# GENEROSITY

"YOU WILL BE ENRICHED IN EVERY WAY SO THAT YOU CAN BE GENEROUS ON EVERY OCCASION, AND THROUGH US YOUR GENEROSITY WILL RESULT IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD."

2 CORINTHIANS 9:11

#### Dear Church Family,

Gratefully in Christ,

**Your Church** 

#### Mississippi Baptist Convention – Cooperative Program Dollars at work in Mississippi

- Mississippi Baptists advanced the Gospel through 2056 churches statewide in their key ministries for 2022.
- The Church Music Department had a retreat for the Mississippi Baptist Symphony Orchestra (MBSO) and averaged 75 members with four concerts held at the conclusion of the retreat. Their



yearly Keyboard Festivals had 475 students, grades K-12, that participated in 10 festivals, located in five areas of the state with 140 workers. The participants were from 30 different associations, 117 cities/towns and 229 churches. Senior Adult Choir Festival had ten churches participate with over 200 in attendance. Heartsong Music and Worship Camp for 6-12th grade children had 150 total in attendance from 25 different churches. Mississippi Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra (MBASYC&O) had 60 students from grades 9-12 to participate and 23 personnel traveled with them. They performed seven times. SMACK Camp (Summer Music and Arts Camp for Kids) for grades 3-6 had 165 total attendance. Mississippi Worship and Media Conference brought over 200 people representing churches all over the state. Young Musicians Honor Choir had 62 children and 25 personnel for their annual event. The Mississippi Singing Churchmen averaged 75 for their spring and fall tours, plus the state convention. The Mississippi Singing Churchwomen averaged 50 for their retreat and performed three concerts.

• Central Hills Baptist Retreat (CHBR) hosted 7 Children's Co-ed Mission Camps, 2 three-day Connect Kids Camps, 2 four-day Connect Youth Camps and had a total of 1601 campers. There was one week of Summer Missions Camp for boys with 70 campers, one Lad/Dad Weekend Camp with 25 campers, for a total of 95 campers. There was also a Special Needs Camp for Adults with 104 participants. CHBR had 101 professions of faith, 64 re-dedications for a total of 165 decisions made during camps. During the off season, CHBR hosted 59 groups involving 1324 people which included 18 retreat groups for a total of 679 people, 3 RV groups for a total of 145 people, 4 MBCB groups with 159 people, 6 Day Groups for 263 people, 24 fishing groups with 43 people and 4 Volunteer groups with 35 people. The total for Central Hills for 2022 was 3197 people.

- Men's Ministry reported a roundtable discussion group called The Guild, which included 50 pastors, lay leaders and other staff.
- IMPACT Training a training for pastors, church staff, and volunteer leaders of adults, youth, children, and preschool focusing on equipping all leaders and volunteers to serve was held in six locations and had over 700 participants.
- Bible Drill had over 1500 children and students across the state that learned God's Word.
- Small Church Youth Ministry Workshops in seven locations had 118 students from 46 different churches.
- Garaywa Retreat Center had 1030 campers from across the state with 26 professions of faith, six rededications and three calls to ministry. There was a total of 3644 other guests that attended events at Garaywa in 2022. The two Fall Mother/Daughter Weekends had 190 guests and the Spring Mother/Daughter had 190 guests as well.
- Women's Ministry and Woman's Missionary Union department reported that Literacy Trainings have been held in the Golden Triangle resulting in 12 new Adult Reading and Writing volunteers, 12 new English as a Second Language volunteers, and 3 new Tutoring Children and Youth volunteers. In the Literacy Missions Ministries, there were seven baptisms reported. Currently there are 12 Christian Men's Job Corps/Christian Women's Job Corps (CMJC/CWJC) sites working with students in Mississippi. There were also 200 attendees in their Equipping Leaders Training.
- The Christian Action Commission was very busy in 2022. The Winston Baptist Association Banquet in March had 60 in attendance. The Lamplighter Conference at Washington Baptist in Natchez had 40 in attendance; this same conference at West Heights in Pontotoc had 40 as well. The Church Safety for Minors Workshops in March at Columbus and Nesbit, had 100 participants! The annual Christian Leadership Institute for teenagers is held at Blue Mountain College in July. This year there were 68 for the two day training and 150 at the Banquet on opening night!
- The Evangelism Department presented Jesus to attendees at the Dixie National Rodeo in February of 2022. They shared 554 times and had 43 accept Christ! They also presented Jesus at the Mississippi State Fair in October, with 153 volunteers. They shared 2585 times and had 209 salvations!
- The Evangelism Department is a big distributor of Bibles, tracts, crosses, bookmarks and door hangers with the plan of salvation. In 2022, they gave 57,995 tracts and bookmarks, 56,075 holiday tracts and door hangers, 5560 Bibles which does not include those given away at the Rodeo or the State Fair.

#### North American Mission Board (NAMB)

- NAMB supports more than 6100 missionaries and chaplains, including 2469 missionaries in varying ministry categories as well as 3720 chaplains.
- NAMB and the International Mission Board began working together under the banner of Send Relief to provide Southern Baptists a "one-stop shop" for compassion ministry both nationally and internationally.
- There are more than 3300 churches involved in SEND Network strategy as prayer partners or active participants connected with a ministry location or church planter. In 2021, Southern Baptists added 1018 new congregations, 735



new plants, 201 new churches affiliated with SBC and 82 church campuses launched. This is a 25% increase in plants, and 19% increase in congregations overall. Of the 735 plants, 135 were replants.

- To help develop new church planting missionaries and leaders, NAMB created the Multiplication Pipeline. There are more than 972 churches implementing the Pipeline and they have engaged 5168 participants in training.
- Overall, SEND Relief served 1.4 million people, presented the gospel nearly 300,000 times and witnessed more than 37,000 professions of faith in 2021.
- Through SBC Disaster Relief, there have been thousands of volunteers mobilized with 538,000 meals distributed in North America, more than 132,000 people received health care assistance or training internationally in 2021.
- In 2019, NAMB developed a mentorship program known as the Leadership Institute. Overall 143 pastors were trained by 16 coaches in the first two years. The 2022 cohort was launched with 89 new participants to be trained by 15 experienced pastor-coaches.
- Hurricane Ida in 2021 brought together states and Crisis Response teams to prepare 886,000 hot meals and accumulated more than 52,000 days of service time. SBC volunteers served more than 4000 homeowners in the wake of severe storms and witnessed more than 2100 professions of faith in Jesus!
- In 2021, NAMB began working with state conventions to host shorter retreats and getaways for ministers. There were 12 Pastor Wellness retreats and getaways that served more than 1700 pastors and wives.
- More than 25,000 refugees came to faith around the world and more than 18,000 participated in training and educational programs last year.
- Currently there are hundreds of thousands of children in foster care. SEND Relief distributed more than 103,000 backpacks filled with supplies for children, and nearly 300 local churches were involved in caring for families and children.
- Human Trafficking is the fastest growing criminal industry in the world. SEND Relief's Human Trafficking ministry impacted more than 1400 people with 780 participants in educational or mentoring programs in North America.

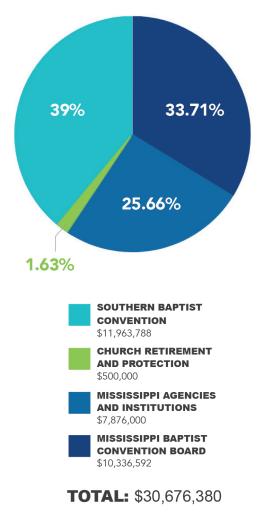
#### International Mission Board (IMB)

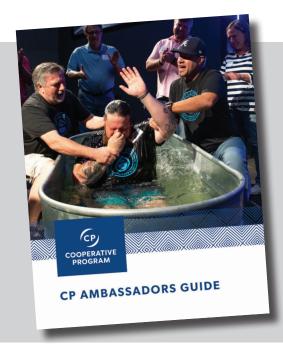
• In January 2020, IMB President Paul Chitwood announced targets through the year 2025 to engage unreached peoples and places. The targets included 500 more missionaries, 500 global missionary partners, engagement in 75 global cities, increase in giving by 6 percent annually, and mobilizing 75 percent of Southern Baptist churches to support the IMB by the year 2025.



- In 2022, Southern Baptists celebrated the appointment of 158 new fully funded IMB missionaries. An additional 219 mid-term missionaries were also commissioned IMB missionaries. The missionaries represented all nine of IMB's global affinities. Sending Celebrations took place in person in January 2022 and were featured virtually in June and November.
- Though many missionaries left their countries of service due to the global pandemic, IMB celebrated the growth and activity of national churches that continued the vital work of reaching the lost in their own communities. Missionaries also stayed involved in the vital task of reaching the lost through online opportunities and by connecting with people groups from their countries in the U.S. There are 3527 total missionaries as of the end of 2022. There were 107,701 baptisms and 22,744 new churches for 2022.
- IMB celebrated \$203,728,329.80 million Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (LMCO) total for 2022. Because operating costs for the IMB are covered through the Cooperative Program, every dollar donated to LMCO goes directly to the missionaries.
- IMB celebrated 175 years of uninterrupted gospel witness to the nations. IMB launched the interactive 175th anniversary timeline featuring missionary vignettes and short videos of IMB's work through the decades. Southern Baptists also observed 174 days of prayer for the nations.

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