



FLORIDA BAPTIST CONVENTION

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IN THE PAST DECADE FLORIDA BAPTISTS HAVE HELPED LOCAL CHURCHES AND ASSOCIATIONS TO PLANT MORE THAN 1,200 NEW CHURCHES.

Across the state of Florida, the nation and the globe, the Cooperative Program is at work touching hearts and changing lives with the timeless message of the gospel. You are a partner in that transformation of lives.

Every time you drop a dollar in the offering plate of a church that participates in the Cooperative Program, you have a part in helping someone hear about Jesus.

That person may live on your Main Street, in Mayo, Miami, Milwaukee, Mbabane, Malawi, Mexico City, Mumbai, Moscow, Madrid—or any point in between. When given through the Cooperative Program, your gift reaches from your home across the globe to touch hearts, give hope to the hopeless and salvation to the lost.

By giving through the Cooperative Program, a portion of your dollar is changing lives, fulfilling the Great Commission in Florida, the nation and world.

By giving through the Cooperative Program, you are fulfilling the Great Commission. The process is simple.

Your congregation voluntarily determines to send a percentage or a specific amount of their regular offerings to the Florida Baptist Convention. The State Convention retains a portion for ministries, missions and evangelistic efforts within the state—and even in your hometown. Another portion is then sent to the Southern Baptist Convention. That portion, combined with money from other state conventions, is distributed to the International Mission Board, North American Mission Board, six seminaries and other SBC ministries.

## YOUR GIFT...

- mobilizes a missions force of more than 10,000 international and national missionaries serving throughout the globe.
- financially underwrites six seminaries as they prepare literally thousands of men and women for the gospel ministry; develops evangelistic strategies to reach communities and nations; and starts new churches across the state and world.
- supports 300 church planters serving in Florida and a myriad of ministries designed to help Florida Baptist congregations reach their communities with the gospel message.
- provides compassionate ministries through disaster relief, Florida Baptist Children's Homes, and in Florida's missions partners, Haiti and Cuba.
- trains Florida Baptist leaders and church volunteers in church development, stewardship, missions and ministries and provides a network of theological education in the state and the Baptist College of Florida.

When a life-changing accident left Ann Marie Simon of Jupiter paralyzed above the waist, members of Family Church of Abacoa wrapped loving arms around her. The “outpouring of love” from the new church plant, underwritten by Cooperative Program funding, confirmed “we were truly among family in a Bible-based church led by the Holy Spirit.”

loving arms



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life transformed



As a teenager who lives in one of the Cooperative Program-supported Florida Baptist Children’s Homes, Jenny saw her life transformed from that of a party girl to a dedicated Christian after she was led to Christ by her foster parent, Mr. Chris. “He let us know that God loved us no matter what. And we can repent to God and He will forgive us.” Jenny now is committed to be an example to her younger sisters.

NEARLY 800 FLORIDA BAPTIST CHURCHES SPEAK A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH, REPRESENTING 56 NATIONALITIES.



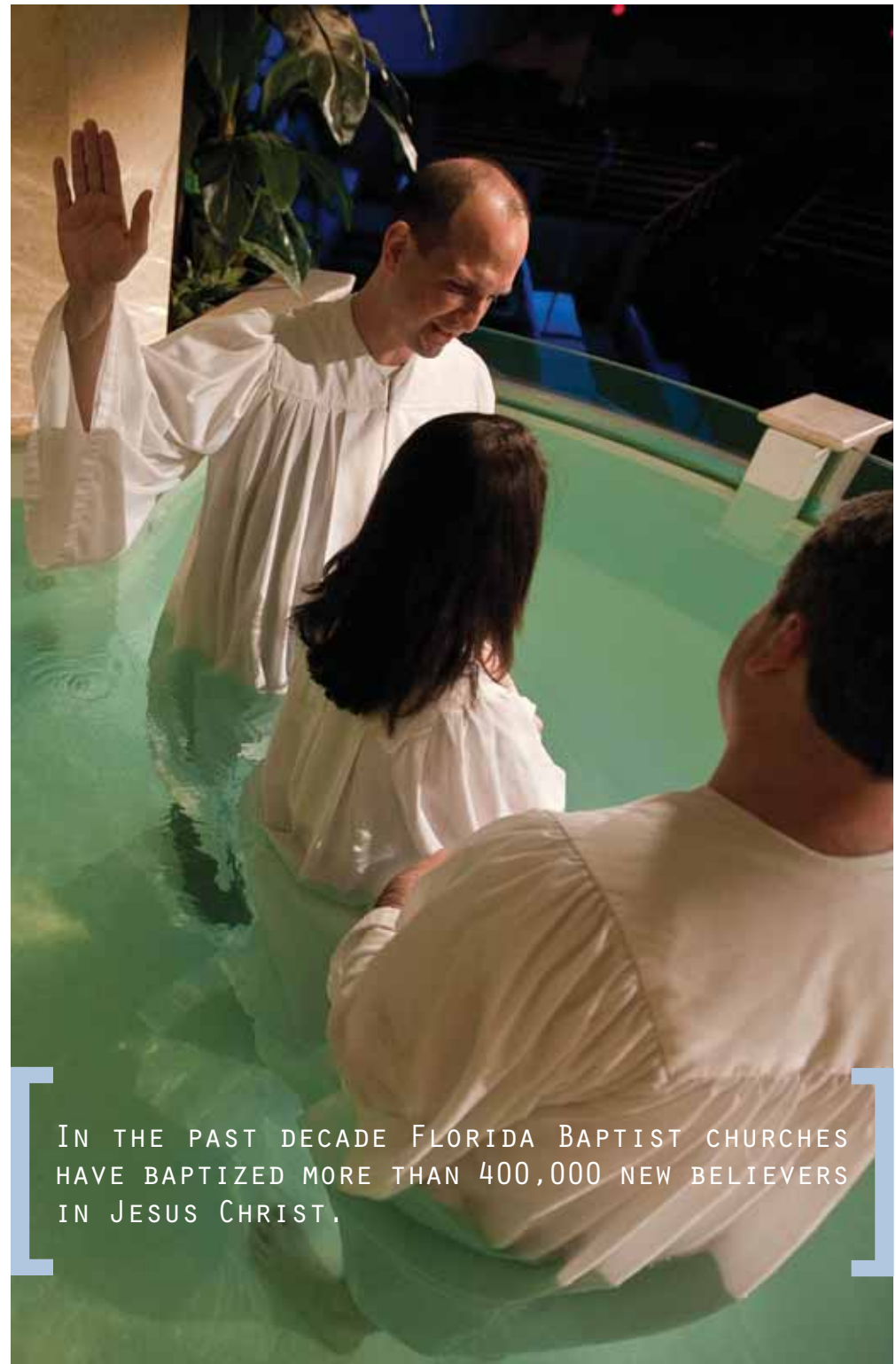
## mentors new church planters

More than 93 percent of the seven million people living in three South Florida counties—Miami, Broward and Palm Beach—do not attend church or know of Christ's ready salvation, making it one of the most challenging mission fields in the U.S. Miami native Danny Egipciano, a Cooperative Program-supported urban church planting missionary, mentors new church planters to help them more effectively reach that unique culture with the gospel of Jesus Christ.



## winning new believers

A Christmas party in Lesibovu, Swaziland was a “God opportunity” for international missionaries Steve and Monica Allen to show the village the “Jesus” film. At the end, these Cooperative Program-funded missionaries saw two Swazis come to know Christ. By winning new believers to the Christian faith, the couple has started more than 50 churches in the rural areas surrounding Mbabane.



IN THE PAST DECADE FLORIDA BAPTIST CHURCHES HAVE BAPTIZED MORE THAN 400,000 NEW BELIEVERS IN JESUS CHRIST.

## 40 new believers

Church planter Patrick Coats has a “passion for the lost, to see people know Christ as their Savior and to see them grow and be disciplined.” Since planting Kingdom Covenant Baptist Church in Homestead three years ago, Coats, who received pastoral assistance from the Cooperative Program, has baptized more than 40 new believers in the waters of Biscayne Bay.



## cowboys and ranchers

He was one of the roughest, toughest cowboys in Levy County, yet when he took off his hat, bowed on one knee and accepted Christ as his Savior, his life was forever changed. The Cooperative Program sustained Pastor Billy Keith as he planted Cross Brand Cowboy Church three years ago for just this purpose—to reach new believers among this largely unreached group of cowboys and ranchers.

Sitting in the inner city lot surrounded by children, Chad Little, from rural Airline Baptist Church in Mayo, used the EvangeCube to share the hope of Jesus Christ with young ones born into the violence and despair of an impoverished Miami community. Little participated in Crossover South Florida, a one-day evangelistic event endowed by the Cooperative Program, which took place in 14 locations, drew 3,200 persons and resulted in nearly 300 professions of faith.

share the hope



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FLORIDA BAPTISTS HAVE LONG BEEN KNOWN FOR THEIR CHRIST-LIKE COMPASSION IN TIMES OF NEED.

# The 2012 Cooperative Program Goal

As you place your dollar in the offering plate, the portion sent through the Cooperative Program will be divided according to this chart.

## \$31,600,000



<b>Southern Baptist Convention Causes</b>	<b>40.5%*</b>	<b>\$12,798,000</b>
<b>Florida Baptist Convention Causes</b>	<b>41.798%</b>	<b>\$13,204,900</b>
<b>Florida Institutions and Agencies</b>	<b>11.81%</b>	<b>\$3,732,700</b>
<b>Florida Priority Items:</b>		
<b>Church Protection Program</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>\$600,400</b>
<b>Church Planting Assistance</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>\$1,264,000</b>

### Southern Baptist Convention Causes:

	40.50%	\$12,798,000
International Mission Board	50.20%	\$6,424,596
North American Mission Board	22.79%	\$2,916,664
Six Seminaries Total	21.92%	\$2,805,322
Golden Gate	2.01%	\$257,624
Midwestern	2.09%	\$267,350
New Orleans	4.11%	\$525,742
Southeastern	4.01%	\$513,712
Southern	4.81%	\$616,096
Southwestern	4.88%	\$624,798
Historical Archives	.24%	\$30,715
Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission	1.65%	\$211,167
SBC Operating Budget	3.20%	\$409,536

### Florida Priority Items

Church Protection Program	1.9%	\$600,400
Supplemental benefits for Florida Baptist pastors and church staff		
Church Planting Assistance	4%	\$1,264,000
Receives no support through the North American Mission Board		

### Florida Baptist Convention Causes:

41.788%      \$13,204,900

These resources underwrite Great Commission efforts in Florida through:

- Starting and supporting new mission churches.
- Strengthening existing churches by developing their leaders.
- Providing evangelism resources and believer training to effectively reach the spiritually lost.
- Developing initiatives to present the Gospel to the state's 5 million ethnic persons.
- Helping Florida Baptist churches reach their communities with the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Providing missional, compassionate ministries.

(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 Institutions and Agencies:

	11.81%	\$3,732,700
The Baptist College of Florida		
General Education Support		\$1,738,000
Ministerial Tuition Support		\$221,200
Florida Baptist Children's Homes		\$1,358,800
Florida Baptist Financial Services		
Retirement Center, Inc.		\$75,000
Florida Baptist Witness		\$339,700

\*As approved by messengers at the 2011 Florida Baptist State Convention in Coral Springs, the SBC percentage will increase to 50% within the next 4-7 years.



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