

# Where can you do Missions?

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## What's Happening in May?

Teacher  
Appreciation  
Week  
May 6-10th

Serve a meal at  
CLCC



## Collection Drives

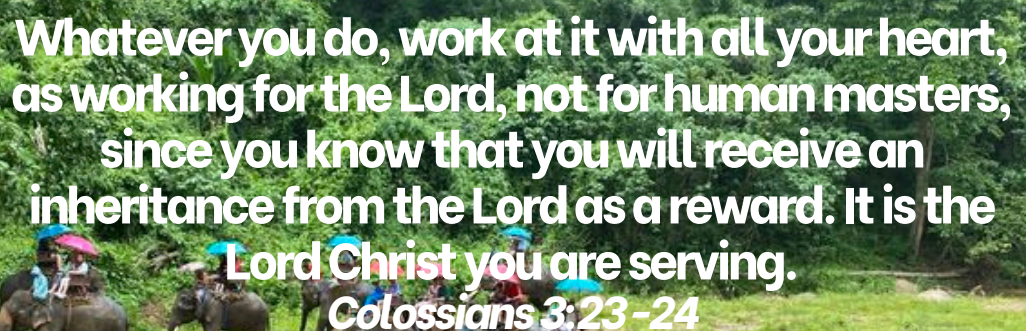
Collect canned  
goods and non-  
perishable items  
for TEAM

Collect change  
for Positive  
Choices' Baby  
Bottle  
Boomerang

## Local Mission Opportunities!

Do you have to travel to do missions? Where could you do a family Mission project in your community?

- In your neighborhood
  - Cut a neighbor's grass
  - Take garbage cans to the street for garbage day
  - Bake cookies for an elderly neighbor
- On vacation
  - pick up the tab for a stranger at dinner
  - take extra water bottles to the beach and share them in Jesus' name
- Volunteering
  - Serve at VBS
  - Help clean at a local school through School Serve Days.



Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.  
*Colossians 3:23-24*

# Changed Lives Christian Center

Robyn Davis



About ten years ago, a friend asked if my small group would prepare and serve a meal for the men at Changed Lives Christian Center (CLCC). She explained that CLCC is a shelter for men who have completed alcohol or drug recovery programs or have been released from prison. It is a place for them to get back on track and start living their lives in a way that pleases God.

Our small group said yes, prepared, and served our first meal, and we continue to serve today.

Serving a meal at CLCC is casual; it reminds me of a family potluck. The men are always grateful, and some will share their stories if you are willing to listen. They are so encouraged by our simple act of cooking and serving a meal for them. It's hard for them to believe that people who do not know them will prepare food and drive across town on a Sunday afternoon to serve them. They realize we could be doing something else, like going to the park with family or even taking a Sunday nap, but we tell them it is an act of service and love because of Jesus' love for us all, and they recognize this.

If your small group has yet to serve at CLCC, I encourage you to do it soon!



# Positive Choices

Sharon Stauffer



Positive Choices Pregnancy Resource Center is a unique ministry that has impacted the community for 30+ years. We cherish new life and provide education and resources to help families nurture their children.

As Executive Director, I aim to develop counseling resources that address lifestyle, parenting, and other related issues. I pray that our services help renew the community one family at a time.

Our staff and volunteers are enthusiastic about ministering to women while meeting their families' physical and emotional needs. When faced with an unplanned pregnancy, we provide ultrasounds and encourage our clients to see the beauty of life in their unborn child. We try to offer hope and protection for the unborn through love and support. Our clients can learn about their unborn child while we share Jesus Christ's love.



“I came to know two important people who completely transformed my life—“ my unborn son and Jesus Christ.”

“The counselors are nonjudgmental, kind, easy to talk to, compassionate, warm and welcoming.”

“My experience was great, and I am ready to go through the journey with you all.”

# Testimony of Local Volunteer

Sandy Patterson

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Once or twice a month, other ladies and I spend our day visiting a very foreign place only minutes away from our homes in Trussville. Why in the world would we choose to drive to a place in North Birmingham where the streets are dangerous, the buildings are boarded up, and the homeless are on the sidewalks? Why go to a building in a neighborhood where the people are addicts, high school dropouts, single mothers with kids, unemployed, and desperate? I'm so glad you asked!

Hope Inspired Ministries is housed in this building, inspiring me every time I go there. In this building, lives are changed, people find hope, and most importantly, Jesus is shared!

Because I grew up in a home where serving others was modeled, not just talked about, I learned that we are expected to serve as Christ's followers. As an adult, I've learned that helping others gives me unspeakable joy.

Serving looks different to everyone. It's mentoring a HIM student or taking a meal to Hope Inspired Ministry. It's sharing a birthday cake with a child at Big Oak Ranch, praying for children with cancer at aTeam, or making a basket for a new family just beginning cancer treatments.

Sometimes, it's preparing a meal, serving the men at CLLC, packing backpacks, and taking them to children in Fort Deposit who need school supplies. It is a blessing to watch the children open their new backpacks and offer encouragement as they start a new school year. It is touching to see their excitement. Maybe it's the opportunity to visit with a homebound person who needs to see a smiling face.

There's much pain in our world, but oh, the joy when we share Jesus's love with someone else. Thank you, FBCT, for supporting many mission opportunities.

*For you are called to freedom, my brothers and sisters. But do not turn your freedom into an opportunity to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, serve one another in love.*

*Galatians 5:13*