

GOTM 2021 JANUARY PRAYER GUIDE

“Prayer prompts for TBMB ministries supported by gifts from Tennessee Baptists through the *Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions.*”

1 Collegiate Ministries: As the new year begins, pray for our Baptist Collegiate Ministries, as they reach out to make critical connections. Pray boldness, creativity and insight for our BCM directors. Ask God to open up doors on their campuses to relate to faculty and administration.

2 Directors of Missions: Ask God to give our DOMs a fresh vision for 2021. Throughout last year, our Directors of Missions have been stretched as they have served their churches. Pray for their families and the new strategic plans they are developing to evangelize and promote missions in their corner of Tennessee.

3 Christmas Backpacks: Pray for the children and families who received Christmas Backpacks and the follow up efforts of the churches and ministries who distributed the backpacks. Pray for children who need to be baptized and disciplined.

4 Hispanic Churches: A new Hispanic church plant in Gallatin began during the pandemic, through Bible study on social media. God brought a group together in a home to study the Word. Now, they meet at First Baptist Church, and a layman from Hendersonville Hispanic is the Church Planter. Ask God to give them the resources and people they need to reach their community.

5 Language Missions: Pray for the Zomi Church at Tusculum Hills. Their pastor, Eddie Hang, passed away because of COVID-19. Now, this young church plant is without a pastor.

6 Disaster Relief: Pray that the COVID-19 virus would be stayed so that Disaster Relief trainings can get back into full swing. We have many people waiting to be trained.

7 Compassion Ministry: Pray for Mississippi River Ministry, as the ministry transitions following the retirement of Director Randy Pool. Pray for new directions and visions for the ministry.

8 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.

9 Collegiate Ministry: The MTSU BCM is planning to host a “no-show” banquet in February. Our prayer is that we can gather more alumni and better help cultivate fellowship among that group of people. Also, they will be having a welcome back event in January for students. No specific date has been set that, as the university rules have not come out for the spring semester.

10 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.

11 Tennessee Hope Line: Pray for this new ministry partnership between the TBMB, the Governor’s Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives, and the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability. Pray for volunteers to enlist to answer the calls from senior adults across Tennessee, and for the work of assisting those who need ministry.

12 Evangelism: Pray for the Win Tennessee webinar today. Ask God to use this event to motivate, inspire, and sharpen people to evangelize their towns for Jesus.

13 Church Planting: Pray for Transform Church in Memphis. Transform is a new church plant sponsored by Collierville First Baptist Church. Pray for the planter, Josh Allen, as he leads this new plant to reach the East Memphis area.

14 Collegiate Ministries: Pray for Ben Maddox and the expansion of the Tennessee Tech BCM, Cookeville facilities. Pray that God will use this expansion to facilitate gospel conversations with students.

15 Compassion Ministries Webinars: Pray for the Compassion Ministry webinar with Dr. Charles Roesel on Thursday, January 21. Pray that Compassion Ministries will be equipped to share the gospel more effectively.

16 Disaster Relief: Pray that as Disaster Relief has worked to provide many churches and associations with sanitization supplies against COVID-19, that these efforts will be effective in helping prevent the transmission as groups carefully meet.

17 Compassion Food Insecurity and Compassion Ministry: We have such a need to minister to those who are unable to feed their families during this season of hardship. Pray for the feeding centers across Tennessee that are stepping in to provide food and hope.

18 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.

19 Bivo Ministry: Pray for Randy Pressnell as he continues his work ministering to bivocational pastors. Many of them have been greatly affected by COVID-19. Pray for the marriages of bivocational pastors.

20 Collegiate Ministry: The University of Tennessee Health Science Center BCM has started a mentoring ministry. Fourteen alumni have agreed to mentor first-year students. Mentors will be helping students set good devotional life patterns, encourage involvement in local churches, and be their primary encouragers through a difficult transition to professional school.

21 Tennessee Missions: Pray for Steve Holt as he leads Directors of Missions and facilitates training opportunities across the state.

22 Bivo Ministry: Pray for Sing Oldham, as he is planning a series of dinners across the state to connect with bivocational pastors to encourage and equip them for ministry. These are small gatherings and are contingent on the health progress away from COVID-19.

23 Ethnic Church Leadership Development: Pray for Reaching Tour Online and Steve Pearson as he hosts this resource to assist individuals in sharing their faith.

24 Literacy Missions: Pray for Literacy Missions sites, as they restart this year. These strategies provide an open door for the gospel.

25 Vanderbilt BCM: Classes resume at Vanderbilt on January 25th. The urgent prayer need is for the mental health of students. With a compact semester, no academic breaks, and high demand on students, mental health is a great concern. Pray for students to find ways to rest, relax and focus on both their spiritual and mental wellbeing.

26 Pastor Care: Pray for Dr. Randy C. Davis as he hits the road to minister to pastors. Because of COVID-19, he has made thousands of phone calls throughout 2020. But now as the vaccine is being disseminated, he is planning to travel for more face-to-face meetings. Our pastors need his wisdom, support and presence.

27 Journey Camp: The Journey Camps, as of this time, are still on target as we watch the progress of our national health. Please pray for these important events. Kids and sponsors will be studying the importance of putting on the full armor of God. Please pray for Donna Blaydes, Director of Journey Camp, as she finalizes Bible study materials for camp

28 I Stand for Life: Today, let's pray for Tennesseans who are choosing life or death because of an unexpected pregnancy. Ask God to give wisdom to those who are counseling mothers and fathers to choose life. Pray that Tennesseans will give generously to provide the equipment and facilities needed to impact expectant mothers as they choose life.

29 Christian Women's/Men's Job Corps (CWJC/CMJC): As we look at the numbers, it's obvious that many unemployed people need jobs. This ministry is an open door of assistance and a great opportunity to share Jesus.

30 Worship Missions: Please be in prayer for Children's Worship University, an online worship conference for children's choir and children's worship leaders, Saturday, January 30.

31 Church Planting: Pray for City Shepherds, a new African American church plant of Chilhowee Hills Baptist Church, Knoxville. Pray as they are working to reach the Ridgebrook Community. Pray for guidance for their pastor, Andrew Osakwa.



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