

## THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

### How Does the Cooperative Program Work?

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#### **It begins with the Great Commission!**

Jesus' final words to His disciples was to, "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, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you" Matt 28:19-20a. As each member of the body of Christ and each church actively fulfills the Great commission, we partner with one another to more effectively reach the world our state, communities, and across the street.

**It continues with each follower of Christ** - You give yourself first to God ([II Cor. 8:5](#)). 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](#), [Mal. 3:10](#)).

#### **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 2022...**

Alabama Baptists continued faithfully supporting missions and ministry in Alabama, the United States, and the world by generously giving over \$38,000,000 through our Cooperative Program, which exceeded our goal by over 1.2 million dollars! We praise the Lord for the continued faithfulness of His people!

*Working together for the sake of the Gospel & through the Cooperative Program, people around the world hear the Gospel and receive Christ!*

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#### **Great Commission Ministries of Cooperative Program & Church Financial Resources**

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##### **Cooperative Program Education**

1. AlabamaCP.org
2. Social media and blog posts
3. Customized resources for your church

##### **Capital Fundraising**

1. Vision Campaigns consultation
2. Challenge to Build/Bridge to Tomorrow

3. Church building and renovation consultations

##### **Other Ministries**

1. Church budgeting guidelines
2. Biblical stewardship materials
3. Church tax conferences & tax related issues