

A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of several young people's hands and forearms reaching towards the center, forming a circle. The background is a clear, bright blue sky. The people are wearing various colorful beaded bracelets and wristbands. One person on the left is wearing pink sunglasses. The overall mood is positive and communal.

# MARGARET STATE LACKEY OFFERING MISSISSIPPIANS ON MISSION

**2026  
PRAYER  
GUIDE**



# EXTENDING OUR REACH



**MARGARET LACKEY STATE OFFERING GOAL:  
\$2.5 MILLION**



Christ's call to make disciples is both personal and far-reaching. In fact, the commission is global for every one of us as disciples and as local churches. We're thankful for the difference Mississippi Baptists make in this global call to reach the unreached with the long arm of God's love. We're also convinced that the global reach of Mississippi Baptists can only be sustained if we begin the ripple right here in our own backyard.

The Margaret Lackey State Offering is an initiative to start the global ripple here in Mississippi. The MLSO provides support for ministries on collegiate campuses, camps for children and youth, church plants in less reached areas of the state, connecting churches with both national and international mission partners, and much more. All these stated ministries extend the reach of the local church into areas that go beyond the norm of church life.



***Margaret Lackey State Offering  
promotional materials are available at:  
[margaretlackey.com](http://margaretlackey.com)***





## **CHRISTIAN MEN'S / CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORPS \$20,000**

Christian Men's/Women's Job Corps (CJC) is a ministry of WMU that provides life and job skill training. Mentors work alongside participants to help them achieve their goals for life and employment. CJC offers "HOPE for a Better Tomorrow." For more information, contact the Women's Ministries/WMU department at (601) 292-3319.

**PRAY** for volunteers that will serve as mentors and encouragers, lead Bible Study, teach classes, prepare meals, help in the office and more.

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES \$135,000**

Margaret Lackey funds help provide discipleship materials in correctional facilities and seminary classes in prisons across Mississippi. These classes facilitate evangelism and spiritual growth for those within our prison system. For more information, contact Don Lum at (601) 292-3278.

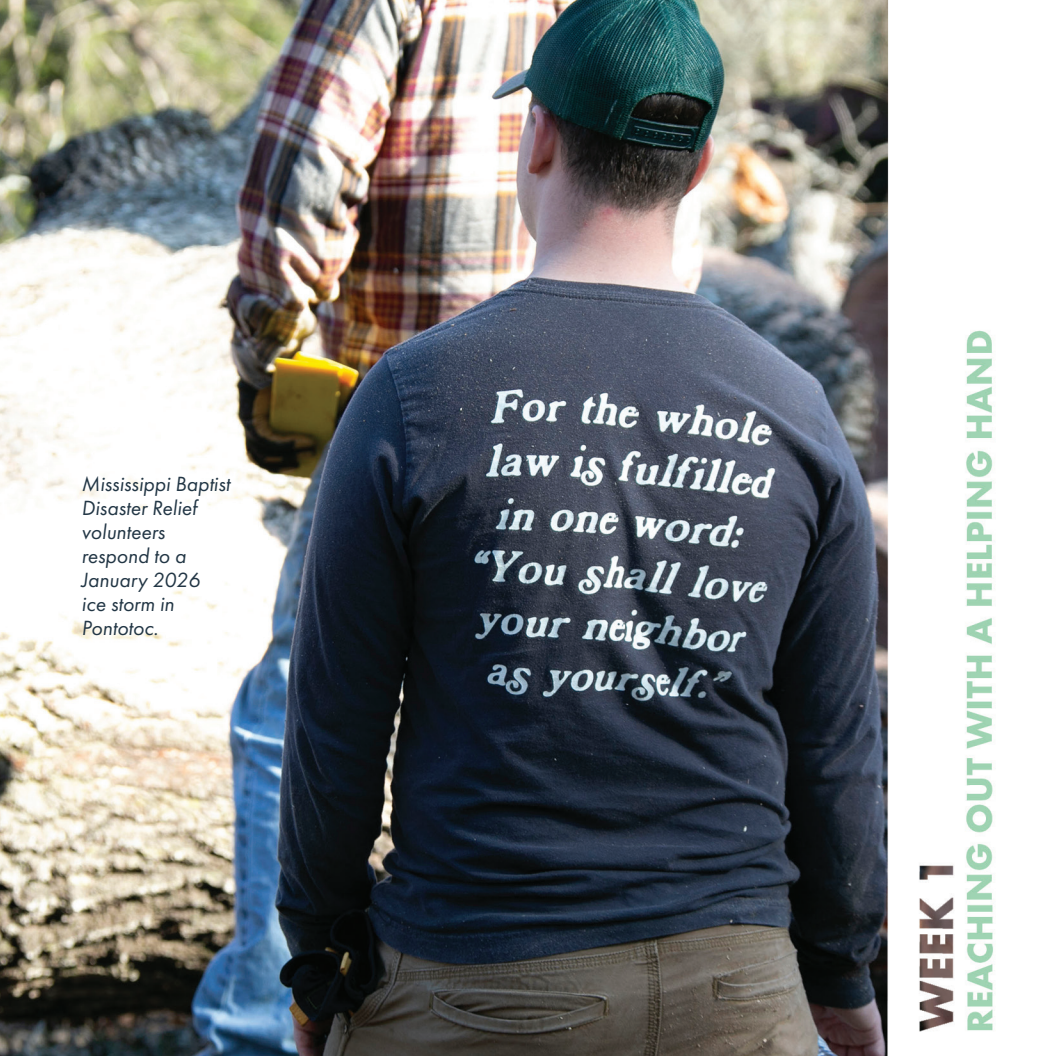
**PRAY** for the seminary students as they study and minister to fellow residents. Pray also for the volunteers who faithfully teach and disciple the incarcerated.

## **DISASTER RELIEF \$75,000**

The volunteers of Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief bring help, hope, and healing in Jesus's name to those affected by disasters and crisis situations. Providing services to affected communities free of charge, they seek to show and share the love of Christ. Your gifts to the Margaret Lackey Offering ensure that volunteers are ready to go when needed. For more information, contact Hubert Yates at (601) 292-3334.

**PRAY** for MSBDR leadership as they plan, prepare, equip, and coordinate volunteers responding to disasters and crises. Pray for the MSBDR volunteers for their safety and that they will be faithful to share Jesus at every opportunity. Pray for the survivors impacted by disasters and other crises.





Mississippi Baptist  
Disaster Relief  
volunteers  
respond to a  
January 2026  
ice storm in  
Pontotoc.

*For the whole  
law is fulfilled  
in one word:  
"You shall love  
your neighbor  
as yourself."*

**WEEK 1**

**REACHING OUT WITH A HELPING HAND**



## **COMMUNITY MINISTRY \$275,000**

Margaret Lackey grants help fund associational initiatives for evangelistic ministries and mission strategies in local communities to impact the Kingdom. For more information, contact your local Baptist association.

**PRAY** for associations and their churches to reach out to lost and hurting people in their communities.

## **LITERACY MISSIONS MINISTRY \$20,000**

Your gifts to the Margaret Lackey Offering help train leaders in literacy missions ministry to meet basic literacy and spiritual needs of their neighbors. For more information, contact Maria Teel at 601-292-3201.

**PRAY** that the Lord would connect literacy missions volunteers with those who are in need of help.

## **DEAF MINISTRY \$25,000**

Deaf are the largest unreached people group in Mississippi and the world. Funding is needed to help equip interpreters, train and disciple Deaf, and create ministry materials needed for the Deaf to understand the Gospel in their heart language. Margaret Lackey funds help provide this.


**PRAY** for the Lord to equip and send someone to Mississippi to plant a Deaf Church where there is none.

## **CHURCH PLANTING/CHURCH REVITALIZATION \$150,000**

Since 2020, churches across the state have been struggling to rebound. We need a fresh outpouring of renewal.

**PRAY** that the Lord breathes life back into our established congregations. Pray that He will call out church planters and sending churches to begin new plants that proclaim the Gospel in and among the unreached communities across Mississippi.





Participants  
gather for  
fellowship  
at the 2025  
Mississippi  
Conference  
of the Deaf.

**WEEK 2**  
CARING IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES



## **CROSS-CULTURAL EVANGELISM \$35,000**

Every day more language groups and cultures are moving into Mississippi. We are grateful that the Margaret Lackey Offering provides language materials for these different cultures. For more information, contact Paula Smith at (601) 292-3287.

**PRAY** for volunteers to translate and write Bible study materials for some of the people groups from the Middle East as well as other languages besides Spanish from Guatemala.

## **PORT MINISTRY TO INTERNATIONALS \$25,000**

Through port ministries in Gulfport and Pascagoula, Margaret Lackey funding offers a Christian witness and warm hospitality to international seafarers. For more information in Pascagoula, contact Vince Smith at (228) 762-6788. In Gulfport, contact Brian Rushing at (228) 832-4311.

**PRAY** the seafarers would receive Christ and take the Gospel back to their home countries.

## **SHORT-TERM MISSION SERVANTS \$605,000**

Every year Mississippi Baptist churches send hundreds of short-term servants to North America and to many countries around the globe. They serve alongside long-term workers, helping to strengthen ministries that share the message of the Gospel. Margaret Lackey funds help assist these short-term servants. For more information, contact Chad McCord at (601) 292-3398.

**PRAY** the Father will show short-term mission servants how He wants to use them to impact long-term mission strategies in the places they serve.





*Participants worship  
during the 2025 Hispanic  
Annual Convention.*

**WEEK 3**  
SERVING IN AND BEYOND MISSISSIPPI



### **COLLEGIATE AND UNIVERSITY OUTREACH \$105,000**

Margaret Lackey gifts provide resources to help Baptist Student Unions across Mississippi share the Gospel with students and faculty on campus, engage students who sense a call to ministry, and mobilize students to take the Gospel to Mississippi and the nations! For more information, contact Sam Ivy at (601) 292-3289.

**PRAY** for our BSU directors and student leaders as they share the Gospel that it would bring healing to the spiritually broken students across our 29 college campuses in Mississippi.

### **CENTRAL HILLS BAPTIST RETREAT \$515,000**

Margaret Lackey gifts help provide a Christ-centered camping and retreat experience for Mississippians. CHBR hosts nearly 2500 campers each summer. While experiencing various outdoor activities, campers are taught the truth of God's word and encouraged to be authentic disciples of Jesus. For more information, contact Jason Marshall at (662) 289-9730.

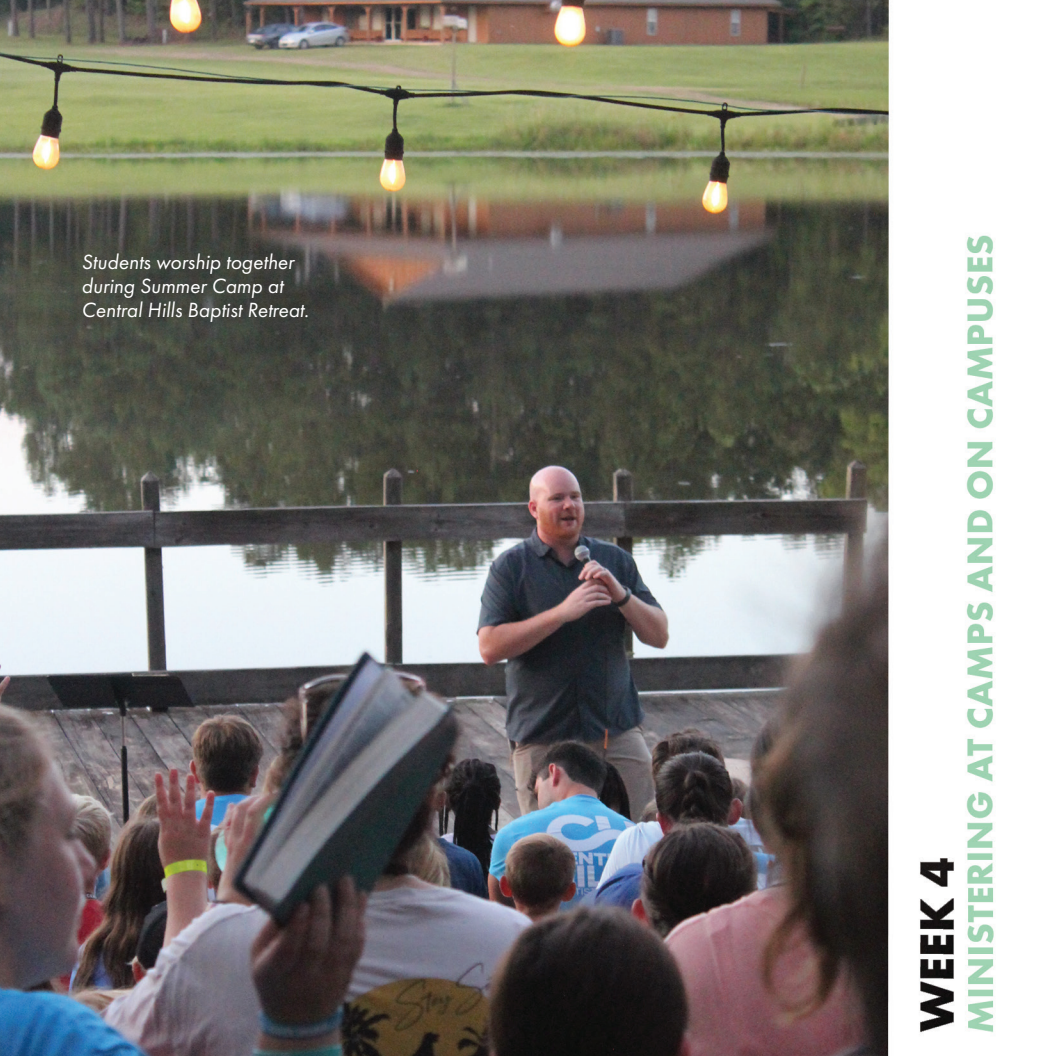
**PRAY** campers will be open to the Gospel and respond through salvation or a deeper commitment to being a disciple.

### **GARAYWA CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER \$515,000**

Garaywa Camp & Conference Center is in the heart of Clinton. Many Mississippians participate in summer camps, retreats, trainings, and planning meetings. Whether child or adult, the goal is that each visitor encounters God and leaves inspired to change the world! Your gifts to Margaret Lackey ensure we can provide the best possible experience. For more information, contact Roddy Reed at (601) 924-7034.

**PRAY** that all who come through the gates of Garaywa will experience the love of Christ and will hear and respond to the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.



A photograph of a man in a dark polo shirt speaking into a microphone on a wooden stage. He is addressing a group of people, mostly young adults, who are seen from behind in the foreground. Some are holding Bibles. The stage is set against a backdrop of a calm lake reflecting the sky and a building in the distance. String lights hang above the stage.

*Students worship together  
during Summer Camp at  
Central Hills Baptist Retreat.*

**WEEK 4**  
MINISTERING AT CAMPS AND ON CAMPUSES



# THE MARGARET LACKEY STATE OFFERING ENABLES MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS TO DO IMMEASURABLY MORE TOGETHER THAN ANY ONE PERSON OR CHURCH COULD DO ALONE.

***We encourage you to use this guide to:***

- Pray together as a Mississippi Baptist church during your weekly worship service
  - Pray individually as a Mississippi Baptist how the Lord would have you give
- Become familiar with and pray for the ministries supported through our cooperative efforts
  - Be reminded to pray for the lost in Mississippi and beyond



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