

GOTM 2020 SEPTEMBER PRAYER GUIDE

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1 Collegiate Ministries: Pray for freshmen transitioning to a possible new situation, surroundings and experience at their college/university. Many of these students are struggling from what they missed out on in the spring, and they don't want these issues to continue into their college years. Some may also be dealing with depression.

2 Evangelism: Pray for Reaching Tour Online. Pray that leaders will log-in for these events. Pray for Pastor John Powers who is speaking today.

3 Christmas Backpacks: Pray for this amazing opportunity in Tennessee. Requests have been made for over 6,500 backpacks from ministries/churches from across Tennessee. Pray for churches to see the spiritual and physical needs of Tennessee's impoverished children.

4 Compassion Ministries: Pray for Randy Pool of Mississippi River Ministry. Randy has announced his retirement after 20 years of service to the regional ministry. We are grateful for his faithful service and his dedication to serving the least of these. Pray for the future direction of Compassion Ministry in West Tennessee.

6 Disaster Relief: Pray for churches and associations who have recently started training locally in their areas. May God protect the volunteers, instructors and host churches from contracting the coronavirus.

7 Compassion Ministries: Pray for Project Connect Nashville as the ministry seeks to connect those hurting with those in the faith community. Pray that each will be encouraged and equipped to meet the challenges of life and for the gospel to be received by those served.

8 Evangelism Training: Pray for Gary Jared at Stuart Heights Baptist Church, Chattanooga, who will be teaching and sharing about children's ministry and Easter events.

9 Church Revitalization: Pray for revitalization learning communities across the state, including one led by Randy Roper at Big Emory Baptist Association in Harriman, Tennessee. He is coaching pastors as they are working through revitalization.

10 Church Planting: Pray for Copper Basin Ministry Center, Ducktown, as they provide for the needs of the poor in East Tennessee. Pray for Stewart Strickland, who leads in this effort to provide help, hope and healing through the sharing of God's love and the distribution of food, clothing and household items.

11 Collegiate Ministries: Please pray for current BCM students and leadership as they adjust to the fall semester and find ways to share their faith.

12 Compassion Ministry: Pray for Pastor C.M. Duncan, Apison Baptist Church, Apison and Pastor Dwight Torbett, Westside Baptist Church, Madisonville. Both churches have an established ministry to their local communities. They help the needy in their communities while giving eternal hope through the gospel.

13 Collegiate Ministries: Pray for Ben Maddox and the expansion of the Tennessee Tech BCM, Cookeville facilities. God is doing amazing things in the area of financial savings amid this facility expansion.

14 Worship Roundtables: This month, Scott Shepherd begins his Worship Roundtables. These important training and sharing opportunities will be a source of training and sharing that will help worship leaders all over the state to adapt to challenges during the COVID-19 crisis and beyond. Today, he will facilitate this event with Bivocational Pastors.

15 Disaster Relief: Pray for Wes Jones, state Disaster Relief director, as he leads our state to bring help, hope and healing to those affected by Hurricane Laura.

16 Generosity: Pray for churches and members, all over Tennessee, who are giving through the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions. This is our most important month of giving. We have many needs, especially over the next few months. Ask God to endow our state with a generous heart to give, see and tell.

17 Compassion Ministry: Pray for Steve and Sandra Monroe as they give leadership to the ministry of CHilhowee ARea Ministries (CHARM) in Townsend. Pray as they serve the local population that struggles with poverty and food insecurity.

18 Restorative Justice: Pray for Leland Lyon and Shepherd of the Hills Church, Knoxville, as they minister to the Knox County jail system. The church runs around 80 members but baptizes hundreds through this ministry. Through the Golden Offering, they are providing Bibles and learning tools.

19 Prison Ministry: Pray for prison and jail ministries across the state. During this time of COVID-19, most correctional facilities have not allowed access for this ministry. Pray for chaplains as their loads have increased. Pray for inmates who take the gospel to fellow inmates.

20 WMU of Tennessee: Ladies across Tennessee play a key role in promoting missions here and around the world. Please pray that God will use them mightily to educate future leaders and to communicate the power of missions.

21 Ethnic Church Leadership Development: Pray for Virtual East Tennessee Evangelism Rally. Pray for Dr. Charles Fowler and Steve Pearson as they lead this conference.

22 WMU Leadership: Pray for Literacy Missions sites, as plans are being made for the fall. These strategies provide an open door for the gospel.

23 Compassion Ministry: Pray for John Shook and the ministry of Hale Community Ministries, Elizabethton. Pray for those serving in the ministry, as well as those who are served.

24 Refugees: Pray for the children of refugees who lose normalcy and sometimes years of education. Pray for God to reveal practical ways that your church can be actively involved in praying, supporting and serving refugees in Tennessee.

25 Evangelism: Pray for Randy Bonner and the ministry of Ocoee Outreach, Cleveland. Most of their mission teams canceled this summer, but the work has continued. Plans are in place to host teams this fall.

26 I Stand for Life: Today, let's pray for Tennesseans who are choosing life or death because of unexpected pregnancy. Ask God to give wisdom to those who are counseling mothers and fathers to choose life.

27 Disaster Relief: Pray for teams like Woodland Baptist Church, Brownsville, led by Butch Porch, as they help homeowners by building ramps in the offseason of storms/hurricanes.

28 Prison Ministry and Compassion: Pray for Pastor Barron Martin and One Faith Christian Center, Millington as they minister to the needy in their community through a backpack giveaway.

29 Collegiate Ministries: Pray today for students and BCM Directors. The struggle with COVID-19 is real. Ask God to make virtual life group meetings and socially distanced meetings powerful and life-changing through the fall.

30 Ethnic Church Plants: Our Hispanic brothers and sisters have been hit hard by the COVID -19 pandemic. Many who had in-person worship services are now having to press pause and return to online worship. Several pastors have also contracted the virus. Please pray for complete healing and reopening at the wise and appropriate time.



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