, and it is hoped the store will encourage better attendance.

In October we provided a light breakfast to parents and families at **Awards Day**. Parents and siblings enjoyed delicious donuts from Gourmet Donuts in Mt. Juliet, as they came to watch their children receive awards.

Malcolm Helton and Dan Gant **built a ramp** to the portable which houses the Dodson Market, which enables easy access for carts and wagons that transport items back and forth between the portable and the main school building.

There are many opportunities to serve at Dodson, including needs for **tutors**, which range from working with flashcards to helping with upper-level math. **Classroom volunteers** are always needed to assist teachers. After Christmas, the school hopes to begin a **Lunch Buddies** program, where volunteers will be assigned an at-risk student to have lunch with on a regular basis. And we are praying that the Lord will provide workers to start a new **Good News Club** at the beginning of next school year.

If you would like more information on being involved at Dodson Elementary, please contact Nancy Andrews or Pastor Eric.





# Let's Learn English Together

By Carmen McCreary

"I can't believe how much I learned in 12 weeks. These classes have helped me around town and at work. Thank you!" - Rene from Venezuela, Intermediate student

We are so proud of our students! They have worked so hard, and we have over 50 students who are finishing up their work to "graduate" to their new class. Not only are our students interested in learning about English, but we also are having Gospel-led conversations in class with our Bible story devotionals. Ken Stoudenmire, our Fun Outings Coordinator, has led two "Coffee Breaks," a Saturday morning get-together at the Momento Coffee shop. Students have a fun time asking questions about culture, grammar, and our lives and each other's lives too. This is a great opportunity to connect on a personal level and invite them to a local church in their language or Tulip Grove Baptist Church!

**We are in need of a Level Intro and one teacher for January 2024 and training will be provided.** The day of the week can be arranged (Tues. 6-8pm, Wed. 6-8pm, Thurs. 6-8pm, or Sun. 4-6pm) according to your schedule. We are looking to serve over 100 students in the coming months, and we are thrilled to be their community support and hopefully one day a greater church family. If interested, please contact Carmen for training, where you can assist this semester and fill the two class opening needs this coming spring. [carmen@esltulipgrove.org](mailto:carmen@esltulipgrove.org)



*"Fun Fall at the Farm" event where we met up at Walden Pumpkin Farm to pick pumpkins, escape the corn maze, and learn about fall here in TN!*



*A fun and warm "Coffee Break" on a Saturday morning.*

## Youth on Mission

By Mike Westveer

Our youth traveled to Cumberland, KY this summer to minister alongside **Club 180 Ministry**. Club 180 loves on the people in the communities they serve in so many ways and have been answering God's call to love our neighbors for many, many years.

Our youth teamed with Missionaries Terry and Angie Burkeen by leading a week-long Vacation Bible School for students in grades K-6. Our students were amazing as they were the hands and feet of our Lord, leading in Bible study, music, crafts, recreation, serving meals, and simply showing God's love to the campers.

Our youth were also excited to get to walk in the county 4th of July Parade while promoting Club 180 and the Vacation Bible School.



*TGBC Youth at Club 180 Ministry*

## Romanian Pastor Sponsorship

TGBC member Ben Teodosiu works with several Romanian pastors who TGBC helps support financially through our budget.

Lydia Teodosiu spoke to TGBC's GAs and RAs during their October Ukrainian emphasis about **New Hope Association's** work with Ukrainian refugees and the house built by a Romanian missionary for an orphanage. The GAs collected an offering to help provide food for the orphanage.

This fall season New Hope Association with the help of Tulip Grove Baptist Church was able to support **six pastors** in Romania, **four Romanian families**, **two large Ukrainian families** and **an orphanage** with handicapped children. To God be the glory!



*Ukrainian Christian Family*



*Ukrainian Refugees*

## Missions Get-Together

Plans are being made now for  
TN WMU's annual spring  
**Missions Get-Together**  
at Brentwood Baptist April 11-13!

Contact Renee Mathis by March 1 to  
register with TGBC's group to attend  
and reserve a seat on the church van.  
*Half of the registration fee will be  
covered by TGBC WMU  
for TGBC members.*



The women on  
TGBC's WMU  
Leadership Team  
attended the  
2023 LifeWay  
Women's  
Leadership  
Forum  
Nov. 9-10.

TGBC Women  
on Mission at  
the Nashville  
Baptist  
Association's  
Baptist  
Women's  
World Day of  
Prayer Nov. 6



**Thanks to everyone who filled  
OCC shoeboxes!**



## FOR HIS GLORY

MISSIONS  
GET-TOGETHER  
**April 11-13, 2024**  
**Brentwood Baptist**  
**Brentwood, TN**

Missions Get-Together is an annual event planned and hosted by Tennessee WMU for women 18 years of age and older to:

- Experience Personal Growth
- Engage in Meaningful Worship
- Discover Missions and Ministry Opportunities
- Enjoy the Fellowship of Other Christian Women

The event features four General Sessions, Six Breakout Session times with over 20 choices, and Missions & Ministry Displays with over 35 exhibitors!

**THEME: FOR HIS GLORY**

**SCRIPTURE: "...so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 4:11c**

### REGISTRATION:

- REGISTRATION OPENS ON JANUARY 2, 2024
- No registration at the event - everyone must pre-register
- Registration Fee (includes a box lunch on Friday & Saturday):
  - \$125 per person from: Jan 2 - March 8, 2024
  - \$150 per person from: March 8 - 28, 2024

(ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE TRANSFERABLE BUT NOT REFUNDABLE)

(GET-TOGETHER IS FOR WOMEN 18 YEARS AND OLDER)

### SPECIAL GUESTS:

- **BRENDA CROSTON**  
Bible Study Leader
- **FIRST BAPTIST CONCORD WORSHIP TEAM** - Worship Leaders
- **MISSIONARIES:**
  - Kevin Godin - NAMB Denver
  - Kerry Jackson - NAMB Atlanta
  - Liz Harper - IMB, South Asia

 TennesseeWMU

## SCHEDULE

### THURSDAY

3:00 PM  
3:00 - 5:00 PM  
5:00 - 7:00 PM  
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Registration/Check-In Opens  
Missions & Ministry Displays Open  
Dinner Break  
General Session in Worship Center  
(Doors Open at 6:30)

### FRIDAY

7:30 AM  
8:00 - 9:30 AM  
10:00 - 11:30 AM  
  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
  
1:00 - 2:00 PM  
2:15 - 3:15 PM  
3:30 - 4:30 PM  
4:30 - 7:00 PM  
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Doors Open/Registration Opens  
Breakout Session 1  
General Session/TN WMU Annual Meeting  
(Doors Open at 9:30)  
Lunch On Site  
(Box Lunch, Cost Included in Registration Fee)  
Breakout Session 2  
Breakout Session 3  
Breakout Session 4  
Dinner Break  
General Session (Doors Open at 6:30)

### SATURDAY

8:00 AM  
9:00 - 10:00 AM  
10:00 - 10:30 AM  
10:30 - 11:30 AM  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
  
1:00 - 2:30 PM

Doors Open  
Breakout Session 5  
Break  
Breakout Session 6  
Lunch on Site  
(Box Lunch, Cost Included in Registration Fee)  
General Session (Doors Open at 12:30)

Visit [tnbaptist.org/event/missions-get-together/](http://tnbaptist.org/event/missions-get-together/)  
for Lodging Recommendations and Other Event Details

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## Craft Ministry

By Charlotte Maynard

What a busy quarter we have had! **Making jump ropes** for the Christmas shoe boxes was high on our priority list, and we have donated over 225 for our church members to add to their shoe boxes.

Over 200 warm hats, scarves, and blankets were made and sent to **Ukraine** via Wes Jones from Disaster Relief. We appreciate him taking these items and shipping them for us.

Baby blankets are made each quarter for **Tulip Grove's Mother's Day Out** moms who are expecting. We are blessed to be a part of this happy event in these mom's lives. Baby blankets and hats are continuously being donated to **Newborns in Need** at local hospitals.

**The Next Door** will receive 125 hat and scarf sets for Christmas for the ladies there. **Gateway Elementary** received over 100 hats for the children at that school.

Our ladies are a hard-working group, and we feel very blessed to use our God given talents to bless others each and every month. We enjoy wonderful fellowship and great snacks as we work together each month.

We meet the 3rd Monday of each month except December. Watch the bulletin for details.

## Homebound Ministry

By Charlotte Maynard

We welcome Jeanne Foutch, Rose Greene, "CC" Meador, and Carolyn Dudley to our Homebound Ministry Team. Sending cards, making calls, and visiting our Homebound members are a priority as we enjoy bringing a "ray of sunshine" into their lives. Stamps and cards are provided. We are blessed to be a part of this great ministry.

Please join us for our quarterly meetings in the Conference Room at 5pm. **Our next meeting is the last Sunday in January.** Watch the church bulletin for further details.

## Rest Stop Ministries

By Renee Mathis

Rest Stop Ministries (RSM) is a not-for-profit, faith-based organization in the Nashville area dedicated to comprehensively restoring female survivors of domestic sex trafficking. RSM follows a housing-first model and provides holistic survivor-centered, trauma-informed care in a long-term residential community. RSM partners locally with End Slavery Tennessee as their primary referral agency but also accept other referrals such as Rescue 1 Global.

In 2021, RSM launched a social enterprise that supports both the financial independence of their graduates and the sustainability of their program. Their residential program at Good Hope Farms can house up to seven residents for their 18-month program. Graduates of their program have the option to continue to receive support through RSM's alumni program.

TGBC Women on Mission have volunteered with RSM since they spoke at TGBC's Human Trafficking Awareness event in 2017. Current volunteers include Renee Mathis, Lani Bruce, Janice LaRoy, and Nancy Miller. Mission projects have included life-skills classes such as cooking, cake/cookie decorating, and arts and crafts. Other volunteer opportunities include organizing clothing closets, writing thank you notes to donors, and gardening.

**To volunteer at RSM, complete their online volunteer application** at [www.reststopministries.org/volunteer](http://www.reststopministries.org/volunteer) to **attend their Volunteer Orientation.**



Irma and Darlene loom knitting



Carole cutting t-shirt strips



Janice and Charlotte tagging

### 2023 Missions Offerings

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
for North American Missions**  
Church Offering: \$14,521

**Mother's Day Offering  
for TN Baptist Children's Homes**  
Church Offering: \$6,002

**Father's Day Offering  
for TN Baptist Adult Homes**  
Church Offering: \$4,710

**Global Hunger Relief**  
Church Offering: \$1,480

**Golden Offering for  
Tennessee Missions**  
Church Offering: \$7,617

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
for International Missions**  
National Goal: \$200 million  
Church Goal: \$59,000

## Women on Mission Sisters

By Renee Mathis

WoM Sisters' fall focus on **Pregnancy Care Center (PCC)** is coming to a close. Desha Hearn, PCC Board Member, shared her personal testimony at our November 5 meeting as well as the history of TGBC's involvement in starting PCC in 2006. Several baby items were collected for the Old Hickory PCC Boutique where PCC clients can shop with points earned by attending their classes.

Our December 5 meeting will be a field trip to tour the new Lebanon PCC location with PCC Executive Director Lisa Cathcart. Our project will be collecting new toys for the children's areas in the Old Hickory and Lebanon PCC locations. Contact Renee Mathis to reserve a seat on the church van leaving at 6pm and returning by 8:30pm or to get a list of the toys needed for our PCC missions project.

Starting in January, WoM Sisters will focus on **Rest Stop Ministries (RSM)**, a local faith-based residential program for human trafficking survivors. TGBC has worked with RSM since they spoke at our Human Trafficking Awareness event in 2017.

Lani Bruce volunteers regularly with RSM and is planning the RSM missions projects for our January 2 and February 6 meetings. The February meeting will have a Valentine theme, and the March 5 meeting will have an Easter theme.

We will end our RSM focus with our April 2 meeting and a field trip to RSM's Good Hope Farms facility. Janice LaRoy who also volunteers regularly with RSM is coordinating our April missions project to help organize RSM's extensive clothing closets.

Our last WoM Sisters meeting for this church year will be at Five Oaks in Lebanon to celebrate our year and start planning for the fall.

Women on Mission continues our ongoing missions projects with **Brooks House TN Baptist Adult Home** in Hermitage with our monthly Lunch/Dinner & Games at Brooks House. See upcoming dates below and contact Renee Mathis to sign up!

**Women on Mission is for all women 18 and up.** Join us the **first Tuesday each month 6:30-8pm** as WoM Sisters create multigenerational bonds where doing life together for His kingdom is our desire as we live out His mission!

**Brooks House Dinner & Games**  
**6 - 7:30pm**

Monday, Feb. 12 & Monday, Apr. 8

**Brooks House Lunch & Games**  
**11am - 12:30pm**

Thursday, Jan. 18 & Monday, Mar. 4

## Women on Mission Daughters of the King

By Charlotte Maynard

Our group is growing! We were glad to start back this fall with 24 beautiful ladies. This year we are doing our **Person of Interest** again. We love learning more about our ladies each month as one per month tells a little about themselves.

We started off the year in September by having Billy Hoffman come and enlighten us about the **G-2 Project**. Wes Jones from **TN Disaster Relief** came in October. Both months we had record attendance and lots of hands to work on our special project - filling LOTS of **Christmas Backpacks** to be donated.

Our ladies wrote thank you and encouragement cards for our **Veterans** at Tulip Grove to be given out in November at a special dinner for them.

Each month we have a delicious luncheon with lots of wonderful dishes. Our ladies are excellent cooks, and we never leave hungry. **We would love for you to join us the second Monday each month at 10am in Room 100.**



WoM Sisters made 50 encouraging scripture cards for PCC staff and volunteers in September.



Baby items collected for Pregnancy Care Center in October



WoM at our Brooks House TN Baptist Adult Home Lunch/Dinner & Games monthly mission project



Wes Jones from TBMB Disaster Relief spoke in October.



TGBC provided 31 CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS to TN WMU Compassions Ministries!



# Mission Friends

By Linda Sharp

In September our missions area was **Atlanta, Georgia**. We learned about Kerry and Twyla Jackson who share about Jesus through art, and by leading and teaching other creative people.

In October, our missions area was **Ukraine**. We learned about Jack and Brennan Gibbs who work with Ukrainian refugees providing food, clothing and housing as well as medical clinics. When possible, they support churches in Ukraine.

In November, our missions area will be **camping and resort communities**. We will learn about Robert and Barbara Ruesch who minister to people who stay in campgrounds. They provide activities designed to get to know the residents and open doors to talk about Jesus.

Since we will only meet on two Wednesday nights in December, we will learn about **Lottie Moon** the first week and Jesus' birth the second week. We will celebrate with a **Happy Birthday Jesus party**.

January's missions area will be **Saint Cloud, Minnesota**. We will learn about Eber and Melisa Argueta who serve Latino immigrants by providing translation services, transportation services and winter clothes.

February's missions area will be **South Asia**. Catherine Knowles will be who we learn about this month. She is a special worker who spends much of her time teaching women who are believers in Jesus. She helps them know more about Jesus so they can tell others about Jesus too.



Mission Friends being "worker bees"



Mission Friends making safe houses for Ukrainian refugees

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

By Donna Davis and the GA-RA Team

Our **Christmas in August** emphases for missionary Jay Watkins of Valdosta, George went great. The classes brought over \$300.00 in Walmart gift cards for the **Foster Care Program** that Mr. Watkins runs. Liz Sutherland came and talked to the children about Foster Care and explained the process to them. She explained how God uses people to care for these children, and she explained about their family doing God's work in fostering.

September found the girls studying about the big city of **Atlanta, Georgia** and how missionaries use art to witness to others for Christ. They enjoyed chili dogs because The Varsity is a popular place in Atlanta and serves the best chili dogs.

In October the study was the country of **Ukraine**. The girls' studied about the missionaries there and took part in a missions project for Ukrainian refugees that are being taken care of by a missionary in Romania. The children brought in cash that was given to **New Hope Association**, a nonprofit organization run by Ben Teodosiu. Lydia came and talked to the children about the ministry. The missionary has built a building in Romania to house the refugees and their moms. The children collected \$214 that was sent to purchase food to feed the refugees.

Christmas is just around the corner, and the GAs and RAs plan to go **Christmas caroling** with TGBC's Youth Wednesday, Dec. 13, 6-7:30pm to bless some of our Annas and homebound members.

In January, the GAs and RAs will have an **International Mission Study** night Friday, January 12, 6-9pm to learn how the gospel is being shared in **Zambia**, a beautiful country in Africa famous for its unique landscape and the Zambezi River. Our GAs and RAs will explore ways they can pray for and become involved with missions in Zambia.



GAs and RAs eating chili dogs



Lydia Teodosiu sharing with GAs about New Hope Association in Romania





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### 2023-2024 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*

**Students on Mission:**

*Mike Westveer*

**Missions Ministry Team:**

*Malcolm Helton*

*Dan Wilson*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>Dec</i>		
3-10	Week of Prayer for I'ntl Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	
5	WoM Sisters Meeting	6-8:30pm, Lebanon PCC
11	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10am, Room 100
13	GA-RA-Youth Christmas Caroling	6-7:30pm, Offsite
14	WoM Brooks House Dinner & Games	6-7:30pm, Brooks House
<i>Jan</i>		
2	WoM Sisters Meeting	6:30-8pm, Youth Basement
8	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10am, Room 100
12	GA-RA International Mission Study	6-9pm, CLC
15	Craft Ministry	10am-2pm, Room 223
18	WoM Brooks House Lunch & Games	11am-12:30pm, Brooks House
<i>Feb</i>		
6	WoM Sisters Meeting	6:30-8pm, Youth Basement
12	WoM Daughters of the King Meeting	10am, Room 100
12	WoM Brooks House Dinner & Games	6-7:30pm, Brooks House
18	Focus on WMU Sunday	
19	Craft Ministry	10am-2pm, Room 223
<i>Looking ahead...</i>		
Apr 11-13	Missions Get-Together	Brentwood Baptist Church
Apr 25	NBA WMU Annual Meeting	TBD