

GOTM 2022

AUGUST

PRAYER GUIDE

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

1 Missionary Care: Pray for the Missionary Kid Re-Entry Retreat, August 1-6, in Alabama. Pray the retreat will help the 50-75 MKs transitioning from the mission field to their first year in college. GOTM funds provide travel assistance to help MKs from Tennessee attend the retreat.

2 WMU Online Leader Connect: Please pray for virtual gatherings for various mission discipleship leaders to connect and share ideas on August 2, 9, 16, and 23.

3 APSU BCM: Pray for seeds to be planted at the APSU BCM Staff and Faculty Cookout. This is an opportunity for the BCM and local churches to provide a meal and encouragement for APSU administrative staff, athletic coaches, faculty, and others on campus. Pray for gospel conversations and this unique opportunity to minister to non-students.

4 WMU Scholarships: Pray for WMU scholarship recipients as they begin the fall semester. Pray they will be a light on their campuses and boldly share the gospel with others.

5 Worship Summit: Please pray for the Worship Summit being held tomorrow at Dallas Bay Baptist Church, Hixson. Ask God to use this time to inspire worship leaders and to create welcoming environments for new believers in their churches.

6 Christian Women's/Men's Job Corps: Pray for participants who have many obstacles in their lives and feel they cannot overcome them. Pray that participants will desire to seek His will for their lives as volunteers share the love of Christ with them.

7 Ignite Tennessee Rally: Pray for Roc Collins as he speaks to the Western District's Ignite Tennessee Rally. A "WinTN 30-Day Prayer Challenge" resource will be provided for each pastor to take back to their church.

8 Seek Our Unchanging Lord Event: Please pray for "Seek Our Unchanging Lord," a youth event in East Tennessee. Ryan Arnett is gathering high school and college students together, once a month, at Doe River Gorge. Pray for this event and for Rodney Norvell, Collegiate Specialist at UT Knoxville, as he speaks at the event. Pray for a message from God's Word that will lead students to use their lives to lead others to Christ.

9 Disaster Relief: Please pray for three trainings coming up this month at Clearview Baptist Church, Big Hatchie Baptist Association and Holston Valley Baptist Association. Pray that God would bring those with a heart to serve to the training and fill instructors with wisdom as they teach. Pray for God to then open doors of opportunity to serve those affected by disaster.

10 Disaster Relief: Pray that God will continue to raise up new leaders within the Disaster Relief volunteer ranks to serve in new and more challenging areas.

11 UTC BCM: Pray for UT Chattanooga BCM leadership students as they meet incoming freshman during summer orientations. Over the next four weeks, there will be opportunities to interact with thousands of students at these events. Pray for boldness to share Jesus and to invite these new freshman to become a part of BCM life through their college years.

12 Basic Training for Ethnic Pastors: Happening today and tomorrow, Basic Training Journey for Church Planters, is designed to walk church planting teams through an intensive journey of exploring strategic issues of the church planting process. It will also assist them in developing a customized strategy for planting healthy, reproductive churches. This is specifically designed for ethnic church plants.

13 African American Church Planters Retreat: Today, African American Church Planters from all over the state are gathering for training and spiritual development at Linden Valley Baptist Conference Center. Please pray for this important retreat.

14 Vanderbilt BCM: New students at Vanderbilt are walking into a completely renovated facility! Ask God to use this building as a hub of ministry and evangelism. Also pray for these students who will have strategic input into top fields as Vanderbilt students.

15 Disaster Relief: Pray for the DR volunteers in seasons where they are not responding that God will do the following: 1. Give them rest to be ready when the call comes to respond 2. Prepare them spiritually as they grow in the Lord, to be ready to share their faith as God opens doors and 3. Use their skills and gifts of service to serve their local community, church and association.

16 Ignite Tennessee Evangelism Dinner: Pray for this important training event at First Baptist Church Tullahoma, happening tonight. Ask God to move in the hearts of leaders to win their harvest fields for Jesus.

17 ETSU BCM: Please pray for BCM staff and student leaders as they reach out to hundreds of freshmen at multiple East TN State University new student orientations. Success is crucial as the ministry endeavors to reach students for the gospel, create healthy college community, and connect students to local Baptist churches.

18 Compassion Ministries: In 2020, 5,029,476 painkiller prescriptions were written. Tennessee is in the top 15 of all states in overdose deaths. Pray for compassion and recovery ministries around the state that receive GOTM support.

19 Basic Training for Ethnic Church Planters: Pray for this Jackson, Tennessee event as ethnic pastors will receive inspiration and training. It begins today!

20 UTK BCM: Pray for summer UT Knoxville freshman orientations, and that campus ministers would meet new students coming to their campus.

21 Off the Grid - Pastors' Backpacking Trip: Pray for this three-day, two-night backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail. It begins tomorrow. Pastors will be given an opportunity to unplug and recharge through fellowship, conversation and prayer.

22 Compassion Ministry: 13.9% of all Tennesseans are living below the poverty line. That's 922,176 persons. One in eight adults and one in six children face hunger in Tennessee. Pray for Compassion Ministries across the state as they serve and share the gospel with those facing food insecurity.

23 MTSU BCM: Pray for the Middle TN State University BCM Student Leadership Team as they prepare to welcome new students to the campus. Pray for student leaders to find opportunities to connect with incoming freshmen and those transferring in the beginning days of the new semester. Pray for intentional gospel conversations to happen with students on campus.

24 West Tennessee Population Growth: Based on the 2022 population estimates provided by Missioninsite, the TBMB Blue Oval Discussion Group projects that the community surrounding Blue Oval City could grow nearly 600% in the next 10 years. We need to plant new churches! Ask God to provide mother churches and church planters for this exciting season of growth.

25 GOTM Giving: Pray for churches all over Tennessee that are preparing for a new year of GOTM! Pray that the resources available will be used to promote the offering and that new churches will get on board.

26 Evangelism: Pray for plans to have an evangelistic, outreach event in every Baptist Association between April 2022 and October 2024.

27 MTSU BCM: Pray for new MTSU BCM Campus Missionary Calah Woods, who will be joining the MTSU BCM staff. Calah will be investing in MTSU students in areas of evangelism, discipleship and leadership. Pray for a smooth transition to Murfreesboro, and for many opportunities for in-depth relationships with students.

28 Compassion Ministry: Pray for Compassion Ministries to prepare for an influx of immigrants from Ukraine. Ask God to open doors for evangelism and ministry to these families who have been torn apart by a ruthless war.

29 Church Revitalization: Pray for churches pursuing revitalization, in particular churches of less than 70 in attendance. Churches with less than 70 attendees have taken longer than larger congregations to recover from quarantine-related setbacks, if at all.

30 BCM Cleveland: Please pray for returning campus missionary, Brandon Davis, as he begins his second year serving at BCM Cleveland.

31 Compassion Ministry: As of 2020, 15,099 children in Tennessee were in the foster care system. Pray for Tennessee Baptists who are working to assist in adoptive programs and strategies.



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