

TBMB 2026 OCTOBER 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 Fall Festivals: Pray for churches as they begin preparation for fall festivals and outreach events in October.

2 Women in Ministry: Take time today to pray for women in ministry. Ask God to help these women choose “the good portion” as Mary did in Luke 10, even as they prepare to teach and encourage other women in a variety of local church settings this month.

3 Mission Stewardship: Let’s pray for John Swafford (TBMB Mission Stewardship Director) as he directs our stewardship efforts, develops new strategies, and creates more resources through CP, GOTM, and other funding strategies to fuel the work here in Tennessee and around the world.

4 Cooperative Program Sunday: CP Sunday is an annual observance that celebrates the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptists’ unified plan of giving that has funded missions at every level since 1925.

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

6 Church Renewal: Pray for Daryl Crouch (TBMB Strengthening Healthy Churches Team Leader) as he continues to create innovative solutions for church renewal across our state. Ask the Lord to begin a new work in churches that have plateaued or declined since the Covid-19 pandemic.

7 Disaster Relief: Continue to pray for the Arise and Build Initiative that continues to rebuild homes in East TN after Hurricane Helene. We praise God for hitting the goal of 40 new homes built, as well as a lot of other homes that have been remodeled and materials that homeowners have received to do their own work. Pray that God will continue to send volunteers to assist in the rebuilding efforts as we attempt to build more new homes.

8 Send Denver: Tennessee WMU is sending a prayer walking mission team to Denver, CO from October 8-12. The team will prayer walk, encourage church planters, and assist in community engagement activities. Ask God for incredible breakthroughs and divine appointments throughout this strategic week of praying.

9 Associations: Pray for the annual associational meetings across our state. Churches will send representatives and messengers to cast the vision for reaching every community in Tennessee for Jesus.

10 Collegiate Ministries: Pray for Rodney Norvell (BCM Campus Minister) as he leads the incredible work at UT Knoxville. Ask God to give him the energy and creativity that he needs to reach the next generation for Christ.

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

12 Missions Stewardship: Let’s pray for John Swafford (TBMB Missions Stewardship Director) as he directs our stewardship efforts, develops new strategies, and creates more resources through CP, GOTM and other funding strategies to fuel the work here in Tennessee and around the world.

13 Collegiate Ministries: Ask God to move powerfully in the worship experiences that happen weekly on our college campuses. Ask God to begin a spiritual awakening as he has done in the past with young adults.

14 Praying with Abandon: Pray for Nancy Duggin (TBMB Prayer Catalyst) as she leads the effort to make prayer happen effectively in the churches of Tennessee. We all know that prayer is the fuel for revival. Ask God to lead people to pray consistently and passionately.

15 Evangelism: Pray for Roc Collins (TBMB Multiplying Gospel Leaders Team Leader) as he travels and casts the vision for reaching every Tennessean with the gospel. Ask God to give him traveling mercies and opportunities to have an incredible impact in the lives of pastors and church members.

16 Disaster Relief: Please continue to pray for TBMB leadership as they seek the next DR Director for TN, that God gives them wisdom and guidance in who they choose. Pray for the person they hire, that God will give him wisdom, understanding, abilities, and vision to lead TN Baptist Disaster Relief to greater opportunities to bring help, hope, and healing to those affected by disaster.

17 Off the Grid: Pray for the upcoming three-day backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail. Participants will experience approximately 4 miles each day of the seclusion of the backcountry of the Cherokee and Pisgah National Forest. The event is planned for October 19-21.

18 Day of Prayer for Associations: Pray for your Associational Mission Strategists and your association. Associations are vital to reach Tennessee communities. Pray for your local Baptist association and the work they are doing in communities across the nation.

19 Christmas Backpacks: This week, all over Tennessee, Tennessee Baptists are challenged to provide Christmas Backpacks for children living in poverty regions in Tennessee to impact these lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is collection week!

20 Pastor Health: Pray for Joe Sorah (TBMB Strengthening Gospel Leaders Team Leader) as he begins preparation for initiatives to support pastor health in 2027. Ask God to give him wisdom and innovation in this important work.

21 Collegiate Ministries: Let's pray for Heather Franks (BCM Campus Minister) at Austin Peay State University. Ask God to continue to strengthen her as she leads and disciples at this strategic mission point.

22 Disaster Relief: Please pray for our team leaders, also called "Blue Hats," as they lead disaster relief efforts. Ask that God would give them wisdom and direction to lead as Christ would lead.

23 Collegiate Ministries: Pray for the "Buc Lunch" on the campus of East Tennessee State University. This weekly meal is supported by local churches and gives an opportunity for the BCM at ETSU to reach college students with powerful messages and lasting connections.

24 Fall Retreats: Both of our conference centers, Carson Springs and Linden Valley, host a number of weekend fall retreats for churches and organizations. Ask for God to do amazing things in these retreats. Pray that the Holy Spirit make an eternal impact on children, students, and adults.

25 Collegiate Ministries: Today, we pray for the family groups at the University of Memphis BCM. These family groups are student-led Bible studies that meet throughout the week and provide a great way to build community and grow in Christ as friends.

26 Adoption and Foster Care: Let's pray for Greg McCoy (President-Treasurer of TN Baptist Children's Home) as he leads and promotes adoption and foster care across Tennessee and directs the TBCH.

27 Collegiate Ministries: Pray for Radiant, a women's Bible study held on the campus of UT Martin, where students connect and grow in fellowship as young women.

28 Summit Planning: Please pray for all the TBMB staff that are preparing for an incredible Summit this year.

29 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.

30 Collegiate Ministries: Pray for the weekly event, "Dinner and Discipleship", held every Tuesday at the Vanderbilt University BCM, where students experience a shared meal, Bible study, and discussion. Ask God to move powerfully in the lives of these promising students.

31 Fall Festivals: Pray for churches today who are reaching their communities, creating family-friendly alternatives on this day of fun and making evangelistic contacts throughout Tennessee.



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