Practical Missions Handbook
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“. . . that in all things He might have the preeminence.”
(Colossians 1:18)
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“To all the world for Jesus’ sake . . .”

Practical Missions Ministry

Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary’s (MABTS) heart-beat is for the inerrant Word of God, missions, and evangelism. Reaching people for Christ was the basis upon which the school was founded, and this passion motivates the president, the faculty, the curriculum, and even the chapel programs. Your presence here at Mid-America indicates that you share this motivation. The Practical Missions office is here to assist you by providing opportunities for engaging in missions and evangelism and helping students to fulfill the requirements of the Practical Missions Ministry.

As you serve the Lord by ministry and personal soul-winning, you will not only bring glory to Him by touching the lives of many people, but you will also be preparing yourself for your future ministry. If God has brought you here, He is already preparing the hearts of people to whom you will witness so that you can fulfill these requirements. Whether you feel the call of God to the local church ministry, the mission field, or some other type of ministry, you will benefit by developing your skills in witnessing and service. Further, churches and mission boards seek out Mid-America graduates because they have practical experience in ministry and a passion for souls.

If you have questions about practical missions or if you encounter situations with which you need advice or assistance, please call us at 901-751-3011. Our joy in serving the Lord Jesus is increased by serving you. May God bless you.

In Christ,
R. Kirk Kilpatrick, PhD
Director, Practical Missions
A Brief Description of the Practical Missions Ministry

Practical Missions is the demonstration of what the student learns in the classroom. Students are expected to fulfill the biblical command to witness and thus are required to meet mission assignments each week, share their faith, and report on the work completed. By witnessing regularly and engaging in missions ministries, the student connects the classroom and the practical aspects of ministry and evangelism.

Practical Missions involves three specific opportunities and responsibilities for MABTS students:

1. **Practical Missions Ministry Service**
   Each full-time student (four–five courses in a regular semester) must complete two different mission assignments per week during the semester. Each part-time student must complete one mission assignment per week during the semester. Each part-time student, auditor or special student must complete one mission assignment per week during the semester. A mission assignment consists of approximately one hour of ministry time and normally provides the student with the opportunity to present the type of witness described in section 2. (Please note the specific requirements on pages 2–5.)

2. **Personal Witness Activities**
   Each student is expected to witness personally to at least fifteen persons during each fifteen-week semester. Ideally, the student will witness at least once a week. To constitute a personal witness, the student will present the plan of salvation to a person believed to be unsaved and invite that person to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Students are encouraged to train others in witnessing as well. If someone who the student is discipling completes a Gospel witness, in the presence of the student, then that witness can be counted as one of the student’s fifteen for the semester. Witnessing
activities are also reported through the Practical Missions online report system. (For a good start in your witnessing, read the article by Dr. B. Gray Allison on page eight.)

3. **Report Hour Participation**
Each student is expected to participate in the report hour and chapel on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. at the Cordova campus each week. At the Cordova campus, the student is to scan his or her student ID card at the entrance to register his or her attendance at report hour. The report hour begins with the singing of the Alma Mater and prayer, followed by the sharing of witness opportunities. Participants have a wonderful opportunity to share their witnessing activities of the previous week. Students who cannot attend report hour must have an exemption form signed by the director of Practical Missions. Report hour attendance must be reported online through the Practical Missions reporting system. Online reporting is the primary means by which the practical missions office registers a student’s attendance.

**Requirements for Practical Missions**
*(Masters/Associates/Special Students)*

1. **Practical Missions**
Practical Missions takes place in a local church or through an approved mission site. The Practical Missions office provides a list of approved mission sites at the end of this handbook. Places of service other than those on this list must be approved in advance by the director of Practical Missions.

**Registration**
You register for your practical missions when you register for each semester of school. Steps:

1. Your service as a church pastor or staff member may count as one assignment. If you are not on a church staff, you will need to select two other ministry sites (full-time students), or one other ministry site (part-time students).
2. (Full-time students) For your second assignment, choose from the list at the end of this handbook or, if you wish, you may request an alternative near your home. These requests should be presented in writing and be approved in advance.

3. Contact the ministry coordinator to determine if you are eligible and if this ministry suits your needs.

4. Complete the Practical Missions Registration portion on SonisWeb in order to register for classes.

Assignments
Each ministry assignment should consist of approximately one hour of ministry time in duration on the field (not counting commuting to or from the field). Ministry activities lasting three hours or more in a day may be counted as two assignments. No activity may count as more than two practical missions assignments per day in fulfillment of basic requirements.

Reporting
All work should be reported weekly through the online system. (See page thirteen for instructions.)

Requirements
Full-time students: One mission per week in each of the two missions assignments. Extra missions may count for no more than four of the fifteen required assignments in each of the registered missions. In other words, a student must complete at least eleven assignments at Practical Mission One Site and at least eleven assignments at Practical Mission Two Site, but is still accountable for a total of thirty assignments per semester, including extra missions.

Part-Time, Auditor, or Special Students
One mission assignment per week for a total of fifteen assignments per semester. At least eleven of these must be at the specific site in which the student is registered.
First-Year Students
The first-year full-time student is to participate in one evangelistic ministry through the local church and one non-church related ministry. The first-year part-time student is to participate in one evangelistic ministry through the local church or community. During their first semester, students are only required to meet requirements for fourteen of the fifteen weeks.

Mini-Terms and Summer School
During these sessions, all students are required to witness to at least one person during the session and report through the online report system. Students enrolled in mini-term classes are required to witness to at least four persons and participate in one evangelistic ministry through the local church or non-church related ministry for a total of four weeks. If a student is enrolled in the March mini-term as well as the spring semester, he is only required to witness to at least two persons and participate in one evangelistic ministry through the local church or non-church related ministry for a total of two weeks.

*Failure to report practical missions by the dates outlined on page sixteen will result in automatic academic probation.*

2. Personal Witnessing
All students must witness to an average of at least one person per week during each semester for a **total of fifteen witnesses** per semester. A personal witness includes a presentation of the plan of salvation to a person believed to be unsaved and an invitation for that person to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

**Distribution of tracts, preaching a sermon or general visitation of church members will not satisfy this requirement.**

You should make every attempt to witness to persons on an individual basis, although you will occasionally witness to a small group. You should use the Word of God in witnessing. If possible, arrange for persons accepting Christ to be followed up by a local church. If you do not personally put the new Chris-
tian in touch with a local church, you should turn in a Witness Follow-Up card to the Practical Missions office for forwarding to a local church.

**Reporting**

You must report your witnessing activities weekly through the practical missions reporting system. (See page thirteen.)

3. **Report Hour**

All students are required to attend report hour each Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00 a.m. (Cordova campus) at the regular chapel time. The report hour is an opportunity for the seminary family to share about witnessing activities and for you to share your own experiences in witnessing. Students unable to attend report hour due to a schedule conflict with essential outside work responsibilities must obtain a Chapel Exemption Request form from the Practical Missions office and submit it for approval. Only after obtaining an approval of this request may the student be exempt. Exemptions may be granted to those who have only afternoon classes later than 11:30 a.m. **Students are not allowed more than six unexcused absences from report hour during each semester unless they have an approved exemption.**

Participation in report hour must be reported weekly through the online Practical Missions reporting system. (See page thirteen.)

**Important Note**

No academic credit is given for the Practical Missions requirements. **However, no academic credit is given to any student for the semester if he or she does not satisfy the minimal requirements for the Practical Missions Program. In addition to losing academic credit, students failing to complete these requirements are subject to probation or dismissal by action of the faculty.**

In addition, any student who does not complete and log in his or her practical missions correctly each semester may be placed on practical missions probation for the next semester. **Final ac-**
ceptable date for reporting the completion of practical missions assignments each semester will be **4:00 p.m. on the third business day following the last exam day.** Graduates must report fourteen weeks work no later than Friday before graduation. (See page sixteen for the exact deadlines for the 2014–2015 year.)

**Testimonies from Report Hour**

What a joy to watch a new student during his or her first report hour. The following testimonies are an example of what report hour is like.

“I remember when I came to Mid-America, I had led one person to Christ my whole life. I was scared to death at the notion I had to witness to one a week to get my grades. Then, I went into report hour and heard the testimonies and got excited. My ears had never heard anything like what I heard in chapel. God has changed my life through this school.”

“I witnessed to four people this past week and sadly none of them received Christ. I wish you would pray for a young man named John. He is twenty-two years old, is already an alcoholic, separated from his wife and he is really struggling with his decision about Christ.”

“This last week I had the privilege to witness to dozens of people. Witnesses just came in over and over again. But the one thing that stood out was an opportunity I had to go to the rescue mission. I saw fourteen saved. And we had a revival kind of come down. Wednesday night, we had a big, packed group, and God allowed me to share the Gospel and God seemed to make it clear. Some men were weeping, and there was some real repentance, I believe, taking place. There were over a half dozen men saved just that night.”

As of May 2014, our students have led 159,999 people to Christ while attending school. Praise the Lord! Only the Lord knows
how many souls have been saved since our students have left the Seminary. Currently MABTS has over seventy mission-points in the Mid-South area. Jails, apartment complexes, hospitals, youth detention centers, and the Inner City Outreach Center are only a sample of the practical missions opportunities.

**Common Misperceptions**

*Q* Do I just have to get in my fifteen witnesses or thirty practical missions assignments before the last day?

*A* Do you just want to get by or develop skills and habits that will benefit you for a lifetime? Witnessing weekly will reach people for Christ, provide you with countless blessings, and keep you from scurrying around at the last minute during exam week!

*Q* Do I have to witness to fifteen different people per semester?

*A* Not necessarily. You may witness to the same person several times during a fifteen-week semester, but each witness should be a complete witness in accordance with catalog specifications.

*Q* If I preach, do I get a witness for practical missions?

*A* No. However, you may have the opportunity to witness one-on-one during the invitation counseling, which would constitute a witness.

*Q* Can I sign up for what sounds good and then do whatever I want as my practical mission?

*A* You must complete at least seventy-five percent of your practical missions assignments in the practical mission for which you registered. If a legitimate emergency occurs that prevents your continuing in the activity for which you registered, you should contact the director of Practical Missions to change to another location.

*Q* Do I only have to complete seventy-five percent of my practical missions?

*A* You must complete all of your practical missions (thirty for a full-time student and fifteen for a part-time student, plus witnesses and report hours.).
Q  If I preach a revival this semester, will that count for all my practical missions for the semester?
A  No. A revival (visitation, preaching, etc.) may count as no more than two practical mission assignments per day, and then only as an “extra” mission.

Remember, you must complete seventy-five percent of your assignments in the activity for which you registered.

How to Engage in Personal Witnessing
Dr. B. Gray Allison
President Emeritus

How does one make an approach to a lost person so that you can use the Word of God and witness? It cannot be said too often that there is no substitute for the use of the written Word of God in witnessing. This truth does not mean that the Bible is a charm or something magic, but it does something to a person to see written down in God’s Word the truth about himself, his need, what can be done about it, and how to do it. So, use a Bible or a New Testament in witnessing. How does one begin the interview to witness to a lost person?

There is a good method that has proved successful. It works with a person whom you know well or a person you have never seen before. Start a casual conversation. Talk about something pleasant. Get on a friendly basis but do not let the conversation stay casual. You can start anywhere in any conversation and use four simple things. One, have you been thinking much about spiritual things? It does not matter what you are talking about you can just start. Whatever he answers you can go immediately to the second thing. What would you say is a person’s greatest spiritual need? Whatever he says you can go immediately to the third thing. The Bible says that it is a salvation experience. Have you had a definite experience with Christ sometime in the past? Notice what was said. Have you had a definite experience with Christ sometime in the past? Now suppose he says “yes” to that
question. What would you say? “Tell me about it!” I like to hear people tell about what Jesus has done for them. If he answers “no” or does not say yes, then say, “May I talk with you about this for a few minutes?” Start right then. Go to the Scripture and talk with him.

Another way to begin is to ask, “Have you come to the place in your life that you know for certain that if you died today you would go to Heaven?” If he says “yes,” ask him how he knows. If the answer is not clear, ask, “May I show you what the Bible says?” If his answer is “no,” ask, “May I show you what the Bible says?”

Another approach that really opens the door is to ask the person, “Have you ever been to a doctor? If you go to the doctor and are not well, what does he do? First, he tries to find out what is wrong with you. When he finds out what is wrong with you, he prescribes medicine for you. He tells you what to take and how to take it. This is what God does in the Bible. He tells us what is wrong with every one of us. He tells us what to do about it, He tells us how to do it, but He never makes us do it. It is up to us to do the thing which will make us right with Him. May I show you what God says is wrong with every one of us?” Then go immediately to the Scripture. I would suggest that you mark your Testament or Bible so that you can turn immediately to the Scriptures.

Let me suggest an outline of the plan of salvation:

The first verse is Romans 3:10: “As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one.” Nobody is perfect. Go to the second verse, Romans 3:23: “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” The word all means every person in the world has sinned. Talk with this person about specific sins. For instance, have you ever told a lie? Have you ever stolen anything? Did you always obey your parents? Questions like that to make him realize that he personally has sinned against God. Then turn to the third verse and tell him that God says sin does something to us. Isaiah 59:2, “But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He
will not hear.” So iniquities—that is warped, twisted, crooked things, or sin—separates us from God. They will keep us separated forever unless they are taken away. You may illustrate this by putting a piece of paper between your fingers and saying this piece of paper separates my fingers from each other. How can my fingers get together? They can get together only if the thing that separates them is removed. Sin separates you from God and you cannot get to God until the sin that separates you from God is removed. Sadly, we cannot remove our own sins.

The next verse is Romans 6:23 which says, “The wages of sin is death...” Sin has a payday. One day, sin will pay off and it will pay off in death, spiritual death, eternal separation from God. So that is what sin does. But God has done something for us that we cannot do for ourselves. John 3:16 says, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” You can make that personal. Where it says the world, put his name in there. Where it says whosoever, put his name in there. It means that God so loved this particular person that He sent Jesus to die for his sins.

Just tell him that if you go to the doctor, and he tells you what is wrong and tells you the remedy, but does not tell you how to take the remedy, that is not enough. For God to tell us that sin separates us from God and will keep us separated forever unless it is taken away, and that Jesus is the one who can take away sins through his death on the cross is not enough. We must know how to have Jesus in our lives.

The next Scripture is Acts 20:20–21. Paul wrote, “And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.” Explain to him that repentance means a change of mind that leads to a change of direction. So, a person must realize he has sinned, that he is moving away from God, and willingly, deliberately,
knowing what he is doing choose to turn from sin and turn to God. When he does this he runs into that wall of sin that he has created between himself and God. Demonstrate that with that paper between the fingers. Then tell him that the second thing is faith. Faith means commitment. A person commits himself to Jesus Christ the Lord. That is, he gives his life to Jesus so that it is never his again and so that he is never the ruler of it again. He makes Jesus Christ Lord of his life to be Lord forever, and then Jesus takes away the sin.

This is the place to draw the net and ask the person if he realizes he has sinned against God, if he understands what sin does, if he desires to turn from sin and give his heart and life to Jesus Christ. Then you may lead him in a prayer to God.

You surely do not want to leave him without explaining to him what he needs to do after he has committed his life to Christ. I suggest that you use the little tract that the Seminary has, “God Wants You To Know.” On the back of it are six things that a person should do after he has trusted Christ. If you go through these with him and get him to agree to do these six things, he will be off to a good start in his Christian life.

**Doctor of Philosophy**

**Practical Missions Requirements**

Doctor of philosophy students are classified as full-time students during all phases of the PhD program. The PhD student must complete an average of two practical missions per week (one per week in each of the two missions for which he registers at the beginning of each semester) and witness to an average of at least one person per week during each fifteen week semester. He must attend Tuesday and Thursday report hour in chapel with no more than six unexcused absences during the fifteen week period unless exemption was granted for permission to be absent due to schedule or work conflicts.
All students are required to remain current in their practical missions requirements. No academic credit is given for seminar work during any semester the student fails to complete this requirement. Forms are available in the PhD office for students taking seminars to request permission from the PhD Committee to be absent from Tuesday report time and other special chapel sessions. This option is only available to students unable to be on campus for Tuesday or Thursday report hour each week. Regardless of permission to be absent from Tuesday report hour, the student must continue to submit weekly practical mission reports to the Practical Missions office through the online reporting system. Students working on dissertations do not have to be on campus and do not have to petition the PhD Committee for permission to be absent from Tuesday report hour. Practical missions assignments must still be reported weekly to the Practical Missions office. Failure to remain current will result in action from the PhD Committee and possible dismissal from the program (from the Doctor of Philosophy Handbook, page 9).

**Doctor of Ministry**

**Practical Missions Requirements**

Each student enrolled at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary must meet practical missions requirements. Practical missions for a seminar begin thirty days prior to, and extend until the date that the post-seminar paper or project is submitted to the DMin office. Each doctor of ministry student is required to witness to an average of one person per week.

Credit for any seminar or major ministry project will be given only when the student maintains practical missions requirements. On the first day of each seminar, each student will be provided with a practical missions report form. This form must be submitted with the post-seminar paper. In the event of a seminar presentation, the form must be submitted during the week the student is attending the seminar. The practical missions report for the major ministry project or ministry research project is due at the time of final submission.
Although the student must maintain continuous enrollment in the program, he is only required to turn in practical missions reports during seminar enrollment.

The time span for each seminar is usually sixteen to eighteen weeks. (This time period includes pre-session reading, the one-week oncampus intensive session, and the post-session paper or project.) The time span for the major ministry project may last from four to twelve months.

All questions concerning practical missions for DMin students should be directed to the DMin office (from the Doctor of Ministry Handbook, pages 8–9).

**The Practical Missions Reporting System**

The Practical Missions Report Form is completed via the Internet each week. Reports are downloaded on Mondays. If you do not have Internet access at your home or church, you may use the Seminary computer lab. It is your responsibility to report your practical missions through this system. Be sure to keep a hard copy of your weekly practical ministry activities as a back up.

**How to Report**

1. Scan the student ID card at the chapel entrance to register your attendance at report hour.
2. Using the Internet, go to www.mabts.edu.
3. Click on “Practical Missions Report.” You should see: “Practical Missions Report Login Page.”
4. Enter username (your student ID number) and password (last four numbers of your social security number). (Note: International students who do not have social security numbers will receive a password from the Practical Missions Office at the beginning of their seminary studies.) Once you log in, you will be taken to the Report Form.
5. Complete the electronic Report Form. (Note: Report only once for each week per semester.)
Use only whole numbers. No decimals or fractions. Report practical missions assignments, not hours (1–1.5 hours of service = one assignment; three or more hours per day = two assignments). Report no more than two per day per practical mission.

Report witnesses, report hour attendance, and results of ministry (professions of faith, lessons taught, sermons preached, etc.).

6. Click “Submit” then be sure to LOG OFF from the website and the Internet. If you do not log off, your submission will not be saved in the computer.

7. Please provide yourself with a hardcopy backup in case of the inevitable computer bugs.
   If for any reason you cannot use the Internet method of reporting, please contact the Practical Missions office for assistance.

**Practical Mission Categories:**
The following list indicates the categories of practical missions activities from which student assignments may be chosen. Additional categories may be added from time to time, and special assignments may be arranged with the permission of the director of Practical Missions.

**Church-Oriented Categories**

1. **Vocational Staff Positions.** These assignments include the regular weekly ministries and responsibilities associated with paid church staff positions such as: pastor, minister of education, minister of music, minister of youth, minister of outreach, or various combination staff ministries. If you are not paid, but your pastor considers you a volunteer staff member, you must obtain a letter from him to that effect and submit it to the Practical Missions office in advance. **Regardless of the number of hours this ministry involves, each week of service counts toward one practical missions assignment.**

2. **Intern Programs.** These opportunities include the following: witnessing, visitation and follow-up work, and various approved
church internship programs. **Like vocational staff positions, each week of service counts toward one practical mission assignment.**

**Note:** Merely teaching a Sunday School class, decision counseling and other similar volunteer church activities do not fulfill the ideals of a practical missions activity. However, if you teach a Sunday School or discipleship class AND you also participate in a weekly program of evangelistic visitation related to your class, you may count this program as an approved practical missions assignment.

**Tips for Having a Good Practical Missions Experience**

- Contact the site supervisor to inquire as to whether you may serve at that ministry.
- Make an appointment to meet the supervisor. Be on time. Look nice.
- Ask questions. Be sure you understand and can agree to the responsibilities.
- Learn your job.
- Be faithful to be there when you are supposed to be there . . . Do not take the people at the ministry for granted. Just because you are a volunteer does not mean that you can go or not go whenever it suits you.
- Be a good witness for the Lord and a good ambassador for Mid-America.
- Be nice, polite, and Christ-like in spirit.
- Do a good job.
- Look for opportunities to witness.
- Say “thank you” to those with whom you are working and those to whom you are ministering.
- Be sure to report your practical missions each week. If you need to change practical missions, notify the Practical Missions office for permission and then be sure you talk to the site coordinator or supervisor. Don’t just leave a place; remember, others must follow you.
Practical Missions Final Due Dates
2014–2015 School Year

In order to receive academic credit for each semester of the 2014–2015 school year, each student’s practical missions requirements (including missions, witnesses, and report hour attendance) must be **completed and logged in correctly by the following dates:**

**Cordova Campus**

First Semester: Monday, December 22, 2014, 4:00 p.m.
(Graduates: Friday, December 5, 2014, 4:00 p.m.)

Second Semester: Monday, May 25, 2014, 4:00 p.m.
(Graduates: Friday, May 15, 2015, 4:00 p.m.)

**Practical Missions Approved-Site Categories**

It is your responsibility to call the contact person at the practical missions site for which you register. Only that person has the authority to approve you to serve at that ministry. If you do not see a ministry that suits your needs, you may apply to have another agency or ministry approved. The ministry needs to provide an evangelistic opportunity for the student as well as an opportunity for meaningful service. The student should provide a letter from the prospective agency listing what will be done, where, when and who will supervise and submit it to the Practical Missions office for approval.
Tennessee Agencies

Allenbrooke Nursing Home
3933 Allenbrooke Cove
Memphis, TN 38118
901-795-2444
42dpoag@tarahc.com
Mrs. Del Poag, Activities Coordinator
Flexible hours. Ministering includes one-on-one time and encouragement with the residents; Bible studies and services are often scheduled as well. The residents need to be loved and encouraged with spiritual guidance.

Ameritus at Memphis (Assisted Living Facility)
6015 E. Primacy Parkway
Memphis, TN 38119
901-683-1800
Wanda Weston, Activities Director
Elderly living facility. The opportunity to minister would be to hold devotionals for the residents, as well as encouragement and friendship. Would need to be dependable and call ahead. Times: Saturday and Thursday afternoons, Tuesday through Saturday evenings. No Sundays.

Baptist Collegiate Ministries
469 Patterson
Memphis, TN 38111
901-458-7589
Jeff Jones, Campus Minister Ministry
Includes attending weekly worship, helping set up facility, building relationships with students with the hope of discipling one or two and sharing faith on campus.
**Bella Vista**
Bellevue Baptist Church
700 N. Highland
Memphis, TN 38122
901-347-5538 or
901-332-3296
Pastor Mario Maldonado
mmaldonado@bellevue.org
Ministry opportunity working with Hispanics in Memphis. Need some Spanish speaking abilities. There are opportunities for participation in evangelism programs and helping with children’s church (the children are bilingual). Their services are held in the Bellevue chapel at 2:00 p.m. on Sundays.

**Bellevue Frayser**
3759 North Watkins St.
Memphis, TN 38127
901-358-3391
Tom Baugh, Campus Director
tbaugh@bellevue.org
Ministries include ongoing weekly Bible clubs and studies, tutors for both GED and computer classes (clubs and tutoring Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoons), a prison ministry (weeknight), and a food pantry ministry (Saturday mornings). There is opportunity for witnessing and ministering to different people. If you participate in the food pantry ministry, you must go every other Saturday morning from 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. for both terms of each semester (counts as two credits of practical missions per Saturday). There is a limited number of spots available for the food pantry ministry. Contact the church for more information.

**Bright Glade Convalescent Center**
5070 Sanderlin
Memphis, TN 38117
901-682-5677 (office)
901-682-5678 (fax)
Ann Hardin, Activities Director
Bright Glade is a Medicare facility that ministers to older patients needing rehabilitation. The student would be expected to enlighten the patients and encourage them individually in their rooms and through activities in the facility. There are opportunities for leading Bible studies. Mondays are best.

**Calvary Rescue Mission**
960 South Third
Memphis, TN 38109
901-775-2570
calvaryrescue@att.net
Bro. Bob Freudiger, Executive Director
This ministry believes in the Great Commission and ministers to the homeless, drug addicts, and other unfortunate individuals. There are many opportunities to preach and counsel or witness on a one-on-one basis. They have chapel every night at 7:00 p.m.

**Caris Healthcare**
17410 U.S. 64
Somerville, TN 38068
901-465-2120
Caris is a hospice healthcare company that provides services to patients in seven surrounding counties. Looking for students to minister to our patients by visiting, praying with them, and reading the Bible with them. Also looking for these students to offer spiritual support to not only the patients, but families as well.

**Child Evangelism Fellowship**
2091 Lee Place
Memphis, TN 38104
901-726-9084
Mrs. Janie Walker, Executive Director
www.cefmemphis.com
cefmemphis@bellsouth.net
Ministry would be teaching in a weekly Good News Club for elementary age children at a local public school, community center, or any location after school. Teaching includes Scripture memorization and telling a missionary story.
C.R.O.S.S. Fire Commandos
7790 Fischer Steel Rd.
Cordova, TN 38018
901-756-1818
Ty Cobb
www.haveastandard.com
t.cobb@gateway.net
This is a ministry to youth in order to build a standard foundation, interactive personal development and achievement. It is designed to motivate youth to high levels of character with twelve basic values of focus. Opportunities consist of mentoring youth, being involved in sports ministry and follow up.

Elmcroft
3345 Kirby Whitten Rd.
Bartlett, TN 38134
901-383-6901
Elizabeth Brown
This is a ninety resident Assisted Living Home. There are many opportunities for ministry, including leading devotions, preaching at Sunday afternoon services, visiting with residents one-on-one, leading Bible studies, etc.

Faith Baptist Church
3755 North Germantown Rd.
Bartlett, TN 38133
901-386-4785
stevenb@myfaithbaptist.org
libbyb@myfaithbaptist.org
Steven Brannon
Door-to-Door Witnessing: It is our goal to put the Gospel within arms’ reach of every person in Bartlett, Tennessee. We intend to accomplish this by strategically sending teams out with community surveys that will lead into a presentation of the Gospel. Faith Baptist Church is located five minutes from the Seminary and this mission’s opportunity can be done anytime during the week.
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
1584 Yorkshire Dr.
Memphis, TN 38119
901-683-3399
memphisfca.org
lkoley@fca.org
jwilbur@fca.org
Jeremy Wilbur
Larry Coley, Area Director,
901-219-0086 (cell)
This is an opportunity to lead Bible studies, chapel services and other activities in and around athletic departments of area high schools. Each student would be assigned a specific high school. Regular feedback to Area Director required.

Germantown Baptist Church
9450 Poplar Avenue
Germantown, TN 38139
901-260-5754
drasche@germantownbaptist.org
Dr. Dennis Rasche, Associate Pastor of Missions and Ministry
There are opportunities for witnessing and ministry in connection to missions and church planting efforts. The church also has paid internships. The main focus is on church planting and learning about the form phase of new churches. There is a great need for Spanish speakers. There is also a need for ESL teachers, to teach international friends living in Memphis and the surrounding areas. The ultimate goal being, to develop trustworthy relationships with your students which will allow you to engage them with the Gospel in order to prayerfully make disciples of Jesus Christ for the glory of God. ESL classes are Wednesdays between 6:00–7:30 p.m. and Fridays between 9:30–11:45 a.m.
Grace Thru Faith  
3150 East Holmes Road  
Memphis, TN 38118  
901-398-5000 or  
901-629-4449  
Mr. Effort Alexander, Pastor  
Young church with many opportunities to minister in the community: evangelism, testimonies, training for church members, preaching, etc.

Friends of Faith Ministry  
A ministry of Faith Baptist Church  
4210 Alturia Road  
Bartlett, TN 38135  
901-438-6924  
Bill Cooper, Director  
The Haven is a Christian work shelter for adults that are mentally challenged. Seminary students have an opportunity to come and share in activities with the clients at the Haven. As this is a Christian-based facility, students can openly share the Gospel. Hours of operation are Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Heritage Place Retirement Home  
2990 Hickory Hill  
Memphis, TN 38115  
901-794-8857  
Alice Jennings, Activities Director  
Senior Citizens Residence. Church services every Sunday from 3:30–4:15 p.m. and Saturday at 11:30 a.m. as well as Bible study on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. Other opportunities available include teaching a Bible study or visiting with patients one-on-one.

Hope Fellowship Baptist Church  
901-494-6331 (cell)  
901-758-0263 (home)  
hopefbc.com  
Pastor James Williams
A mission church with opportunities for witnessing, tutoring, visitation, and preaching on Sunday nights. They need teachers for evening Bible programs and tutoring programs.

**Iglesia La Buena Esperanza (Good Hope)**
Macon Rd. Baptist Church  
1082 Berclair Rd.  
Memphis, TN 38122  
901-377-1855  
Drs. Marvin and Jean Fitts  
This is a Spanish church that is trying to grow and minister to the many Hispanics here in Memphis. Speaking Spanish is a big plus. They have cell groups that meet during the week. ESL on Tuesday nights.

**Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida (New Life Baptist Church)**
Meets at Kirby Woods Baptist Church  
6325 Poplar Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38119  
901-754-2047  
Matt and Glenda Akers  
makers@mabts.edu  
This ministry is a Hispanic church for Latinos in the Memphis area. Many opportunities exist during the week to serve in the various home Bible studies that meet throughout the city. Must be fluent in Spanish.

**International Baptist Church**
627 Monroe  
Memphis, TN 38103  
901-674-8800  
Warren Knabb  
warrenk@myfaithbaptist.org  
This unique church in downtown Memphis has many opportunities for ministry. They offer a food pantry and a clothes closet to people in their area. There are opportunities to teach Bible studies on Monday and Tuesday nights, preach, witness, serve meals, cook, do carpentry, do electrical work, help with demolition, and just serve in any other capacity. Female students are welcome.
Juvenile Intervention Faith-Based Follow-Up (JIFF)
(Formerly Youth for Christ)
254 S. Lauderdale
Memphis, TN 38126
901-522-8502
Richard Carr, Director
jiffyouth.org
JIFF operates a court-ordered juvenile reentry program Monday and Tuesday from 3:30–6:00 p.m. They need: tutors, physical fitness supervisors, bus drivers (with clean driving records), and Bible study and devotional teachers (all of the material and direction provided). A background check is needed (JIFF will handle). This ministry calls for students who have the heart, patience, and courage to work with troubled youth. You must have dependable transportation. Some part-time positions may be available.

Kennington Pointe Retirement Community
6301 Village Grove Drive
Memphis, TN 38115
901-366-6200
Jacqueline Richardson, Manager, or the Activities Director
There are two different types of residents in this community, those who live independently and those who require assisted living. Students who volunteer will be asked to help with activities for the residents, encouragement to individuals, or lead a group Bible study, etc. They also welcome families that want to bring their pets to minister with the residents. There is a need for music leaders.

Kirby Woods Baptist Church
6325 Poplar Avenue
Memphis, TN 38119
901-682-2220 (church)
Matt Parker, Director of ESL
901-746-9211 (cell)
eslkirby@gmail.com
ESL: KWBC offers ESL on Sundays from 4:45–6:00 p.m.
They need people to teach English to adults with various levels of English speaking abilities. There are over a dozen different countries represented, and there is much opportunity to share the Gospel. It is great training for the mission field. The program uses biblical material. Each teacher must attend a two day training seminar.

**Evangelistic Visitation:** Seminary students may go out on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. for door-to-door evangelism. Meet at Chick-fil-a. Contact the church for more information.

**Lakeside Behavioral Health System**
2911 Brunswick Rd.
Memphis, TN 38133
901-377-4700, ext. 933
Joy Golden 901-377-4774
Lakeside is a psychiatric hospital serving Mid-South teens and children in crisis (ages four–eighteen). Their problems range from drug abuse to ADHD to suicide to anger problems. All are in need of spiritual encouragement. Volunteers who enjoy working with children and teens are needed to perform a Sunday service every week. One person or a group of people is needed to visit on Sunday afternoons. Times are flexible. All volunteers need to participate in a short orientation with the hospital.

**Leawood Baptist Church**
3638 Macon Road
Memphis, TN 38122
901-734-6948
Mark Byrd, contact
Ministries include Sudanese Mission, Brazilian Mission, and the Leawood Mission Center. You can be involved in counseling and witnessing to people at the Mission. Many ministry opportunities are also available within the church for members, including evangelistic visitation, teaching, helping with other ministries, etc.
Light House Mission Ministries
3630 Jackson Ave.
Memphis, TN 38108
901-382-8106, ext. 15 (main office)
Kyle Carpenter, Mission Pastor
901-331-4130 (cell)
901-382-0966 (mission center)
This ministry ministers to homeless, drug addicted, alcoholic men. They offer counseling, food and jobs to these men. They have night services as well as classes for the addicts and alcoholics, for rehab etc. There are opportunities to counsel and possibly preach. Corporate offices are on Stage and Covington Pike.

Memphis Athletic Ministries
2107 Ball Rd.
Memphis, TN 38114
901-744-6261, ext. 112
Angela Moses 901-244-8534
amoses@mamsports.org
There are opportunities for building relationships, mentoring, and witnessing with students via athletics. Athletic ability not necessary.

Memphis Union Mission
383 Poplar
Memphis, TN 38101
901-526-8434
Pastor Jeff Patrick jpatrick@memphisunionmission.org
Randy Daniels rdaniels@memphisunionmission.org
Men’s homeless shelter. They serve meals and have chapel services. Many opportunities to preach and minister, as well as witness individually to the men that come inside. Contact Mr. Patrick for schedules.
The Mid-South Baptist Association volunteerism ministry has opportunities for service in a number of different types of ministries all over the Mid-South.

**Miracle of Redemption Ministry**
PO Box 1081
Memphis, TN 38101
Ronnie Johnson 901-216-4193
We have a three-fold ministry. Discipleship, Bible studies, evangelism, seminary students, outreach. We meet at the MABTS parking lot at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, Thursday and Friday at 3:00 p.m. We go out in downtown Memphis into the housing projects and other parts of the city. We will go out on the streets and witness for an hour or two.

**Moriah House**
630 Madison Avenue
Memphis, TN 38103
901-522-8819
Beverly Thomas, Program Director
Semester-long recovery center for women and children in crisis (drugs, domestic violence, etc.) who have been referred by pastors, DCS, and the state. There is a need for biblical counseling and mentoring children one-on-one; friendship is a ministry as well.

**The Neighborhood School**
175 North Tillman
Memphis, TN 38111
901-323-4092
Mr. Nyrone Hawkins, Director of After School Program
Mrs. Caroline Ragland, Principal
This consists of an after-school program Monday–Friday from 3:00 –5:00 p.m. Need tutors and people to build relationships with kids (K4–8th grade).

**Operation Hope**
Latoya McCutcheon, Program Director
901-794-0707 (office)
251-802-8241 (cell)
Operation Hope partners with a variety of ministries tutoring in reading and math. We concentrate on middle and high school students. Call Ms. McCutcheon for more details.

**Poplar Pointe**
131 North Tucker
Memphis, TN 38104
901-726-5600
Kenna Todd, Activities Director
Semester-long rehab center, similar to a nursing home. Opportunities include singing (they really enjoy children—it could be a family ministry), visiting, and providing conversation and encouragement to the residents.

**Primacy Health Care and Rehab**
6025 E. Primacy Parkway
Memphis, TN 38119
901-767-1040
Linda Dropshire, Activities Director
The hours of opportunity are flexible, and the main ministry would be in-room visits with individual patients. There is a need for people to lead Sunday services (flexible—could be once a month, etc.).

**Quince Nursing and Rehab**
6733 Quince Rd.
Memphis, TN 38119
901-755-3860, ext. 225
Melissa Mettles, Director
In need of student(s) to lead a worship service/devotional on Sundays for the residents. Mornings or afternoons are fine.
Repairing the Breach Outreach Ministry
Meets at MAM Sports Plex
2107 Ball Road
Memphis, TN 38114
901-725-3113
Tony Wade, Executive Director
901-461-6267 (cell)
The mission at RTB Outreach is to enlighten, empower, and equip urban teens in the Alcy/Ball community spiritually, socially, and academically to be productive citizens. There are many opportunities for witnessing, discipleship, tutoring, mentoring, and building relationships. There are programs every day after school and on Thursday and Friday evenings. This is a needy community that needs the light of Jesus.

Ridgeway Baptist Church
2500 Ridgeway Rd.
Memphis, TN 38119
901-761-1113
Randy Chapman, Minister of Recreation
randy@ridgewaybaptist.org
There are many opportunities to minister at RBC. On Mondays from 3:30–6:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center, Ridgeway hosts tutoring for grades 4–5 from Balmoral-Ridgeway elementary schools. They need seminary students to tutor, lead game time, play ball, share the Gospel one-on-one and in groups, and just build relationships with the teens. Also, students can canvas the surrounding neighborhoods to invite kids to the open gym and to share the Gospel door-to-door any weekday afternoon.

Ronnie Tullos Evangelistic Association
Film Ministry/Inner-City Witnessing
PO Box 225
Ellendale, TN 38029
901-527-0504 (after 3:00 p.m.)
Ronnie Tullos 901-258-6778 (cell)
There are many different aspects of this ministry. Students could be involved in the Film Ministry (showing a film downtown and
having opportunity to witness afterward) and counseling at the church that Rev. Tullos is involved with. The church ministers to the less fortunate people of downtown. When evangelistic meetings are held, there is a great need for counselors for the people who want to receive Christ, as well as the important follow-up. Street and door-to-door witnessing also needed.

**Seminarians Against Abortion**  
John Rech 901-246-9787  
Tammy O’Conner 901-275-5869  
Seminarians Against Abortion preach against the injustice of abortion and educate the Memphis Mid-South community by sharing the Gospel and providing information about the evils of abortion in our culture. Students work alongside other pro-life organizations in Memphis such as crises pregnancy centers, sidewalk counselors, and political activists. Abortions happen in Memphis six days each week. Precious-in-His-Sight-Ministry coordinates seminarian scheduling. Primarily working outside abortion clinics on killing days, we stand as a last line of defense for the unborn. Witnessing, preaching, and employing apologetic discussion to abortion-minded women and men, abortion clinic workers and the community at large is job one.

**Tennessee Baptist Children’s Home Boys Ranch**  
9224 Quito Road  
Millington, TN 38053  
901-872-0839  
Troy Styers  
tstyers@tbch4kids.org  
This ministry leads abandoned and at-risk boys to become productive citizens and authentic followers of Jesus Christ. There are many opportunities to work and minister to the boys (work teams, Bible studies, tutoring, and serving around the ranch.)
**Tennessee Baptist Children’s Home Residential/Tutorial Program**
6896 Hwy. 70
Memphis, TN 38133
901-386-3961
Darren Andrus, Director of Residential Program
Diane Chavers, Director of Tutorial/After School Program
dchavers@tbch4kids.org

**Residential Program:** Couples are especially welcome either to become house parents or to join the family friends program by having a child visit in home on weekends or holidays. Also, there is a need for relief parenting, so that the parents can go on date nights and needed time together.

**Tutoring/After School Program:** This program helps the children that are living at the Children’s Home with academics, friendship and mentoring. The Baptist Children’s Home provides shelter and care for children from foster care, as well as private referrals. This program provides intervention for families that are considered to be level one (low-maintenance needs). There are many opportunities to help in this ministry. The program has gym night and often needs people to come and minister with the children. Also, volunteers for a recreation program are needed on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30–5:00 p.m. There are opportunities to share the Gospel.

**Town Village at Audubon Park Retirement Community**
950 Cherry Rd.
Memphis, TN 38117
901-537-0002
Dan Lund, Activities Director
There are opportunities to lead Bible studies, hymn sings, start Sunday services, or visit with the residents one-on-one. There is an interest for someone to teach a world religions history class.
Urban Academy
3275 Rosamond Ave.
Memphis, TN 38122
901-324-3022
Sam Wilson, Director of Ministry Center
Tim Cox, Mission School Volunteers
This is an urban ministry that ministers to urban families. There are many opportunities at Brinkley Heights. They have a ministry center that has a food distribution/counseling session on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. They need tutors to teach children on Monday nights, and they need volunteer basketball coaches to work with young people and build relationships, all with the goal of sharing the Gospel. They have open gym during the week, where students can spend time and share the Gospel with young people. They also have a Christian school for children 3 yrs–2nd grade, and there are opportunities for tutoring and helping them learn to read.

Wilder Youth Developmental Center
13870 Hwy. 59
Somerville, TN 38068
901-465-7359
Jim Whitley, Chaplain
This ministry’s emphasis is on students with behavior issues who need counseling, guidance, discipleship and faith. The times are flexible. They need mentors, guidance counselors and people to witness and share Christ with the students by building semester-long relationships. The Department of Children’s Services does require a volunteer application to be filled out and processed. You will also need to be fingerprinted. It probably would be best to contact Mr. Whitley prior to the start of the semester.
Youth Villages/Spiritual Life Program
7386 Memphis Arlington Rd Memphis, TN 38135
901-252-2955 (office)
901-289-0971 (cell)
Hilda Arsenault, Spiritual Life Program Coordinator
hilda.arsenault@youthvillages.org
This ministry helps to bring hope and healing to children and families by providing programs and activities that communicate and demonstrate God’s love. The main focus is to share the Gospel with those in need. There are opportunities for small group leaders for Bible studies, chapel, and worship services. They need preachers and singers on Saturdays from 2:00–4:00 p.m. or on Sundays from 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Youth Visions
3925 Overton Crossing Street
Memphis, TN 38127
901-358-7788
Marron Thomas, 901-870-6326 (cell)
An outreach ministry in the Frayser area that ministers to youth in need. Schedule includes services on Tuesdays from 4:30–6:30 p.m.—music, Bible study and small groups. Also needed are mentors for individual youth and tutors Monday–Friday.

Mississippi Agencies

Baptist Children’s Village
150 Farrow Manor Drive
Coldwater, MS 38618
662-233-2155
Ed Nixon, Area Administrator
The Baptist Children’s Village is a facility owned and operated by the Baptists of Mississippi for the purpose of caring for abused, abandoned, or neglected children. They offer opportunities to teach children, build relationships with them, tutor, and share the Gospel.
Baptist Home Care and Hospice
P.O. Box 1429
Batesville, MS 38606
800-345-6928
Paula Manzke, Volunteer Coordinator
Paula Manzke@bmhcc.org
Baptist Hospice has opportunities for volunteers to help chaplains provide a spiritual assessment of patients and offer spiritual support, as well as witness to patients and their families. Baptist Hospice provides training and ongoing education for volunteers. An application must be filled out and approved in order to volunteer.

Beverly Healthcare-Southaven
1730 Dorchester Drive
Southaven, MS 38671
662-393-0050
Chalet Fletcher, Activities Director
Nursing home and Alzheimer patients. Mondays and Thursdays are best. Ministries include visiting, reading the Bible, and praying with patients.

Desoto County Jail
50 N. Parkway
Hernando, MS 38632
901-634-3289
Larry Logan, Jail Ministry Coordinator
Called the Seed Sower Ministry, which is under Parkway Baptist Church in Hernando, MS. There are opportunities to preach, witness, and spend time with individual inmates in their cells. Also, Bible studies are held in the cells. Usually they go on Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

Desoto Healthcare Center
7805 Southcrest Parkway
Southaven, MS 38671
662-349-7500
Mary Bailey, Activities Director
Flexible schedule. Semester-long rehab care facility. Students will minister to an individual patient assigned to them. There are also opportunities to have group programs or Bible studies.

Homeplace Retirement Healthcare Services
200 Knight Drive
Saltillo, MS 38866
662-869-7009
Director of Activities
Opportunities to visit with patients one-on-one, help them with activities, and encourage residents.

Immanuel Baptist Church
7423 New Craft Road
Olive Branch, MS 38654
662-895-6300
Brock Sund, Director of Evangelism and Missions
IBC has a vision for making a Gospel witness in every home in Olive Branch. We accomplish this by going systematically street-by-street and door-to-door, surveying Olive Branch as a means to confront individuals with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This ministry is very flexible.

Palmer Home for Children
800 Baldwin Rd. South
Lake Cormorant, MS 38641
662-449-2400
Pam Criger, Director
pcriger@palmerhome.org
The mission of Palmer Home for Children is to present the hope of Christ to children who, through lack of an adequate family structure, are in need of a permanent semester-long Christ-centered home. This is an expanding ministry with many needs. There are opportunities for mentoring, tutoring, teaching Bible studies, etc.
SafeHaven of North Mississippi
901-634-3289
Richard Crowson, Director
safehavenofnorthms@yahoo.com
SafeHaven of North Mississippi is a men’s transitional home for former inmates that trust in Christ. The basic goal of SafeHaven is to transform these men into missionaries and servants of Jesus Christ through biblical discipleship, fellowship, and work ethic.

Arkansas Agencies

City Youth Ministries, Inc.
P.O. Box 627
Jonesboro, AR 72403
870-932-9398
Faith McMath, Youth Leader or Mr. Rennell Woods, Director
Opportunities for tutoring in after school programs, leading Bible studies, teaching life skills classes, serving meals, participation in sports evangelism, etc. Internships are also available.

Craighead County Detention Center
901 Willett Rd.
Jonesboro, AR 72401
870-897-1446
Chaplain Adrian Rogers
Opportunities include religious services or talking with people in small groups or one-on-one. Must fill out paperwork and get prior approval.

Department of Church Resources
P.O. Box 10356
Conway, AR 72034
501-513-3726
Patricia Kimbrow, Student Ministry Consultant
This is a program that helps churches or ministries host events.
Faith Truckstop Ministry
Petro Truck Stop
West Memphis, AR
901-372-8009
Contact: Mr. Kelly Fertig
A group currently meets at this truck stop every other Sunday afternoon. The activities involve personal evangelism, inviting the drivers to worship, and preaching the Word. The outreach is sponsored by Bellevue Baptist Church.

Mississippi County Union Mission
400 East Walnut
Blytheville, AR 72316
870-763-8380
Shari King, Supervisor
A rescue missions that houses homeless men (and women and children in the near future). There are church services on Sunday and devotions each morning. Their ministry includes clothing, food, and prescriptions in order to meet both physical and spiritual needs.

New Hope Baptist Mission
377 Estate Dr.
Marion, AR 72364
901-246-9787
Rev. John Rech, Pastor
johnrech58@yahoo.com
New Hope is a church plant supported by Arkansas Baptists and five other churches. It is in a 480-unit mobile home park near the corner of I-55 and I-40. This neighborhood church has a desire to grow through personal evangelism, event evangelism, and Bible studies. Volunteers are needed to teach and form new classes. Other weekly opportunities include evangelistic surveying in the neighborhood with a partner or team. New Hope is in Arkansas but is only thirty minutes from the MABTS Cordova campus.
Plantation Homes
1316 Industrial Park Rd.
Trumann, AR 72472
870-483-6621
Lisa Waters, Administrator
Opportunities to lead Bible studies, preach, witness to residents, make one-on-one visits, etc.

Three Rivers Nursing Center
33904 Hwy. 64
Marked Tree, AR 72365
870-358-2432
lihne@elderoutreach.com
Lana Jhne, Activities Director
Residents love and appreciate one-on-one visits.

Willow Bend at Marion Nursing and Rehab
101 Broughan
Marion, AR 72364
870-739-3268
Theresa Harris, Activities Director
Nursing home with about eighty residents. Ministry would include visiting with residents and conducting Bible studies.

Wynne Healthcare Center, LLC
1100 East Martin Drive
Wynne, AR 72396
870-238-4400
Mrs. Jimmie Pickens, Activities Director
There are opportunities for leading devotions, visiting in rooms, leading songs with residents, helping with activities, etc.