

First Mount Juliet Missions Weekend

September 28-29, 2024

Prayer Brochure

“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field. “ (Luke 10:2)

“The history of missions is the history of answered prayer.”

~ Missionary Samuel Zwemer (1867–1952)

*Thank you for joining us in praying for our missionary and ministry guests who plan to join us for our first annual **Missions Weekend, September 28-29, 2024**. Our prayer is that our church will come away from this weekend with a greater understanding of why being on Mission matters, how God is at work in the world today and how they can participate in bringing God’s glory to the nations through prayer, giving and going!*

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Soon!

Sandy Anderson - The Adult Learning Center, ESL & HiSET (GED) Coordinator,
Lebanon, TN



Peter & Angela Barnhart, Africa Inland Mission

The Barnhart family serves in N'Djamena, Chad with Africa Inland Mission. Peter, Angela and their children have a calling to share the good news of Jesus Christ with those who have had no opportunity to hear the truth. Chad is a majority Muslim country with over 70 unreached people groups. Through English instruction Peter and Angela are teaching God's word and biblical truths to Muslim men and women who have never heard who Jesus truly is.

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Tom Bontrager - Gideons International



Rod Bowers, Executive Director of Operations for CityLife, in Madison, TN.

CityLife is a faith-based, non-profit organization that partners with individuals, churches, non-profits and businesses who are committed to making life better in marginalized apartment communities across North America. Rod and his wife, Kathi, have been married 53 years and have 3 children and 7 grandchildren.



Scott Brown, Director of the Wilson County Baptist Association

Scott is a Jesus follower, a husband, a father, a pastor, and kidney donor. He is also a sinner who heard the gospel as a teenager, was radically saved, and is still excited about all God is doing in him. He has served as a youth pastor, itinerant preacher, and senior pastor in multiple church revitalizations throughout Georgia, Florida, and Tennessee. In his role as the Director of the Wilson County Baptist Association, Scott helps churches to better accomplish their shared mission. Pastor Scott holds a D.Min. in pastoral ministry and a Ph.D. in leadership. He loves the Body of Christ and desires to see every church be as healthy as they possibly can so they can reach as many as they possibly can, all by the power of the gospel.



Eric Chase, Gideons International

Eric accepted Jesus as his Lord in 1986. He was called to The Gideons International in 2009 and currently serves at the International Headquarters of The Gideons International in Nashville as the Senior Manager of the Camp Accounting, Asset Management and Facilities departments. Eric is the Area Director for 9 Gideon camps in a 5-county area. Eric and his wife, Beth, moved to Tennessee 6 years ago and have been married for 43 years. They have one son, Derek.



Nathan Collier, Relationship Specialist II, Compassion International

Nathan's Compassion story started with a child packet that would eventually grow into a Sponsor Trip to Kenya while he was in high school. It was on this trip that Nathan fell in love with the work that God was doing through Compassion International. Nathan is married to Stacy and they have a two-year-old daughter, Lucy. The Collier's live in Birmingham, AL and they currently sponsor seven Compassion children in Indonesia, Guatemala, Burkina Faso, Bolivia, Kenya, and Brazil.



Daryl Crouch, Founder, Executive Director, Everyone's Wilson

After 28 years pastoring local churches, Daryl founded Everyone's Wilson, whose mission is to unite the church to engage the community, so everyone thrives. With a track record of both church and community experience, Daryl works to unite, inspire, equip, and unleash everyday followers of Jesus to plant their life in their community, pray for their community, and to pursue the peace of their community. Daryl is married to his high school sweetheart, Deborah. They have four children, one son-in-law, and most importantly, one granddaughter. They live in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee.



Joy Evans, Middle Tennessee Chapter Director, Child Evangelism Fellowship

Joy Evans is the Local Director and full-time missionary with Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) of Middle Tennessee. Her variety of experiences as an Army officer, high school chemistry teacher, and automotive OEM warehouse supervisor, combined with her passionate commitment to seeing the Gospel go forth, have uniquely prepared her for full-time ministry with CEF. Ms. Evans is additionally a wife and homeschooling mom of three teenagers and loves to share what God is doing in the lives of her family through service with CEF.



Gary Jennings, Gary is the Executive Director for CityLife, in Hendersonville TN.

CityLife is a faith-based, non-profit organization that partners with individuals, churches, nonprofits and businesses who are committed to making life better in marginalized apartment communities across North America. Gary is also a long time worship leader for over forty years. Gary and his wife, Jean, have been married 46 years and have 4 children and 5 grandchildren.



Rev. Wes Jones, Disaster Relief Specialist, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

Wes is originally from the Newport News area of Virginia. He is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute, John Brown University and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Wes has pastored churches in South Dakota, Missouri, and Iowa. He served with the International Mission Board as a Missionary in Central America and the Caribbean for 10 years and then served as Director of Missions for NW and SW Baptist Associations of Iowa for 12 years. In 2015 he moved to Tennessee where he serves the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board as Disaster Relief Specialist. Wes is married to Pamala, who he met while they were at Moody. She worked as an English as a Second Language teacher. They have two daughters, Brooke and Jennifer and eight grandchildren.

Joshua Matteson, Chief Executive Officer - SALT Next Gen Ministries

Josh and his wife Tracey met while in college and were married in 1996. They have three boys - all of whom are now married. Josh and Tracey lead SALT Next Gen Ministries - a nonprofit Christian missions organization they established in 2019. In 2021, God called them to relocate to Nashville. Prior to this, the Matteson's served as church-planters in the Phoenix area in April of 2017. From 2008-2017 Josh served as senior pastor at an established church for 9 years, having served as the interim pastor for a year and as the student pastor for 7 years prior to that. Josh graduated from International Baptist College with a B.A. in Bible and Pastoral Studies and completed his Masters of Divinity at Phoenix Seminary in 2016.





Dr. Roger Mardis, President—Friends of Nazareth (Baptist School)

Roger and his wife Michelle live in Florence, Alabama. They have four married children and five grandchildren. Roger pastored for thirty six years in four states. In 1999 he planted the Agape Baptist Church of Scottsboro, Alabama. He served at Agape until 2018 when he was named President of Friends of Nazareth (FON). Friends of Nazareth is a 501(c)3 that works with the Nazareth Baptist School in Nazareth, Israel. Roger works stateside to bring awareness to the mission and ministry opportunities at the school. His role is to ‘build partnerships and bring support’ to the only K-12 Evangelical School in the Middle East.



Carmela Mechlin - Pregnancy Care Center

The Pregnancy Care Center empowers individuals to make life-affirming decisions through education, medical services, counseling, and compassionate care, based on the ministry of Jesus Christ.



Phil Nelson—Senior Church Mobilization Strategist, IMB

Phil is originally from East Tennessee, is a graduate of Carson-Newman University. While working as a public accountant in Chattanooga, Phil went on a short-term mission trip with his church. Those two weeks led to two years as an IMB Journeyman missionary, followed by seminary in Texas, marriage to his wife, Meg, and then career missionary appointment through IMB to Asia. After a decade overseas, Phil was called to a church in Knoxville as the Pastor of Missions. In 2008, Phil re-employed with the International Mission Board in a stateside mobilization role. Phil and Meg relocated with IMB in 2022 to work remote from the Nashville area serving churches in Tennessee and several states. They have 3 adult children and 3 young grandchildren.



Jeff Nichols, Acting VP of USA Ministries, Child Evangelism Fellowship

Jeff has been in Christian ministry for over 35 years. He received a Christian education degree from Welch College and a Master’s degree in business from Trevecca Nazarene University. He has served churches in Oklahoma, Missouri, and Tennessee in various roles from Children's Pastor to Executive Pastor. In 2020 he became the State Director for CEF of Tennessee and served in that role for four years. In early 2024 God called him to serve at CEF International Headquarters as Acting Vice President of USA Ministries. He and his wife Debbie live in Lebanon, TN and have two adult daughters and three grandchildren.



Stan & Janet Nowell, Founder/CEO - Forgotten Children Ministries

Stan and Janet began their missionary journey in 1994 when they arrived in Honduras after a year of language study in Costa Rica. In November of 1998, after the catastrophic damage of Hurricane Mitch, God birthed the vision for FCM in Stan’s heart. Since that time the ministry has grown into what it is today. Stan serves full time as the Founder/CEO. Stan and Janet have four adult children and two grandchildren.



Miles Oakley, Volunteer Minister, Men of Valor

Miles Oakley is a part of the Discipleship Team, and tasked with helping shepherd, select, and minister to those called to volunteer and serve our students. MOV volunteers are an integral part of the mission. Without willing and service minded co-laborers in Christ, MOV would never be able to provide the biblical instruction, job-readiness training, one-on-one mentorship, and Godly fellowship needed to help restore our beloved brothers in Christ with records of prior incarceration. It is Miles' joy to serve not only MOV students, but also their volunteers called to serve!

Argyris & Dina Petrou, Community House Damaris, Athens, Greece

Argyris and Dina Petrou are serving the Lord with AMG International in Greece. They have three sons, Mark, Erik, and Erastos. After his theological studies at Tyndale Seminary in Toronto and his doctoral work at Trinity Evangelical Divinity Seminary, the Lord called Argyris to teach as a missionary at the Greek Bible College, the only Bible school in Greece. He had previously had ten years of pastoral experience in Toronto and in Piraeus as an ordained minister of the Greek Evangelical Church. Following years of being a pastor's wife and a mom, the Lord has called Dina to a cutting-edge ministry found at the fringes of society. After nearly ten years of ministering to women trapped in brothels in downtown Athens, she founded and now serves as the Director of a ministry called Community House Damaris. This ministry provides safe housing and recovery programs to survivors of sex trafficking and exploitation. It empowers women to find freedom, to walk through their journey of healing, and to reintegrate into society. (Note: *Community House Damaris will be represented during our Missions Weekend but Argyris & Dina will not be able to join us this year*).



Kathy Posey - Interim Superintendent of School

Kathy Posey is a dedicated educator with a strong commitment to fostering spiritual and academic growth and athletic and fine arts within the MJCA community. With a robust educational background, she holds a Bachelor's degree in Bible/Elementary Education with a minor in English Language Learning (ELL) from Johnson University and a Master's degree from Grand Canyon University. She is pursuing a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Trevecca Nazarene University, with an expected completion date of June 2025. Throughout her career, Kathy has gained diverse experience in various educational settings including Mountain Mission School, Puerto Rico Christian, the Genesis Learning Center and The Holy Rosary in Memphis. Kathy's journey at Mount Juliet Christian Academy (MJCA) has been particularly noteworthy. She has spent 16 years in the classroom as a curriculum instructor and lower school principal and currently serves as the interim superintendent. Her leadership at MJCA is marked by her commitment to building a strong, supportive team and creating a positive and enriching environment for students and staff. Kathy Posey's dedication to education, her passion for team-building, and her focus on creating a thriving academic and spiritual environment make her an invaluable MJCA.



Dr. Billy Ross - International Director of World Hope Bible Institute

Billy grew up in Nashville. When he was 6 years old, he made public his profession of faith in Jesus. After graduating from college with a degree in accounting, he became a C.P.A. and worked in the business world until God called him into full-time ministry. Since graduating from seminary, Billy has served churches in Alabama, Pennsylvania, New York, Texas, and Virginia as well as serving as the Associate Director of Pioneers, an international missions agency. In 2018, Dr. Ross stepped down from being the Lead Pastor of Centreville Baptist Church in Centreville, VA and accepted a position with World Hope Ministries International. It is his desire to use the knowledge and experience that he has gained from years of pastoral ministry to provide theological and pastoral training to untrained, young and/or aspiring pastors in underserved parts of the world. He and his wife, Diane, have been married for 40 years, have 2 adult sons and 3 grandchildren.



David Singleton - Executive Administrator, Volunteer Baptists International



David joined VBI in 2019, having served the previous 25 years as a Senior Pastor in churches in Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee. In his role as Executive Administrator, David is responsible for operations (COO) and resource administration (CFO). He also assists with the recruitment and training of new partner churches, as well as helping current partner churches plan and coordinate the various aspects of their continuing partnerships. David holds a bachelor's degree in Religion, a Master's degree in Theology (MATS), and Master of Divinity (MDiv) in Leadership, and is currently in the final phase of his doctoral work at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. David and his wife, Kimberley, have recently celebrated 36 years of marriage, and they have two children and seven grandchildren.

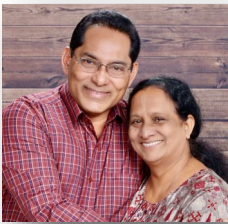
David "Teg" Tegelar - Chaplain at UT Knoxville, Athletes in Action

Teg is married to Mikkel and they have 4 children: Azilea (19), Jet (16), Zeal (14), Truxton (12). Teg grew up in Atlanta, GA and was a college wrestler at GA Tech where he found himself at the intersection of faith and sports, and it changed the trajectory of his life forever. He has been on staff with Athletes in Action (the sports ministry of Cru) since 1993. He has served as a sports minister with AIA in the athletic departments at UNC Chapel Hill (1994-1997) and the University of Tennessee (1997-present). God moved his family to serve in ministry in Auckland, New Zealand from 2008-2010. Teg and Mikkel are currently serving as chaplains at UT where they do evangelism, discipleship and spiritual training with the athletes, coaches and administration on Rocky Top. They have a passion to see God's Kingdom spread in every country. He also serves as the Director of the AIA Ultimate Training Camps that hosts training events around the world teaching athletes and coaches how to integrate their faith and their sport/life in unforgettable ways.



Abraham Thomas - Founder & Director of Agape Royal Ministries and Logos Bible College, India

ARM started in 1993 to reach the unreached in India and Asia through preaching the gospel, planting churches and engaging in compassion ministries. With nine children's homes, over 500 churches planted to date and over 600 Logos graduates serving in different countries, the ministry continues to expand into Nepal, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe. Abraham is married to Elsie and they have three children. One son who is married and twin daughters, one of whom is also married. They are also blessed with one granddaughter.



Jorge Vasconcelos, Sr Pastor PIBB Nashville & Iglesia Bautista Renacer, Lebanon

Pastor Jorge Vasconcelos holds a B.A. in Theology and is currently working on his Master's Degree with Louisiana Baptist University. He has been licensed by the Southern Baptist Convention to teach level 1 Seminary extension classes in Spanish. Pastor Jorge is a Chaplain for WEMA (Wilson County Emergency Management Agency) and also for WCSO (Wilson County Sheriff's Office) and he has been the Senior Pastor of Iglesia Bautista Renacer in Lebanon for over 14 years. He is also currently the Senior Pastor of PIBB Nashville (First Baptist Brazilian Church), a ministry of First Mt. Juliet. He is the husband of Sylvania, and they have two boys, Gabriel and Daniel.





Aaron Webb, Deployment Team Leader, Campus Outreach SERVE

Aaron works with 22 international campuses in 12 countries to fulfill COS's staffing requests for more college campus laborers. He oversees the hiring and country placement, orientation and support training, coaching, Pre-Deployment training, and administration of helping prepare staff to deploy to missionary service overseas. Before this role, Aaron was a missionary with Campus Outreach in Chiang Mai, Thailand. He is married to Fern and they have two children. The Webb Family lives in Birmingham, Alabama.



Shelia Weathers - Ministry Development, Compassionate Hands, Lebanon, TN



The Wulfjen Family - IMB South Asia

Koby and Morgan serve as church planters with the IMB in South Asia. Three years ago, they were looking to buy a house and settle down, when the Lord began showing them that His will was for all ethne (people groups) to worship Him. Slowly, with lots of prayer, the Father burdened their hearts for Muslim peoples leading them to work alongside Him in South Asia. Since serving there, He has provided national believers to help sow the seed and equip the churches for reaching the lost. They work with a Muslim people group of over 10 million people with less than 1% of believers. The language is hard, the culture is new, and the Lord is faithful!

(Note: The Wulfjens will not be attending the missions Weekend in person this year).