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WE PRAY. WE GIVE. WE GO.



## GOTM ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGE LEVELS

2026-2027 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](http://GOLDENOFFERING.ORG) to view the 2026-2027 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. Play the Together Theme Song Video in the background as they color each hand and talk about how we use our hands to pray, give and go 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.
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 out state. We are all working together, praying together, giving together, and going together to make Christ known.
7. **Together Theme Song Video**
  - A. Make up hand motions and movements to go along with the Together Theme Song Video found at [GOLDENOFFERING.ORG](http://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.

# ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



## 1. Tennessee Together Map

- A. Create a large Tennessee map and divide it into puzzle pieces - one for each child. Give each child their piece to decorate with the words "Together: We Pray, We Give, We Go." 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

- A. Teach children three key verses using hand motions
  - I. **Matthew 18:19 (We Pray)** - Hands folded, then raised up
  - II. **2 Corinthians 9:7 (We Give)** - Hands cupped, then extended out
  - III. **Matthew 28:19 (We Go)** - Point forward, then march in place
- B. Create a "125th Anniversary Mission Partner Passport" where children get stamps for memorizing each verse. When all three are memorized, they become "Tennessee Mission Partners."

## 4. "Together" Service Project

- A. Plan a hands-on service project that demonstrates all three theme elements:
  - I. **PRAY:** Begin by praying for the people you'll help.
  - II. **GIVE:** Collect items or money for a local ministry supported by GOTM.
  - III. **GO:** Deliver the items together or visit the ministry location. Document the experience with photos to share with the whole church.

## 5. "Meet the Golden" Historical Skit or Interview

- A. Have children dress up as W.C. and Mildred Golden and perform a short "time-travel interview" for the congregation, sharing the 125-year legacy of the Golden Offering and challenging the church to carry the work forward.

## 6. The Mason "Forgotten Church" Block Build

- A. Introduce children to the Mason Church Plant story by showing them the video or sharing the story yourself. Have them work together using building blocks to "rebuild" a model of a forgotten, empty church. As they add blocks, discuss how partner churches and GOTM giving help rebuild real communities with the gospel.

## 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. 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:
  - I. What was the hardest part?
  - II. Would it have been easier to do it on your own?
  - III. Why did we need each other for this game/relay to be accomplished?
  - IV. Why do we all give to the Golden Offering?
  - V. What would happen if only one person gave a dollar to GOTM?
  - VI. 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.



# ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS

## 1. 125 Years of Faithful Giving Timeline Trivia

- A. To celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Golden Offering, create a trivia game or timeline matching activity using the 125 Years of Faithful Giving video and the GOTM History timeline document. This will help students appreciate the historical legacy they are participating in.

## 2. “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.

## 3. 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.

## 4. 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

## 5. 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



# ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS

## 1. 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.

## 2. “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.

## 3. 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.

## 4. Notes of Encouragement

- A. After talking about GOTM-funded ministry or watching one of the GOTM videos available at [GOLDENOFFERING.ORG](http://GOLDENOFFERING.ORG), have the group write notes of encouragement to ministry leaders of Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Christian Job Corps, prison ministries, etc.

## 5. BCM Campus Connection

- A. Put together encouragement baskets for a local Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) campus, praying over the baskets and the campus ministers who are raising up the next generation of gospel leaders.

## 6. 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.

# 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. **“Reaching the Nations” Language & Culture Night**
  - A. Inspired by the ELL Ministry in Jackson video, host an evening where students and adults learn about the 50+ languages spoken in Tennessee households. Invite participants to learn simple greeting phrases in languages common to their community and pray specifically for local ELL and international outreach ministries.
3. **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
4. **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
5. **Sharing the Gospel**
  - A. Offer training and opportunities for students and adults to share the Gospel with family, friends and others in your community.

*For more resources, videos, and downloadable materials, visit [GOLDENOFFERING.ORG](http://GOLDENOFFERING.ORG).  
Contact information for ministry partnerships and church planter connections  
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