



A Link to the Gospel PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS

In Alaska, more than 63,000 people live in places only accessible by air or water.

“There are basically two major highways, and if you don’t live near one of those, you’re off the transportation grid and don’t have access to the things we take for granted,” said Scotty Goldman, director of global missions for the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions.

But Jae McKee, director of missions and church planting for Alaska Baptists, had an idea – to get Starlink kits that could provide satellite internet access in some of these remote areas. Funds from the Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering have helped to purchase these kits for three villages so far.

“To be able to stream services into other native villages may turn out to be truly monumental for indigenous native ministry and church planting,” he said, noting that they also plan to use Starlink to disciple and train church planters in those villages.

One community already benefiting is rural Togiak. In May, a 9-member team from Chugach Baptist Association in Anchorage traveled to Togiak to install a Starlink device and spend several days reaching out to the community through VBS. Myers-Mallory gifts provided for the team’s airfare and other expenses.

“We are praying this effort will serve as a model for other associations to follow,” said Jae.

- Pray Starlink kits expand the reach of church planters in Alaska.
- Pray for more churches and associations to carry the Gospel to remote areas like Togiak.
- Pray for Jae McKee as he leads Alaska Baptists in missions strategy.



A Helping Hand CHURCH REVITALIZATION

Neal Butler said his church didn’t look unhealthy when they started a revitalization journey a few years back.

“We had over 100 people,” said Neal, pastor of Bower Memorial Baptist Church in Evergreen. “But we didn’t have a deep discipleship or evangelism effort going on.”

So he began meeting with Rob Jackson, director of evangelism and church revitalization at the State Board of Missions. They worked on an evangelism plan, and Bower Memorial started a monthly outreach night where church members visited people they knew in the community.

Last year, Bower Memorial had 21 baptisms, up from three in 2022. One of those baptisms was a grandson led to faith by his grandmother during one of those visits.

“When the mindset changes to doing what Christ has called us to do, it changes the atmosphere of the church,” Neal said.

He asked Rob if he could help others in the same way, and now Neal is walking alongside Noah Phillips at Eutaw Baptist Church as they go through a revitalization process too.

“It meant a lot for Rob to come alongside me, and I wanted to be able to encourage other people in that too,” Neal said.

- Pray for Neal Butler as he leads his church in revitalization and encourages Eutaw pastor Noah Phillips as well.
- Pray for Rob Jackson as he encourages church revitalization efforts around the state.
- Pray for more churches to prayerfully start revitalization journeys in the coming months and years.



A Ready Response DISASTER RELIEF

In the first few months of this year, the number of tornadoes that hit the U.S. was off the charts. And Mark Wakefield’s phone rung off the hook. That’s because he leads the “yellow shirt army” of Alabama Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers. They respond after a disaster to cut trees for homeowners, clear yards, rip drywall out of flooded homes, prepare meals, do laundry, provide a place to take a shower and offer a listening ear for those who have lost so much.

“There’s a trust factor that has proven to be valuable,” Mark said.

ABDR volunteers are trained and vetted. He said that goes a long way with first responders and local governments, who generally are not hesitant about letting them in.

“Myers-Mallory helps us be prepared,” Mark said. “We have the staff here at the State Board of Missions who are supported by the Cooperative Program, but it takes funding to have volunteers ready to leave.” That prep includes providing training but also purchasing and maintaining heavy equipment and mobile kitchen and shower units, he said.

“Alabama Baptists are incredibly generous and committed to missions and ministry,” Mark said. “God has always provided so we can do what needs to be done and so people get taken care of.”

- Pray for Mark Wakefield as he leads ABDR efforts.
- Pray for volunteer teams from Baptist associations around the state to have the energy, time and strength to respond to disasters when there’s a need.
- Pray for the hearts of people affected by disasters to be comforted by God’s love for them shown through the work of ABDR teams.



An Answered Prayer ALABAMA WMU

Beth Gardner said the invites started in October 2024, and in April 2025, they paid off. All that time, a student – Kendall – had been asking another student to come to Baptist Campus Ministries gatherings at the University of South Alabama, where Beth serves as a campus minister. And finally, that student said yes.

“She said she knew she needed to come,” Beth said.

The two students are continuing to meet and study the Bible together. Beth said it’s a reminder for her “of how we should never stop praying and inviting people.”

That’s part of the idea behind Cultivate, a partnership Alabama WMU forged with the state’s BCMs during the 2024-2025 school year. Everyone who is a part of Cultivate prays weekly for BCMs around the state and for the hearts of the students they’re trying to reach. They’re also encouraged to adopt a campus minister.

Candace McIntosh, Alabama WMU executive director, said Cultivate “has gone deep and wide fast.”

“We have just under 400 who are receiving the weekly ‘pause and pray’ emails,” she said.

And Baptist campus ministers are reporting that God is at work – students are coming to Bible studies, sharing the gospel with other students and responding to a call to ministry.

- Pray for Alabama Baptist campus ministers to have wisdom and perseverance in discipling students to be disciple-makers.
- Pray for believing students to be bold in reaching their friends and for God to open the hearts of nonbelieving students.
- Pray for Alabama WMU as they encourage Alabama Baptists to join the Cultivate partnership.



2025 PRAYER GUIDE



CELEBRATING A DECADE OF FAITHFULNESS

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A Decade of Faithfulness WEEK OF PRAYER OVERVIEW

As Alabama Baptists enter our tenth year of observing the Week of Prayer for State Missions and the Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering, it is both a cause for celebration and reflection.

Certainly, we celebrate God's faithfulness, which "endures to all generations" (Psalm 119:90) and which compels us to be faithful to Him. We rejoice in the more than \$12 million Alabama Baptists have given since the Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering was launched in 2016, helping to extend life-changing ministries to thousands.

But we also celebrate Alabama Baptists' faithfulness in fervently praying for both the lost and our efforts to reach them, knowing that those prayers have accomplished much, as promised in James 5:16. What better way, then, to honor God for His faithfulness than by renewing our own faithfulness in praying, giving and going into a state and world which desperately needs the Gospel.

Will you commit this week to making a difference by boldly praying for the ministries and people listed in this guide? Then prayerfully consider your gift to the Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering.

- [Pray for Alabama WMU as they encourage missional living by challenging, equipping and empowering Alabama Baptists.](#)
- [Pray for Disaster Relief efforts that will bring hope and healing to the hurting.](#)
- [Pray for Church Planting efforts among the unreached and unchurched in our state.](#)
- [Pray for relationships between Alabama Baptist churches and missionaries to be fostered through Partnership Missions.](#)
- [Pray for Church Revitalization to take place in churches and leaders across Alabama.](#)



A Purpose and a Calling ALABAMA WMU

Trish Jackson has a jar in her office filled with sticky notes. "I bet there are at least 200," she said.

Each one represents a teen girl who wrote something on it anonymously during Complete, an annual Alabama WMU event for girls in grades 7-12.

"They were dialed in and connected and wanted to respond," said Trish, who serves as Alabama WMU Next Gen consultant. "They wrote decisions they had made for Christ, things they wanted to give up and things they wanted to do with their lives."

The goal of Complete is to give teen girls an opportunity to meet and hear from female role models who have found contentment in Christ and have given their lives to serving him in a variety of ways, from their workplaces to overseas missions.

Funds from the Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering support events like Complete, which helps the next generation catch a vision for God's call on their lives.

"We try to articulate to them that if God gives you your identity, He may be calling you to something," Trish said. "God has wired you for a purpose, and you can use that for giving Him glory."

- [Pray for the nearly 300 girls who attended this year's Complete event to continue to walk forward in God's purpose for them.](#)
- [Pray for the Alabama WMU staff as they prayerfully plan events to plant seeds in the hearts of teenagers.](#)
- [Pray for godly role models to use their voices to build up the next generation of servants for Christ.](#)



A Passion for People DISASTER RELIEF

Roger Van Wyck says a decade ago, he was hooked by something surprising.

"We went to Columbia, S.C., because of flooding, and we spent the week under a bunch of houses," he said, adding that it might sound odd, "but we loved it."

And ever since, he and his wife, Grace, have been going out on multiple deployments each year with Alabama Baptist Disaster Relief, doing work ranging from chainsaw and cleanup to laundry and chaplaincy. Grace said for her, it's the people that keep her going back – and the desire to be the hands and feet of Christ to them.

"When we get to a job site and the homeowners are there, they're just so sad and broken, but their eyes brighten because they say we bring hope and help, and they can see an end to it," she said.

ABDR efforts are funded in part by the Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering, something Roger said he's grateful for. He sees it regularly at work as he coordinates the disaster relief team in Clarke Baptist Association.

"I want to thank people for their contributions to Myers-Mallory – that is huge. It allows us to do the things we do," he said.

- [Pray for Roger and Grace Van Wyck as they continue to serve and lead in disaster relief.](#)
- [Pray for the hearts of Alabama Baptists to be moved to continue to support disaster relief work through their gifts to the Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering.](#)
- [Pray for more people to try serving with ABDR and find it's something they love like the Van Wycks did.](#)



A Church for the Community CHURCH PLANTING

Lynn Darnell said his church started in a basement, moved to a barn, and now it's in a bar.

"The building we're in used to be HotRods Bar & Grill," said Lynn, pastor of LifeChurch in Boaz. "We've had a family or two come and say, 'We used to party here; we want to see what's going on now.'"

Lynn planted LifeChurch in 2022 after feeling drawn back to meet that need in his hometown.

"He's a driving visionary with the heart of a pastor, and he has connected with people very well," said Brian Harper, lead church planting strategist for the State Board of Missions. "His goal is to reach people who are lost, not churched."

The church is out in the community often, serving popsicles in summer, doing blanket drives in winter and many other things in between. Lynn said their aim is to be a church the community would miss if they were gone. Today, they run about 225 in worship on Sundays.

He said training provided by funds from the Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering has been "phenomenal." The State Board of Missions has "a lot of great resources, it's just a tremendous help," Lynn said.

- [Pray for LifeChurch to persevere in serving its community and for hearts to be open.](#)
- [Pray for Brian Harper as he leads ongoing training for church planters around the state.](#)
- [Pray for more men to feel called to serve as church planters.](#)

Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering

The Week of Prayer for State Missions is a concentrated time of prayer for Alabama Baptists. Southern Baptist churches across Alabama join together to pray for our state and for various Great Commission Ministries of the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions and Alabama Woman's Missionary Union.

The Week of Prayer coincides with the Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering, received all year with special emphasis during this week.

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