

# GOTM HIGHLIGHTS AND TALKING POINTS

## ALL THINGS Tennessee

**2023-2024 THEME: ALL THINGS Tennessee**

**STATEWIDE GOTM GOAL: \$2,700,000**

**SUGGESTED DATE FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER: SEPTEMBER 10-17, 2023**

**SCRIPTURE: "WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE." MATTHEW 19:26**

Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions Highlights and Talking Points are provided to assist you as you prepare to share with your church about state missions and the Golden Offering. Whether you are preaching, teaching or sharing with large or small groups, there is material here for you to pick from to help you put your notes together.

Through this year's state missions theme "All Things Tennessee," Tennessee Baptists are being encouraged to:

- ★ Be united in purpose - Tennessee is OUR mission field.
- ★ Show His love and compassion as you minister to the hurt and hopeless.
- ★ Invest your time, treasures, and talents to share Christ.
- ★ Step outside your comfort zone to share the hope of Christ.
- ★ Prepare and seek opportunities to share your story of what God has done in your life.
- ★ Remember how God has used us in the past, have and share hope for today, and trust God for tomorrow.
- ★ Remember - Any Way You Slice It, Tennessee is a Mission Field!

The following information includes:

- ★ Promotional Resources - a list of the 2023-2024 GOTM promotional videos and materials
- ★ What is GOTM? - basic information and history about the state missions offering
- ★ Make it Personal - ideas to make the Golden Offering more personal to your congregation or group
- ★ Outline - a basic outline for sharing about state missions and the Golden Offering

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND IDEAS, BE SURE TO REVIEW THE PROMOTIONAL RESOURCES



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## ★ PROMOTIONAL RESOURCES ★

Printed materials available to order from Tennessee WMU:

- ★ “All Things Tennessee” Poster
- ★ Offering Envelopes
- ★ Prayer Guide for 2023-2024 Tennessee Missions Emphasis

Videos and resources available at [GoldenOffering.org](https://GoldenOffering.org) or on a DVD or flash drive from Tennessee WMU:

★ Videos:

1. *Message from Bro. Randy* (2:03) - TBMB President Randy C. Davis issues a challenge to Tennessee Baptists as together we seek to make Jesus known among the four million plus people who do not have a relationship with Christ.
2. *GOTM Overview* (2:50) - A round-up of this year's GOTM ministry opportunities.
3. *GOTM is All Things Tennessee* (1:19) - This brief video is a quick and deep dive into the challenges and opportunities all over Tennessee.
4. *All Things Tennessee Worship Video* (1:29) - A scripture-based worship video that will inspire your church to be a part of our mission to win Tennessee.
5. *Thank You, Tennessee Baptists* (1:16) - A montage of thanks for giving through the Golden Offering.
6. *Baptist Collegiate Ministries: UT-Chattanooga* (4:47) - College is a time of transition for students who are preparing for their lives as adults. Baptist Collegiate Ministries are at the heart of helping them find their way spiritually by both reaching college students with the gospel and preparing them to be missionaries in both the marketplace and in vocational ministry.
7. *Christian Women's Job Corps: Champion Recovery Community* (3:56) - Sometimes people just need help with a new start in life. Christian Women's Job Corps addresses a number of needs people have, including their spiritual need to know Christ.
8. *BlueOval City Breakfast Club* (3:53) - Ford's BlueOval City motor plant will be the largest plant in North America to manufacture trucks. People will be moving to West Tennessee in droves to work there, increasing the population of the region by 90,000 over the next 10 years. Many are committed to praying that when those people come, they'll have healthy churches and opportunities to hear the gospel.
9. *BlueOval City Opportunity* (2:45) - Ford is building the nation's largest automobile plant in America in Haywood County to manufacture the all-electric F-150 Lightning truck. The population in the region is expected to increase by 90,000 over the next 10 years. Tennessee Baptists have an unprecedented opportunity to make Christ known to thousands of people, many who have never heard of Him.
10. *Disaster Relief Ministries* (2:09) - It is important for Disaster Relief Ministries to serve communities in times other than disasters; includes footage from serving workers at the BlueOval City plant.

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## ★ PROMOTIONAL RESOURCES ★

### ★ Videos Continued:

11. *Compassion Ministries* (3:40) - Beth Moore, TBMB ministry specialist, shares why we do compassion ministries and the many needs and opportunities we have in Tennessee to give hope and share Jesus.
12. *RA Camp-O-Ree* (3:40) - When we say that Tennessee is a mission field, part of that is raising up the next generation of missionaries. The RA Camp-O-Ree is an opportunity to strengthen the faith of young boys and introduce them to the world of missions.
13. *Myth Busters: Church Planting Edition* (3:07) - Lewis McMullen, TBMB Church Planting Specialist, shares five myths of church planting.
14. *GOTM Kids Video* (1:20) - This fun animated short video will help kids and adults learn about the power of GOTM!
15. *GOTM Student Video* (1:47) - There is so much darkness in our world, but the prayers of students all over Tennessee will make a difference. This theme interpretation is perfect for high school worship and small groups.

### ★ Print Files:

1. Planning & Promotion Guide
2. Activities for Preschoolers, Children, Students, and Adults
3. Any Way You Slice It, Tennessee is a Mission Field flyers
4. Worship Tools - Reading, Skit, and Monologue
5. One Annual Missions Offering
6. Your GOTM Dollars at Work

### ★ Digital Graphics for Promotion

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## ★ WHAT IS THE GOLDEN OFFERING FOR TENNESSEE MISSIONS? ★

- ★ The state missions offering provides funds for ministries that help reach Tennesseans for Christ.
- ★ The Golden Offering is collected all year with a special emphasis on giving and praying for state missions during the month of September.
- ★ The Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions works in conjunction with the Cooperative Program to effectively meet needs and to support ministries in Tennessee.
- ★ The Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions is:
  - ★ Meeting human needs through Compassion Ministries.
  - ★ Disaster Relief volunteers helping restore communities after a natural disaster.
  - ★ Baptist Collegiate Ministries sharing the hope of Jesus on Tennessee college campuses.
  - ★ Church planting across Tennessee where there is no gospel witness.
  - ★ English taught to someone from another country, sharing Jesus with them in the process, and so much more!
- ★ Brief history:
  - ★ In 1902, Dr. W.C. and Mildred Golden led Tennessee Baptists to become the first state to have a season of prayer and special offering for state missions.
  - ★ Mrs. Golden served as Tennessee WMU Corresponding Secretary from 1898-1902. Dr. Golden served as State Missions Secretary.
  - ★ The first offering was \$800.
  - ★ The offering was named after Dr. W.C. and Mildred Golden in 1943.

## ★ MAKE IT PERSONAL ★

- ★ Use the Any Way You Slice It, Tennessee is a Mission Field flyers to share information that highlights why Tennessee is a mission field.
- ★ Share testimonies from people in your church who have participated in or benefitted from a ministry supported by the Golden Offering. Examples:
  - ★ Someone who serves as a Disaster Relief volunteer or who was ministered to by a Disaster Relief volunteer.
  - ★ Someone who volunteers through Compassion Ministries, Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Christian Women's/Men's Job Corps, or other GOTM funded ministry.
  - ★ Someone who received a Tennessee WMU Scholarship.
- ★ Associational Ministries - 15% of whatever a church gives through GOTM will be returned to the association with which the church is affiliated. There are no restrictions on how the association spends the money, but it is requested that they apply it to ministries that support people being saved, baptized and disciplined. Check with your Associational Mission Strategist/Director of Missions to see how these funds are being used in your association.

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## PREACHING/SPEAKING/TEACHING OUTLINE

USE THIS BASIC OUTLINE TO BUILD YOUR PREACHING, SPEAKING OR TEACHING NOTES.

### “WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE”

#### I. God’s power in our lives is limitless.

- ★ Read the text: Matthew 19:26, “But Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’”
- ★ Share a personal story or illustration of something that seemed impossible.

#### II. We all have limits.

- ★ We’ll never know everything, but God does!
- ★ We don’t have all power, but God does!
- ★ We can’t adapt ourselves in every environment, but God can!
- ★ Our emotional fortitude is limited, but God’s isn’t!
- ★ Highlight examples from the Bible where individuals faced insurmountable challenges and relied on their own strength.
- ★ Illustration from Scripture: David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with a sword, spear, and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord of Armies, the God of the ranks of Israel - you have defied him.” 1 Samuel 17:45
- ★ Emphasize the need for divine intervention and the recognition of our dependence on God.

#### III. Understanding God’s power

- ★ The Power to Save: “For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” 1 Corinthians 1:18
- ★ The Power to Endure: “For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God.” 2 Timothy 1:7-8
- ★ The Power to be Holy: “His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.” 2 Peter 1:3
- ★ In your own words, share the following story from the Prayer Guide:  
Danniele Geer could not have been more desperate. “I was in and outta jail, lived on the street sometimes, and did every drug possible,” she said. “I mean there was no way out. I didn’t have a home at all, and I didn’t have nobody.”

But then Danniele had an encounter with Christian Women’s Job Corps based at First Baptist Church,

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Jasper. That experience not only changed her, it saved her life. "I want to do things now how Jesus would do them," she said. "I want to be able to help people that have been in the same place that I have been. So, in the future, that's what I want to do."

Seeing lives like Danniele's transformed is the reason why CWJC exists, said Champion Recovery CWJC Executive Director Alyson Riley. "We like to say that any way you slice it, Tennessee is a mission field and Marion County is a prime example of that. Champion Recovery CWJC has tried to be an active ministry, and as we change one woman's life, we pray that that'll lead to changing a family, which leads to changing the community."

- ★ Explore the nature of God's power and sovereignty.
  - ★ God's omnipotence and limitless capabilities
  - ★ His authority over all creation
- ★ Share biblical examples of God's power in action.
  - ★ Creation of the universe
  - ★ Parting of the Red Sea
  - ★ Jesus' miracles and resurrection
- ★ Emphasize the significance of understanding God's power as a foundation for faith.

#### IV. The implications for our lives

- ★ As believers we must trust God's power and not our own.
  - ★ Self-reliance is self-sabotage!
  - ★ Seek His guidance and wisdom in all aspects of life.
- ★ Highlight the importance of aligning our desires with God's purposes.
  - ★ Surrendering our dreams and ambitions to Him.
  - ★ Trusting Him to work all things for our good, even in challenging circumstances.
- ★ Option: Before the invitation, conclude by inviting someone in your church to give a brief testimony of God's power that made it possible to do something that seemed impossible to them.

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