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A Note from the President

For the 2009-2010 WMU year, we continue the theme *Called to Love* as we are challenged to “Love our neighbor as ourself”, Matthew 22:39. Immediately several things come to mind such as, “Who is my neighbor?” and maybe the more unpleasant, “I don’t really like my neighbor.” God doesn’t ask us to love someone just because we like them, or we think they’re nice. He calls us to love EVERYONE. At the TN WMU Annual Meeting March 21, 2009, we were challenged to pray that we would see people through God’s eyes. If our relationship with Jesus is where it needs to be, then we won’t have a problem loving our neighbor. When we are so completely full of His love, that is when we can begin to see others the way God sees them. To be full of His love we have to humble ourselves and put Jesus on the throne of our lives, and only then will we be able to love our neighbor as ourselves. Pray with me during this next year that each of us will keep God on the throne of our lives. Pray that as His servants, we will make an impact on our neighborhood, our community, our state, our country, and our world by loving our neighbors as we love ourselves.

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2009-2010 TN WMU CALENDAR

2009

September	1	New church year begins
	13-20	Week of Prayer for State Missions and GOTM, "Crossroads of Culture – Connected in Christ"
	18-19	Prayer Retreat, Humboldt, First Baptist Church, "Amazing Love"
October	8-10	National WMU "Fulfilled" Conference, FBC Kissimmee, Florida
	10	JAM for GA/CiA/RA – Middle: Nashville, Tusculum Hills Baptist Church
	17	JAM for GA/CiA/RA – West: Jackson, Union University
	24	JAM for GA/CiA/RA – East: Newport, Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church
November	2	Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
	8	New Board Member Orientation, West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson
	9	TN WMU Executive Board Meeting, West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson
	9-11	Missions Extravaganza, West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson
	29- Dec. 6	Week of Prayer for International Missions and LMCO

2010

January	11	TN WMU Scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than today
February	8-14	WMU Focus Week
	13	Children's Ministry Day
	18-21	National WMU Leadership Training, Shocco Springs Conference Center, Alabama
March	7-14	Week of Prayer for North American Missions and AAEO
	19	TN WMU Executive Board Meeting, Gatlinburg
	19-21	Missions Get-Together and Connection, Gatlinburg Convention Center
April		
May	31	State Acteens Panelist applications must be postmarked no later than today
June	13-14	National WMU Missions Celebration and Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida
	25-26	Missions Weekender for girls and boys in 1 st -6 th grade, Linden Valley, Linden
July	9-10	Missions Weekender for girls and boys in 1 st -6 th grade, Carson Springs, Newport
August	21	Equipping Missions Leaders: Training for CHURCH AND ASSOCIATIONAL Leaders: Lower East TN & West TN (exact locations TBD)
	28	Equipping Missions Leaders: Training for CHURCH AND ASSOCIATIONAL Leaders: Upper East TN & Middle TN (exact locations TBD)

<p>Dates, locations and times are subject to change. Watch <i>The LINK</i> or check the website for complete information: www.tnwmu.org.</p>

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www.worldcraftsvillage.com

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 Resource Center 1-800-866-3621
www.imb.org
 1-800-395-PRAY

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 770-410-6000
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 615-251-2000
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What is WMU?

WMU challenges Christian believers to understand and be radically involved in the mission of God.



Since 1888, WMU has been on mission with God. Through its 121 year history, WMU has followed the biblical mandate of Acts 1:8 and Matthew 28:18-20. The 2007 ACP shows WMU has ¾ of a million members of all ages involved in missions, ministry, witnessing and prayer.

Tennessee WMU is auxiliary to the Tennessee Baptist Convention. It is supported by gifts to the Cooperative Program, the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions, and endowments. The non-profit religious education organization meets annually to elect officers. The Executive Board, made up of officers and Associational WMU Directors, meets twice a year. Approximately 60,000 girls, boys, women and men are involved in Tennessee WMU.

WMU provides a holistic approach to missions awareness and participation. Areas of mission focus include:

- Praying for missions
- Engaging in mission action and witnessing
- Learning about missions
- Supporting missions
- Developing spiritually toward a missions lifestyle.
- Participating in the work of the church and the denomination.

Missions is the work of God through the church by which the gospel of Jesus Christ is extended in word and deed to all people of the world. Your church can impact the world for Christ through missions. WMU can assist you.

A film was produced years ago about the life of veteran missionary to Brazil, Edith Vaughn. The film director was impressed with her life story and asked her, "Miss Vaughn, why do you do this? Why would you put up with opposition and run the risk of being harmed?" Edith responded with twinkling eyes, "That's easy. 'For there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.' And these people must know that."

Why does WMU exist? Because the missions task has not been finished. God will no longer need our effort when "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." Until that day, WMU has work to do.

How can TN WMU assist your church?

- By helping leaders customize missions education that fits your church
- By strengthening current missions education organizations
- By training church missions leaders
- By consulting with leaders on how to begin new missions organizations
- By providing churches with promotion materials for three Weeks of Prayer:
 1. State missions and Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions
 2. International missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
 3. North American missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- By connecting churches with information about current opportunities for missions involvement such as:
 - Project HELP: Poverty
 - Christian Women's Job Corps
 - Christian Men's Job Corps
 - Pure Water, Pure Love
 - MissionFest and FamilyFest
 - WorldCrafts
 - Baptist Nursing Fellowship
 - Student Missions Opportunities
 - International Initiatives
- By providing free materials and resources
- By providing speakers for retreats, meetings and conferences
- By enlisting intercessors for Tennessee Sole Mates
- By providing outstanding missions events for children, youth, and adults

2009-2010 TN WMU Events and Involvement Opportunities

Activators

Acteens Activators and Activators Abroad are mission opportunities for Acteens. Girls in grades 9-12 train at least 60 hours before going on an all-girls mission trip. Activators serve within the US; Activators Abroad go beyond the borders of the US to serve in another country. Teams may consist of 1 or more girls with 1 or more leaders. Applications are available from TN WMU. Teams must apply by December 15, 2009 in order to receive an assignment. For more information or to receive an application, contact Christy Dyer at cdyer@tnbaptist.org or 800-558-2090 ext. 7919.

Annual Meeting

Tennessee WMU is an incorporated non-profit entity and is required to conduct an Annual Meeting. Each spring it is held in conjunction with the Missions Get-Together in Gatlinburg. The Nominating Committee report is presented and officers are elected and installed. For more information, contact Candy Phillips at cphillips@tnbaptist.org or 800-558-2090 ext. 2039.

Assistance for New Organizations*

TN WMU, in partnership with national WMU, is able to assist new organizations* by providing a basic set of curricula at no cost for six months. In addition to these free materials, churches with new organizations may purchase additional curricula, supplemental materials (i.e. resource kits, picture sets, "How To" guides and promotion kits) and other WMU products at a 20% discount. For details contact Vickie Anderson at vanderson@tnbaptist.org or 800-558-2090 ext. 7918.

** WMU and age-level organizations are considered to be new organizations when the church has not ordered the base curriculum for that organization in the past 24 months.*

Baptist Nursing Fellowship

The Baptist Nursing Fellowship is a Christian organization of professional nurses and other medical professionals that encourages nursing service evolving from a personal commitment to Jesus Christ. The Tennessee chapter of BNF meets annually the first Saturday in June. If you are a nurse or student nurse in Tennessee, you can be a part of missions in a special way through BNF. For more information, contact Denise Bronaugh at dbronaugh@tnbaptist.org or 800-558-2090 ext. 7920.

Christian Women's Job Corps and Christian Men's Job Corps

These innovative ministries are designed to provide a Christian context in which women and men in need are equipped for life and employment. Job training, GED tutoring, Bible study, mentoring, skills development and resume preparation are elements of the program. Currently 30 sites have been developed in Tennessee. More are needed. For more information, contact Denise Bronaugh at dbronaugh@tnbaptist.org or 800-558-2090 ext. 7920.

Connection

Girls in grades 7 through 12 across the state are invited to attend a missions weekend of worship, fellowship, discipleship, and ministry. A variety of conferences, designed specifically for girls and others for adult leaders only, are offered over the two night retreat. In 2010, Connection will be March 19-21 at the Gatlinburg Convention Center. For more information, contact Christy Dyer at cdyer@tnbaptist.org or 800-558-2090 ext. 7919.

JAM: Journey into Adventures in Missions

Girls and boys in grades 1-6 enjoy this annual fun-filled day designed just for them. Through fun activities they learn about missions, meet missionaries, and participate in a ministry project. Tennessee WMU invites Girls in Action, Children in Action and Royal Ambassador leaders to bring children to one of the three JAMs hosted on a Saturday in October (one in each grand division of the state). For more information, contact Christy Dyer at cdyer@tnbaptist.org or 800-558-2090 ext. 7919.

Missionary Fellowships

Missionary Parents' Fellowship, Former Missionary Fellowships, and MK Fellowships are informal groups for the purpose of mutual support and encouragement. TN WMU provides resources through the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions so that missionaries with Tennessee ties and their families are nurtured and undergirded. For more information, contact Vickie Anderson at vanderson@tnbaptist.org or 800-558-2090 ext. 7920.

Missions Extravaganza

A missions fair is hosted annually by Tennessee WMU. The purpose is to provide a missions education opportunity for Tennessee Baptists through interaction with international, North American and state missionaries. It will be held Nov. 9-11, 2010 at West Jackson Baptist Church in Jackson during the Tennessee Baptist Convention. For more information, contact Vickie Anderson at vanderson@tnbaptist.org or 800-558-2090 ext. 7920.

Missions Get-Together

Women across TN gather in Gatlinburg to celebrate missions through worship, fellowship, prayer, and spiritual development. Dynamic Bible study, inspiring missionaries, and informative conference leaders make this annual event popular with today's women. Missions Get-Together will be March 19-21, 2010 at the Gatlinburg Convention Center. For more information, contact Denise Bronaugh at dbronaugh@tnbaptist.org or 800-558-2090 ext. 7920.

POINT Teams

Youth on Mission (YOM) POINT Teams and YOM POINT Teams Abroad are mission opportunities for high school students. Coed team members train 60 hours in preparation to go on a mission trip. POINT Teams serve within the US. POINT Teams Abroad travel outside the country. Teams may consist of 1 or more students with 1 or more leaders. To apply to be a team, groups can receive an application from TN WMU. All applications are due by December 15, 2009. For more information or to receive an application, contact Christy Dyer at cdyer@tnbaptist.org or 800-558-2090 ext. 7919.

Prayer Retreat for Women

This overnight women's getaway is held annually in West Tennessee. The retreat offers an opportunity to hear inspiring speakers, conference leaders and missionaries. In 2010 the prayer retreat will be held at First Baptist Church, Humboldt September 18-19. For more information, contact Denise Bronaugh at dbronaugh@tnbaptist.org or 800-558-2090 ext. 7920.

Project HELP: Poverty

The current social issue that WMU is focusing on is poverty. Poverty is described as the condition of a person lacking financial resources to provide for adequate diet, housing, clothing, health care or transportation for themselves or their family. One out of every eight Americans lives in poverty. Visit our website, www.tnwmu.org, for a downloadable copy of A Guide to Missions and Ministry Opportunities Across Tennessee.

Scholarships

Tennessee WMU awards academic scholarships to undergraduate, graduate and seminary students who are women and men with Tennessee Baptist ties. Scholarship applications must be postmarked by January 11, 2010. Preference is given to students who are currently involved in missions. To obtain an application or for more information, visit www.tnwmu.org or contact Christy Dyer at cdyer@tnbaptist.org or 800-558-2090 ext. 7919.

State Acteens Advisory Panel

A select group of outstanding young women in grades 10 through 12 serve one year on the State Acteens Advisory Panel. They attend a retreat, assist with planning the Connection, and provide assistance with other TN WMU events throughout their year of service. The application deadline is May 31, 2010. For an application or more information, visit www.tnwmu.org or contact Christy Dyer at cdyer@tnbaptist.org or call 800-558-2090 ext. 7919.

Step Up 2010

2010 is the fifth and final year for the TN WMU missions growth plan, Step UP 2010. Between September, 2009 and August 2010 churches with WMU are encouraged to celebrate missions growth. Visit the website, www.tnwmu.org, for suggestions, resources and report forms. For more information, contact Vickie Anderson at vanderson@tnbaptist.org or 800-558-2090 ext. 7918.

Tennessee Sole Mates

A new ministry opportunity matches a Tennessee Baptist intercessor with an international missionary and/or missionary family with TN ties. The purpose is to develop relationships for prayer, encouragement and support. Visit the website, www.tnwmu.org, and click on "missionary support" for more information and to enlist. Or contact Vickie Anderson at vanderson@tnbaptist.org or 800-558-2090 ext. 7918.

Tennessee WMU Endowments

Want to leave a missions legacy? Endowments are like planting an apple seed. The seed provides a tree that continues to bear fruit year after year. Missions and ministries that are unfunded or underfunded can be conducted with this additional stream of income. TN WMU has several endowment funds. An Endowment Promotion Team has been trained to share information about leaving a legacy. For more information, contact Candy Phillips at cphillips@tnbaptist.org or 800-558-2090 ext. 2039.

2009 Week of Prayer for State Missions at a Glance

Suggested Date: September 13-20, 2009

2009 Goal for Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions = \$1,700,000

Theme: *"Crossroads of Culture: Connected in Christ"*

Scripture: *"After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands..." Rev. 7:9*
"...we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God." Acts 2:11b

Featured Ministries: Appalachian Regional Ministry, Seminary Extension, English as a Second Language and Christian Women's Job Corps, Baptist Collegiate Ministry at TSU, New Church Start, Sudanese church, Hispanic students

Website: www.goldenoffering.com

Tennessee Baptist Missions Offering Giving Last Year

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Total</u>	
2007-2008 Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions	\$ 1,730,525	(Sept. 2007 – Aug. 2008)
2007-2008 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions	\$ 10,942,510	(Dec. 2007 – Nov. 2008)
2008-2009 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions	\$ 4,042,201	(March 2008– Feb. 2009)

State Resource Team

TN WMU is committed to training church and associational leaders. Trained missions leaders provide the highest quality missions education in Tennessee Baptist churches. Therefore the TN WMU staff has selected a highly trained team of experienced WMU leaders to multiply our efforts to train church missions leaders across the state. The State Resource Team (SRT) members have been selected based on their commitment, expertise, and gifts. The SRT members are available to consult, lead conferences and speak at events in your church and/or association.

Connectors

According to 2007 statistics, we know that less than 50% of TN Baptist churches have WMU organizations. Studies have proven that churches with missions education give more to missions, pray more for missionaries, and become involved more in missions. We also know that no two churches are alike. Because TN WMU believes that quality missions education is vital in the life of a healthy church, a group of volunteer consultants have been selected and equipped to consult at the request of associational WMU leaders with churches that do not currently have missions education. Connectors are chosen for their expertise and experience. They can be enlisted to:

- Assess the current status of missions awareness and involvement of a church
- Advise pastors and key leaders regarding resources available for their specific audience
- Suggest ways to customize missions awareness and involvement.
- Provide follow-up with pastor or key leader to provide further information and resources as appropriate.

A directory of Connectors and the State Resource Team members with addresses, phone numbers and email addresses, and a listing of team members categorized by organization and special interest is available from the state WMU office. Contact Vickie Anderson at vanderson@tnbaptist.org or 800-558-2090 ext. 7918.

How to Enlist a State Resource Team Member or a Connector

Scan the list of trained leaders on pages 10-15. Locate the name of a State Resource Team member or Connector that is close to you. Please contact her directly by phone or email. If she is available for that date, please send her written instructions as soon as possible. Provide the leader with necessary details such as date and time of meeting, location (including directions) and specifics as to what you need her to do. Ask her if she needs special equipment.

Your church or association should cover travel expenses. (Guideline: \$.27 per mile, travel meals, and lodging if needed.) Depending on the assignment and financial situation, a modest honorarium would be appropriate. In some instances, financial assistance from TN WMU may be available. (Guideline: 1 hour conference = ____)

Exceptions:

- If a church or association has no funds available but needs the help of the State Resource Team member or Connector, please contact Vickie Anderson, 1-800-558-2090 ext 7918 or email vanderson@tnbaptist.org prior to inviting the team member.
- WMU staff – State WMU staff are included on the SRT list. You will see their areas of expertise and interest. As long as Cooperative Program funds are available, state WMU staff will come to your church or association at no cost to you.