

Southern
Baptist

 **issionaries**

 **issions**

and

WHY do
Southern Baptist
engage in missions
and send
missionaries?

For **God's glory** among all nations

Old Testament

Genesis 1:26-31

Exodus 9:16

Deuteronomy 4:6-10, 39

Joshua 4:24

Psalms 67:1-3, 117, 148:11-13

Isaiah 12:1-4, 6:8, 49:6

Ezekiel 36:23

Daniel 3:28-29, 6:25-27, 7:14

Jonah 3:2-3

Micah 4:1-3

Habakkuk 2:14

Zephaniah 3:9

Haggai 2:7

New Testament

Matthew 28:18-20

Mark 16:15-16

Luke 24:46-47

John 20:21

Acts 1:8, 13:46-47

Romans 10:14-15, 15:15-21

2 Corinthians 2:17

Galatians 3:7-9

Ephesians 2:17-20

Philippians 2:10-11

Colossians 2:13-15

1 Thessalonians 4:1-2

1 Timothy 2:1-6

Titus 2:11-15

Revelation 5:9, 7:9-11

WHO is a MISSIONARY?

EVERY follower of Jesus
is *commanded* by Jesus
to make disciples
of ALL nations
and teach them all that God has commanded us
according to Matthew 28:19-20.

EVERY follower of Jesus
is *commanded* by Jesus
to be a witness locally, nationally, and internationally
according to Acts 1:8.

While every follower of Jesus is not a missionary,
EVERY follower of Jesus
is expected to
partner in the missionary task (see page 8).

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A **missionary** is
a Christ follower
called by God
and sent out
by the local church
to use biblical methods
for disciple-making
and strengthening
that result in healthy
church planting.

A missionary is a Christ follower

sent by God the Father - John 3:34;
sent by God the Holy Spirit - Acts 13:4;
sent by God the Son - 1 Corinthians 1:17

called by God

John 15:16; Acts 6:3-6, 8:26, 13:2; Romans 1:1;
1 Corinthians 1:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:24;
2 Thessalonians 2:14; 1 Peter 2:21

And sent out by the local church

Acts 13:3; Romans 10:15; Ephesians 3:10, 20-21

to use biblical methods

Matthew 28:19-20 (baptize, teach them to obey);
Colossians 1:28 (pursue sanctification),
Colossians 3:16 (know the Bible, worship);
1 Peter 2:21 (model Christ-likeness);
2 Timothy 3:16-17 (apply the Bible, discipline, equip followers);
John 17:18 (send them out)

for disciple-making

Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 14:21; 2 Timothy 2:2

and strengthening

Acts 14:22, 15:32, 16:5, 18:23; 1 Thessalonians 3:2

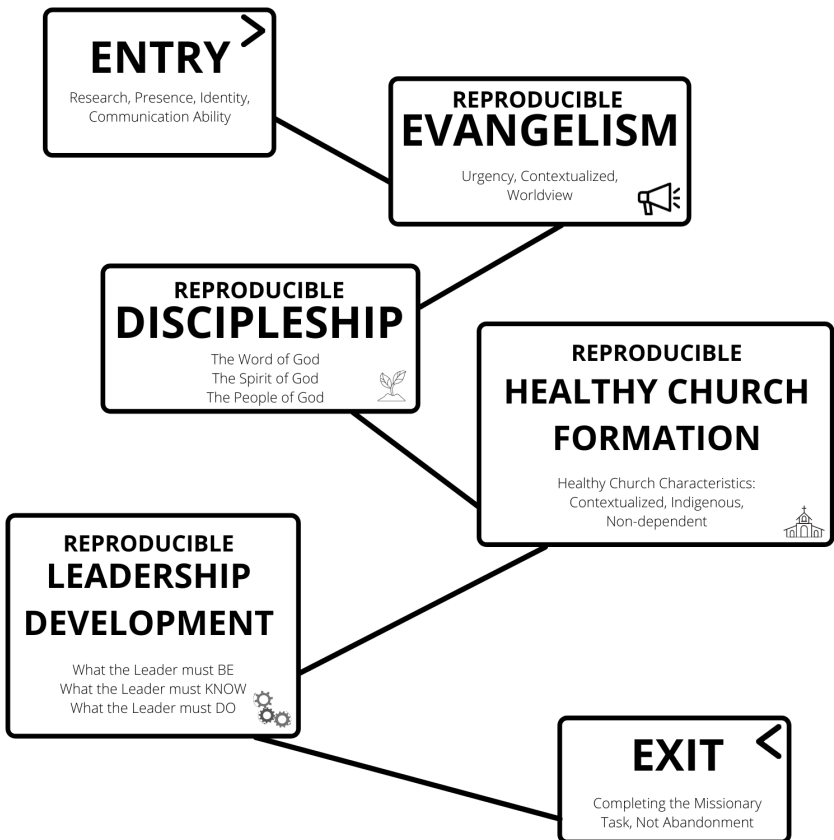
that result in healthy church planting

Acts 2:38-44, 14:22-23, 18:8-11; Romans 15:19-20;
1 Corinthians 3:6, 10-11

WHAT is the
MISSIONARY TASK?

In light of the full testimony of Scripture, we believe that the core missionary task has six components: entry, evangelism, disciple-making, healthy church formation, leadership development, and strategically planned exit. Because prayer is central to our strategy, it is not a separate component of the task, but rather is an essential element in every part. Prayer must permeate every aspect of the missionary task.

THE MISSIONARY TASK



From

WHERE

do Southern Baptist
missionaries come?

The local church seeks to reach the lost locally, nationally, and internationally and disciple them.

Individuals, identified within the local congregation, are called by God to use biblical methods for disciple-making and strengthening that result in healthy church planting.

Missionaries come from the local church.

Missionaries are called by God and sent out on behalf of their local church, often in cooperation with their local Baptist association, the *Georgia Baptist Mission Board*, the *North American Mission Board* or the *International Mission Board* to use biblical methods for disciple-making and strengthening that result in healthy church planting.

Missionaries will typically continue their training at a seminary, a school designed to equip spiritual leaders.

WHERE do
Southern Baptist
missionaries go?

Missionaries go...

to the place or people group

where God calls and leads them to go,
including to unreached people and underserved places,
are sent by their local church,
and use biblical methods
for making spiritually mature disciples
who reproduce that result in healthy church planting.

Missionaries go...

to make disciples and

work to gather the disciples for worship, discipleship,
healthy church formation, and leadership development
while equipping them to go and make disciple-makers
among other people groups and locations
as God leads.

With
WHOM
do Southern Baptists
partner?

The local church partners with other autonomous,
like-minded, biblically based
Southern Baptist churches **in a region or by affinity**
to form an **ASSOCIATION**
like the **Piedmont Okefenokee Baptist Association**.

These churches work together
to accomplish missionary tasks
for God to be glorified,
God's will to be accomplished,
and for God's kingdom to grow
by making spiritually mature disciples who reproduce.



Piedmont Okefenokee Baptist Association, Inc. is
funded by the freewill offerings of its cooperating
churches. It is not funded through
the Cooperative Program.

<https://mypoba.com/>

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The local church partners with other autonomous,
like-minded, biblically based
Southern Baptist churches **across a state**
to form a **STATE** mission board
like the **Georgia Baptist Mission Board**.

These churches work together
to accomplish missionary tasks
for God to be glorified,
God's will to be accomplished,
and for God's kingdom to grow
by making spiritually mature disciples who reproduce.



The **Georgia Baptist Mission Board** is funded through
the Cooperative Program.

<https://gabaptist.org/>

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The local church partners with other autonomous,
like-minded, biblically based
Southern Baptist churches **across a nation**
to form a **NATIONAL** convention
like the **Southern Baptist Convention**.

These churches work together
to accomplish missionary tasks
for God to be glorified,
God's will to be accomplished,
and for God's kingdom to grow
by making spiritually mature disciples that reproduce.



The **Southern Baptist Convention** is funded through
the Cooperative Program.

<https://www.sbc.net/>

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The local church partners with other autonomous,
like-minded, biblically based
Baptist churches, typically in other countries,
to form **GREAT COMMISSION PARTNERSHIPS.**

These churches work together
to accomplish missionary tasks
for God to be glorified, God's will to be accomplished,
and for God's kingdom to grow
by making spiritually mature disciples who reproduce.

Did you know...

...each **local Southern Baptist church**

is the ***headquarters*** for

evangelism,

disciple-making,

missions,

leadership development,

and healthy church formation

in Southern Baptist life?

...each **local Southern Baptist church**

is ***autonomous***

and not subject to any authority

but Christ as head of the church?

There is no hierarchal structure

in Southern Baptist life.

...that the ***Baptist Faith and Message 2000***

is the ***confession of faith***

adopted by Southern Baptists?

HOW do
Southern Baptists
support missions
and missionaries?

Through **PRAYER...**

Churches pray for the lost, for laborers, for God to be glorified, God's will to be accomplished, and for God's kingdom to grow by making spiritually mature disciples who reproduce.

Through **GIVING...**

Churches contribute resources for God to be glorified, God's will to be accomplished, and for God's kingdom to grow by making spiritually mature disciples who reproduce.

Through **EQUIPPING...**

Churches equip followers of Jesus Christ and make disciple-makers for God to be glorified, for God's will to be accomplished, and for God's kingdom to grow by making spiritually mature disciples who reproduce.

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Through **SENDING**...

Churches send out missionaries and mission teams to assist missionaries for God to be glorified, God's will to be accomplished, and God's kingdom to grow by making spiritually mature disciples who reproduce.

Through **GOING**...

Individuals are called by the Holy Spirit to go where God leads, including to unreached people groups and underserved places, for God to be glorified, God's will to be accomplished, and God's kingdom to grow by making spiritually mature disciples who reproduce.

A Fully Mobilized Church



A Missions
Focused Church



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AS
IDENTITY;
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HOW do
Southern Baptists fund
missions and ministries?

Tithes are **10% of the church membership's financial income** given through a local church recognizing that God owns everything. Tithes are given as a means of worship and used for God to be glorified, God's will to be accomplished, and for God's kingdom to grow by making spiritually mature disciples who reproduce.

Offerings are financial **gifts given** through a local church **in addition to the tithes**, typically for specific causes for God to be glorified, God's will to be accomplished, and for God's kingdom to grow by making spiritually mature disciples who reproduce.

WHAT are some offerings used for missions given through the local Southern Baptist church?

PIEDMONT OKEFENOKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OFFERING

Association offerings for the ***Piedmont Okefenokee Baptist Association*** are financial resources given through the local church to work with other autonomous, like-minded, biblically based Baptist churches **across a region**. Churches work together allowing them to accomplish missionary tasks that individual churches may not be able to accomplish by themselves. These offerings are used for God to be glorified, God's will to be accomplished, and for God's kingdom to grow by making spiritually mature disciples who reproduce.



ASSOCIATION OFFERING
is an offering emphasized in October annually.

<https://mypoba.org/>

MISSION GEORGIA OFFERING

State mission offerings for *Mission Georgia* are financial resources given through the local church as a designated offering to work with other autonomous, like-minded, biblically based Baptist churches **across a state** that work together which allows them to accomplish tasks that individual churches or associations may not be able to accomplish by themselves and is used for God to be glorified, God's will to be accomplished, and for God's kingdom to grow.

MISSION GEORGIA

is an offering emphasized in September annually.

This offering focuses on five ministry areas:



Human Trafficking



Pre/Post Natal Care



Childhood Literacy



Refugees & Internationals



Foster Care & Adoption

<https://missiongeorgia.org>

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

National mission offerings for the **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** are financial resources given through the local church to work with other autonomous, like-minded, biblically based Baptist churches. By contributing resources through this offering, churches work together allowing them to accomplish missionary tasks that individual churches, associations, or state mission boards may not be able to accomplish by themselves. These offerings are used for God to be glorified, God's will to be accomplished, and for God's kingdom to grow by making spiritually mature disciples who reproduce **within North America**.

**ANNIE
ARMSTRONG**
EASTER OFFERING®
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

is an offering emphasized in March annually.

100% of AAEO gifts are used to support Southern Baptist missionaries serving across the United States and Canada.

<https://www.anniearmstrong.com/>

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

International mission offerings for the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** are financial resources given through the local church to work with other autonomous, like-minded, biblically based Baptist churches. By contributing resources through this offering, churches work together allowing them to accomplish missionary tasks that individual churches, associations, or state mission boards may not be able to accomplish by themselves. These offerings are used for God to be glorified, God's will to be accomplished, and for God's kingdom to grow by making spiritually mature disciples who reproduce **outside of North America**.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®
——— *for international missions* ———

is an offering emphasized in December annually.

100% of LMCO gifts provide for Southern Baptist missionaries all over the world.

<https://www.imb.org/lottie-moon-christmas-offering/>

GLOBAL HUNGER RELIEF OFFERING

Global Hunger Relief offering was established in 1978 as the World Hunger Fund. Global Hunger Relief is an initiative of the Southern Baptist Convention dedicated to combating hunger and sharing the Bread of Life.

GHR funds are used in Gospel-centered hunger projects that share God's love in both word and deed.

GHR-funded projects meet crisis hunger needs in famine or natural disasters, but also focus on long-term, sustainable solutions to end chronic hunger, such as:

Job skills training

Livestock and seed distribution

Clean water

Home reconstruction

Medical care

Aftercare for human trafficking victims*



GlobalHungerRelief

bread for life.

is an offering emphasized in October annually.

100% goes to fight hunger in North America
and around the world.

*<https://globalhungerrelief.org/>

What is the



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ?

The **Cooperative Program** is a unified plan of giving. Financial resources given through the local church work together with other autonomous, like-minded, biblically based Baptist churches. This allows them to accomplish tasks that individual churches, associations, or state mission boards may not be able to accomplish by themselves and is used for God to be glorified, God's will to be accomplished, and for God's kingdom to grow.

Financial resources are received by the local church. The local church determines the percentage of undesignated financial contributions to forward to the Georgia Baptist Mission Board (GBMB).

<https://www.sbc.net/missions/the-cooperative-program/>

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The messengers to the state mission board's convention determine the percentage of CP resources to retain in the state and distribute through GBMB related entities.

[Church Strengthening](#)

[Baptist Women](#)

[Pastor Wellness](#)

[Research and Development](#)

[Association & Community Missions / Disaster Relief](#)

Executive Committee

[Annual Meeting](#)

Retirement

Technology Properties & Facilities

Support Services

Executive Leadership Team

[Brewton Parker College](#)

[Shorter University](#)

[Truett McConnell University](#)

[Education Commission](#)

[Baptist Retirement Communities](#)

[Baptist Village](#)

<https://gabaptist.org/cp/>

The messengers to the state mission board's (GBMB) convention determine the percentage of CP resources to forward to the national convention (SBC). Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) determine how the Cooperative Program resources are distributed through its SBC related entities.

[Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission](#)

[Guidestone Financial Resources](#)

[International Mission Board](#)

[Lifeway Christian Resources](#)

[North American Mission Board](#)

[Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee](#)

[Gateway Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention](#)

[Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary](#)

[New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary](#)

[Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary](#)

[The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary](#)

[The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary](#)

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Southern Baptist and Georgia Baptist Missions History Summary

1638 first Baptist church in America meets in Providence.

1707 *Philadelphia Association* was the first Baptist association founded in America.

1772 *Kiokee Baptist Church* was constituted as Georgia's first Baptist church.

1784 *Georgia Baptist Association* was organized as the states' first association.

1815 Piedmont Baptist Association was organized.

1822 *General Baptist Association of the State of Georgia* was organized by associations in Georgia. *

1845 *Southern Baptist Convention* was organized in Augusta, Georgia. It was established in part to "promote Foreign and Domestic Missions..."

1846 Samuel Clopton and George Percy become the first Foreign Mission Board missionaries. Sent to China.

1873 Foreign Mission Board appoints Charlotte "Lottie" Moon to the mission field in China.

1877 General Baptist Association of the State of Georgia became the *Georgia Baptist Board of Missions*.

1888 *Woman's Missionary Union* was organized in Richmond, Virginia as an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

1888 *Lottie Moon* suggests a Christmas offering for missions.

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1895 Woman's Missionary Union begins collecting an offering for North American missions.

1918 Annie Armstrong recommends the Christmas offering be named after Lottie Moon and the offering is officially named the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

1919 Georgia Baptist Convention voted to reconstitute its leadership as an executive committee.

1925 *Cooperative Program* was adopted at the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, Tennessee.

1925 First edition of the *Baptist Faith and Message* was adopted at the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, Tennessee.

1934 The offering for North American missions was named for *Annie Armstrong*, WMU's first national executive director.*

1936 Okefenokee Baptist Association was organized.

1963 1925* *Baptist Faith and Message* was amended.

1969 Piedmont and Okefenokee associations merged.

2000 1963* *Baptist Faith and Message* was amended.

2015 The Georgia Baptist Executive Committee approved a DBA designation of *Georgia Baptist Mission Board*.

2023 2000 *Baptist Faith and Message* was amended to include "elder/overseer" with each instance of "pastor" in section VI on the Church.

MISSIONS PARTNERS



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