

Serving On Mission Together

Greetings to all who are a part of a WMU missions discipleship group in churches across Tennessee. My name is Anna Huggins, and since our Missions Get-Together in April, I have been serving as your new Tennessee WMU President. It is a joy to be able to serve on mission together by teaching about Jesus, discipling new believers, giving to, and prayerfully supporting those the Lord sends to different fields in the world.

As an adult, God has blessed me with the opportunity to have lived in each geographical region of our state. My husband Michael has served in different churches across Tennessee (and one in South Central Kentucky) as Minister of Music (or Minister of Music and Youth). Many of you I already know from places we have served and have been blessed to call you friends through the years. It is my hope to get to know many of you as we work together for the cause of Christ.

For the last few months, I have been learning much more about WMU and the many moving parts that keep us functioning as an organization. It is amazing to see how the Lord brings all the planning and preparation together for His purposes and glory.

It was an honor in June to be your representative to meetings for National WMU during the Southern Baptist Convention in Orlando. My husband and I participated in the Crossover event with WMU folks from different states. We all helped with a block party in Leesburg, Florida, at the Christian Care Center. That was very moving and inspiring to witness people from different walks of life sharing how they came to know the Lord because of work being done in that community. We also attended the WMU Missions Celebration, where National WMU President Connie Dixon presided at her last meeting, and our new National WMU President Carolyn Fountain was elected. Seeing how these women have served faithfully is very motivating to follow through with the responsibilities God has placed on my life.

As I reflect on my years in WMU, from beginning as a GA and Acteen, I know much of my growth in my Christian walk has been through my discipleship in WMU. I have also seen in the lives of our six daughters how God has shown them his purpose for their lives, beginning in their age-level mission groups. Three of them have followed Him by serving on the field in missions. I know this may not be the case for everyone, but learning whose you are in Christ will guide you as you serve Him wherever you go. It is my hope and prayer that we will be able to encourage and strengthen our age-level missions discipleship groups throughout our state in the coming years.

The April Missions Get-Together focused on “Created for this...” and how our Lord, who created us, will equip and guide us to use what He has given us to share the gospel. How fitting that following that, our 2026–2028 National WMU emphasis is “Meant for the Mission”, which we will learn how we are appointed to carry out God’s mission, to abide in Him to produce fruit, to pray boldly and love like Jesus.

Last week, while on vacation at the beach with our daughters and their families, I was talking with a couple of our grandchildren (we have nine in all) about how God knows all about us because He made us and loves us. He even knows the number of leaves on the trees, the birds in the air, and the grains of sand. Psalm 139:17-18 (ESV) says, "How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I could count them, they are more than the sand." God equips and uses us on mission to bring others to know and love Him.

Praying for you as you learn how you are "Meant for the Mission" in your walk with Him.

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