



2026 PRAYER GUIDE



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2027 PROJECTED AREAS OF IMPACT

STATE GOAL: \$1,800,000

FOR EVERY \$100 GIVEN:

\$30

**GOES TO
MISSION
SUPPORT**

Assistance for church plants, Disaster Relief, Compassion Relief

\$23

**GOES TO
MISSION
EDUCATION**

Assist mission discipleship for all ages and grades

\$18

**GOES TO
MISSION
BUILDER /
VOLUNTEER
MOBILIZATION**

Assistance with building costs, Disaster Relief recruitment

\$15

**GOES TO
SPECIAL
PROJECTS**

Assistance with Children's Mission Camp, prison ministry, GOLA BCM summer missions, associational partnerships

\$8

**GOES TO
HERE FOR YOU**

Louisiana Baptists multi-media evangelism strategy

\$5

**GOES TO
SCHOLARSHIPS**

Women's Missions and Ministry Scholarships for LCU, seminary women, & African American church planters

\$1

**GOES TO
EQUIPMENT
& SPECIAL
NEEDS**

Emergency needs for church plants/mission churches

HOW YOUR CHURCH CAN PROMOTE THE GEORGIA BARNETTE LOUISIANA MISSIONS OFFERING

OPTION 1: PROMOTE THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

- Show a promotional video each Sunday (1 story per week).
- Keep offering envelopes available throughout the month.
- Place prayer guides around the church for members to use.
- Display the giving QR code during services, if AV technology is available.

OPTION 2: TRADITIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER

- Pray for each ministry story for two days (4 stories = 8 days of prayer).
- Show the Georgia Barnette music video during the Sunday service to begin the Week of Prayer.
- Encourage members to visit georgiabarnette.org to watch ministry videos connected to the prayer guide stories.
- Leave offering envelopes available throughout September.
- Display the giving QR code during services, if AV technology is available.

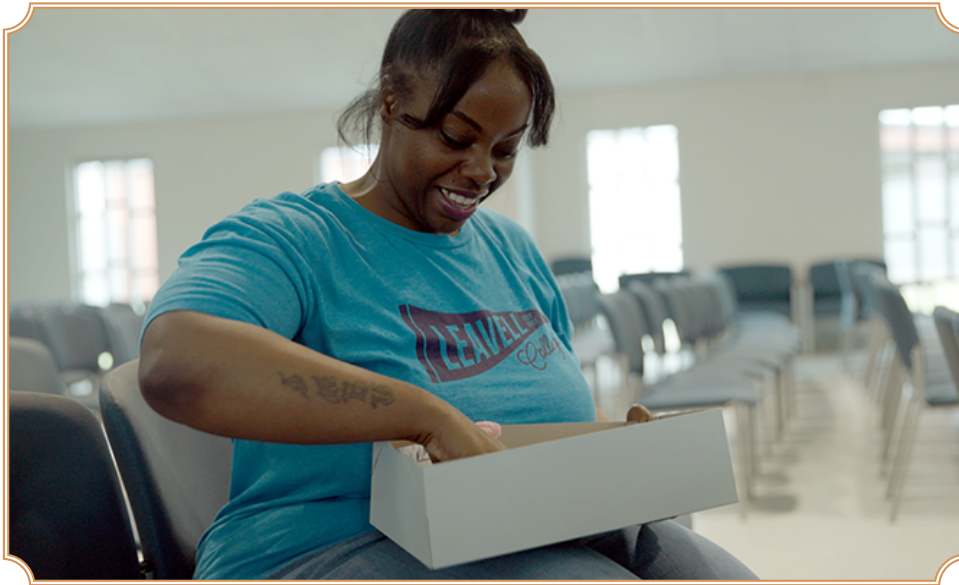


For videos, resources, and promotional materials, visit:

GEORGIABARNETTE.ORG/PROMO

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BOXES OF HOPE WOMEN'S PRISON MINISTRY



In 2006, the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina left the Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women (LCIW) at max capacity and in need of additional hygiene supplies for the women serving sentences. The prison chaplain at the time reached out to the Louisiana Baptist Women's Missions and Ministry team to request help for fulfilling the prison's needs. The women responded enthusiastically...and they still do!

Each fall, churches from around the state collect prison-approved items and pack them into gift boxes. Volunteers hand out the boxes in person to those incarcerated. In 2025, one thousand boxes were packed and delivered

thanks to the cooperative efforts of Louisiana Baptist churches and volunteers.

The boxes meet more than just physical needs; they open hearts to the gospel. A recipient of the boxes, Demetricy, says the message of the boxes is, "God loves you. God sees you, and he wants you to, at least today, have a smile on your face. And that's what those boxes did for us."

Chaplain Debi Sharkey explains, "The thing that those ladies need is hope that...they're not forgotten, that their lives are not ended, that God actually has a plan and a purpose for their lives."



PRAY FOR:

- The gift boxes to open hearts to hear the gospel inside LCIW.
- The hundreds of church volunteers who collect supplies and pack, transport, and distribute boxes each year.
- Chaplain Debi Sharkey and those who provide ongoing spiritual care to the women in LCIW.

To learn more about how you can donate items for boxes, contact the Women's Missions and Ministry office at WMM@LouisianaBaptists.org.

REACHING THE WORLD—NEARBY

VIETNAMESE HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH



Vinh Nguyen arrived in the U.S. in 1975 as a refugee from Vietnam. A friend invited him to a Baptist church where he was surprised by the warmth and kindness of the congregation. Months later, Nguyen gave his life to Christ.

God used that experience to shape his ministry.

As Louisiana's Asian population continued to grow, Nguyen felt called to help reach Vietnamese people living in Baton Rouge. After connecting with the pastor of Victoria Baptist Church, he began a Vietnamese Bible study that eventually evolved into the Vietnamese Hope Baptist Church.

Today, Pastor Nguyen continues reaching multiple generations of Vietnamese families while investing in relationships with other Asian Baptist leaders in Louisiana.

With support from the Georgia Barnette Louisiana Missions Offering, Asian church leaders gathered in January for the Asian Leaders' Retreat hosted by Vietnamese Hope Baptist Church. Leaders from different Asian backgrounds encouraged one another and shared ministry strategies.

"Even though we don't speak the same language, we have the same God and same Jesus Christ," Nguyen said, "Everybody needs to be saved. The work is not done yet."



PRAY FOR:

- Growing Asian communities across Louisiana to hear and respond to the gospel.
- Asian church leaders across Louisiana to be encouraged and equipped to reach their communities.
- Pastor Nguyen and Vietnamese Hope Baptist Church as they reach the Vietnamese community in Baton Rouge.

STILL THE CHURCH

NEW FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH



The fire started while church members were preparing food for a funeral. Within forty-five minutes, the building was gone. Shocked, they gathered outside the burned remains of the church and prayed. After praying, they committed to rebuild.

For New Friendship Baptist Church, it was not the first time they experienced a new beginning. Previously known as Anchor Baptist Church, the congregation closed its doors in 2019 and deeded the property to the Big Creek Baptist Association. In 2020, with support from the Georgia Barnette Louisiana Missions Offering, Lloyd Whitman was called to replant the church as New Friendship Baptist Church. What once seemed like the end became a

renewed gospel witness in the Fishville community.

Then came the fire. Once again, the Georgia Barnette Offering helped the church move forward. Through assistance provided by Louisiana Baptists, New Friendship continued its ministry as volunteers erected a tent only two days after the fire so the church would not miss a single Sunday of worship and ministry.

One Sunday, a man came forward wanting to be baptized. With no building available, the church went to the nearby creek to celebrate his baptism — a reminder that the mission of the church never stopped.

"We lost the building," Pastor Whitman said, "but not the church."



PRAY FOR:

- Pastor Whitman and the congregation of New Friendship Baptist Church as they continue reaching the Fishville community with the gospel.
- New families and individuals to come to Christ through the ministry of New Friendship Baptist Church.
- The Georgia Barnette Louisiana Missions Offering to continue helping churches across rural Louisiana to replant, rebuild, and strengthen their gospel witness.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

CHURCH ACADIANA



When Andy and Lydia Manning returned to Youngsville to plant Church Acadiana, they believed God was calling them home. What they didn't know was how their hometown would change over the next twenty years. Today, Youngsville is one of the fastest-growing communities in Louisiana.

For two decades, Church Acadiana met in homes, schools, a movie theater, and other temporary locations. When they purchased five acres of land in 2021, the area around it was mostly undeveloped. Now, neighborhoods and young families have filled the area — yet there are still no churches nearby.

Looking back, Andy sees God's provision clearly. "We had no idea all of this growth was coming," he said. "But God knew."

Church Acadiana broke ground on its first permanent home in 2025 with help from the Georgia Barnette Louisiana Missions Offering and the Mission Builder program which helps coordinate volunteer builders, contractors, and mission teams.

"It's not just a meeting place," Mission Builder Field Strategist, Mark Jelks, said. "It's a center for outreach in the community."

Church members also see opportunities around them. "There's a lot of homes in that area with lots of little kids," Andy explained. "We're looking forward to reaching them for Christ."

PRAY FOR:

- Church Acadiana to be fully funded for the work on their new building.
- Schedules to align so that the church has the help it needs through volunteer teams.
- Unity among church members as they prepare to reach the community for Christ.

Learn more about this ministry by visiting LouisianaBaptists.org/MissionBuilder.

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WE MUST **GO** TO THE NEARBY TOWNS, SO THAT I CAN
TELL THE GOOD NEWS TO THOSE PEOPLE.

MARK 1:38 (CEV)



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