



Connecting You to Tennessee WMU

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Welcome

NEW WMU STAFF

We are excited to announce two new additions to the Tennessee WMU/Tennessee Baptist Mission Board staff.

Juliana Wilson began serving November 27, 2017 as our Communications/Childhood Missions Specialist.



Hi, I'm Juliana Wilson. I am so excited to work with Tennessee churches as we seek to help our children grow, learn, understand and become passionate about sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

I grew up in Tennessee WMU where I was actively involved in GA's and later in Acteens as a State and National Acteen panelist during my high school years and served on summer staff at the Alabama WMU camp during college. I attended Union University where I met my husband, Ben, who is currently pursuing a Doctorate of Pharmacy at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. Together we are passionate about serving the Lord and working with children and students, encouraging them to passionately pursue Christ. I know God has great plans for the future generation and I am eager to work with you as we advance His Kingdom.

Beth Moore began serving on January 15, 2018 as our Student/Multicultural/Literacy Missions Specialist.

I'm Beth Moore and I look forward to serving with Tennessee WMU. I grew up in Elizabethton, TN and participated in GA's and Acteens. After graduating from Carson-Newman I served as a Journeyman with the IMB in Costa Rica. In December, I finished my second term of service with the IMB in South Asia. I have been blessed by WMU as a recipient of a WMU scholarship throughout my studies at Carson-Newman and Southeastern Seminary, as well as being blessed by your support during my 8.5 years with the IMB. I am looking forward to now serving alongside the WMU as we equip students and churches to know Christ and make Him known.



Welcome to the team, Juliana and Beth!



Vickie Anderson
Tennessee WMU Executive Director

SERVING AT THE MASTER'S FEET

Tennessee WMU women are faithful, bold, passionate, hard-working, mission-minded, and known to selflessly put great energy into whatever we do. We are also persistent, strong willed, and love to try to make things better. These are all great qualities, but if you add too much know-it-all attitude, our great qualities become just good qualities. My challenge for you today centers around my namesake in the Bible. Martha did really good things, but Jesus challenged her efforts.

Let us continue to do the great things we are doing but seek wisdom to do better. Our focus for Tennessee WMU this year is to be more relational. We have awesome partners around us. We must turn to our pastors, local missionaries, and DOMs and ask, "How can I assist you?" Introducing myself to a DOM recently, he immediately had to tell me that he really appreciated "Ms Diane," their WMU Associational Director. Obviously she had asked that question of him.



Above all, take the time to listen to God. Tending the kitchen is good but serving at the Master's feet is better.

Martha Pitts, Tennessee WMU President

WE'VE A STORY TO TELL

Tennessee WMU is looking for stories of lives being impacted through WMU missions involvement in the church, association or state. We want to hear:

- Stories of people being saved and baptized, growing in their relationship with Christ.
- Stories of children, youth, and adults developing a missions lifestyle.
- Stories of individuals, families, groups, and churches reaching out to/building relationships with the lost in their community.
- Stories of hearing a need and responding to meet it.

Would you please share how Mission Friends, GAs, RAs, Children in Action, Acteens, Challengers, Youth on Mission, Women on Mission, Adults on Mission, myMission, and churchwide WMU are making a difference in the lives of those who participate in our organizations but also how our members/participants are making an impact, a difference in the lives of others.

Please send your stories to Vickie Anderson at PO Box 682789, Franklin, TN 37068 or vanderson@tnbaptist.org and, if possible, include pictures. Let us know if we have permission to share the story and pictures on social media, in newsletters and/or upcoming meetings.

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Suggested Dates for Week of Prayer: March 4-11

Standing orders for posters, prayer guides, and offering envelopes are being mailed mid-January. For more information or extra supplies, contact Vickie Clemons at vclemons@tnbaptist.org or call 615-371-7923.

FOCUS ON WMU

Beginning planning now for Focus on WMU week, February 12–18. It is the perfect time to introduce or reintroduce your church members to what WMU is, tell stories of how your church is involved in missions, and how they can get radically involved in God's mission. WMU is holistic discipleship. From preschoolers to adults, we provide relevant resources to learn about and pray for missions, as well as opportunities to apply knowledge and passion through giving, serving, and supporting missions. Visit www.wmu.org for more information.

ACTEENS OUTREACH

We are blessed to have five Acteen Panelists this year serving with Tennessee WMU from all over the state of Tennessee. One of their recent responsibilities was to plan and lead an outreach event with either their fellow Acteens or their youth group. Maegen Adkins, a Panelist from Slayden Baptist Church, held her event in November. Here is a summary of what she did:

On November 11th, my friend Kara and I held an event called Jesus Jam at Watershed Baptist Church. Our goal was to love on these kids and teach them about sin and what God has done for us. There were 11 kids that came. We played games with them, sang the song "Sin messed everything up" and we taught them the motions. We decided to tell the story of Adam and Eve because what better way to describe sin and what God did for us than to start from the beginning? When we asked the kids for examples of sin that they had done, we wrote them out messy on a big white board. We also had a back pack full of cans which represented the weight of sin that each kid got to put on. While Kara went around with the backpack to each kid, I talked about what sin does to us and how God can lift the weight of sin off of us. I read and explained John 3:16 and told them only God can ERASE the sin, as Kara literally erased the sin off the white board. We shared how we all can have a relationship with God. Everyone had a great time.

Maegen enjoyed planning this event and seeing God use her and her friend to share the gospel with children. Praise God for Maegen's obedience to boldly and creatively engage children with the power of the gospel. Please be in prayer for the other Panelists as they plan and lead their events for His glory.



PRAY4TN: PRAYER OUTPOSTS



Tennessee Baptist Mission Board is setting up prayer outposts throughout the state of Tennessee. A prayer outpost is a home, church, or association that commits weekly to pray for lost people and their neighbors by name. Join us by praying for every household in your community in 2018.

Dates:

January 11 – Faith Baptist, Madison
January 18 – Brainerd Baptist, Chattanooga
February 12 – Parkway Baptist, Smyrna
February 15 – Wallace Memorial, Knoxville
March 19 – First Baptist Milan

Visit www.pray4tn.org for more information.

LIKE THE ANTS

The Ant and the Grasshopper, one of Aesop's Fables, tells the story of the grasshopper that clowns around during the summer, while the ant plans and works hard for the coming winter. Cold weather comes and the grasshopper is left shivering and hungry while the ant is warm and confident, knowing there is food for the day and future. Just like the ant, our Tennessee WMU Endowments:

- *Create ongoing sources of income many years into the future and keeps growing over time as more money is given.*
- *Allow for continuing resources to "by all means" share the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

Soon WMU women across Tennessee will be working like little ants creating beautiful Silent Auction baskets that will be enjoyed by the winners but more importantly the money raised for our Touch Tomorrow Today Endowment will assure Kingdom work continues for generations to come.

Diana Carroll, Endowment Promotion Team chair

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STAND FIRM

Missions Get-Together & Connection

March 16 - 18, 2018 - Gatlinburg

"It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore stand firm..." Galatians 5:1a

Registration is now open! For more information or to register, visit www.tnwmu.org or call Emily Traylor at 615-371-2038.

2018 **IMPORTANT DATES**

January 25 - WMU Scholarship Applications Due

February 12-18 - Focus on WMU Week

February 17 - Children's Missions Day

March 4-11 - Week of Prayer for North American Missions

March 16-18 - Missions Get-Together & Connection

April 8 - Cooperative Program Sunday

April 13-15 - Royal Ambassador Wilderness Challenge

May 25-28 - MyMISSION: Greensboro, NC

July 21-26 - FamilyFest: Long Beach, CA