



SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTIST CONVENTION



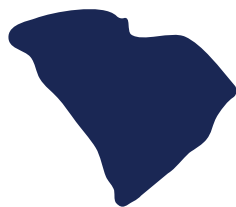
MINISTRY PLAN

2023



**COOPERATIVE
PROGRAM**

SOUTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE PROGRAM INVESTMENT



OUR STATE

South Carolina Baptist Convention	8,392,550	31.67%
Anderson University	1,364,750	5.15%
Charleston Southern University	1,264,050	4.77%
North Greenville University	1,110,350	4.19%
Connie Maxwell Children's Ministries	848,000	3.20%
South Carolina Baptist Ministries of Aging	837,400	3.16%
Woman's Missionary Union	463,750	1.75%
Baptist Courier	161,650	0.61%
Baptist Foundation of South Carolina	0	0.00%
	14,442,500	54.50%



OUR NATION

North American Mission Board	2,477,750	9.35%
Theological Seminaries	2,390,300	9.02%
Executive Committee & SBC Operating	315,350	1.19%
Ethics & Religious Liberty Committee	185,500	0.70%
Historical Library & Archives	21,200	0.08%
	5,390,100	20.34%



OUR WORLD

International Mission Board	6,667,400	25.16%
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\$26,500,000 100%



See where your church's
Cooperative Program
dollars go



See how much each
church gives

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING GENEROSITY

Since 1925, the Cooperative Program has been greatly used by God to send missionaries, plant churches, educate ministers, and provide countless ways to fan the flame of evangelism and discipleship. In two short years we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Cooperative Program and it is thrilling to know that God is still using this simple, yet ingenious, plan of doing cooperative Kingdom work.

This 2023 Ministry Plan booklet has been designed to give you a visual overview of how your Cooperative Program dollars are used, not only here in South Carolina, but around the world. As the first, and thereby the oldest Baptist state convention, our South Carolina Baptist Convention (SCBaptist) family continues as a pace setter in cooperative ministry.

It is our prayer that this resource will be something you will use throughout the year in your local ministry setting. It will certainly provide a simple educational tool to use in your church, but it can also be used as a yearly prayer guide. While the ministries highlighted here are supported by the faithful giving of South Carolina Baptists, it is the prayer support that is most vital.

I am personally grateful to the Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee of our SCBaptist Executive Board for their work in preparing and presenting the 2023 budget. Our staff has done an incredible job in seeking God's direction first before making budget requests. Prayerfully you will see and hear their hearts and not just see a dollar sign.

On a personal note, there is a bit of sad reflection when I consider this will be my last budget presentation as your Executive Director/Treasurer. The time God has allowed me to serve will always be the pinnacle of my nearly 50 years in ministry. Regardless of what our retirement days will bring, we shall always consider ourselves to proudly be South Carolina Baptists!



May the Lord continue to use the faithful financial stewardship of our South Carolina Baptist Convention of churches to help us reach every life with the hope of the Gospel!

Gary Hollingsworth
Executive Director-Treasurer

2022 BUDGET, FINANCE, AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

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HOW THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM WORKS



Your church gives a percentage of its annual budget to SCBaptist

SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTIST CONVENTION

TOTAL \$8,392,550



Learn more about our
Ministry Priorities

HEARTBEAT OF ADVANCE

OUR MISSION

Helping *each* church advance the Great Commission *together*

OUR VALUES

the potential of **EVERY LIFE**

therefore, we network all kinds of churches to ensure that every person is seen, heard, and given a chance to experience hope

the strength of **COLLABORATION**

therefore, we connect like-minded partners, share resources, and respect varying perspectives

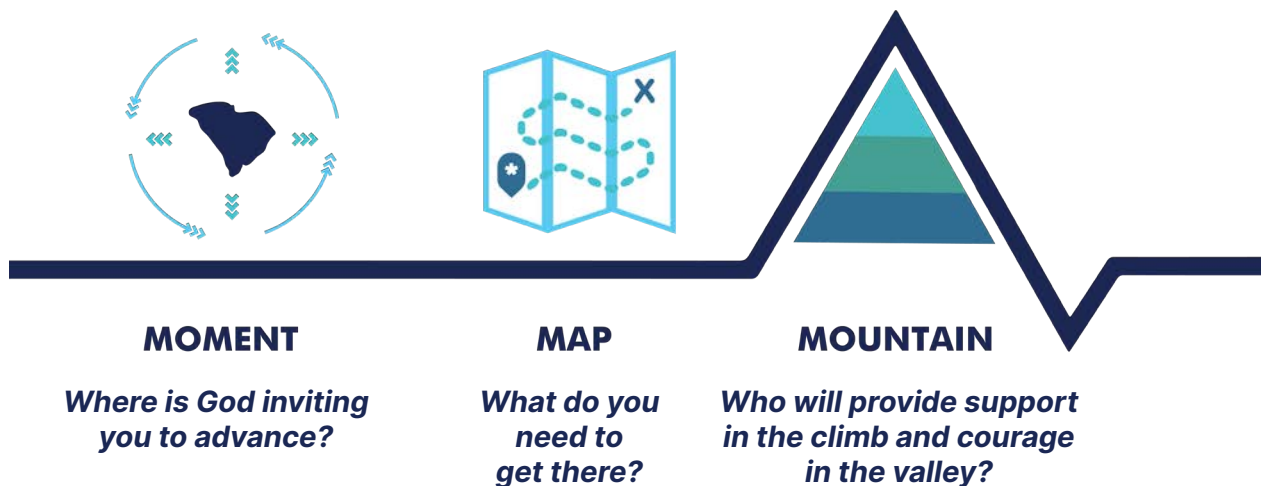
the energy of **INNOVATION**

therefore, we experiment with new methods that spark breakthrough and encourage churches to do the same

the lever of **LEADERSHIP**

therefore, we build intentional relationships with leaders of leaders to strengthen ongoing movement

OUR STRATEGY



each church
every life

Learn more about
our mission, values,
and strategy



FINISH INITIATIVE

God is bringing the nations to our cities, towns, and neighborhoods. With over 250,000 foreign-born in our state, the Finish Initiative is one way we assist churches to engage unreached people groups living in South Carolina.



“As a child in China, I liked to study. I always avoided religion but that changed after my wife came to the US and she was naturally curious. We went to the Chinese church. I took the Bible. I read and I realized that the Bible is truly reliable.” -Kunming



**Learn more about the
Finish Initiative**



"I served in my local church, but after several years, I just felt called by God for full-time ministry. I called a friend of mine who used to be a missionary in China and through him, I was connected with the Church at The Mill. I was invited to meet the only Chinese family in this church. So I met them and that family just cried. They attended the church for several years, but the problem is no one can use their heart language to teach them, to help them." -John

each church every life

A man with short dark hair and glasses is speaking into a microphone. He is wearing a dark red shirt with a small white pattern. The background is dark and out of focus.

ASIA PACIFIC RIM

The Asia Pacific Rim is home to 2.3 billion people living in 33 countries and representing nearly 30% of the world's total population. Only 4.2% are followers of Jesus, and 43,454 men, women, and children are dying every day without Christ.

"Before I came to Christ I was born into a Buddhist family. My old life in Bangkok was not pretty like it is now. I was addicted to drugs since the tenth grade. In Bangkok, I sold and did drugs; that's how I met [my wife] Gik. I came to Christ after her at a camp. I was baptized and still addicted to drugs. God help us get out of drugs and go to Bible college. We got a scholarship to Bangkok seminary and got our Masters in divinity there, God gave me the desire to plant a church." -Sorn

A person with dark hair is seen from behind, wearing a bright red hoodie. They are standing outdoors, looking towards a blurred background of buildings and trees.

EUROPEAN DIASPORA

Thousands of refugees migrating out of North Africa and the Middle East arrive in Europe looking for hope and a new life. Volunteers are needed to work alongside IMB personnel and national partners in many parts of Europe to share the hope of the Gospel with refugees.

**"I know the Bible says you should honor your father and mother. But if I tell them that I've become a Christian, they'll have me killed. How can I tell my parents this?"
-Omar**

MISSIONS PARTNERSHIPS

Strategic partnerships are the best way for churches to be on mission and we want to assist every church in connecting with mission partners. SCBaptist are establishing strategic partnerships with the IMB, NAMB, and Baptist Conventions to connect churches with strategic partners.

LOS ANGELES

Among all of California's iconic cities, none has more influence than the largest—Los Angeles. Hollywood alone commands tremendous sway on popular culture worldwide.

"I am learning that future life transformation has its genesis in the sending of God's people. If some don't go, many will perish." -Will

SALT LAKE CITY

Salt Lake has only one Southern Baptist church for every 40,460 people and the number of evangelical Christians in the metro area is estimated to be 2.2%.

"I saw a change in the way [my friend] viewed life, approached ministry, and did the day-to-day." -Mariah

Learn more about
Missions Partnerships



NEIGHBORING

Neighboring is an initiative birthed by South Carolina Baptists to share hope with those in closest vicinity to us, but far from God. What does it look like to love your neighbor? The focus is to pray, care, and share.



"I met a new family that moved in across the street. I was very excited that I had this new family move in. I instantly became friends with Katie and we had a great relationship. On a walk around the block, I asked her, 'Has Jesus ever changed your life?' She said, 'No.' I said, 'Would you like to pray to receive Jesus into your heart right now?' She said, 'Yes.'" -Kelly Ann



**Learn more about
Neighboring**

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

We desire to create opportunities for women to be encouraged, mentored, and grow in leadership skills to make a Kingdom impact. By cultivating a network of women's leaders through our events and cohorts, women feel supported and challenged.



COACHING COLLABORATIVE

The Coaching Collaborative is a six-month cohort that equips ministers' wives, women's ministry leaders, small group facilitators, and college student leaders who can network together. In these cohorts, leaders are challenged and encouraged by their peers to use their sphere of influence to make a Kingdom impact. These environments serve as a guide for instilling and cultivating Biblical values necessary to be a leader of integrity.

MINISTERS' WIVES

We understand how important ministers' wives are as they serve the church alongside their husbands. We desire to offer support, build community, and encourage through retreats, the Coaching Collaborative, and networking opportunities.

**Learn more about
Women's Ministry**



DISASTER RELIEF

SC Disaster Relief strives to bring help, hope, and healing after a crisis. When storms come, disaster relief teams quickly follow — clearing debris, feeding the hungry, and helping families rebuild.



KENTUCKY FLOODING

Disaster Relief teams were called by the Kentucky Baptist Convention to help with flood recovery work. It is hard, dirty work, but the volunteers do it with love in their hearts. It is an opportunity to show Jesus' love to people who are hurting and to share the Gospel through actions and words.

“Our work at the border includes caring for and showing love to Ukrainians returning home. I helped a woman from the Chernivtsi region back to her village by carrying her bag and giving her the Gospel of John. What a privilege to love vulnerable people.” -Robbie



**Learn more about
Disaster Relief**

HEART4SCHOOLS

Heart4Schools is an initiative to help churches serve students and teachers in South Carolina. Our desire is to connect every school in South Carolina with a church that loves and serves them well.

STONY FORK COMMUNITY CHURCH

After a year of working with at-risk boys through a Heart4Schools after-school club, volunteers from Stony Fork Community Church were able to walk three students through professions of faith. Every week for a year, around 15 boys met for Quest Team, a life skills and character-building club sponsored by the church.



"God has blessed us and allowed us to move beyond the school through this Heart4Schools partnership, moving into the families and communities where the kids live." -Scott



TALL PINES BAPTIST CHURCH

Through an ongoing school partnership, Tall Pines Baptist Church was asked by their school partner if they could provide mentors for students. A student improved in school, began attending the church, and made a profession of faith! Lives are being transformed through the love of Jesus!

**Learn more about
Heart4Schools**



CHURCH REVITALIZATION

Hope for Churches exists to equip partners and practitioners to strengthen at-risk churches starting in South Carolina.



In November 2020, Steadman Baptist Church began the revitalization process. In May 2021, Pastor Neal Smith was called to lead the church. Since then the church has celebrated five additional baptisms.

“I’m in awe at the way that God continues to use this once dying church to effectively reach its community.” -Neal

From a frequently relocating church plant to rebuilding a Gospel presence in the Ridgewood neighborhood, God has multiplied laborers and increased their witness well beyond Greer at Ridgewood Church.

“For churches out there that are dying or struggling, I would have them consider, what do you want the legacy of this church to be? Do you want it to be a legacy of generosity, and of new life and of the Gospel moving forward?” -Trevor



**Learn more about
Church Revitalization**

CHURCH PLANTING

Church Planting is essential to the mission of God in South Carolina. Every church was once a new church, and every church has a role to play in starting churches. The goal of missional church planting is glorifying God, growing His kingdom, and developing healthy churches with new converts. The Start Network helps develop future leaders towards this goal.



"When I was studying the seminary, a Chinese pastor called me. He said that there are the church planting opportunity in the Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. So after [praying], God moved my heart, and I feel if there is a group of Chinese people, they need gospel. They need church." -Tao



"We would not have known about the good we can do here in Blacksburg if it hadn't been for the Start Network and the training we got there. Seeing the life change is what makes this worth it. It's a reminder of why we're here and an encouragement to keep going." -Ashby

**Learn more about
Church Planting**



PALMETTO COLLECTIVE

Palmetto Collective equips college juniors and seniors from campuses across South Carolina to be missional leaders for a lifetime of fruitful mission and ministry in any realm of society.



“My heart for missions took root and the Lord has made it so evident. I’m thankful for the Palmetto Collective for teaching me and training me. I have never been more ready and confident in the Lord to step out of the boat and share my faith.” -Grace



**“Palmetto Collective has given me the opportunity to further develop and grow a God-given passion for the gospel and the nations. It’s also surrounded me with like-minded peers that always encourage me when we get together.”
-John [pictured left]**



**Learn more about the
Palmetto Collective**

ONE NIGHT

ONE NIGHT is a grassroots evangelistic worship experience for teenagers designed to engage them and their friends with the hope of the Gospel.



"To watch students surrender their life to Christ in front of their peers and to be cheered on by them shows why having evangelistic events like this matter. I would encourage all leaders to work together to make ONE NIGHT a priority in their community." -Brad

"ONE NIGHT was a huge impact for our church and student ministry. God used this night to save numerous students in our ministry, many of them first time guests, and call others into ministry. We are still seeing the impact of this night almost six months later!" -Corey



**Learn more about
ONE NIGHT**



BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) groups meet on 30 campuses across South Carolina. BCM exists so every college student on every college campus can experience the hope of the Gospel.



“BCM was home to the most welcoming people I met in college who became some of my best friends. I was surrounded by people who had a desire to serve the Lord. Our campus minister made it clear he wanted to see our campus reached with the Gospel.” -Madison



“I realized that God was always there in my life, in every hardship I faced. I’m so thankful for everyone at BCM because they changed my life.” -Eric



**Learn more about
Baptist Collegiate Ministry**



▶ scbaptist.link/bcm100



This year we celebrate 100 years of God's work through Baptist Collegiate Ministry groups on our campuses. Over 10 decades, SCBaptist churches have invested to make sure our college and university students are engaged with the Gospel right where they study, live, and work. From this vital ministry, we've seen tens of thousands of new believers, vast numbers of church pastors and leaders, and global missionaries. We celebrate all God has done in the past and are incredibly excited to see all He will do in the coming years.

WHY I LEAD MY CHURCH TO INVEST IN THE SCBAPTIST COOPERATIVE PROGRAM



"In addition to supporting the Gospel globally, the Cooperative Program keeps our church focused on compassion over indifference resulting in missional momentum."

RANDY HARLING

(PASTOR, SUMMERVILLE BAPTIST)

"Partnerships help us to reach into the toughest areas and the darkest places. Our greatest partners in this work are the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention; we cannot do it alone. That is why we have a strong commitment to the Cooperative Program to fund the efforts of our churches to reach the world with the Gospel."

JOSH POWELL

(PASTOR, TAYLORS FIRST BAPTIST)



"Growing up, my pastor led our church in sacrificial Cooperative Program giving. He later led our church to start the Church at LifePark, who in turn gave generously to start the church I planted, DeepWater Church. Now it is my joy to lead our church to give through the Cooperative Program to plant churches. The legacy of South Carolina Baptists' generosity has made a huge imprint on others for the Gospel."

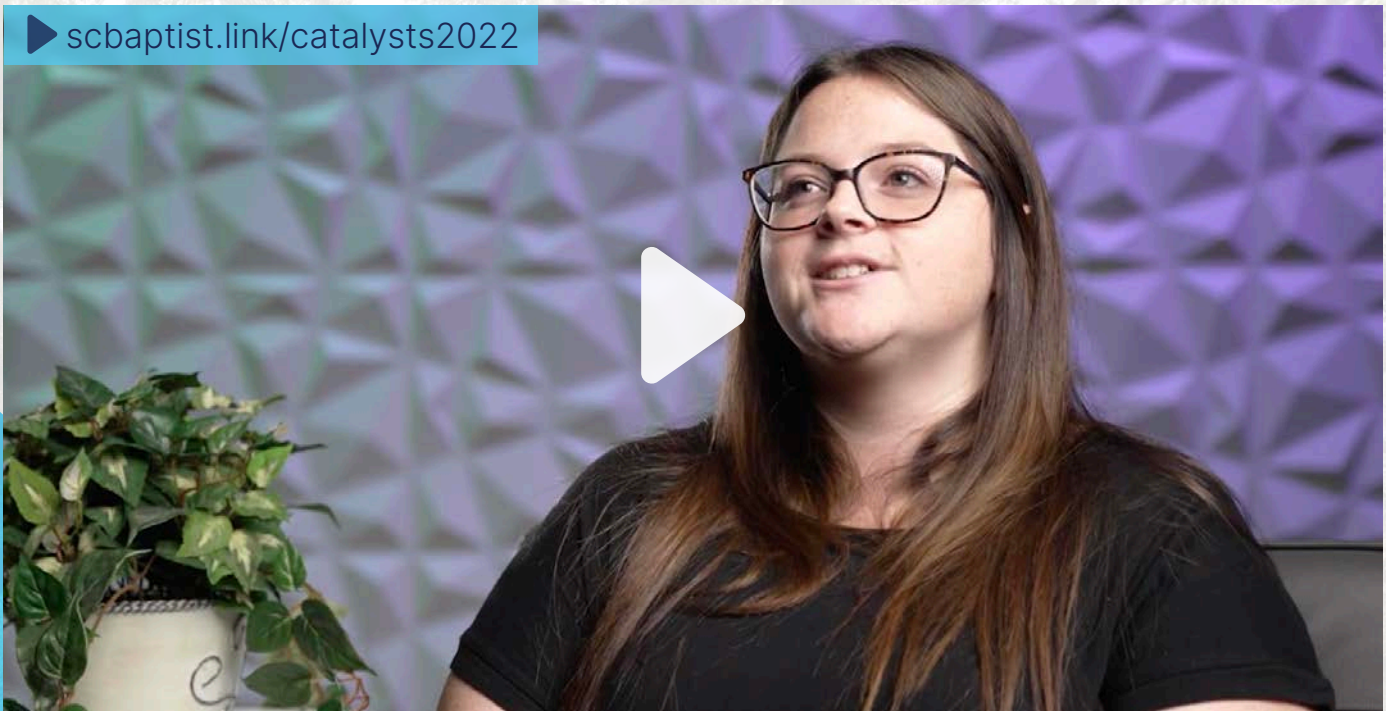
PAUL COLEMAN

(CHURCH PLANTER, DEEPWATER CHURCH)

CATALYSTS

A Catalyst is a student or young adult (ages 18-23) who feels a call to ministry, a desire to grow in ministry skills, and an interest to be in a community with other like-minded people.

▶ scbaptist.link/catalysts2022



"It was really cool for me to see the practical application and equipping along with mentorship." -Kay



"The Catalyst program definitely helped with knowing where I was going in my ministry. Specifically, I've learned through the program what I'm going to be doing for the rest of my life." -Jacob

Learn more about
Catalysts





Learn more about
Camps

SUMMER CAMPS

KidSalt is an overnight camp that focuses on sharing the Gospel with third, fourth, and fifth graders. This high-energy, four-day camp gives kids the chance to experience the message of Jesus during worship, Bible study, and recreation!

880
campers

1,500+
backpacks
for refugee families packed

85
salvations

SummerSalt is a high-energy, summer youth camp for students between 6th-12th grade that is designed to grasp and captivate the next generation with the Gospel.

3,049
campers

400
decisions
(117 salvations, 168 rededications, and 115 campers responding to a call to ministry)

Camp McCall partners with SCBaptist churches to evangelize, disciple, and mentor the next generation through summer camps, retreat hosting, and missions education by experiencing adventure, adversity, and accountability.

1,968
campers

251
decisions
(46 salvations, 167 rededications, and 38 campers responding to a call to ministry)

FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION

There are over 3,800 children in foster care across South Carolina. We're partnering together with churches to support vulnerable children, families, and childcare workers. Together, we can be light to communities in South Carolina in order to see them transformed by the hope of the Gospel.

"I aged out of foster care without a forever family. Because of that, my early twenties were a little bit tumultuous. It wasn't until I got involved in the church and found healthy relationships in the church that I was able to have some steadiness in life." -Alex



"My wife and I fostered for about 12 years and ended up adopting three kids. What I found out about children and teenagers, is that they are very resilient, that regardless of how things started for them, if they can find someone that's positive to be a part of their life, they can find someone who loves them, supports them, and believes in them, they can rise up out of pretty much anything." -Walter



**Learn more about
Foster Care**

LIFE TRANSFORMATION STORIES

Every life counts equally as an image bearer of Jesus.

"I said 'God, if you're real, I ask that you send me a mentor, someone to be a follower of Christ.' For the next few years I was discipled and led in my relationship with Jesus. That's when God started tugging on my heart and I realized God was calling me to ministry." -Bobby



"I asked God to please save me, save me from myself. Take this craving away from me. I can't explain what it's like to have those burdens removed so easily. All I did was ask and it was taken away from me." -Joanna

Learn more about
Life Transformation
Stories



EACH CHURCH CAN EVERY LIFE COUNTS



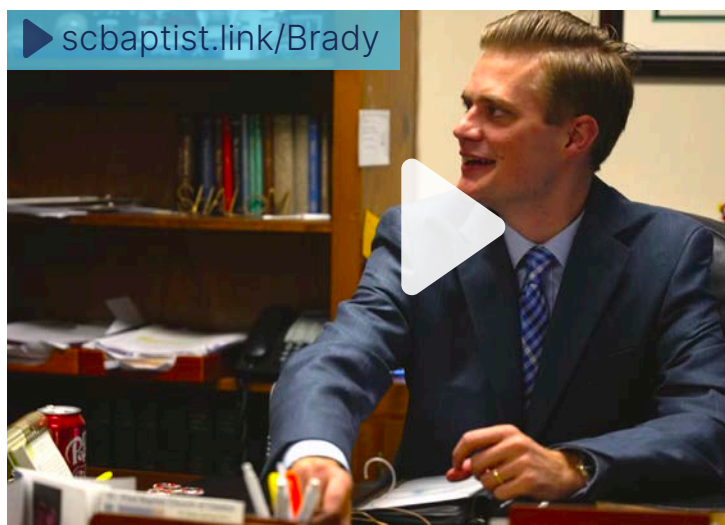
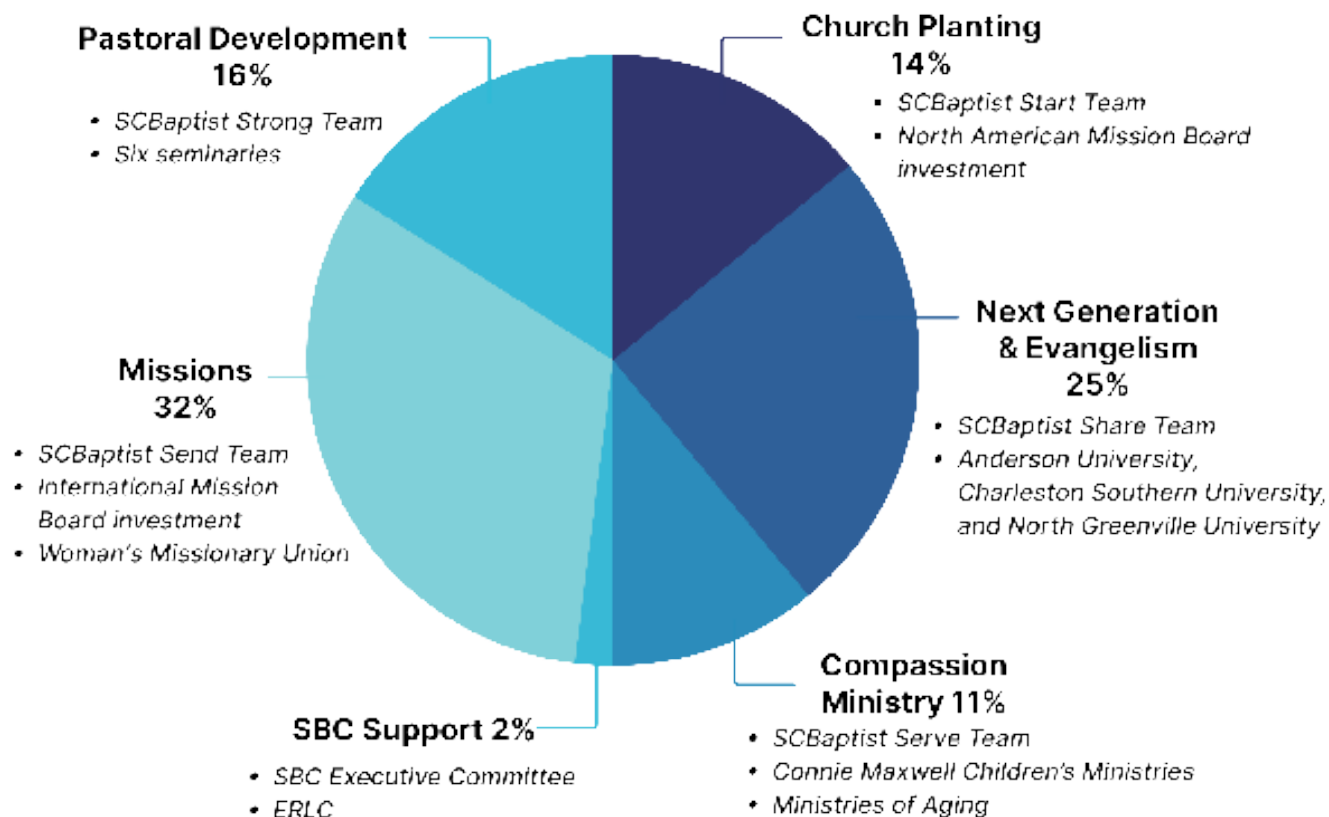
“Early in my relationship with God, I felt like I was doing great one day and terrible the next. Now it’s just been good because there are people there to support me. That’s why I’m passionate about planting churches that provide community and support to others.” -Parker

“I was raised in the church, but I thought it was more religion than relationship. So, I started ministering to the young men where I needed to be ministered to at their age.” -Chico



“While I am far from perfect, my life has been greatly transformed by Him. I know that there is meaning to my life and that I have a purpose for why I’m here.” -Sydney

2023 SCBAPTIST COOPERATIVE PROGRAM INVESTMENT



"The Cooperative Program has helped my family through some tough times and it is helping me financially as a seminary student. If it were not for the countless churches helping in my spiritual growth and for the support of the Cooperative Program, I could not have done what I have done."

**BRADY
HENDERSON**

(PASTOR, FIRST BAPTIST GASTON)

**Learn more about
South Carolina Baptists'
generosity**



HELPING EACH CHURCH ADVANCE THE GREAT COMMISSION TOGETHER

each church
every life

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