



Holiday Service Guide 2018



The Gift of Giving



"This is how we have come to know love: He laid down his life for us. We should also lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has this world's goods and sees a fellow believer in need but withholds compassion from him—how does God's love reside in him? Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in action and in truth.

This is how we will know that we belong to the truth..."
— 1 John 3:16-19 (CSB)

Too many times, we look at all that's broken in our world and we wonder what we can do—if anything at all—that will make any real difference. Too many times, we simply give up and don't do anything. I'm not happy with that. I know you aren't either.

That's why we've put together this Holiday Service Guide. Now, if you want to do something, turn through these pages and find the opportunity that resonates with your heart. Then, make the connection and get involved.

In these pages, you'll discover ways we can partner together this Christmas season.

You'll see opportunities to volunteer locally at places such as Project Connect Nashville and Begin Anew. You'll read stories about people and families who answered God's calling to serve others. You'll learn how our Christmas Food Baskets minister to the mind, body, and soul. You'll discover the ways our Hope for the World Missions Offering is making a real difference in the lives of people, both close to home and around the world.

As Christians, we celebrate the greatest gift of all—Jesus Christ—by giving, and we give more than just money. Like Christ Himself, true love demands we give our whole selves to the work. There's someone in here that needs to see the love of Christ in a very real way. In showing them the true meaning of Christmas, you'll find it for yourself as well!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Glenn". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Mike Glenn
Senior Pastor

How to Use This Guide

'Tis the season for lights, singing, thoughtfulness, joy, and giving to others. During this time of year, many of you reach out to us asking how you can help. In response, we've crafted this guide to help you identify how you can answer God's call to support and serve the body of Christ.

Connect to the Calling

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Learn how giving makes such an impact on the lives of others by reading stories of individuals and families who faithfully answered God's call to the ministry of serving others.

Ways to Serve

> PAGES 6-11

Learn about opportunities to serve in and around the Middle Tennessee area.

Ways to Give & Pray

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Learn about our Hope for the World Missions Offering, which makes a global impact by financially supporting missionaries and ministries plus praying for the mission.

Ways to Start a Conversation

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Learn how to have gospel conversations with others, sharing the love of Christ with them throughout the holiday season.



BEING CALLED TO MINISTRY AS A FAMILY

BY ALAN & MICHELLE MURDOCK
PROJECT CONNECT NASHVILLE



When God called us to full-time ministry, He inserted a twist: we were going to serve together, side-by-side. This was an entirely new concept for us. We weren't sure we could pull it off but we were both confident, yet resistant, that it was His will for us. God knew both the talents and weaknesses in each of us and that we serve better together because of them.

There were severe challenges along the way.

We went from a two-income household, with two kids and a mortgage, to a joint-income household that required us to drop to our knees in prayer as we began to miss mortgage payments and utility bills. We prayed and trusted the Lord to provide for our children's healthcare or other needs. We had to get creative in our solutions.

Foreclosure on our house became a real possibility. Yet despite what should have happened, God provided. Each long, sober walk to the mailbox never resulted in our receiving a foreclosure letter. Instead, it contained a financial blessing.

What God constantly taught us through friends—and even strangers—was that living generously is an expression of God's love. Stewardship for them was a way of life. Because of their sacrificial love and role modeling, God increased our ability to minister and love others in their brokenness.

Giving of our time, talents, and treasures hasn't always been easy, but it teaches us to trust in God's sovereignty. It helps us understand the financial and relational stresses that our friends in poverty experience while we journey with them. God has blessed this journey.

As we move forward in reaching new communities, we remember Philippians 4:11-13:

I don't say this out of need, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know both how to have a little, and I know how to have a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content—whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need. I am able to do all things through Him who strengthens me.

As budgets grow for our ministry, and as our connection to new communities puts us together with new faces and new needs, keep us lifted up in being reminded that God is our treasure. This treasure is not meant to be kept and hidden, but it's meant to be shared.

See page 9 for how to connect with Project Connect this holiday season.





Q & A

with Tara Ward

BRENTWOOD BAPTIST MEMBER ON MISSION

What does giving of your time, talents, and treasures mean to you?

It means giving back to God what He has given to us. He places gifts, talents, resources, and passions within us to use to glorify Him, to be His hands and feet and further His Kingdom, to love on others because God has lavishly loved us, to share with others because He has graciously given so much to us.

It never fails that when we use our time, talents, and treasures to bless others, then we are blessed as well. We never know how small acts of kindness will impact others. In giving, we're fulfilling scripture: "Don't neglect to do what is good and to share, for God is pleased with such sacrifices" (Hebrews 13:16) and "This is My command: Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12).

Can you give an example?

In 2010, God began to break my heart specifically for Haiti. I've always been a compassionate person and my spiritual gift is mercy, but as I prayed about what God was placing upon my heart, I came to a point where I felt like if I didn't do something, then I would literally burst open.

In the months that followed, God began to show me and speak into me His plan and purpose for me in helping Haiti. It became so very clear that I was to help orphaned children and to partner with a ministry to help them build a village. And in doing so, I knew I was to organize a 5K to raise funds to help in this venture.

I questioned God on many levels. And honestly, I didn't even know where to begin. But we serve a faithful God and where He leads us, He equips us.

As I organized the 5K, I was met with a lot of discouragement from others. But I held on to the belief that, "Where God gives a vision, He makes provision"—and He did exactly that! I was told first-time 5K races typically lose money or barely break even, but I raised \$10,000. It was exactly what was needed to build a children's home within the village. Praise God!

When did you first realize that giving mattered?

I grew up in a family that placed a lot of value on helping others and giving generously of our time and resources. There have been a few particular moments that have stood out, though, as I've witnessed firsthand how acts of service have made a tremendous difference in others' lives.

A few years ago, I had the privilege of helping a family in Franklin who had been laid off from work. Before the job lay-off, they had been in the middle of some home renovations, but they weren't able to finish. We sent the family to the zoo for a day, brought in a crew to perform a "Mini Extreme Home Makeover," and literally transformed their house.

I have a background in interior design, so I was in charge of the master bedroom. It consisted of a bed and a nightstand that was practically falling apart. I wanted to give

this couple a bedroom where they could retreat. We were able to purchase some new furniture and transform the room with all new bedding, paint, lighting, and artwork.

As the couple returned home, it was a moment we'll never forget. We were in tears as they thanked us and reflected on all they had been through. You could see so much burden had been lifted from them. It gave them a new outlook. Within a couple of weeks, the husband had secured a new job as a youth minister.

Also, it was a transforming moment in my life to visit the newly built children's home in Haiti that we funded. We got to see firsthand that the children had secure buildings live and sleep in, food to eat, fresh water to drink, and clothes to wear. Seeing they had come from shambles to a safe environment where they were experiencing God's love and grace was so satisfying. Knowing I had a part to play in that is priceless.

What do you hope for in the future, and how is God challenging you now?

I pray that as God continues to call and speak to me, I continue to obey. There is such blessing on the other side of obedience that I don't want to miss out on. I want to fully see the plans and purposes fulfilled to which God has called me. And I hope others see and experience God's love, joy, and grace through my simple acts of obedience and service.

Ways to

BE KIN D LE S



BEGIN ANEW



This adult education ministry serves the working poor in Middle Tennessee. Students leave the program with a strong belief in Christ and confidence in themselves to make a better life. Volunteers partner with students to encourage, pray, and help them reach their goals.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Christmas Parties

During the last week of class (mid-December), each location* hosts an evening party, providing food and small gifts to students and their children.

*Nashville First Baptist, Madison Church of Christ, The Church at Woodbine, Walker Memorial Baptist Church (Franklin)

Graduation Ceremony

On Saturday, December 8, help provide refreshments for graduates and their families, serve as a greeter, or help with clean-up after the event.

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BeginAnew.org



Formerly CWJC of Middle TN



TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME (TBCH)



TBCH provides Bible-based, Christ-centered residential, foster, and family care. Programs are state-approved, but TBCH does not accept funding from the government. Their ministry exists and continues because of the generosity and support of churches and private donors.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Brentwood Campus

There are many opportunities to give your time and resources. Just recently, volunteers have: organized birthday celebrations; hosted a work day, including lunch and games with kids; and completed designer bedroom makeovers.

MealTrain.com

A popular and simple way to get involved is to sign up and bring meals to campus homes.

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TennesseeChildren.org



Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes



THE NASHVILLE ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING MISSIONAL COMMUNITY (NAHT)

With more than 40 churches represented, NAHT is a non-profit, multi-denominational missional community bringing the hope and healing of the gospel to all who have been impacted by the human trafficking industry. Their mission is to educate, engage, and embrace.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Gift cards from Home Depot or Lowes for additional outdoor seating, picnic tables, and chairs for the Casa Blanca Casa Linda Courtyard Beautification Project.

Thanksgiving hams that do not have to be cooked for 200 CBCL residents.

Underwrite a large wooden cross for the CBCL Courtyard.

Sponsor the Survivor Wrap Around Ministry Christmas Party.

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NAHT

NASHVILLE ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING MISSIONAL COMMUNITY



THE WELL OUTREACH



This ministry supports those in need through spiritual, emotional, and physical growth. Through their food pantry, they offer food assistance to residents of Spring Hill, Thompson Station, College Grove, Santa Fe, and parts of northern Columbia.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Organize and pass out 100 Thanksgiving boxes to clients

Volunteer at the Mobile Food Pantry on December 1 at Spring Hill High School, serving food to clients, pushing grocery carts, and loading food into cars.

CONTACT:

SpringHillWell.org





FRANKTOWN OPEN HEARTS

Located in Franklin, this ministry serves at-risk children in Williamson County. Six days a week, school-age children (grades 1-12) are picked up from their neighborhood and they are tutored, fed, taught life and job skills, and mentored by Christian volunteers.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Volunteer at Franktown “Festival of Lights,” a drive-through Christmas lights display open from November 22–December 29.

Volunteer at our Christmas shopping party, which helps approximately 125 children, on December 8 from 9:00 AM–1:00 PM at Christ Community Church:

- Sponsor a child for \$150
- Be a “shoperone” (background check required) by helping a child shop
- Decorate the fellowship hall on the day of the event
- Serve food to the children and “shoperones”
- Wrap gifts when the children return from shopping

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FranktownOpenHearts.com



HOPE CLINIC FOR WOMEN



This clinic equips women, men, and families dealing with: unplanned pregnancies, pregnancy loss, postpartum depression, and more. They also provide medical care, professional counseling, education classes, mentorship, and practical support regardless of age, race, religion or ability to pay.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

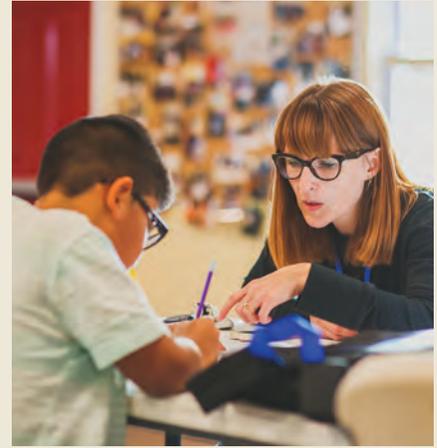
Volunteer on November 29 for the annual Cider Carols with day-of-event preparations at Rocketown, which features sweet treats, live entertainment, a client story, and an expansive silent auction.

Donate items for the Maternity Clothing Room: diapers (sizes 3–5), baby wipes (individual packs only), baby toiletries (lotion, body wash, shampoo, diaper cream), baby towels and washcloths, pacifiers, bouncer seats (Kick & Play), infant car seats/carriers (not made before May 2012), Pack & Plays, and What to Expect When You’re Expecting books.

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HopeClinicforWomen.org



PATH PROJECT FRANKLIN

This project works with kids (Pre-K–Grade 12) living in Franklin Estates, a mobile home community in downtown Franklin, to guide them on a path toward graduation and realizing their God-given dreams for their future.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Volunteer to serve in our after-school homework help program, which meets three days per week during the school year.

Donate. At our programs, we offer a snack to every child. Donate \$10 to supply a healthy snack for a day of programs to the children.

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CUL2VATE



The two-fold mission is to:

1) grow food, providing produce to those who live in food deserts and helping to alleviate hunger; and 2) grow people, offering part-time jobs, job readiness and life skills training, and spiritual development to those who can use a second chance.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Clean-up. The farm is slightly fallow during the winter, but help with clean-up on the farm is needed.

Donate tools for the farm. A list will be provided.

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THE BRANCH OF NASHVILLE

From a foundation of Christian values, this ministry serves struggling families and individuals of any ethnicity and culture in the Antioch community by helping them find paths to self-sufficiency through food support, education, and job assistance.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Volunteer at the Food Pantry on Tuesdays from 4:00-6:00 PM.

Serve as a hospitality volunteer at our English classes from Monday-Thursday.

Prepare and organize Thanksgiving lunch for 60-75 English students on November 14 or 15.

Organize a Christmas party for 60-75 English students on December 12 or 13.

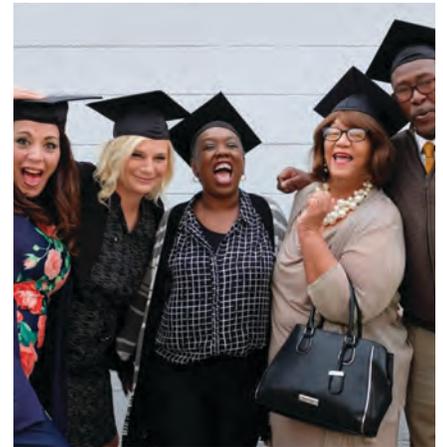
Collect sugar, flour, and oil to hand out in November and December.

Purchase a small gift for a child whose parent is in our English class. (There are around 40 children from birth to age 9).

Make Christmas goody bags for the children (around 200) whose parents are served at the food pantry from November 27-December 18.

Provide Christmas gifts for children in 10 families.

CONTACT:
TheBranchOfNashville.org



PROJECT CONNECT NASHVILLE

This ministry builds relationships with individuals and families that are stuck in the cycle of poverty and connects them to the faith community, who will encourage and guide them, provide assistance when needed, and educate and equip them for life and opportunities.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Serve a severely impoverished community at an open-air Christmas Village on December 8. Help kids make Christmas cards, bring food for an outdoor potluck, or sing carols at the community Christmas tree lighting.

Attend the Volunteer Equipping Session on January 19 to learn about current poverty issues and how you can help, including A New Hope (Brentwood Baptist's Trauma Healing) and how you can connect through education, providing a meal, becoming a mentor, and more.

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GRACEWORKS



This grace-driven, collaborative ministry is dedicated to being a community resource in Williamson County by helping people with food, rent, utilities, and other needs. Neighbor serving neighbor, by the power of God's grace.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Volunteer at our Franklin location on Monday-Saturday from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Volunteer at our Fairview location on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM-2:30 PM or on Saturday from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM.

Deliver Thanksgiving baskets on November 17.
GraceworksMinistries.net/be-a-volunteer

Serve at the Turkey Trot on November 20-22.
GraceworksMinistries.net/be-a-volunteer

Serve at the Made South Holiday Market on December 2 at The Factory in Franklin.
SignUpGenius.com/go/508054ba8ad2aa4f58-20181

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GraceWorksMinistries.net



SILOAM



This faith-based, non-profit organization shares the love of Christ by providing low-cost, high-quality, whole-person care to the uninsured in Middle Tennessee as well as health promotion among the immigrant and refugee communities.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Donate hygiene supplies to refugee families: shampoo, deodorant, and toothbrushes. These items will be included in welcome bags when they first arrive in Nashville.

Serve in the clinic. Current needs include: doctors, nurses, interpreters, and prayer intercessors.

Mentor a refugee family, who is new to the area, for six months through Nashville Neighbors.

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TENNESSEE ALLIANCE FOR KIDS (TAK)

TAK meets the emergent and ongoing needs of children and youth in foster care, those at-risk of going into foster care, and those aging out of the system. This donor-funded organization serves as the liaison between the community and State of Tennessee.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Volunteer at TAK's signature dinner event, Foster Carols, on November 29. Foster Carols is reminiscent of The Voice, where aspiring vocalists (with foster care experiences) are coached by artists from Nashville's music community to perform before a live audience.

Help with the logistics of children who need Christmas sponsors: matching donors with children, answering emails, and ensuring gifts arrive safely.

Donate waters, gatorades, individual chips, fruit cups, mac-n-cheese, and other nonperishable snacks, or give fast food gift cards in \$10 and \$15 increments.

Volunteer as a group to sort and organize the Nashville Safe Room.

CONTACT:
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TNAllianceforKids.org



ALLIANCE FOR KIDS



BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES

This ministry brings families together and keeps families together. Safe Families for Children allows vulnerable children to be hosted by loving, Christian families for a short period of time.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Become a resource family for a host family in our Safe Families for Children program, providing items needed to families who are hosting children in their home for a period of respite.

Sponsor a child for Christmas.

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YOUTH ENCOURAGEMENT SERVICES (YES)

Each year, YES gives hundreds of low-income families the opportunity to shop for their children during the holidays. Each mother selects an outfit and new toys for each child in her home, and she receives a gift card and large box of groceries for a complete holiday meal.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Sponsor a child by choosing an "Angel Cards," which provide specific age- and gender-appropriate requests for YES children.

Sponsor a drive to donate toys, clothing, or food.

Volunteer the week before and on the day of the event to help set-up, work, and clean-up. To volunteer, e-mail info@youthencouragement.org.

Donate funds to help purchase hams for the holiday meals.

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YouthEncouragement.org



MEN OF VALOR



This ministry reaches out to incarcerated men and helps them re-enter society as men of integrity. Their goals are evangelism, relationship-building, discipleship, and equipping them to become the men, husbands, fathers, and members of society God created them to be.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Share your testimony, lead worship, facilitate a small group, teach a class, mentor a man in our aftercare program, or prepare training materials.

Donate Christmas gifts for our children's gift program.

Provide legal services such as legal advice, medical exams, dental care, job training, job placement, or more.

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Your Giving Makes A Difference



Last year, our oldest son graduated from high school and joined the United States Marine Corps. My wife and I started to pray about the extra room we now had, thinking we would have the space to foster a child needing a home.

For two years, I had been the moderator of our Baptist association. In one of our meetings, I turned the microphone over to the president of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home to share the need for homes with parents to foster children.

What a unique opportunity to give back to a child who has not been afforded the blessings our children have.

In early 2018, I got a call from a friend asking if we would take in a 1-month-old boy, a 1-year-old boy, and an eight-year-old girl for 30 days whose parents were battling a meth addiction and needed to go to rehab. I called my wife and we agreed that it was what God wanted us to do. Two days later, we picked up the three children and brought them home with us.

Three days after that, the mother was arrested and sentenced to 70 days in jail. Once she was out of jail, both parents refused to go to rehab and went back to using drugs. We knew the only thing we could do to protect the children was to get an emergency order of custody, so we hired an attorney to file the necessary paperwork.

On May 7, 2018, we went before a judge. Both parents also showed up at court and told the judge they didn't want to stop using and that our home was the best place for the children. That day, we were granted unconditional temporary custody.

The financial reality of what we signed up for began to sink in. The one-month-old had been exposed to drugs during his mother's pregnancy. The one-year-old had been exposed while living in a drug house or a car for the first year of his life. Both boys have drug deficiencies, which require many medical appointments for physical and cognitive therapy.

Our family has fallen in love with these three children. Because we aren't family and they weren't placed by DCS, all of the typical financial resources to help in this situation aren't available to us. But this hasn't deterred our desire to keep these children together with us.

God has used this to greatly test our faith, but we have and will continue to trust Him to provide. I'm a pastor and don't receive a large salary from my church, so after spending what we had on the initial custody paperwork, the diapers, the formula, and other items needed, it began to get extremely difficult to afford even the basic necessities.

A lifelong family friend found out we were in need and spoke with Vicki Howell at Brentwood Baptist, who generously facilitated giving us a gift card on behalf of the church. She also recommended we reach out to GraceWorks Ministries to see if we would qualify for assistance. Valencia Breckenridge, CEO of this ministry, graciously opened her hands and hearts to us.

On August 29, I brought the children to GraceWorks, where we were approved for assistance. Going through this process of shopping for clothes and food was not only

humbling, but it was truly a miracle from the Lord and a work of His grace exactly when we needed it. We left that day with some clothes and an amazing amount of groceries to feed all 10 of us!

An immense weight has been lifted. As a pastor, I'm usually the one ministering to others, but it has been a true blessing to be ministered to because of these foster children.

Last month, I told myself, "I will not be defeated by the monumental task of caring for these brothers and their sister." But honestly, I felt like I was well on my way to defeat. This month, I've literally felt like Moses must have felt when Aaron and Hur held his hands up in battle.

The doors of GraceWorks opened and what they did for us is beyond what I could have imagined—not only through the ministry of food and clothing, but most importantly through their prayers. They have been the Aaron and Hur that God has used to hold our hands up.

I want to thank Brentwood Baptist and those involved in GraceWorks. I appreciate those who are serving there, but also all those involved in donating to the ministry that is blessing so many! May God bless each of you richly as you continue to minister to those in need.

NOTE: Because this family is currently in the adoption process, the names have been removed from the story for privacy purposes. [See page 10 for how to connect with GraceWorks this holiday season.](#)



CHRISTMAS FOOD PROJECT

PURCHASE

Among all campuses, we will provide over 1,000 food baskets to families in need this season. Each basket is \$50; however, all donations are welcome.

PACK

Join the fun as we pack these 1,000 food baskets. All ages are welcome to help. Please sign up for one or more of the times listed at the website below.

DECEMBER 7 BRENTWOOD CAMPUS

DECEMBER 8 STATION HILL CAMPUS

AVENUE SOUTH CAMPUS | Serving Saturday

WEST FRANKLIN CAMPUS | Mobile Food Pantry

PARTICIPATE

Join our ministry partners this Christmas season as they distribute these food baskets through their ministries. All ages are welcome, and time frames are flexible. Check out opportunities to deliver, adopt families, participate in Christmas events, and more on our website.

[BRENTWOODBAPTIST.COM/CHRISTMASFOODPROJECT](https://brentwoodbaptist.com/christmasfoodproject)

Partners & Campus Focus Partners

Your gifts to *Hope for the World* help our ministry partners serve their communities in Middle Tennessee and around the world. Each regional campus has chosen specific focus partners to support through their giving to *Hope for the World*.

Here's a full list of partners for 2018.

Community Partners

- Begin Anew
- TN Baptist Children's Home
- Cul2Vate
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- GraceWorks Ministries
- Hope Clinic for Women
- Men of Valor
- Missions Increase Foundation
- Trek-X
- Set Free Nashville
- Siloam Health Clinic
- Welcome Home Ministries
- Young Life

State/National Partners

- First Priority of America
- North American Mission Board (Annie Armstrong Offering)
- Reborn Community Church (Chicago)
- Tennessee Baptist Convention (Golden State Offering)

International Partners

- African Leadership
- Disaster Relief / World Hunger
- International Mission Board (Lottie Moon Offering)
- Unreached People Groups (India, Israel, Nepal)
- Living Hope (South Africa)
- Missionary Fund
- Sweet Sleep
- Hope House International (Ukraine)
- Freedom's Promise (Cambodia)
- Scripture Translation
- Shalom Foundation (Guatemala)
- The Pointe (Vancouver, Canada)
- Unreached People Groups

Campus Focus Partners

AVENUE SOUTH

- Brentwood Baptist Missionary Fund
- Hope Clinic for Women
- Siloam Health Center
- Freedom's Promise

2018 Missions Statistics

- A "missionary unit" is a single person, married couple, or family. In 2003, 3 missionary units were serving through Brentwood Baptist. Today, more than 35 missionary units, representing more than 80 men, women, and children, are serving through our church.
- Last year our campuses distributed over 1000 food baskets. This year across campuses we will distribute over 1000 food baskets, participate in a mobile food pantry, give out backpacks of food, etc. to help meet food needs throughout the holiday season.
- The International Leadership Center (ILC)—funded by Brentwood Baptist—trains leaders from 15 countries who seek to reach the nations right here in Middle Tennessee. Nations represented include: Congo, Egypt, Ghana, Haiti, India, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Syria, Uganda, USA, and Venezuela. More than 35 decisions for Christ and 5 new discipleship groups have been recorded.
- Last year, Ocean City Church in Seoul, South Korea, started in 2015 by Steve Cho, a Brentwood Baptist church planter, baptized 15 people.
- In 2017, 19,000 instances of local missions engagements were recorded across all campuses. As of August 2018, 11,000 instances have been recorded for this year.
- Nearly 10 years ago, Brentwood Baptist and sister churches planted Iglesia de las Americas, Williamson County's first Hispanic Southern Baptist church. In 2016 and 2017, they baptized 19 people.

HARPETH HEIGHTS

- International Mission Board (Lottie Moon Offering)
- North America Mission Board (Annie Armstrong)
- Tennessee Baptist Mission Board (Golden Offering)

KAIROS

- Tennessee Baptist Children's Home
- Brentwood Baptist Missionary Fund

LOCKELAND SPRINGS

- Set Free Church
- Brentwood Baptist Missionary Fund

STATION HILL

- The Well Food Bank
- Hope for Tomorrow Orphanage
- Transformation Nepal
- Every Girl Counts

WEST FRANKLIN

- Tennessee Baptist Children's Home
- International Mission Board (Lottie Moon Offering)

WOODBINE

- Begin Anew
- International Mission Board (Lottie Moon Offering)
- The Battleground Urban Arts Ministry



*Thank you for your generosity as we reach out to our neighbors and the nations with the gospel of Christ. **Let's finish strong in 2018!***

And stay tuned for some creative ways we'll be funding Hope for the World beginning in 2019.

**2018 GOAL:
\$1,400,000**

**2017 GOAL:
1,300,000
(\$1.6 M GIVEN)**

- In 2016, 631 people from our campuses participated in mission journeys—a 33% increase from 2015. In 2017, 707 people participated in more than 30 mission journeys.
- In 2001, our church raised \$72,000 through the annual missions offering. Last year, we raised \$1,578,000. Our goal for 2018 is \$1.4 million and we're already tracking 15% ahead of last year!

- Mission Increase Middle Tennessee, which began in 2015, provides free, biblical coaching to faith-based non-profits and is funded through our Hope for the World Missions Offering. Currently, they mentor 200 local non-profits.
- In 2017, the Medical Dental Unit (MDU) served 854 patients and 64 people made decisions to follow Jesus! Also, 1,042 teeth were pulled and \$258,667 of free dental services were provided to our community.

- More than 100 students, representing more than 15 countries, have received English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction at four of our campuses: Brentwood, Harpeth Heights, Station Hill, and Woodbine.
- In 2017, the DeafGo Bible app launched. By the end of this year, more than 600 Bible stories will be uploaded.
- The Deaf Theological Center trains Deaf men and women for ministry in their heart language. We now have 37 alumni serving in North America and around the world.



As we reach Middle Tennessee, we also labor to get the gospel to where it has not yet penetrated. We reach Middle Tennessee — and we also reach to the ends of the earth. The church has never had more training, more technology and more resources. And yet — 29% of the world still has never heard the name of Jesus.

Unreached People Groups

What is a “people group?”

They share the same ethnic identity—and typically share the same language, religion, and history. People groups sometimes cross political borders and live in more than one country.

What is an “unreached people group” (UPG)?

A people group is considered unreached when the percentage of Evangelical Christians is less than 2%.

Why are they unreached?

They’re often hard to reach geographically and/or they’re politically isolated. Their language is unique or of a distinctly different dialect with few, if any, biblical resources in their language. Religious and cultural identity can also contribute to gospel isolation.

How many unreached people groups are there?

There are 11,759 people groups totaling 7.5 billion people in the world. Of those, there are 7,077 unreached people groups totaling 4.4 billion people. (source: www.imb.org/research-reports)

What are we doing to engage these peoples?

More than half of our missionaries work directly with the unreached. Our other missionaries work among cultures where additional training and equipping is needed to strengthen the church and help them capture a vision for reaching the lost and unreached. We’ve identified more than 30 UPGs that our church is specifically engaging in these ways:

- Missionary personnel that are our members
- Local partnerships
- Scripture development / engagement
- Church planting
- Volunteer journeys

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Who should I send? Who will go for Us?” I said, “Here I am. Send me.” —Isaiah 6:8

Missionaries

A significant portion of all giving to *Hope for the World Missions Offering* supports our long-term missionary field workers around the globe. Here are just a few of those missionaries that we support:



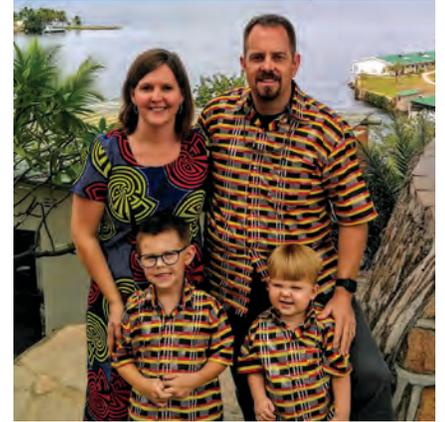
Miette Bretschneider

Miette grew up at Brentwood Baptist Church and works in central administrative support for Greater Europe Mission's gospel efforts in Germany and surrounding areas. She lives in Frankfurt, Germany alongside a people group who need the hope and life Jesus offers.



Steve & Joy Cho

Steve first came through our church planting residency. Steve, Joy, Isaac, and Isaiah now live in Seoul, Korea, where Steve is the pastor of Ocean City Church. Steve and Joy seek to minister to all Koreans with the healing and restoration the gospel makes possible.



Bryan & Wendy Frady

The Frady family serves in the Uganda with the IMB, recently launched onto the field after completing Brentwood's ministry residency. They are learning the local language, settling in with their ministry team, and adjusting with their sons, Henry and Gunnar.



Joseph & Hailey Rahm

Joseph, Hailey, Micah, Abbey, and Emma serve with Leadership Mission International in rural Honduras. They help educate, train, and develop the next generation of ethical leaders who will lead Honduras out of a cycle of corruption and poverty.



Dave & Tayler Johnston

Dave and Tayler work in Haiti, where Tayler is Clinic Director at Respire Haiti's Love+1 clinic. Her primary role is administration and support of the full-time Haitian staff, along with providing patient care for women and newborns. Dave provides all social media for Respire, and photography/videography for several different ministries to help with fundraising and sharing their work.



Please pray for all of our missionaries—their families, health, effectiveness, safety, and spiritual well-being—and for God to send more into the field to harvest. Learn more online about all 37 of our missionary units.

BrentwoodBaptist.com/missionaries

Through your giving, you support ministries that directly affect the lives of those in Middle Tennessee and beyond. Our church has ministries providing spiritual guidance to the Hispanic and Chinese peoples as well as partnerships that connect to people both locally and abroad.

International Leadership Center



Fady Al Hagal
ILC Director & Brentwood Baptist Internationals Minister

Launched in September 2017, this Middle Tennessee Initiative ministry discovers, equips, and sends ethnic ministers to serve among the unreached people groups of Middle Tennessee. In the first year:

- 20 leaders from 14 different nations have impacted 35 people groups in Middle Tennessee.
- Partnerships with pastors from 14 different congregations have formed, three local ministries and three global ministries, affecting the lives of thousands, locally and globally.
- Outreaches have been planted among local unreached people groups, which has led to salvations among former Muslims from Syria, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kurdistan.

Chinese Ministry



Guodong Zhang
Brentwood Baptist Chinese Minister

This growing ministry among the Chinese people in Williamson and Davidson County is focused on being sent followers of Jesus who are disciples who make disciples. This year, we've seen growth in:

- The overall Chinese community who have heard about the faith of the Chinese at Brentwood Baptist and The Church at Woodbine.
- The number of people who come to engage in worship, discipleship, and evangelism.
- The number of salvations and baptisms among Chinese adults and children.
- The number attending Evangelism Outreach events, with nearly 300 at the recent event.

Hispanic Ministry



Oscar Fernandez
Brentwood Baptist Hispanic Ministry Director

This ministry provides spiritual guidance to Spanish-speaking people from 12 different Hispanic countries through Bible study, worship gathering translation, and many online initiatives. Recently, some in this ministry were at a local restaurant when a waiter heard them praying. The young man told them he wanted to know more about Jesus, which gave them the opportunity to have a gospel conversation and lead him to salvation in Christ.

The Nations of Nashville

Because of your support and continued prayer, the peoples of these nations are being reached by the gospel every day - right here in Middle Tennessee:

BRAZIL	ECUADOR	GUATEMALA	IRAQ	NIGERIA	SUDAN
CHINA	EGYPT	HAITI	KENYA	PHILIPPINES	SYRIA
COLOMBIA	EL SALVADOR	HONDURAS	KURDISTAN	PUERTO RICO	TAIWAN
CONGO	ETHIOPIA	HONG KONG	MEXICO	SOMALIA	THE DEAF
CUBA	GHANA	INDIA	NEPAL	SRI LANKA	UGANDA
					VENEZUELA

TOP 4 WAYS TO HAVE GOSPEL CONVERSATIONS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

They say “Mele Kalikimaka” is a thing to say on a bright, Hawaiian Christmas Day. But what about those of us who won’t get to the Pacific Island paradise this Christmas?

What about those of us who will most likely have a tender Tennessee Christmas? How do we say “Happy Thanksgiving” or “Merry Christmas” best during the holidays? How can we have a conversation with family, friends, or co-workers about this Gift—the gospel—that was delivered to our world?

For a few folks, divine holiday appointments are in order. That doesn’t mean winning a free honey-glazed ham, walking in on Santa eating your plate of cookies, or getting to ride in a one-horse sleigh. It means God’s Spirit at work before we even ask, preparing us and others so we can engage them with the whole gospel.

We’re defining a gospel conversation as engaging with a person who doesn’t believe in Christ and sharing our story in the light of God’s story. This can be in a one-time encounter or an ongoing relationship.

So what might be the best environments for gospel conversations this holiday season? Here are four suggestions:

1 SERVE TOGETHER

Invite along those who have yet to believe to serve with you. Some pretty powerful conversations will occur while you serve and hang out after.

2 EAT TOGETHER

The Son of Man came eating and drinking (Luke 7:34). Shared meals are a great way to build relationships and have meaningful conversations. Many people are lonely during the holidays. A simple invitation to share a meal can mean a lot to someone else and to you.

3 SABBATH TOGETHER

Jesus often retreated to pray, rest, reflect, and worship—and He invited others to join Him. The holidays can be stressful, so it should prompt us to retreat for some soul care and invite others to join us in that.

4 LEARN TOGETHER

Those who followed Jesus learned the gospel as they served, ate, and rested with Him. You don’t have to be a master teacher like Jesus. Just be a disciple, a learner, and invite others to learn the ways of Jesus with you. Ask them questions. Value their stories. Connect God’s story and your story with their story—and watch the transformation happen.

REMEMBER!

If you feel stifled, confused, inadequate or just want some suggestions, submit a request in the Brentwood Baptist app for a Gospel Conversation Coach to reach out to you. We’re praying that the holiday season bring love to the lonely and hope to the hopeless, and that it be life-giving for both you and those yet to believe.





2018 All Campus Goal:

\$1,400,000

2018 Year-to-Date Giving:

\$638,465.37

AS OF OCTOBER 10, 2018

Through the *Hope for the World Missions Offering* we are able to provide financial support to our ministry partners in Middle Tennessee, the U.S., and around the world. These partners are involved in caring for needs, building relationships, planting churches, and sharing the gospel in their communities every day.

Learn more, and give online at

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