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for the faith of the gospel”
Philippians 1:27

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GOTM ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGE LEVELS

2025-2026 SEASON OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS &
GOLDEN OFFERING FOR TENNESSEE MISSIONS

*“I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving
TOGETHER AS ONE for the faith of the gospel.” Philippians 1:27b*

Visit GOLDENOFFERING.ORG to view the 2025-2026 GOTM promotion videos
and resources to supplement and build on the ideas below. Many of the
activities can be adapted for different age groups.

ACTIVITIES FOR PRESCHOOLERS

1. **Three Little Hands Activity**
 - A. Create hand cutouts from construction paper - one for each theme element. Have preschoolers decorate three hands:
 - I. Praying Hands (folded together) - “We Pray”
 - II. Giving Hands (open, palm up) - “We Give”
 - III. Going Hands (pointing forward) - “We Go”
 - B. As they color each hand, talk about how we use our hands to pray, give and go to help others in Tennessee. Display the hands around your room and review the theme each week.
2. **Together Train Activity**
 - A. Create a simple train with three cars labeled “Pray”, “Give” and “Go.” Use cardboard boxes or draw on poster board. Have preschoolers take turns being the “engineer” and leading the train around the room while everyone chants: “All aboard the Tennessee train! Together we pray, give and go again!” Stop at each “station” to act out praying, giving or going to help someone.
3. **Golden Coin Counting Banks**
 - A. Give each preschooler a small container (like a baby food jar) decorated with gold paper and the words “Together We Give.” Put play coins or real pennies in a bowl. As preschoolers drop coins into their banks, count together: “One for Tennessee, two for Tennessee...” Explain that when we give together, our little gifts become a big help for people in Tennessee.
4. **Prayer Circle Time**
 - A. Create a special “prayer circle” area. Give them picture cards of Tennessee symbols (guitar, mountains, etc.) to hold while praying for our state. Have preschoolers repeat each simple prayer.
 - I. “God, help us pray together for Tennessee.”
 - II. “God, help us give together for Tennessee.”
 - III. “God, help us go together to help Tennessee.”
5. **“Going” Obstacle Course**
 - A. Set a simple obstacle course with three stations:
 - I. **Pray Station:** Kneel on a pillow and fold your hands
 - II. **Give Station:** Put a coin in a container
 - III. **Go Station:** March in place or walk to the finish line. As preschoolers complete each station, cheer: “Together we pray! Together we give! Together we go!” This helps them understand that following Jesus means action.

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ACTIVITIES FOR PRESCHOOLERS

6. Every Church

- A. Print pictures of different types/sizes of churches. Lay them all out for the children to see. Talk about how each church is different and has different people who go to it, but these churches can work together to tell others about Jesus. When we give to the Golden Offering, Tennessee churches are working together to share Jesus and meet the needs of people across our state. We are all working together, praying together, giving together, and going together to make Christ known.

7. Goes Together

- A. Print pictures of different foods and condiments, or purchase a few food items and condiments. Mix the items up and then pick up two food items and ask, “Do these go together?” For example, have a picture of baked chicken and grape jelly. Do these two items go together? No, that would probably be icky. Keep putting together silly options. Then lay them all out and ask them what usually goes together: grape jelly goes with peanut butter. Once they have put all the right food options together, share that just like these things go together, Tennessee Baptists work together to pray, give, and go. We can tell people about Jesus from Memphis to Mountain City because there are so many in our state who don’t know anything about Jesus. Let’s pray together, give together, and go together to share Jesus with others.

8. Together Theme Song Video

- A. Make up hand motions and movements to go along with the Together Theme Song Video found at GOLDENOFFERING.ORG. Play the song a couple of times until the children get the motions or get the wiggles out. Remind them that we are giving to and praying for state missions because, together, we are sharing Christ with the state of Tennessee.

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ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

1. Tennessee Together Map

- A. Create a large Tennessee map with the words “Together: We Pray, We Give, We Go” and divide it into puzzle pieces - one for each child. Give each child their piece to decorate. As you put the puzzle together, explain that just like the piece is needed to complete Tennessee, each church is needed to complete God’s mission in our state. Pray over the completed map.

2. Three-Station Mission Experience

Set up three interactive stations:

- A. **PRAY STATION:** Create prayer request cards for different Tennessee ministries. Children write their own prayers or draw pictures of what they’re praying for. Provide a large prayer board to post completed prayers.
- B. **GIVE STATION:** Set up a “Golden Offering Store” where children can “purchase” ministry supplies with play money (Bibles for church plants, food for disaster relief, etc). Calculate together how much their combined “giving” could accomplish.
- C. **GO STATION:** Create mission scenarios where children role-play going to help: comforting disaster victims, welcoming new neighbors, sharing Jesus with friends. Provide simple costumes or props.

3. Scripture Memory Challenge

Teach children three key verses using hand motions”

- **Matthew 18:19** (We Pray) - Hands folded, then raised up
- **2 Corinthians 9:7** (We Give) - Hands cupped, then extended out
- **Matthew 28:19** (We Go) - Point forward, then march in place

Create a “verse passport” where children get stamps for memorizing each verse. When all three are memorized, they become “Tennessee Mission Partners.”

4. “Together” Service Project

Plan a hands-on service project that demonstrates all three theme elements:

- A. **PRAY:** Begin by praying for the people you’ll help.
- B. **GIVE:** Collect items or money for a local ministry supported by GOTM.
- C. **GO:** Deliver the items together or visit the ministry location. Document the experience with photos to share with the whole church.

5. Golden Offering Theater

- A. Have children create and perform short skits showing how Tennessee Baptists work “together.” Assign small groups to demonstrate:
 - I. Churches praying together for disaster victims
 - II. Families giving together to plant new churches
 - III. Students going together on mission trips
- B. Perform the skit for parents or during a church service to promote the Golden Offering.

6. Knots

- A. Have everyone in the group clasp hands to create a human knot with all children present. They must work together without letting go of each other’s hands to get untangled. Once they have accomplished getting untangled, ask these questions: What was hard about getting untangled? What was easy about getting untangled? It was important to work together to untie yourself. How can we work together to share Jesus with our community? How can we be a part of working together through the Golden Offering by praying, giving and going?

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7. GOTM Scavenger Hunt

- A. Have pictures representing ministries that the Golden Offering supports hidden all over your room or several rooms. Have the children work together to find all the photos. Once they find and bring back all the pictures, hang them up and explain what each ministry does in Tennessee. By giving to GOTM, we help each of these ministries meet needs and share Jesus. Let's pray together for these ministries. Give each child who volunteers one of the pictures/ministries to pray for, and then close the prayer by asking God to help us pray, give, and go.

8. Pieces of the Puzzle

- A. Cut a picture of the state of Tennessee into puzzle pieces, or purchase a puzzle that is a map/shape of Tennessee. Scatter the puzzle pieces all over the room or in several rooms. Tell the children how many pieces they need to find, and then have them locate all of them. Once all the pieces are found, have them begin to put the puzzle together, but with one twist: they cannot talk to each other as they assemble it. Give them a few minutes to struggle putting the puzzle together without talking, and then tell them they can talk and work together to finish the puzzle. Once they have put it together ask them these questions:
- What was hard about putting the puzzle together?
 - Was it harder to put it together when you could not talk to each other or when you could talk to each other?
 - What is the picture you created?
- B. This month, we are giving to the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions; the theme verse for this year is Philippians 1:27. The last part of this verse states that we should strive together to share the Gospel. That is why we pray, give, and go. We cannot stay quiet in our town, city, and state. We need to share Jesus with everyone we meet, and we need to give to GOTM so that those who receive the money from this offering can continue to reach out to those in our state who need help and, most importantly, need to hear the Good News of Jesus.

9. Working Together Relay

- A. Choose a game or relay that your group will enjoy and have them working together. When finished, have everyone sit down and ask these questions:
- What was the hardest part?
 - Would it have been easier to do it on your own?
 - Why did we need each other for this game/relay to be accomplished?
 - Why do we all give to the Golden Offering?
 - What would happen if only one person gave a dollar to GOTM?
 - What would happen if each one of us gave a dollar?
- B. By giving together, more can be given to help share Jesus with those who don't know Him. Together, we need to pray that more people will share Jesus, and more people will give to GOTM, so more people can hear about Him. But we all need to go as well! Everywhere we go, we need to be sharing Jesus with those that we meet. If we all pray, give, and go, what could we see happen in our state? Would it change? What would change about it? Let's pray now and ask God to help us to continue to pray, give, and go for Him.

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ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

10. GOTM Kids Video

- A. Prepare ahead of time:
 - I. Cut out three arrows and at least 14 circles about 3 inches or larger. Write one of the answers to the questions below in each of the circles.
 - II. Map of Tennessee - Tape the arrows on the map pointing to Memphis, Mountain City, and your city or town.
- B. Show the GOTM Kids Video, found at GOLDENOFFERING.ORG, and tell the kids that you will be asking them questions after the video.
- C. The video mentioned two cities, Memphis and Mountain City. I have marked them on our Tennessee map along with our city/town. I am going to ask you some questions, and we will use these circles to find the answers and place them on our map.
- D. Ask the following question related to the video. As the correct answer is found, have the children put that circle(s) on or around the map of Tennessee.
 - I. Question 1: How many churches will it take to WIN Tennessee?
Answer: All Churches
 - II. Question 2: Who can we pray for?
Answer: Tornado victims, flood areas, BlueOval City, foster care, Christian Job Corp (You may want to include additional GOTM ministries if you are focusing on additional ministries.)
 - III. Question 3: Together we can _____ to make a huge difference.
Answer: Give
 - IV. Question 4: When we “Go”, we use our _____, and _____ to help people.
Answer: Time, Talents
 - V. Question 5: Who can Go?
Answer: Missionaries, Volunteers
 - VI. Question 6: Who can Give?
Answer: Everyone

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ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS

1. **“Comfort Zone Challenge”**
 - A. Create three comfort zone circles on the floor (small, medium, large). Have students start in the largest circle, then gradually move to smaller ones as you discuss how following Jesus often requires leaving our comfort zones:
 - I. **We Pray:** Praying for people we don’t know or situations that seem impossible
 - II. **We Give:** Giving sacrificially, not just from our abundance
 - III. **We Go:** Going to places or people that make us uncomfortable
 - B. Challenge students to identify one specific way they’ll step out of their comfort zone for Tennessee missions.
2. **Social Media Mission Campaign**
 - A. Have students create a social media campaign promoting the Golden Offering using the theme “Together: We Pray, We Give, We Go.” They can design:
 - I. Instagram stories highlighting Tennessee mission needs
 - II. TikTok videos explaining how the three theme elements work together
 - III. Facebook posts featuring testimonies from GOTM-supported ministries
 - B. Emphasize that social media can be a tool for “going” to reach people with the Gospel.
3. **Tennessee Missions Road Trip Planning**
 - A. Using maps and online resources, have students plan a “Tennessee Missions Road Trip” visiting GOTM-supported ministries across the state. They must:
 - I. Research 5-7 ministries in different regions
 - II. Calculate driving distances and costs
 - III. Create an itinerary showing how they would pray, give, and go at each location
 - IV. Present their road trip plan to the group
4. **College Campus Prayer Walk**
 - A. If there’s a college or university nearby, organize a prayer walk on campus. Before going:
 - I. Research the Baptist Collegiate Ministry presence
 - II. Prepare specific prayer points for students, faculty, and BCM staff
 - III. Bring written prayers or encouragement cards to leave for the BCM
 - IV. Plan how students can continue praying for and supporting collegiate ministry

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ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS

1. **“Stand Firm in One Spirit” Unity Challenge**
 - A. Based on Philippians 1:27, create an activity that demonstrates the power of unity:
 - I. Give small groups different ministry scenarios (disaster relief, church planting, collegiate ministry)
 - II. Have them work individually first, then combine efforts
 - III. Compare what they accomplished alone versus together
 - IV. Discuss how this applies to Tennessee Baptist churches working together through the Golden Offering
2. **Generational Impact Discussion**
 - A. Divide into groups representing different generations (Silent Generation, Boomers, Gen X, Millennials, Gen Z). Each group discusses:
 - I. How did your generation first hear about Jesus?
 - II. What methods of sharing the Gospel worked best in your era?
 - III. What challenges does your generation face in reaching Tennessee today?
 - B. Reconvene to share insights and pray for intergenerational cooperation in Tennessee missions.
3. **Ministry Mapping Exercise**
 - A. Provide a large Tennessee map and ministry information cards. Have participants:
 - I. Place pins where GOTM-supported ministries are located
 - II. Identify gaps where no ministries exist
 - III. Discuss what types of ministries might be needed in underserved areas
 - IV. Pray specifically for church planters and missionaries in each region
 - V. Consider how their church could partner with existing ministries
4. **“Together” Testimony Collection**
 - A. Create three stations where adults can share and record testimonies:
 - I. **PRAY:** Share about a time when unified prayer made a difference
 - II. **GIVE:** Tell about a sacrificial gift that brought joy or blessing
 - III. **GO:** Describe a missions experience that changed their perspective
 - B. Compile these testimonies into a video or booklet to inspire others and promote the Golden Offering throughout the church.
5. **Legacy Planning Workshop**
 - A. Help adults consider their long-term impact on Tennessee missions:
 - I. What legacy do you want to leave for Tennessee Baptists?
 - II. How can you model “pray, give, go” for younger generations?
 - III. What percentage of your church budget should support state missions?
 - IV. How might you include Tennessee missions in your estate planning?
 - B. Provide resources for planned giving and encourage participants to make specific commitments to Tennessee missions beyond the current Golden Offering.
6. **Notes of Encouragement**
 - A. After talking about GOTM-funded ministry or watching one of the GOTM videos available at GOLDENOFFERING.ORG, have the group write notes of encouragement to ministry leaders of Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Christian Job Corps, prison ministries, etc.
7. **Commit to Pray, Give, & Go**
 - A. **PRAY:** have your group choose one or two ministries they will commit to praying for this year. Commit to writing a prayer note to the ministry each month. Brainstorm ways you can encourage the ministry through letters and encouraging notes.
 - B. **GIVE:** Commit to personally giving to the Golden Offering.
 - C. **GO:** Commit to serving at a ministry several times this next year.

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INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. **“Together” Testimony Night**
 - A. Host an intergenerational event where different age groups share how they pray, give, and go:
 - I. Preschoolers sing songs about Tennessee
 - II. Children perform their scripture memory verse
 - III. Students share their social media campaigns
 - IV. Adults give testimonies of God’s faithfulness in missions
2. **Three-Generation Service Project**
 - A. Partner different age groups for hands-on-ministry:
 - I. Adults provide transportation and wisdom
 - II. Students bring energy and social media skills
 - III. Children offer enthusiasm and fresh perspectives
 - IV. Everyone prays, gives, and goes together
3. **Prayer Chain Across Ages**
 - A. Create a church-wide prayer chain for Tennessee missions:
 - I. Each age group takes responsibility for different prayer requests
 - II. Pass prayer updates through all generations
 - III. Celebrate answered prayers together
 - IV. Demonstrate how “standing firm in one Spirit” crosses age barriers
4. **Sharing the Gospel**
 - A. Offer training and opportunities for students and adults to share the Gospel with family, friends and others in your community.
5. **Just the Facts Prayer Walk**
 - A. Select locations and information similar to those below for individuals or small groups to travel around the church and pray about state missions.
 - I. Location: Window
 - a. There are almost 5 million unchurched people in the state of Tennessee with currently 7.2 million people living in Tennessee.
 - b. Pray that God would move in the hearts of people to help them come to know Jesus as Savior and Lord.
 - c. Pray for a harvest of souls. There are more lost people in Tennessee than ever before, and we must be more intentional in reaching out to those ‘far from God.’
 - d. Ask the Lord to call out church planters and mother churches across Tennessee to begin new churches in and among under-churched communities, underserved people, and unreached peoples in Tennessee with the Gospel.
 - II. Location: Altar
 - a. Approximately 80% of the population of most Tennessee counties will not worship in any church this Sunday.
 - b. Pray that Tennessee Baptist churches will see and respond to needs in their communities in such a way that people will come to know Christ.
 - c. Pray for missions discipleship leaders as they encourage and equip preschoolers, children, students, and adults to engage in missions learning and involvement that enables them to fulfill the Great Commission.
 - d. Ask the Lord about what new thing He may lead us to do as we seek to share Jesus.

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III. Location: Hallway/Parking Lot

- a. More than 50 languages are spoken in households across Tennessee, reflecting the state's growing cultural and linguistic diversity.
- b. More than 430,000 people of immigrant or refugee backgrounds live in Tennessee.
- c. Pray for opportunities for Tennessee Baptists to engage internationals and that they will be thirsty for the good news of Jesus.
- d. Pray that Baptist Collegiate Ministries may reach into the population of several thousand college students arriving in Tennessee from other nations and that those students may be open to receiving the Gospel message.

IV. Location: Nursery

- a. 23% of every 1000 births were to women ages 15 to 19. 42.4% of births in Tennessee are to unmarried mothers.
- b. Pray for all those facing an unplanned pregnancy.
- c. Ask the Lord to use Pregnancy Crisis Centers across Tennessee to reach out with His love to their clients.

V. Location: Children's Classroom

- a. 68% of 4th-grade students are NOT performing at or above a proficient level in reading.
- b. Pray that students will be safe and ready to learn.
- c. Pray that families will have the resources they need.
- d. Pray for families & school workers across Tennessee to know Christ & to share Him with others.

VI. Location: Children's Classroom

- a. There are more than 7,000 children in Tennessee's foster care system.
- b. Pray that children waiting to be adopted will know and understand the love and care of their heavenly Father.
- c. Pray that families in hard places will come to know Jesus.
- d. Pray for Tennessee Baptist Children's Home and foster families across the state.

VII. Location: Kitchen

- a. Tennessee is one of the hungriest states in the country. One in six people in Tennessee face hunger, and one in five children do not have enough to eat.
- b. Ask the Lord to feed the hungry. Thank Him for your food today.
- c. Ask the Lord to provide for the many churches serving the hungry through feeding ministries.

VIII. Location: Tennessee Map in the Foyer/Lobby

- a. TBI reports human trafficking is the second-highest rising crime in the state. Every county in Tennessee has reported cases of human trafficking.
- b. Pray for an end to human trafficking.
- c. Pray for restoration for victims.
- d. Pray for those ministering to victims to share Jesus.

IX. Location: Window

- a. There are over 58,000 people in prisons, jails, immigration detention centers, and juvenile justice facilities in Tennessee.
- b. Tennessee is in the top 10 states in drug overdose deaths. An average of 6,100 alcohol-related traffic accidents occur every year.
- c. Ask the Lord to speak to those in prison and those held captive by addiction to drugs and alcohol. Pray that God would work in their hearts and they would come to know and understand the love of Jesus.

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