

FLORIDA BAPTIST CONVENTION
2010 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FACTOR

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The Great Commission
mandate, God-given
mission strategies and
life-changing ministries

Florida Baptists through the
Cooperative Program are reaching
the state, the nation and the world
with the Great Commission.



THE MANDATE OF CHRIST IS CLEAR:

Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...

Following the Great Commission, too, is the mandate of the Florida Baptist Convention.

To accomplish the Great Commission in the state of Florida, as well as the uttermost parts of the earth, the Florida Baptist Convention has developed a number of mission strategies: evangelism without apology; planting New Testament churches to reach persons of every background and culture; and strengthening churches to become healthy congregations effectively reaching and discipling the spiritually lost in their communities.

These strategies are accomplished through specific ministries designed to target and reach every segment of the state's population with the gospel of Christ.

To implement these ministries, as well as the strategies and ultimately, the mandate, Florida Baptists partner together through the Cooperative Program, a missions strategy of financial support designed to unify all Florida Baptists and fellow Southern Baptists into a mission team. Florida Baptist gifts given from churches through the Cooperative Program are used to underwrite the costs of these ministries.

For every dollar your Florida Baptist congregation gives through the Cooperative Program, 60 cents stays in Florida to meet ministry needs within the state; 40 cents is sent to the Southern Baptist Convention and combined with gifts from other states to underwrite the work of the denomination in the nation and global work of Southern Baptist missionaries throughout the world.

One may ask, how does the Florida Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program accomplish the work of the Great Commission? What dividends do Florida Baptists receive as a result of their investment through the Cooperative Program?

The summary of the following diverse and multi-faceted ministries represents a year's work of the Florida Baptist Convention and its staff. The list is not exhaustive but representative.

While many of the results of these ministries—which complement the strategy and seek to fulfill the Great Commission mandate—are numerical and measurable, they are more than numbers.

For each number represents a life touched and changed by the redeeming grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Florida Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program assists in planting new churches to reach unchurched people and impact the Kingdom of God in our state:



Started 116 new churches including: 22 new churches to reach African-American communities; 40 English-speaking churches; and 54 new language congregations—targeting Hispanic, Haitian, Brazilian, Korean, Vietnamese, Chinese and Burmese people groups.

Provided church-site interest-free loans totaling \$327,000 and new work loans totaling \$775,000 to assist new mission churches.

Trained 260 pastors and key leaders in Church Planting conferences stressing mission church starting, evangelism, pastoral ministry, preaching skills and Baptist doctrine.

Provided church planting financial assistance to 154 new congregations.

The Florida Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program assists and equips churches to reach the 70 percent of people living in our state who are spiritually lost and outside a relationship with Christ:



Supported the 65 Florida Baptist Convention field staff who collectively made 5,612 gospel presentations, led 1,480 Bible studies, 2,239 worship services and reported 3,043 professions of faith.

Encouraged, motivated and trained Florida Baptist church leaders in their efforts to reach the spiritually lost that resulted in the baptizing of 41,807 persons—34,414 in the Sunshine State and 7,376 in Haiti.

Employed the Florida Baptist Convention staff who assisted churches and church leaders by providing 11,827 personal conferences, 8,740 group conferences and 485 church planting conferences which involved 179,379 persons.

Led “Battle Ready,” “Soulwinning: The Ultimate Mandate,” special evangelism events and other evangelism conferences to inspire, equip and encourage church leaders in their evangelistic efforts.

Provided 11 student summer missionaries to conduct vacation Bible schools in 49 South Florida churches resulting in 3,532 children hearing the gospel and 202 professions of faith in Christ.

Held the Youth Evangelism Conference and a Super Summer event where 1,300 teenagers and youth leaders were equipped to share their faith; and 86 teens made professions of faith and 250 made spiritual decisions.

Led Convention-sponsored prayer equipping conferences, prayer seminars and worship services for church leaders and laypeople from 397 Florida Baptist churches.

The Florida Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program seeks to reach with the gospel the state's five million language and ethnic persons:

Provided consultation and training resources to 744 language congregations that represented over 45 nationalities and 20 language groups.

Ministered to 305 Florida Baptist Haitian pastors and 304 Florida Baptist Hispanic pastors through one-on-one coaching, mentoring and consultations.

Trained 6,800 Florida Baptists from 405 language churches in church development resources including Sunday school, discipleship, family life, church administration and age-group ministries.

Conducted evangelistic crusades, evangelism conferences, soul-winning workshops and evangelism rallies for Haitian, Hispanic, Russian, Ethiopian and Brazilian churches.

Trained 2,790 people from 223 language churches in evangelistic and personal evangelism skills which resulted in 3,727 persons making professions of faith and being baptized.

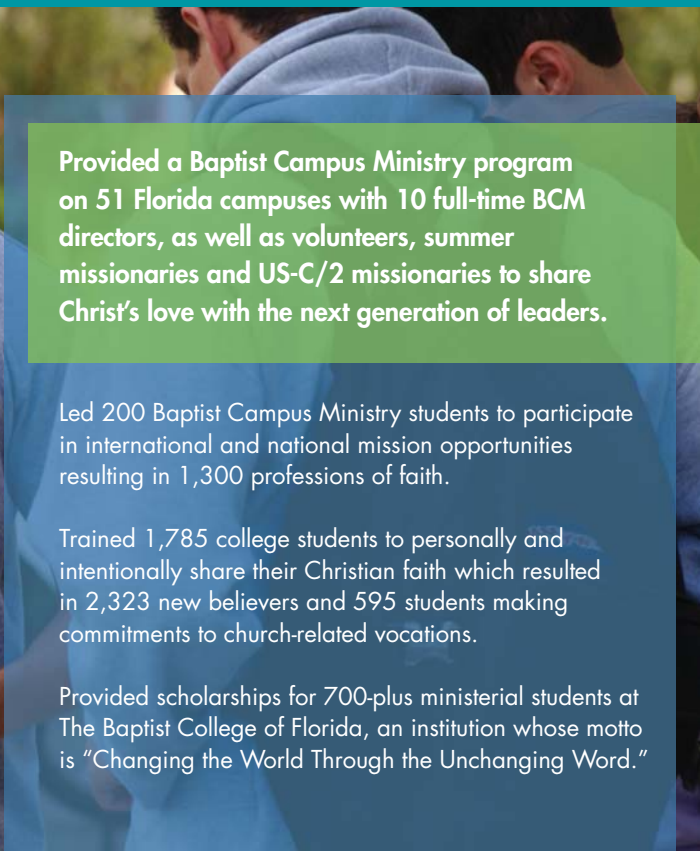
The Florida Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program seeks to evangelize and disciple the state's one million college students, designated as an unreached people group by the SBC North American Mission Board:

Provided a Baptist Campus Ministry program on 51 Florida campuses with 10 full-time BCM directors, as well as volunteers, summer missionaries and US-C/2 missionaries to share Christ's love with the next generation of leaders.

Led 200 Baptist Campus Ministry students to participate in international and national mission opportunities resulting in 1,300 professions of faith.

Trained 1,785 college students to personally and intentionally share their Christian faith which resulted in 2,323 new believers and 595 students making commitments to church-related vocations.

Provided scholarships for 700-plus ministerial students at The Baptist College of Florida, an institution whose motto is "Changing the World Through the Unchanging Word."



The Florida Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program seeks to strengthen existing churches to fulfill the Great Commission in their communities:



Provided financial contributions for 4,800 ministers and employees of 1,401 Florida Baptist churches enrolled in the SBC church annuity program.

Trained 4,000 Florida Baptist worship and music leaders in worship styles and provided skill development music conferences.

Provided 750 congregations with stewardship and Christian money management conferences, building campaigns and pastoral consultations.

Drafted over 6,000 legal documents—last will and testaments, living trusts, durable powers of attorney—on behalf of individual Florida Baptists who want to endow Baptist causes.

Provided conferences for church leaders in conflict resolution, deacon ministry, coaching and building powerful ministry teams.

Trained 2,638 leaders at Sunday school training events and provided 244 Sunday school-related consultations to 107 churches.

Provided consultation to church leaders and financial loans to churches in need of revitalization, renovations and repairs.

Helped churches in decline find new life through a program of revitalization.

Partnered with 50 South Florida churches in Palm Beach, Broward and Miami/Dade counties to help develop healthy churches and increase baptisms through intentional evangelistic efforts.

Produced a comprehensive promotion campaign for the Maguire State Mission Offering which resulted in more than one million dollars in funding for Florida Baptist mission and ministry efforts.

Provided financial assistance to publish the *Florida Baptist Witness* in print and online editions which covers news and issues of concern to Florida Baptists.

Provided a legislative lobbyist to the State Legislature to represent the moral and ethical concerns of Florida Baptists.

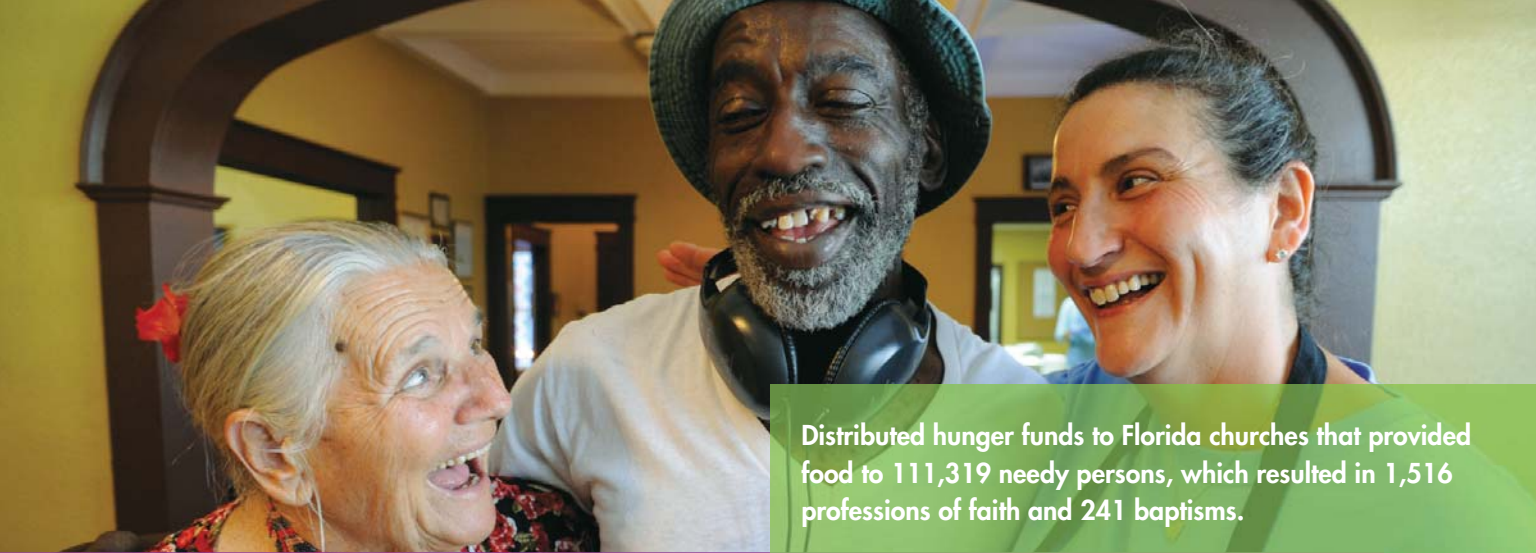
The Florida Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program prepares the next generation to fulfill the Great Commission in their lifetime:



Provided theological education classes for 1,500 men and women through a cooperative partnership between the Florida Baptist Convention, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and The Baptist College of Florida.

Offered theological education to church ministry students in four languages—French, Spanish, Portuguese and English—in six locations across the state.

Planned and implemented nine weeks of missions camp for 1,400 boys, girls, teens and urban children to tell them about Jesus Christ and inspire them to live a Christian lifestyle which resulted in 90 professions of faith, 60 commitments to career missions and another 140 spiritual decisions.



Distributed hunger funds to Florida churches that provided food to 111,319 needy persons, which resulted in 1,516 professions of faith and 241 baptisms.

The Florida Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program demonstrates the compassion of Christ to the needy and overlooked, widowed and orphaned:

Raised \$348,234 through the annual hunger offering to subsidize the cost of food provided by Southern Baptist ministries to fight hunger.

Supported ministries of chaplains and volunteers in county jails and state prisons including 11 faith-based dorms serving 900 inmates in the Florida prison system.

Coordinated 28 mobile dental projects where 1,465 needy patients received free dental care and 121 of them made professions of faith.

Provided training for 500 literacy missions volunteers in 55 churches which reported 45 professions of faith and two church starts through its ministries.

Conducted camps for migrant families and children, evangelistic block parties in migrant communities, migrant pastor fellowship meetings, migrant events, VBS clinics and a biblical training program for migrant pastors.

Supported the work of a state migrant consultant who provided ongoing consultation to 75 churches in migrant communities—many without pastors.

Provided salary assistance to churches in need of a pastor to minister to migrant farm workers.

Provided a consultant for Florida Baptists' 79 deaf ministries.

Helped support seven jointly funded missionaries serving as associational church and community ministers who led 470 souls to Christ.

Trained 2,200 Florida Baptist volunteers in disaster relief and recovery bringing the total number of trained volunteers to 6,000.

Responded with disaster relief teams in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Faye and flooding in Florida counties of Madison, Suwanee and Hamilton.

Touched the lives of 6,517 children and families in crisis through the Florida Baptist Children's Homes which resulted in 46 children making a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Provided Christian foster homes for 298 displaced children.

Maintained 90 foster homes.

Maintained Florida Baptist Children's Homes campuses in Fort Myers, Jacksonville, Lakeland, Miami and Pensacola, with additional campuses being developed in Gainesville, Milton, New Smyrna Beach, Orlando and Panama City.

Provided financial assistance to the Florida Baptist Retirement Center at Vero Beach which cares for 125 senior adult residents in skilled nursing, assisted living and independent living in villas, cottages and apartment-style homes.



The Florida Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program reaches beyond its borders to extend the Great Commission to the nation:



Financially supported mission partnerships with the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists, Nevada Baptist Convention and the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, in addition to serving 1,000 Florida Baptist volunteers on mission projects that resulted in more than 500 spiritual decisions.

Dispatched 200 Florida Baptist volunteers to serve as feeding, cleanup and recovery units in response to Hurricane Gustav in Louisiana.

Deployed two feeding units and more than 250 Florida volunteers who prepared 140,000 meals during a three-week period to residents of Texas City in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike.

Enlisted Florida Hispanic churches to partner with Kentucky Baptists to develop ministries and start new congregations to reach the state's growing Hispanic population.

The Florida Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program extends the Great Commission to the world:

Provided partnership assistance to Western Cuba Baptists that resulted in 110 volunteers serving on mission projects; 1,466 baptisms; and 8,061 professions of faith.

Partnered with Haitian Baptists to provide assistance in evangelism, church starting and church leadership that resulted in 826 churches performing 7,376 baptisms.

Provided accredited seminary education courses for 115 Baptist pastors in Haiti—the only source of formal education they may ever receive.

Provided resources to support a mission partnership with missionaries in the Amazon River Basin of Brazil focusing on evangelism, church planting and leadership development which resulted in 1,956 baptisms and 42 churches started.

Provided training through The Baptist College of Florida Certificate Program to 38 students from the Quilombolas tribe of Brazil, an IMB-designated unreached people group.

Promoted Week of Prayer Materials for International and North American Missions by distributing 290,211 prayer guides, 5,215 posters, 371,942 envelopes sent to 1,063 Florida Baptist churches.



2010 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GOAL

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION CAUSES:

	40%	\$ 14,177,203
International Mission Board	50%	\$ 7,088,601
North American Mission Board	22.79%	\$ 3,230,985
Six Seminaries Total	21.92%	\$ 3,107,643
Golden Gate	1.795%	\$ 254,505
Midwestern	1.904%	\$ 269,915
New Orleans	4.387%	\$ 622,003
Southeastern	4.042%	\$ 572,979
Southern	4.955%	\$ 702,520
Southwestern	4.837%	\$ 685,721
Historical Archives	.24%	\$ 34,025
Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission	1.65%	\$ 233,924
SBC Operating Budget	3.40%	\$ 482,025

FLORIDA PRIORITY ITEMS

CHURCH ANNUITY	3.5%	\$ 1,240,505
Supplemental benefits for Florida Baptist pastors and church staff		

CHURCH PLANTING ASSISTANCE	2.75%	\$ 974,683
Receives no support through the North American Mission Board		

FLORIDA INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES:

	11.78%	\$ 4,177,529
The Baptist College of Florida		
General Education Support		\$ 1,949,366
Ministerial Tuition Support		\$ 248,101
Florida Baptist Children's Homes		\$ 1,524,050
Florida Baptist Financial Services		
Retirement Center, Inc.		\$ 75,000
Florida Baptist Witness		\$ 381,012

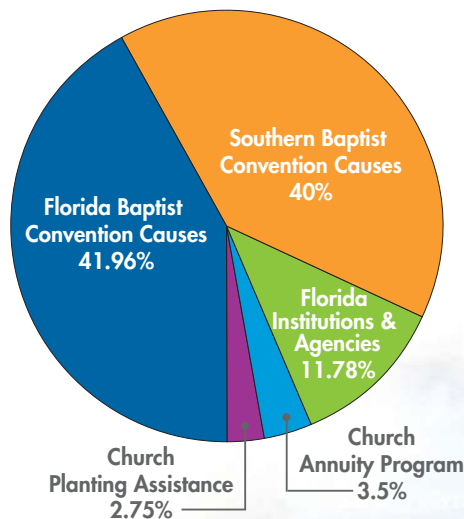
FLORIDA BAPTIST CONVENTION CAUSES:

	41.96%	\$ 14,873,087
Executive Director-Treasurer Office (administration of convention business)		\$ 990,977
African-American Ministries Division		\$ 319,691
Business Services Division		\$ 5,387,253
Church Development Division		\$ 1,735,316
Church Services Division		\$ 772,263
Evangelism Division		\$ 1,374,997
Language Division		\$ 730,538
Missions Division		\$ 2,360,695
Public Relations Division (State Board of Missions and State Convention annual meeting)		\$ 1,201,357

(Supplemental Resources for Program Budgets: Program budgets receive an additional \$1.9 million from the North American Mission Board, GuideStone Financial Resources, LifeWay Christian Resources and other income sources.)

Florida Baptist
Cooperative Program Goal
Year 2010:
\$35,443,008*

Florida Baptist Convention Causes	41.96%	\$ 14,873,087
Southern Baptist Convention Causes	40%	\$ 14,177,203
Florida Institutions and Agencies	11.78%	\$ 4,177,529
Florida Priority Items:		
Church Annuity Program	3.5%	\$ 1,240,505
Church Planting Assistance	2.75%	\$ 974,683



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