

Global Missions Giving

Pray. Give. Go! >>>

We're changing the way we're giving to missions. Our desire is to see our church do more.
More prayer, more generosity, and more sending.
So, we've created the Global Missions Offering!

So, how will it work?

1

Pray
(Luke 10.2)

The Lord Jesus instructs us to pray. In fact, this may be the most important thing we ever do for Global Missions.

As part of your pledge, you'll have the opportunity to pledge to pray. Will you pray weekly, daily, or hourly for missions around the globe? Pray to the Lord of the harvest and He will send the workers!

2

Give
(2 Corinthians 9.6-15)

We give to God because He has given so much to us. Thanks be to God for the gift of salvation.

In an effort to raise more money for each offering, we are creating the Global Missions Offering. All gifts to missions, over and above regular tithes and offerings, will be combined into this one offering and distributed proportionately, based on our previous offering goals.

3

Go
(Matthew 28.18-20)

Make disciples. That's the mission; it has never changed. Our desire is to see lives changed by the power and hope of the gospel. We believe this happens when we share the gospel in word and deed.

Our church offers a lot of opportunities for you to serve! Pledge to get informed, get involved, and go make disciples!

Global Missions Offering
Goal: \$50,000
(received throughout the year)

State Missions
-
Janie Chapman
Offering
(12.5%)

North American
Missions
-
Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering
(25%)

International
Missions
-
Lottie Moon
Christmas
Offering
(50%)

World Hunger
-
Global
Hunger Relief
Fund
(12.5%)

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GLOBAL MISSIONS CELEBRATION

Dear friends,

I (Stephen) am so excited about our church's very first church-wide Global Missions Celebration scheduled for January 18-22, and I hope you will be a part of it. The purpose of this event is to inspire our whole church family (children, youth, and adults) to PRAY, GIVE, and GO to support missions throughout the year.

As you will see on the enclosed schedule, the event will kick off on Wednesday evening at the church with a fellowship meal and a special time of worship and inspiration, followed by an opportunity to meet and dialogue with our local, state, national, and international mission partners. On Thursday, there will be opportunities for Sunday School classes to interact with missionaries. On Saturday evening, we will have a catered dinner sponsored by one of our local mission partners, Project Host, and will hear inspiring stories from our missionaries about how and where God is working near and far. The dinner will be a ticketed event, and space will be limited, so please go ahead and buy your tickets at esbcgreenville.org/gmc or by contacting the church office. The Global Missions Celebration will culminate with a service of worship on Sunday morning and a parade of flags as we celebrate our church's mission to share the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed, and to pledge our support of missions throughout the year by praying, giving, and going.

For years, we have been praying, planning, and working toward this event, which we hope will consolidate, streamline, clarify, and increase our church's awareness of and commitment to the many ways our church prays, gives, and goes to support missions across the street and around the world. As a "Greater Way" church, our vision is to love God so completely that our love for God overflows into our love for neighbors, which spills over into our determination to make disciples, until the whole world is drenched with the love of Christ.

This is the season in which we, as individuals, so often make resolutions. I am praying that we, collectively, as a church, will make a resolution to pray more, give more, and go more than ever as we join in God's mission for the world.

PRAY. GIVE. GO!

Loved ones,

I (Jay) echo all that our Senior Pastor has shared. I am so excited to be part of a church that is passionate about God's mission in the world. We're writing this letter together, not only to inspire your heart for God's mission in the world and the Global Missions Offering here at ESBC but also to let you know how this is going to work.

Each year Baptists from around the world give four main offerings outside of our normal tithing. These offerings are the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (North American Missions), the Janie Chapman State Missions Offering (State Missions), the Global Hunger Relief Fund (World Hunger), and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (International Missions). Historically, each of these offerings has been given during a specific season of the year.

In an effort to raise more money for each of these, we are creating the Global Missions Offering. Essentially, this will be one big offering that our congregation gives throughout the year. Our goal for this year is \$50,000. That is about \$10,000 more than what we gave to global missions last year. This money will be divided up proportionately based on the goals we set for each offering. Please note that while the Global Missions Offering will be divided among the four offerings, our local mission partners are still supported through your regular budget gifts.

Finally, we know that for our church to hold a faithful commitment to missions it means more than giving money. We must be faithful in prayer, in giving, and in going. Our desire is to see God do wonders among us. That's why on Sunday, January 22nd, you will have the opportunity to pledge, not only your giving but also your prayers and participation.

Would you prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to share the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed? Church family, let's commit together to pray, to give, and to go!

In Christ,
Rev. Dr. Stephen Clyborne, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jay Roland, Connections Minister