**THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM**

**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 is forwarded to the SBC for North American and international missions and ministries. 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.

**In 2020…**

even with the challenges presented by the COVID pandemic, Alabama Baptists gave $37,558,354.85 through the Cooperative Program to support missions and ministries around our state, nation and world. This exceeded the budget of $37,500,00. We praise the Lord for the faithfulness of His people!

***The bottom line – through CP, people around the world hear the Gospel and receive Christ!***

**Great Commission Ministries of Communications & Cooperative Program**

**Cooperative Program Education**

1. AlabamaCP.org
2. CooperativeProgramResources.org
3. Customized resources for your church

**Stewardship**

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

**Capital Fundraising**

1. Challenge to Build and other options

**Other Ministries**

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

**Communications**

1. CP stories in print and online
2. Assistance with ACP reporting
3. Annual Resource Directory
4. State Convention meeting arrangements