

GOTM HIGHLIGHTS AND TALKING POINTS

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2025-2026 THEME: Together: We Pray. We Give. We Go.

Statewide GOTM Goal: \$2,700,000

Challenge Goal: \$3,000,000

Suggested Date for the Week of Prayer: September 7-14, 2025

Scripture: *"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel."*
Philippians 1:27

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 "Together: We Pray. We Give. We Go." Tennessee Baptists are being encouraged to:

- Pray for the spiritually lost in our state.
- Work together to reach OUR mission field - Tennessee.
- Strengthen and multiply Tennessee churches, missions, and ministries.
- Seek opportunities to share the hope of Christ.
- Unite, working side-by-side, to meet needs and reach the spiritually lost.
- Lean on God to empower us in all the things we do together.

The following information includes:

- Promotional Resources - a list of the 2025-2026 GOTM promotional videos & 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

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:

- "Together" Poster
- Offering Envelopes
- Prayer Guide for 2025-2026 Tennessee Missions Emphasis

Videos and resources available at GOLDENOFFERING.ORG or on a DVD or flash drive from Tennessee WMU:

- **Videos**

1. **A Message from Bro. Randy** (2:03) - TBMB President Randy C. Davis highlights how Tennessee Baptists are working together to make Jesus known among the millions in Tennessee who do not have a relationship with Christ.
2. **GOTM Overview** (2:00) - Tennessee Baptists unite to support missions across the state, from disaster relief after Hurricane Helene to church planting near Ford's BlueOval City and prison ministry that has transformed hundreds of lives. Through the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions, these collaborative efforts demonstrate how working together can change lives for eternity.
3. **The Power of Together** (2:55) - An Inspirational video that celebrates the power of "Together." It will inspire your church to pray, give, and go together.
4. **Thank You, Tennessee Baptists!** (1:20) - A heartfelt thank-you message to Tennessee Baptists for their generous contributions through the Golden Offering, highlighting how their giving enables gospel leadership training, student ministry, women's discipleship, church planting, disaster relief, adoption services, and prison ministry throughout Tennessee and beyond.
5. **GOTM Kids Video** (1:43) - Join Jessie as she explains the exciting movement to support the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions! In this engaging children's video, Jessie shares how kids across Tennessee can help raise money for this special offering that supports vital mission work throughout the state. Watch as Jessie explores all the amazing ways the Golden Offering makes a difference in communities across Tennessee, inspiring young viewers to get involved!
6. **Associational Ministries/Multiplying Churches: Planting Churches...Together** (2:17) - Tennessee Baptist associations and churches are working together to support new church plants like Community Church in Fayette County, helping reach growing communities and advance God's kingdom across the state.
7. **Restorative Justice Ministry: Freedom Within the Razor Wire** (3:55) - The ministry, Grounded for Good, transforms young inmates at Mountain View Youth Development Center in Dandridge through Christ-centered discipleship, providing hope and spiritual guidance to troubled youth.
8. **Disaster Relief Ministry: Hope and Healing after Hurricane Helene** (3:21) - Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief brings hope, healing, and Christ's love to disaster survivors through volunteer service and spiritual support.
9. **Missions Discipleship Ministries: Banking on the Future** (3:19) - Through Tennessee WMU Scholarships, the next generation of ministry leaders is being equipped to share Jesus across Tennessee and around the world!



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10. **Adoption Ministry: *Finding Forever Homes*** (3:21) - With 9,000 Tennessee children needing homes, the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions offers hope through the support of the Amy Hood Adoption Endowment and other adoption ministries.
 11. **Together Music Video** (2:55) - This high-energy theme song shares the purpose of GOTM and celebrates our great state.
 12. **Together Accompaniment Track Video** (2:55) - This video file and audio file allow you to use a live soloist to sing "Together" in worship.
 13. **Together in the House! Sermon** (22:50) - Danny Sinquefield, TBMB Harvest Field Leader, presents a message from Mark 2, which can be used in two ways:
 - Show the sermon video on a Sunday or Wednesday Night during your church's GOTM promotion.
 - Utilize the sermon video and accompanying tools in the print files (outline, presentation slides, and listening sheet) to prepare your own GOTM sermon.
- **Podcast:** The Tennessee Golden Hour podcast channel is now available. This program features interviews, tools, and ideas for ministry, highlighting individuals across our state who have been impacted through the Golden Offering. <https://youtube.com/@TennesseeGoldenHour>
 - **Print Files:**
 1. Planning & Promotion Guide
 2. What is GOTM?
 3. GOTM Dollars at Work
 4. Any Way You Slice It, Tennessee is a Mission Field flyers
 5. Together in the House! Sermon Tools - Outline, Presentation Slides, Listening Sheet
 6. Worship Tools - readings, skit, and monologue
 7. Activities for Preschoolers, Children, Students, and Adults
 8. Children's Activity Book
 9. Children's Message
 10. One Annual Missions Offering
 - **Digital Graphics for Promotion:**
 1. Bulletin Ads
 2. Printable Poster
 3. Together Theme Graphic
 4. Together Logo
 5. Presentation Slides (can be used in PowerPoint)
 6. GOTM Logo
 7. Week of Prayer Graphic, Poster, and Bookmark
 8. Tennessee Missions Emphasis Graphic
 9. September State Missions Month Graphic



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WHAT IS THE GOLDEN OFFERING FOR TENNESSEE MISSIONS?

- The state missions offering provides funds for ministries that help reach Tennessee 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.
 - Multiplying healthy churches 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 benefited 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 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 whom 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 Association Missions Strategist/Director of Missions to see how these funds are being used in your association.

Thank you, Tennessee Baptists, for prayerfully and financially supporting missions and ministries through the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions.

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