**COOPERATIVE PROGRAM & STEWARDSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

**How Does the Cooperative Program Work?**

**It begins with you!**

You give yourself first to God ([II Cor. 8:5](http://biblia.com/bible/hcsb/II%20Cor.%208.5)). Next, out of gratitude and obedience to God for what He has done for you, you commit to give back to Him, through your church, a portion of what He provides. This is commonly called a tithe and represents ten percent of your income ([Lev. 27:30](http://biblia.com/bible/hcsb/Lev.%2027.30), [Mal. 3:10](http://biblia.com/bible/hcsb/Mal.%203.10)).

**Your Church... decides the next step.**

Every year your church prayerfully decides how much of its undesignated gifts will be committed to reaching people in your state and around the world through The Cooperative Program. This amount is then forwarded to your State Board of Missions.

**Messengers at the Alabama Baptist State Convention Annual Meeting...**

from your church and other churches across Alabama decide what percentage of Cooperative Program gifts contributed by local congregations to be forwarded to the SBC for North American and international missions and ministries is also determined at this time. Alabama sends 50%.

**Messengers at the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting...**

from across the country decide how the gifts received from the states will be distributed among SBC entities. These gifts are used by SBC entities to send and support missionaries, train pastors, and other ministry leaders; provide relief for retired ministers and widows; and address social, moral, and ethical concerns relating to our faith and families.

***The bottom line – people around the world hear the gospel and receive Christ!***

**Great Commission Ministries of Cooperative Program and Stewardship Development**

**Cooperative Program Education**

1. CooperativeProgramResources.org
2. Alsbom.org/cp

**Stewardship**

1. Generosity
2. Church Budgeting
3. Internal Controls
4. Treasurer Training
5. Christian Money Management

**Capital Fundraising**

1. Challenge to Build
2. Bridge to Tomorrow
3. Forward in Faith

**Other Ministries**

1. Church Administrative Guidelines
   1. State-wide Workshops
   2. Church Consultations
2. Legal Issues faced by churches.
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   3. Church Consultations
3. Estate Giving
4. Make a Will
5. Alabama Hunger Offering for Global Hunger Relief