

DEAR MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

If I could pull back the curtain on the Cooperative Program budget and you could look beyond the numbers you would see the faces of real people serving the Lord at the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Men and women who are passionate about assisting the local church to make disciples in Mississippi and around the world.

You would see the portraits of some 2,000 churches that comprise the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the myriad of ministries and missions conducted by those churches. You would see the worship of children and young people learning about Jesus at Vacation Bible School and participating in Bible Drills. You would see Disaster Relief teams responding to a crisis and helping people at the point of their most desperate needs. You would see the faces of innocent little children being cared for by house parents at the campuses of the Baptist Children's Village across Mississippi. You would see evangelistic efforts taking place and spiritual transformation in the hearts of new believers. You would see young people using their talents and praising the Lord in the All-State youth choir.

You would see missionaries serving the Lord all over the world and new believers from many different nationalities. You would see the faces of college students and seminary students being trained and prepared to engage their generation with the truth of the gospel. You would see the gospel preached behind prison bars to share hope with those incarcerated. You would see men, women, and teenagers on mission going beyond their comfort zone to share the good news of Jesus.

Yes, you would see all of that and more. I want you to know when your church gives through the Cooperative Program YOU and your church are having an IMPACT that will last for eternity. However, the joy of giving is found in not only making an impact in the lives of others but also discovering the biggest impact is in you becoming more like Jesus!

If you would like to learn more about the Cooperative Program or schedule a CP speaker for your church, please call (601) 292-3347 or e-mail us at rblythe@mbcb.org. Thank you for every dollar your church gives through the Cooperative Program.



Because HE Lives,

Rickey Blythe

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MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD

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AND THE WORLD THROUGH THE
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

HOW IS THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM DISTRIBUTED?



CHURCHES

When your church gives through the Cooperative Program, 60.50% of the Cooperative Program dollars stay in Mississippi, and the other 39.50% is given to the Southern Baptist Convention. Over 34% of the money in Mississippi is used in Collegiate Ministry, Discipleship/Sunday School, Missions Mobilization, Stewardship/Prayer Ministry, Leadership, Worship Ministry, and many other ministries designed to strengthen the local church.

MISSISSIPPI

2,059 CHURCHES • 501,431 MEMBERS
8,458 REPORTED BAPTISMS

In Mississippi, Cooperative Program funds are used by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board to help pastors and churches through consultations, seminars/training events, and a host of written resources. A portion also goes toward Disaster Relief efforts, the Baptist Children's Village, Central Hills Baptist Retreat, Camp Garaywa, Evangelism, Multicultural Ministries, Church Planting/Revitalizing, and many other ministries.



NORTH AMERICA

3,299 MISSIONARIES • 3,300 NAMB ENDORSED CHAPLAINS
608 NEW CHURCH PLANTS (2023)

Some of the Cooperative Program funds going to the Southern Baptist Convention are sent to the North American Mission Board, which supports over 6,500 missionaries and chaplains in the United States and Canada. The Cooperative Program also helps support the nation's six seminaries and the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission.

WORLD

3,602 MISSIONARIES • 102,417 BAPTISMS
21,231 NEW CHURCH PLANTS

The Southern Baptist Convention additionally sends Cooperative Program dollars to the International Mission Board which supports more than 3,600 missionaries. Since 1845, almost 25,000 Southern Baptist missionaries have shared the gospel, made disciples, planted churches, and planted their lives in 185 countries worldwide.



The Cooperative Program is the financial fuel for reaching every person for Jesus Christ in every town, every city, every state and every nation. For every dollar you give to the local church, a portion goes to power the work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention to train pastors, send missionaries, plant new churches and strengthen existing churches.

Gifts from your church are distributed among Mississippi Baptist and Southern Baptist causes based on percentages. Each church determines how much they will send through the Cooperative Program.

Want to learn more about how CP dollars from your church are distributed? Scan the QR code below or visit mbcb.org/offering/cooperative-program/



WHEN YOUR CHURCH GIVES \$1000

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD

Baptist Record	0.89%	\$8.90
Business Services	1.41%	\$14.10
Capital Needs	2.03%	\$20.30
Church Planting/Revitalization	1.31%	\$13.10
Collegiate Ministry	7.87%	\$78.70
Communication Services	1.43%	\$14.30
Computer Information Services	0.84%	\$8.40
Convention & Convention Comm.	0.41%	\$4.10
Disaster Relief	1.03%	\$10.30
Discipleship/Sunday School	3.35%	\$33.50
Evangelism	1.28%	\$12.80
Executive Administration	1.63%	\$16.30
Financial Services	1.17%	\$11.70
Human Resources	0.99%	\$9.90
Leadership	1.20%	\$12.00
Missions Mobilization	1.42%	\$14.20
Multicultural Ministries	0.77%	\$7.70
Stewardship/Prayer Ministry	0.85%	\$8.50
Strategy	1.26%	\$12.60
WMU/Women's Ministries of MS	1.78%	\$17.80
Worship Ministries	1.41%	\$14.10
Subtotal	34.33%	\$343.30

MISSISSIPPI AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS

Baptist Children's Village	2.45%	\$24.50
Board of Ministerial Education	1.23%	\$12.30
Christian Action Commission	1.04%	\$10.40
Christian Education	18.41%	\$184.10
Historical Commission	0.39%	\$3.90
Mississippi Baptist Foundation	1.27%	\$12.70
Subtotal	24.79%	\$247.90

CHURCH RETIREMENT AND PROTECTION

Subtotal	1.38%	\$13.80
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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

International Mission Board	19.91%	\$199.15
North American Mission Board	9.00%	\$90.00
Theological Education	8.75%	\$87.55
SBC Operating	1.18%	\$11.80
Ethics & Religious Liberty Comm	0.65%	\$6.50
Subtotal	39.50%	\$395.00

Total	100.00%	\$1000.00
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