

HOME MISSION SERVICE OUTLINE

to use for a Sunday Service to explore the heart of Home Mission: Stewarding Our Time, Tithes, and Talents for Mission



OPENING PRAYER

Lord God, thank You for calling us into a community of faith, where we can support, encourage, and serve one another. Teach us today about generosity, mission, and how we can be part of Your work in the world. Amen.

AT A GLANCE

- This service can be used in part of whole
- Exploring the biblical founding for Home mission
- You may want to take up a special offering on this Sunday in addition to the churches annual 5% for Home Mission

INTRODUCTION

Home Mission within the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB) has its roots in the early 20th century, notably with the establishment of the Ministerial Settlement and Sustentation Scheme in 1912. This initiative aimed to provide financial support to smaller churches unable to fully fund a minister's stipend, thereby ensuring the sustainability of ministry across diverse communities. baptist.org.uk

Historically, Baptists have emphasized the importance of collective action in mission work. Individual churches recognized that collaborating through associations and societies was essential to effectively spread the Gospel. The formation of the Baptist Missionary Society in 1792 exemplifies this cooperative spirit, focusing on overseas mission. Similarly, the Baptist Home Missionary Society, established in 1797, concentrated on domestic evangelism, supporting itinerant preachers and strengthening local congregations.

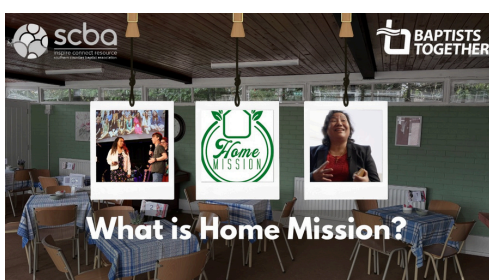
Today, Home Mission remains vital for Baptists as it embodies the collective effort to support and sustain ministry across the UK. By pooling resources, Baptist churches can ensure that even congregations with limited financial means receive the necessary support to maintain their ministries. This collaborative approach not only upholds the principle of mutual aid but also enhances the overall mission potential of Baptist communities, enabling them to effectively share God's love within their local contexts.

HOME MISSION VIDEO

This video explains Home Mission, the financial giving system that supports the work of the Baptist movement across the UK. Hayley, a representative from the Southern Counties Baptist Association, outlines how Home Mission funding enables churches, chaplains, pioneers, and missional communities to flourish.

It emphasises that giving to Home Mission directly enables churches and ministries to spread the gospel, serve communities, and bring wholeness through Christ. Viewers are encouraged to learn more, get involved, and give generously to support this shared mission.

You can download the [video here](#)



INTERCESSIONS

Heavenly Father,

We come before You today with hearts full of gratitude for the mission You have entrusted to Your Church. We thank You for the work of Home Mission, for the churches, chaplains, pioneers, and ministries that are reaching communities with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Lord, we acknowledge that everything we have—our time, our resources, and our talents—comes from You. Help us to be faithful stewards of these gifts, using them to serve Your Kingdom and bring hope to those in need.

We pray for the leaders and ministers who are supported by Home Mission. Strengthen them as they guide, teach, and encourage their congregations. Give them wisdom in their decision-making and courage to step out in faith.

We lift up the new and emerging churches, mission projects, and outreach initiatives that are being supported through Home Mission grants. Lord, bless their efforts, provide for their needs, and open doors for them to impact their communities with Your love.

We pray for those who are struggling—for those in need of spiritual, emotional, or physical support. May the work of Home Mission bring comfort, healing, and transformation to those who need it most.

Lord, inspire us as a church family to be generous givers, faithful servants, and bold witnesses. Stir our hearts to respond, not just with words but with action—to give, to serve, and to support the mission You have called us to.

May Your Spirit move in our church, our region, and across the nation, so that more people may come to know the life-changing power of Jesus Christ.

We commit this service, our offerings, and our mission to You, Lord. May everything we do bring glory to Your name.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS & HYMNS

- "Build Your Kingdom Here" (Rend Collective) *A lively song calling for revival and God's Kingdom to be established through His Church.*
- "I Will Follow" (Chris Tomlin) *A commitment to follow Jesus wherever He leads in mission and service.*
- "Mission's Flame" (Matt Redman) *A passionate cry to be consumed by God's heart for mission and outreach.*
- "God of Justice" (Tim Hughes) *A challenge to live out our faith through acts of justice and mission.*
- "O Church, Arise" (Keith & Kristyn Getty) *A modern hymn calling the Church to stand boldly in mission and service.*
- "Take My Life and Let It Be" (Frances R. Havergal) *A hymn of dedication, offering our time, tithes, and talents to God's service.*
- "Here I Am, Lord" (Dan Schutte) *A call to mission, responding to God's sending us into the world to serve.*
- "Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You" (Richard Gillard) *A beautiful hymn about serving one another in humility and love.*

SERMON OUTLINE: STEWARDING OUR TIME, TITHES, AND TALENTS FOR MISSION

Key Scripture: 1 Peter 4:10 - "Use whatever gift you have received to serve others."

Introduction

- Start with a story or testimony about how generosity has transformed a church or mission project. *Home Mission stories can be found on [our website here](#)*

- Introduce Home Mission as a practical example of how collective giving supports national, regional, and local churches.

1. Stewarding Our Tithes *2 Corinthians 9:6-8*

- Giving is an act of worship.
- Home Mission's funding structure reflects biblical principles of shared generosity.
- Challenge: Are we giving faithfully to support God's work?

2. Stewarding Our Time: Using Our Days for Kingdom Work *Ephesians 5:15-16*

- Time is a gift from God—how are we using it?
- Home Mission supports local outreach – are we engaging with our community?
- Ask: What can we do to serve God with our time?

3. Stewarding Our Talents – Serving Through Our Gifts *1 Peter 4:10-11*

- We all have unique gifts.
- Challenge: How can our skills be used for mission—whether in church, community, or work?
- Home Mission funds pioneering ministries that use diverse talents for God's Kingdom.

4. The Impact of Collective Stewardship *Acts 2:44-45*

- The early church pooled their resources to serve God's mission.
- Home Mission is an example of modern-day Kingdom stewardship.
- Challenge: How can we, as a church, support mission through giving, serving, and sharing?

Conclusion & Call to Action

- Reinforce the importance of stewardship.
- Challenge the congregation to respond:
- Commit to regular giving (tithes & offerings).
- Dedicate time to serving.
- Use talents for ministry and mission.
- Ask: What is God calling you to give—your time, your resources, or your talents?

Closing Prayer: Ask God for wisdom in stewarding what He has given us.

BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and guide you as you offer your time in His service, your tithes for His Kingdom, and your talents for His glory.

May He strengthen your hands to serve, your heart to give joyfully, and your spirit to grow in faith and love.

As you go from this place, may you be a faithful steward of all He has entrusted to you, bringing hope to the weary, light to the lost, and grace to the communities you serve.

And may the blessing of God Almighty—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit— be with you now and always. Amen.

