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PRAYER GUIDE

Prayer prompts for TBMB ministries and other ministries are supported by gifts from Tennessee Baptists through the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions and Cooperative Program.

1 Associations: Pray for the new Associational Mission Strategists in Tennessee. Ask God to give them favor among the churches and church leaders of their associations. Pray also for the associations that are currently seeking their next associational leader.

2 Disaster Relief: Continue to pray for TBMB leadership as they seek the next Disaster Relief Director for TN. May God grant them wisdom and discernment in finding the next leader to take Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief to the next level.

3 Golden Offering: After another record-breaking year, in September, we start a new Offering year! Pray for churches as they prepare for the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions Week of Prayer.

4 Financial Stewardship: Justin Sheffield (TBMB Controller) works diligently to serve Tennessee Baptists in the area of financial stewardship and accounting. Pray that God continues to give him wisdom and perseverance as he administers the finances of the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board.

5 Compassion Ministries: Pray for Beth Moore (TBMB Compassion Ministry Specialist) as she directs and supports compassion ministries across the state.

6 Evangelism: A culture of sharing the Gospel is essential for obedience to Christ and must therefore be at the core of every church. That only happens when it is first at the core of each member personally. Pray for Roc Collins (TBMB Multiplying Evangelistic Disciples Team Leader) and Ryan Keaton (TBMB Strengthening Evangelistic Disciples Team Leader) as they lead this effort.

7 Stronger Churches: Begin praying today for the Stronger Churches One-Day Conference to be held on September 17 at Englewood Baptist Church in Jackson. This event is designed to give practical tools for inviting churches to realign both their hearts and their habits with the will of God.

8 Church Planting: Pray for the many areas of Tennessee that are underserved or have no church nearby. Ask God to raise up church planters to provide the light of hope in their community.

9 Ministry Pipeline: Nine31 Leadership is a statewide movement helping churches identify, equip, and empower the next generation of pastors and servant-leaders. Leaders will grow from calling to commissioning through biblical formation, hands-on experience, and intentional mentoring. Pray for Josh Franks (TBMB Multiplying Gospel Leaders Team Leader) as he leads this important initiative.

10 TBMB Board Meeting: Pray for safe travel and important decisions to be made at the upcoming fall TBMB Board of Directors meeting. Ask God to begin a new work through these critical leaders across our state. Pray also for TBMB leadership and staff who are preparing the details of this meeting.

11 WMU Connection: Today, TN WMU kicks off a weekend missions discipleship event for girls in grades 6-12. Ask God to stir the hearts of the students and leaders for missions and spiritual awakening in their churches.

12 African American Churches: Pray for Brian Carmichael (TBMB Black Church Specialist) as he mentors, teaches, and develops leaders for new and existing African American churches.

13 Week of Prayer Day 1: Spiritual Awakening: Ask God to shake your church the way He shook that upper room in Jerusalem. Pray for a hunger for God's Word to spread across Tennessee — in sanctuaries, in living rooms, in jails, in dorm rooms, and in recovery houses.

14 Week of Prayer Day 2: Engaging Lostness: Pray by name for someone in your life who doesn't know Christ. Ask God to give you the words — and the courage — to compel them toward Jesus this week. Pray for Tennessee Baptist churches to feel the holy discomfort of a community full of lost people.

15 **Week of Prayer Day 3: Pray for the Vulnerable:** Pray for the women walking into pregnancy resource centers this week. Pray that they would encounter the grace, truth, and love of Christ.

16 **Week of Prayer Day 4: Pray for Transformed Communities:** Ask God to transform the communities of Tennessee one act of Christlike love at a time, until entire neighborhoods look different because a church decided to show up.

17 **Week of Prayer Day 5: Building the Kingdom:** Pray that Tennessee Baptist churches would catch the vision for every unreached community in Tennessee having access to a healthy, reproducing, gospel-preaching church.

18 **Week of Prayer Day 6: Healing Brokenness:** Pray for Tennessee's incarcerated men and women encountering the gospel through faithful Tennessee Baptist volunteers.

19 **Week of Prayer Day 7: Responding in Crisis:** Ask God to raise up a new generation of disaster relief volunteers in Tennessee Baptist churches, understanding that the church showing up on someone's worst day is the sermon. We must be ready.

20 **Week of Prayer Day 8: Reaching the Nations:** Pray for international students and refugees in your community – by neighborhood, by university, by zip code. Ask God to open a door through your church to reach someone from another country this year.

21 **Pastorless Churches:** Pray that God would send godly men to pastor the 300+ churches in Tennessee that are currently without pastors.

22 **Baptist and Reflector:** Pray for Chris Turner (TBMB Communications Director) and the entire Baptist and Reflector staff as they continue to tell the story of Tennessee Baptists. Ask God to give them clear communication and incredible creativity.

23 **Pastor Health:** Pray for Joe Sorah (TBMB Strengthening Gospel Leaders Team Leaders) as he leads, engages, and encourages pastors across our state to foster health in their families. Take a moment to pray for your pastor as well.

24 **BCM Ministry:** Let's pray for Heather Franks (TBMB Collegiate Ministry Specialist) at the BCM at Austin Peay State University. Ask God to continue to strengthen her as she leads and disciples at this strategic mission point.

25 **Disaster Relief:** Over the last 2 months, the area around Cocke County in TN has been hit by two floods back-to-back. Many of the people affected were also hit by Helene almost 2 years ago. Pray for them as they recover and for teams as they help them in that recovery process and share the gospel.

26 **Conference Centers:** Both of TBMB's conference centers (Carson Springs in Newport and Linden Valley in Linden) are hosting retreats throughout the fall after a record-breaking attendance of campers and leaders this past summer. Ask God to give them everything they need for a successful fall.

27 **Fall Community Outreach:** Churches are beginning to prepare for fall festivals and other activities to reach students, children, and adults. Ask God to do an amazing work of evangelism and connection at your church and in churches across our state.

28 **Grief to Grace:** Let's pray for this ministry to widows of ministers, providing encouragement and opportunities for fellowship and connection with other widows of ministers.

29 **The King's Academy (TKA):** Pray today for the students and faculty at The King's Academy. TKA inspires and equips students of all cultural backgrounds to fulfill their God-given potential in a nurturing, college-preparatory community.

30 **Ethnic Ministry Harvest Field:** Today, let's pray for William Burton (TBMB Ethnic Churches Team Leaders) and his team as they mentor and support our ethnic ministries across the state. Ask God to give them strength and wisdom.



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