THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

How Does the Cooperative Program Work?

It begins with you!

You give yourself first to God (<u>II Cor. 8:5</u>). 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 (<u>Lev. 27:30</u>, <u>Mal. 3:10</u>).

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 2023...

Alabama Baptists continued faithfully supporting missions and ministry in Alabama, the United States, and the world by generously giving \$38,380,886 through the Cooperative Program. This exceeded our CP giving from 2022. 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!

Great Commission Ministries of Cooperative Program & Church Financial Resources

Cooperative Program Education

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

Capital Fundraising

- 1. Challenge to Build
- 2. Bridge to tomorrow
- 3. Forward in faith
- 4. Church building and renovation consultations

Other Ministries

- 1. Church budgeting guidelines
- 2. Biblical stewardship materials
- 3. Estate Giving
- 4. Make a Will