



# MARGARET STATE LACKEY OFFERING

MISSISSIPPIANS ON MISSION



**2023 PRAYER GUIDE**

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Mississippi is known as the hospitality state and our generosity seems to know no bounds. For those who live here, it is no surprise to see communities come together in times of crisis. In the past, Mississippi's large population of Christian believers influenced a culture of hospitality and generosity.

Unfortunately, the spiritual landscape of Mississippi has undergone a significant change. Today, more than 61.5% of the state's population indicates they do not have a personal relationship with Jesus. As you look around your community, the shift in morals and values away from God is obvious.

The mission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is to help churches reach their communities for Christ. The *Margaret Lackey State Offering* provides resources so we can work together. The impact of your gifts will be felt in Mississippi and around the world.

The *Margaret Lackey State Offering Prayer Guide* explains the many ways we are reaching lost and hurting people. Pray for those who serve in the missions and ministries of the offering and those who will be served.

The Margaret Lackey State Offering supports ministries in Mississippi such as church planting, camps, collegiate outreach, men's and women's job corps, and literacy missions ministry. The offering trains and mobilizes volunteers in North American and international missions, disaster relief, criminal justice, and cross-cultural outreach. The offering works hand-in-hand with evangelistic and compassionate ministries funded through the Cooperative Program.



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

- As a Mississippi Baptist church, pray together during your weekly worship service;
- As a Mississippi Baptist, pray individually to consider 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.

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



WEEK 1

# CARING IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES



Brad Gilmer (left) baptizes Cordy Moore (center) during a **Deaf Ministry** event at Garaywa. They are signing "I Love You."



## Community Ministry

Margaret Lackey grants assist associational initiatives for evangelistic ministries and mission strategies in local communities to impact the Kingdom. Pray for churches to respond with compassion to the lost and hurting in their communities.

**For more information, contact your local Baptist association.**

## Literacy Missions Ministry

Your gifts to the Margaret Lackey offering help train leaders in literacy missions ministry to meet basic literacy and spiritual needs of their neighbors. Pray for consistency in weekly attendance, patience with the learning process, and a strong bond to develop between students and volunteers.

**For more information, contact Maria Teel at (601) 292-3201.**

## Deaf Ministry

Your gifts to the Margaret Lackey offering help equip interpreters and other volunteers to minister to the Deaf to hear the Gospel in their heart language. Pray for the Lord to raise up a Deaf Church Planter to pastor a Deaf congregation in Mississippi. Pray for more churches to minister to our Deaf population – the most unreached people group in Mississippi and the United States.

**For more information, contact Vickie Stuart at (601) 421-7823.**

## Church Planting/Church Revitalization

Margaret Lackey gifts provide the initial funding to start new churches and help existing churches become healthier so they will be effective at presenting the Gospel to the two million Mississippians who do not attend church. Pray for strength and guidance for leaders and members of new church starts.

**For more information, contact Johnny Ervin at (601) 292-3224.**



WEEK 2

# REACHING OUT WITH A HELPING HAND

Jarrod Bourgeois,  
director of Freedom  
Lighthouse for Men  
in Waveland, leads  
a **Christian Men's  
Job Corps** group in  
Bible study.



## Christian Men's/Christian Women's Job Corps

Christian Men's/Women's Job Corps (CJC) is a ministry of WMU that provides life skill 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." Pray that participants would have a God-given hope to inspire them as they make changes in their lives. Pray for individuals to volunteer as teachers and mentors. **For more information, contact Tammy Anderson at (601) 292-3323.**

## Criminal Justice Ministries

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. 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. **For more information, contact Jon Martin at (601) 292-3339.**

## Disaster Relief

The volunteers of Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief bring help, hope, and healing in Jesus' name to those affected by natural and man-made disasters/crisis situations. They provide services to affected communities free of charge as they seek to show and share the love of Christ. Whether providing physical labor, a hot meal, or words of comfort, your gifts to the Margaret Lackey State Offering ensure that volunteers are prepared to go when needed. Pray for MSBDR leadership as they plan, prepare, equip, and coordinate volunteers responding to disasters/crisis situations. Pray for those impacted by disasters/crisis situations. **For more information, contact Hubert Yates at (601) 292-3334.**



WEEK 3

# MINISTERING AT CAMPS AND CAMPUSES



Last summer, 101 campers  
hit the mark by accepting  
Jesus Christ at **Central  
Hills Baptist Retreat.**



## Central Hills Baptist Retreat

Margaret Lackey gifts help provide a Christ-centered camping experience for nearly 3000 campers each summer. Boys and girls of all ages may attend Central Hills to ride a horse or go down a zip line, but while they are there, they come face to face with the Gospel. Each summer there are scores of campers who recognize God's call on their lives. Many make decisions for salvation, missions or vocational service in the ministry. Pray for children attending camps and programs to respond to God's love and forgiveness. Pray for adults looking for renewal and training to be equipped and ready to serve the Lord. **For more information, contact Shane Thrash at (662) 289-9730.**

## College and University Outreach

Margaret Lackey funds provide resources to help Baptist Student Unions across Mississippi share Christ with students, lead them to make disciples of Jesus, and mobilize them to take the Gospel to the nations. Pray for Gospel advancement on 28 campuses as we mobilize students "To Know Christ and To Make Him Known." **For more information, contact Sam Ivy at (601) 292-3302.**

## Garaywa Camp & Conference Center

Garaywa Camp & Conference Center is located in the heart of Clinton. Many Mississippians participate in summer camps, retreats, trainings, and planning meetings. Whether child or adult, the goal is that every visitor encounters God and leaves inspired to change the world! Pray that every guest experiences God while at Garaywa. May each guest respond to the work of the Holy Spirit in their heart, mind and soul. **For more information, contact Roddy Reed at (601) 924-7034.**

WEEK 4

# SERVING IN AND BEYOND MISSISSIPPI

*A seafarer from India  
receives a visit from  
Chaplain Vince Smith.*

**The Port Ministry to  
Internationals** visits  
over 600 ships a year,  
ministering to an estimated  
25 seafarers per ship.



## Cross-Cultural Evangelism

Margaret Lackey gifts impact several different language groups and cultures in our state. The offering gifts enable Mississippians to share the Gospel and the love of Jesus cross-culturally. Pray for wisdom and boldness for Choctaw leaders as they battle through spiritual warfare to reach out to a troubled younger generation hungry for the love of Jesus. **For more information, contact Paula Smith at (601) 292-3287.**

## Port Ministry to Internationals

Through port ministries in Gulfport and Pascagoula, Margaret Lackey funding offers a Christian witness and warm hospitality to international seafarers. Pray the seafarers would receive Christ and take the Gospel back to their home countries. **For more information in Pascagoula, contact Vince Smith at (228) 769-7101. In Gulfport, contact Rhett Hamiter at (228) 596-0386.**

## Short-Term Mission Servants

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 provide assistance for these short-term servants. 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. **For more information, contact Missions Mobilization at (601) 292-3398.**



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