

Ministry Opportunities and Resource Book
of
Woman's Missionary Union/Women's Ministry
Madison Baptist Association

TABLE OF CONTENTS

SECTION 1

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

SECTION 2

NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING

SECTION 3

MINISTRY IDEAS

SECTION 4

WEBSITE RESOURCES

Mission Opportunities

Acteens Activators

These programs are for girls only and provide opportunities for groups of Acteens and their advisors to participate in mission trips throughout the U.S. and in other countries. Acteens are given the opportunity to work alongside North American and International Missionaries.

www.alabamawmu.org and www.acteens.com

Alabama Baptist Children's Home

Providing a Christian home for needy children has always been the purpose of the Alabama Children's Home. The Children's Home provides more of a house-like setting with house parents. They try to customize ministries and services to meet specific needs of children and youth. There is a list of needs on the website.

POC: Paulette Devine

1404 16th Ave SE

Decatur, AL 35601

(256) 355-6893

www.alabamachild.org

Angel Tree

The program is a local mission run November through December. Ministry provides Christmas gifts for children of prison inmates. Angel Tree can be found in many stores, businesses and even some restaurants from the weekend after Thanksgiving to Christmas. Show Christ's love to children of inmates by sharing a gift with them at Christmas

www.pfm.org

Baptist Campus Ministry

Baptist campus ministry is responsible for programs of evangelism, missions, spiritual growth and outreach ministries on college and university campuses throughout the state.

POC: Edwin Hocutt (UAH and Calhoun-Huntsville)

(256)837-9140

450 Sparkman Dr.

Huntsville, AL 35805

www.uahbcm.com

www.metrohuntsvillebcm.com

POC: Chase Williams (Alabama A&M BCM and Calhoun-Decatur)

cwilliams@alsbom.org

www.metrohuntsvillebcm.com

Baptist Nursing Fellowship

Organization for nurses and other healthcare professionals to share their faith as well as their vocational skills with the church, the community and the entire world.

POC: Charlotte Wyckoff
(256)859-6738
fci@hiwaay.net

BNF National Missions Day

Blesses nursing school graduates with goody bags for final exams during Nurses' Week.

POC: Charlotte Wyckoff
(256)859-6738

Blount Hospitality House

Blount Hospitality House provides lodging and supportive companionship to out-of-town relatives of patients in Huntsville area hospitals. The website has a wish list.

610 Madison Street
Huntsville, AL 35801
(256)534-7014
blounthouse@gmail.com
www.blounthospitalityhouse.org

Camp MACOBA

The camp is over 100 acres. There are many activities offered: fishing, hiking, archery. There is a list of service projects needed on the website.

POC: Todd and Denise Panter
461 Hillsboro Dr.
New Market, AL
(256)348-4561
www.CampMacoba.org

Christian Job Corps

Goal: To break the cycle of poverty, be it financial or poverty of spirit. Mission: Equipping men and women with essential skills to improve their lives.

You can serve as a mentor, GED tutor, computer teaching assistant, meal provider, or clothes closet help.

Executive Director: Tenesha Thomas
(256)428-9435
www.cwjc.net

Christian Men's Job Corp Director: Ron Wicks
(256)886-7952
Ron.wicks.cmjc@gmail.com

Christmas Charities Year Round

Provide the basic necessities to the people of Madison County facing difficult times. Their motto is you give, we give. Mission: Provide children in low income families with items needed to improve their lives. Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm. Provides basic living needs year-round, as well as Christmas gifts, all at no costs.

Executive Director: Hilary Gould
3054 Leeman Ferry Road SW
Suite P & Q
Huntsville, Al 35801
(256)837-2373
www.ccyr.org

Christmas Backpacks

Filling Christmas Backpacks is a way to share the Gospel with children and teens in need this Christmas. Backpacks are distributed through church plants and compassion ministry sites in at least 4 states.

Church Clothes Closet

Drop off clothes at Whitesburg Baptist Church at the Martha Fleming Center north side entrance Monday – Friday 8am to 5pm.

Disaster Relief

A local group of trained men and women that go where needed when disasters strike. They go in an area with the Red Cross and provide shower trailers and trailers with hot meals. The website has a link to get training.

POC: Jack E. Fuson and Carl Ratcliffe
Madison Baptist Association
2318 Whitesburg Dr. S
Huntsville, Al 35801
(256)536-0015
www.madisonassociation.org

Downtown Rescue Mission

This Alabama non-profit organization is a place of refuge offering different charities for the homeless of our community. Whether it is a man, a woman or a child, they can find a warm meal and a safe place to stay in one of our homeless missions.

1400 Evangel Dr NW
Huntsville, AL 35816
(256)536-2441

<http://www.downtownrescuemission.org>

Habitat for Humanity

An ecumenical, grassroots, Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty housing from the world and make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. By having needy and affluent people work together in equal partnership, Habitat builds new relationships and a sense of community as well as new housing.

POC: Traci Draper
400 Pratt Ave NW
Huntsville, AL 35801
(256)533-2282

www.hfhmc.org

Harris Home for Children

A foster care institution and child placement agency, that provides a full-time foster care for neglected and dependent adolescent males and females.

1210 Church Street NW
Huntsville, AL 35801
(256)837-0332

www.harrishomeforchildren.org

Huntsville Assistance Program

A program that assists people and families in need of food, jobs, and financial counseling.

POC: Gayla Kidd

1001 Monroe Street SW
Huntsville, AL 35801
(256)539-2320

Toney location:
11588 Pulaski Pike
Toney, AL 35773
(256)828-8788

Madison location:
103 Gin Oaks Court
Madison, AL 35758
(256)325-0871

Huntsville Pregnancy Resource Center (was Choose Life)

A non-profit faith based Christian organization. All services are free to all clients, with a special focus on girls and women facing unplanned pregnancies. They also serve women and men from all walks of life including teenage girls seeking guidance about choices, single and married mothers in need of material assistance and mentoring, men and women dealing with decisions they regret.

220 Rands Ave SE
Huntsville, AL 35801
(256)533-3526
www.huntsvilleprc.org

Love Packages Ministries (formerly Edwin L. Hodges Ministries)

A Christian literature ministry, mailing free materials to Bible Schools, churches, missionaries, and individuals worldwide (almost entirely outside of the U.S.). The Ministries' main objective is to help those who have been born again to mature in their faith through the use of Christian literature. Need literature and book donations and monetary donations for shipping literature.

60-D South Mountain Drive
Decatur, AL 35603
(256)355-3004
www.Lovepackages.org

Manna House Food Distribution Center

Organization that feeds working people as well as homeless. Around 6700 families are feed a month. Organization helps those that do not qualify for assistance or food stamps.

POC: Fran Fluhler
2110 Memorial Pkwy. SW
Huntsville, AL 35801
(256)503-4848
fran@mannahouse.us
www.mymannahouse.com

Meals on Wheels

A program designed to help those who are homebound, ill & frail to periodically get a nutritious meal that is ready or near ready to eat. Join us as a driver & meet many wonderful homebound seniors we serve in the Huntsville community. Volunteers pick up meals at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, Monday – Friday, between 10:45 and 11:10 a.m. They usually complete delivery by 12:00 noon. You may deliver as often as you like, however, we ask for a minimum commitment of once a month.

POC: Jeanie Glynn
Huntsville-Madison Co. Senior Center
2200 Drake Ave.
Huntsville, AL 35805
(256)382-0920
jglynn@seniorview.com
www.seniorview.com

Operation Christmas Child

Program runs November through December; Local and Southeast Processing Center located in Atlanta, GA. For several years now individuals, families and church groups have packed shoe boxes full of toys for underprivileged children in countries around the world. Involve your students, as well as your church in Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child. Collect shoe boxes in your area and volunteers can even help pack boxes for distribution at the Atlanta Processing Center. Contact that center for details on volunteering at the Center.

www.samaritanspurse.org

Rocket City Missions

Minister to the people of Huntsville that are in need both materially and spiritually.

POC: Ron Lynch
Madison Baptist Association
2318 Whitesburg Dr. S
Huntsville, AL 35801
(256)536-0015
rlynch@madisonassociation.org
www.rocketcitymissions.org

Rose of Sharon Soup Kitchen and Thrift Store

A non-denominational ministry to the homeless and needy in Huntsville, Alabama. Meals are served daily Monday-Saturday 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. They also offer monthly clothing assistance to those in need, and in the colder months, they supply blankets, coats, hats, scarves, and gloves to help people stay warm. Spiritual Food consists of weekly bible studies, teaching people how to apply the Word of God to their daily life. Ministry opportunities include serving food, and sorting clothes donated to the thrift store.

723 Arcadia Circle NW
Huntsville, AL 35810
(256)536-2970

www.roseofsharonsoupkitchen.org

Second Mile Development, Inc.

The ultimate dream of Second Mile is to bring about, through Christ, reconciliation between all people: the rich and poor, the educated and uneducated, the fortunate and less fortunate.

2710 Holmes Ave
P.O. Box 2531
Huntsville, AL 35804
(256)533-2766

www.secondmile.net

Special Olympics

Special Olympics is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive and respected members of society through sports training and competition. Need donations of trail mix, volunteers to distribute the trail mix.

Huntsville contact: Sherron Culpepper
(256)536-0015

Statewide Missions Events for Students

Student Missions Weekend (Coed) is a weekend devoted to missions and ministry for guys and girls in grades 7-12.

Complete is an unforgettable weekend gathering held each March by Alabama WMU where teen girls and their leaders learn how to be godly young women in a challenging world.

www.alabamawmu.org

Teddy Bear Ministry

You can help children during crisis situations like abuse, illness, fires and floods through Alabama WMU's Teddy Bear Ministry. Teddy Bears can be given to:

Law enforcement agencies

Ambulance companies

Fire and rescue agencies

The Department of Human Resources

Hospitals and other agencies that come into contact with children during crisis.

Bears are placed in bags that read "Given in the Name of Jesus" on one side and "Letting you know someone cares for you, a local Baptist Church" on the other side. Bags are 0.45 cents each.

Huntsville Contact: Anita Hayes

(256)859-9173

Trail of Tears Ministry

Every 3rd Saturday in September 9AM to 12:30PM. Distribute free bottled water, Chapstick and tracts.

Polaris Industries

7049 Greenbrier Rd.

Madison, AL

POC: Ron Lynch

Madison Baptist Association

2318 Whitesburg Dr. S

Huntsville, AL 35801

(256)536-0015

Nursing Homes and Assisted Living

Brookdale Jones Farm
2815 Carl T. Jones Dr. SE
Huntsville, AL 35802
(256)248-9949
www.brookdale.com

Brookshire Healthcare Center
4320 Judith Lane SW
Huntsville, AL 35805
(256)837-1730
www.dvcr.com

Country Cottage
4200 Chris Drive
Huntsville, AL 35802
(256)824-9980
www.cottageassistedliving.com

Diversicare of Big Springs (was Big Springs Specialty Care Center)
500 St. Clair Ave SW
Huntsville, AL 35801
(256)539-5111
www.dvcr.com

Floyd Fann State Veterans Home
2701 Meridian St. N
Huntsville, AL 35811
(256)852-5170

HarborChase of Huntsville
4801 Whitesport Cir SW
Huntsville, AL 35801
(256)617-7285
www.harborchase.com

Elmcroft of Byrd Springs
8020 Benaroya Ln. SW
Huntsville, AL 35802
(256)578-4158
www.elmcroft.com

Madison Manor Nursing Home
3891 Sullivan Street
Madison, AL 35758
(256)772-9243
www.crownehealthcare.com

AHC Millennium
5275 Millennium Dr. NW
Huntsville, AL 35806
(256)489-6800
www.ahcseiniorcure.com

Morningside of Madison
49 Hughes Road
Madison, AL 35758
(256)464-9090
www.Fivestarsenioreliving.com

Redstone Village
12000 Turnmeyer Dr. SE
Huntsville, AL 35803
(256)881-6717, Ext. 1109
www.redstonevillage.org

Regency Retirement Village
2004 Max Luther Dr. NW
Huntsville, AL 35810
(256)852-0033
www.regencyhuntsville.com

Signature HealthCARE of Whitesburg Gardens
105 Teakwood Dr. SW
Huntsville, AL 35801
(256)881-5000
www.shcofwhitesburggardens.com

Windsor House
4411 McAllister Dr. SW
Huntsville, AL 35805
(256)837-8585
www.dvcr.com

Gift Suggestions for Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Residents:

Large print Bibles and books
Pens, pencils
Stationary
Small throw pillows
Costume jewelry
Small cosmetic bags
Walker, wheelchair caddie
Small stuffed animals

Brushes
Combs
Tissues
Aftershave lotion
Lap quilts
Lotion, liquid soap
Perfume, cologne, powder
Small picture frames
Toothpaste and brushes

Men's handkerchiefs
Warm-up suits
Socks, men or women
House coat
House shoes
Pajamas, gowns
Tee shirts
Sweaters
Sweat shirts

Note: Used items must be clean and in very good condition. No glass, candy or razors.

Care Packages for any Occasion

Someone in a Nursing Home

Knee-high hose
Lotions/Powder
Pretty wall hanging
Large print reading material
One silk flower
Colorful balloons
Soft, cuddly stuffer animal
Pretty bed pillow/cover
Warm bed-jacket or sweater
Pajamas or nightgown
Warm slippers
Stamps, greeting cards
Just visit and listen

A lonely friend

Bubbly bath
Pretty napkins
Herbal tea
Small craft item
Devotional book
Special Bible verse on a pretty notecard
Journal
Pretty dish towel
Gift certificate for 2 to a restaurant
Just visit and listen

Someone in the Service or College

Homemade cookies/candy
Toiletries, shampoo toothpaste
Instant soup packages
Hot chocolate packages
Stamps, cards, notepaper
Food, food, food
Card or letter of encouragement

A Young Person

Stickers
Balloons
Puzzles, games
Books
Magnets
Candy and cookies

A New Mother

Letter offering Bible verses and stories
from your early mothering years
IOU for babysitting
Cuddly toy
One-year calendar
Photo albums
Short devotionals
List of your child's favorite toys at that age

Someone in the Hospital

Flowers or balloons
Reading Material
Bring a good book and read aloud
Write a letter
Gift bag with helpful goodies like socks,
Notecards, lip balm, pen and paper

A New Neighbor

List of important phone numbers
Help finding a bank, doctor, dentist, post
office, utility, CHURCH
Meal or makings for a meal
Help with unpacking
Help with children (if any are present)

Ministry Ideas

Churches, associations and mission groups all over are involved in some amazing ministries. These are just a few examples to spark your imagination. What ministries have you come up with for your marketplace?

International Students

There are many ways you can minister. ESL classes, holiday meals, conversation clubs for friendship and practice in English, shopping trips and movie nights. There is a tremendous need for opportunities for international students to visit an American home.

School Shoes

Not every child has new shoes to start the school in, or shoes for their chosen sport. School counselors can help you find children with these needs.

Homework Clinic/Tutoring Program

This is a wonderful ministry for teachers. Some churches have integrated this ministry into the whole church and use it as an outreach.

Ministry to Women Prisoners

The needs of women prisoners are very different than those of male prisoners. Helping them keep in touch with their children and providing a woman-to-woman connection can change lives.

Encouraging Law Enforcement

We appreciate what they do but we do not often tell them. Cookies, notes of encouragement, little gifts to tell them how grateful we are can be a special ministry.

ESL (English as a Second Language)

You will need special training for this, but with the changing face of our communities, this is a great way to get to know your neighbors.

Mentoring Young Mothers

Many young mothers are far away from their own mothers and many never had a mother teach them how to nurture. You can fill that gap.

Teacher Prayer Calendar

Ask the teachers in your local schools if they would like to be prayed for. My guess is they will probably be thrilled.

Food pantry

In our land of plenty there are still people who are hungry. There is always work to do in an existing food pantry ministry organizing, collecting, meeting with clients. If your community does not have a food pantry think about how one could be started.

College Fellowship Meals

Check with your local Baptist Campus Ministry. They often need churches or groups to sponsor meals. Home cooking is a tremendous draw for college students.

Emergency Care Bags

Your hospital emergency room may need care bags for all kinds of emergencies. Rape victims may have special needs only other women can understand.

Truck Stop Ministry

Tracts, bottled water, coffee, or fellowship, people on the road need to hear some good news.

Community VBS

Not every child will be brought to your church's Vacation Bible School. Whether in English or Spanish, you can reach children who would never come to church.

Christmas Gift Shop

Helping families struggling to have gifts at this special time of year can be a way to open their hearts to the real meaning of Christmas.

Ministering to At-Risk Youth

Your local juvenile detention center is a place where birthday cakes, "thinking of you" cards, and friendship are in short supply. Some people just need to hear the simplest words of encouragement.

Literacy

This is another area where special training is required, but there are many people in your community who can not read. You can help them.

School Supplies

Many schools post supply lists at local stores. Teachers would appreciate packages of supplies for their students who cannot afford them.

Ugly Quilts

Famous in several associations, these quilts go to homeless people (no one steals an ugly quilt) on mission trips, and to newborn babies. Use your sewing talent for this kind of fun.

Habitat for Humanity

You may not be much at swinging a hammer, but how about furnishing a kitchen with dish towels and kitchen gadgets. Or maybe you could prepare a meal for the first night in the new home. Get to know the new homeowners.

Have a Party

Invite neighbors, co-workers, ball team moms, or others you meet in your daily life to a party in your home. Have a theme, make decorations, good food, and provide a comfortable atmosphere. Take this opportunity to tell these women about the good news of Jesus Christ in this relaxed, non-threatening setting. Page Hughes' book, *Party with a Purpose*, released by New Hope Press, is chock full of ideas if you need them.

Help a School

Every community has a school and every school has needs. Principals or guidance counselors can let you know about special projects and needs in the school. Provide school supplies, read to

younger students, or listen to beginning readers as they read. Find out who needs new shoes to start school.

Bake Some Cookies

Get together with other cookie bakers once a month to make cookies to distribute. The cookies can go most anywhere people would appreciate a freshly baked cookie. Fire departments, police precincts, college dormitories, Ronald McDonald houses, and retirement centers, the list is endless.

Welcome a Newcomer

Most neighborhoods have newcomers from time to time. Take a place of cookies or even a meal, if you have time, and meet the family. Invite mom to a bible study, give her advice on schools and dry cleaners, find out the family's needs and just be a new friend.

Mentor a Young Mother

Locate a young mother who does not go to church. If your church or community has a seeker Bible Study, invite her to go and bring her to the meeting. Pick her up and make sure childcare is available. Check on her during the week. Provide her with Christian parenting materials. Talk with her about how a relationship with Christ helps a woman to be a better mother. Talk about her need for personal salvation.

Help a Woman in Crisis

Save make-up samples and trial size personal items for women in your local city or county jail. Create rape crisis kits that contain deodorant, sweatpants, panties (clothing is often kept for evidence), Kleenex, to take to the hospital emergency rooms Find out the needs from your local domestic abuse center.

Website Resources

Alabama Baptist Sites

www.alabamawmu.org

www.alsbom.org

www.samford.edu

www.umobile.edu

www.alabamachild.org

www.abhconline.org

www.shocco.org

www.thealabamabaptist.org

www.tbfa.org

Alabama WMU

Alabama State Board of Missions

Samford University

University of Mobile

Alabama Baptist Children's Home

Alabama Baptist Historical Commission

Shocco Springs Conference Center

The Alabama Baptist

The Baptist Foundation of Alabama

Southern Baptist Convention Sites

www.imb.org

www.lifeway.com

www.namb.net

www.wmu.com

www.baptistpress.com

www.erc.com

www.guidestone.org

www.redgecrestconferencecenter.com

www.sbc.net

www.sbcec.org

International Mission Board

Lifeway Christian Resources

North American Mission Board

Women's Missionary Union

Baptist Press

Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission

Guide Stone

Ridge Crest Conference Center

Southern Baptist Convention

SBC Executive Committee

Offering

www.imb.org/lottiemoon

www.anniearmstrong.com

www.myers-mallory.org

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering

WMU Age-Level Organization Sites

www.wmu.com/missionfriends

www.wmu.com/children

www.acteens.com

www.wmu.com/students

www.wmu.com/adults

Mission Friends

Girls in Action (GA), Royal Ambassadors (RA), Children in Action

Acteens

Youth on Mission, Challengers

Women on Mission, Adults on Mission, MyMission

Southern Baptist Theological Seminaries

www.gs.edu

www.mbts.edu

www.nobts.edu

www.sebts.edu

www.sbts.edu

www.swbts.edu

Gateway Seminary

Midwestern

New Orleans

Southeastern

Southern

Southwestern

On-Line Bookstores

www.newhopepublishers.com
www.wmystore.com
www.bhpublishinggroup.com
www.christianbook.com
www.lifeway.com

New Hope Publishers
WMU, SBC Store
Broadman & Holman Publishers
Christian Book Distributors
Lifeway Christian Stores

Other Resources

www.athletesinaction.org
www.billygraham.org
www.cru.org
www.christianitytoday.com
www.crosswalk.com
www.promisekeepers.org

Athletes in Action
Billy Graham Evangelistic Assoc.
Campus Crusade for Christ Intl (CRU)
Christianity Today International
Crosswalk
Promise Keepers

Missions Resources

www.imb.org
www.namb.net
www.partnersintl.org
www.baptistWorld.org

International Mission Board, SBC
North American Mission Board, SBC
Partners International
Baptist World Alliance