Dear Oklahoma Baptists,

Every year, Oklahoma Baptist churches come together to participate in the Edna McMillan Oklahoma State Missions Offering (SMO), which propels key gospel missions and ministry across our state.

The SMO funds critical ministries that are reaching people for Jesus—ministries like Oklahoma Baptist Disaster Relief, Multi-Vocational Pastors encouragement, Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM), and foster care ministry. When you give to the State Missions Offering, you are investing directly in Kingdom work happening right here in Oklahoma.

In this church resources package, you will find ways to encourage your church members to pray, give, and serve. Among the missions education resources provided here, you will find impactful videos that can be shown during a worship service that highlight the impact God is making through our combined efforts.

You will see stories of how Oklahoma Baptists, through the SMO, are:

- Reaching students on 39 college campuses across Oklahoma with the gospel and discipleship ministries through BCMs;
- Supporting and serving multi-vocational and smaller-inattendance church pastors who are making a gospel impact on their communities; and
- Propelling foster care ministry and outreach in the local church, to help meet the urgent foster care needs in Oklahoma.

We also have included important prayer points and even missions education materials through which children can learn about missions happening in Oklahoma.

The Apostle Paul, in his letter to Timothy, said to "Instruct them to do what is good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share" (1 Timothy 6:18). As churches, the Oklahoma SMO presents an opportunity for all of us to generously give and take part in missions in our state.

Thank you for all the ways you serve, minister, and lead.

Serving Jesus with You,



Todd Fisher
Executive Director-Treasurer
Oklahoma Baptists

# State Missions Offering

2025 Prayer Guide



### **Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM)**

BCM reaches students on 39 campuses across Oklahoma with the hope of the gospel. Staff build relationships in cafeterias, dorms, and classrooms. Many students come to know Christ, including international students who return home as gospel witnesses. Through discipleship and leadership development, students discover a call to ministry or missions. The State Missions Offering helps fund mission trips and equips these young leaders to impact the church and reach the world for Christ.





### **Foster Care**

The child welfare crisis in Oklahoma creates real and urgent needs. Through ministries like 111Project, churches respond to caseworker requests, providing beds, groceries, and clothing to families in crisis. These acts of service open doors for gospel conversations and lasting relationships. Even those who cannot foster can make a difference by supporting families in their community. The State Missions Offering helps churches meet practical needs and share Christ's love with vulnerable children and families across Oklahoma.

### **Multi-Vocational Pastors**

Multi-Vocational pastors serve both their churches and communities, often working full-time jobs while faithfully leading small or rural congregations. They are a vital part of gospel ministry across Oklahoma. The State Missions Offering encourages and equips these pastors through training, connection, and practical support. By investing in MVPs, we strengthen local churches, expand outreach efforts, and ensure pastors have the tools they need to lead well in every area God has called them to serve.



Instruct them to do what is good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share.

1 Timothy 6:18

**2025 Goal** 

# \$1.3 million

## **Supporting Missions**

Oklahoma Baptists demonstrate an unwavering commitment to advancing the gospel within our state by engaging in cooperative giving to support missions. With a shared vision of spreading the message of hope, Oklahoma Baptists sacrificially join together to provide the necessary resources and support for various mission endeavors.



"Children have great opportunities in their own neighborhoods and schools to love others and share the Good News of Jesus. The Missions Education Activity Sheets provide engaging activities to open young eyes to missions in their own backyards!"

- Edna McMillan

See the impact of your giving at oklahomabaptists.org/smo