

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA: FIRST QUARTER 2019

WHO WE ARE

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC) is an autonomous body of Baptist churches that work in partnership with Baptist associations and the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in fulfilling the Great Commission in local and global missionary efforts through the Cooperative Program, the principal funding system that North Carolina Baptist churches use to support missions and ministries. The 2019 Cooperative Program missions and ministries budget for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is \$31 million. The 2018-19 SBC Cooperative Program budget is \$194 million. The BSCNC is comprised of approximately 4,300 N.C. Baptist churches. The convention owns Fruitland Baptist Bible College and three conference centers: Caraway, Fort Caswell and Truett.

The *Biblical Recorder* and the N.C. Baptist Foundation are agencies of the BSCNC. N.C. Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem and Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina are institutions of the convention. North Carolina Baptist Men, also known as Baptists on Mission, work with the BSCNC in an auxiliary relationship. Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wingate universities have an affiliate relationship with the BSCNC.

OUR STRATEGY

On Jan. 1, 2014, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina implemented a new five-year strategy, **Impacting Lostness Through Disciple-Making**. "In keeping with its stated mission, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina will assist the churches in evangelizing all people groups in every ethnic and/or cultural context by developing and applying disciple-making ministry models with an Acts 1:8 focus. North Carolina Baptists commit to accomplish this by strengthening and planting churches through creating a disciple-making culture, utilizing a relationship-driven consulting model incorporating generalists and specialists, starting in the most concentrated areas of lostness located in eight population centers."

OUR VISION

By God's grace, we will become the strongest force in the history of this Convention for reaching people with the message of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

SUPPORTING MISSIONS

through Financial Contributions from NC Baptist Churches

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM (CP) SUPPORT

North Carolina consistently ranks in the top 10 among all state conventions in missions giving through the Cooperative Program, which is the unified giving plan for Southern Baptists. The BSCNC sent more than \$11.3 million in Cooperative Program funds to the SBC during the 2018 calendar year. North Carolina also ranks third in total gifts to support SBC causes through total giving to CP and special offerings.

NORTH CAROLINA MISSIONS OFFERING (NCMO)

The North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) supports church planting, mission camps, missions mobilization projects, missions projects in local Baptist associations and the 18 different ministries of N.C. Baptist Men/Baptists on Mission, which includes disaster relief. In 2018, NCMO giving totaled more than \$2.1 million, eclipsing the offering goal.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING (LMCO)

N.C. Baptists gave more than \$13.6 million to the International Mission Board (IMB) through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering last year, based on the SBC fiscal year that ended Sept. 30. North Carolina led all state conventions again in LMCO giving.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING (AAEO)

N.C. Baptists gave nearly \$6.2 million to the North American Mission Board (NAMB) through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering last year, based on the SBC fiscal year that ended Sept. 30. North Carolina led all state conventions again in AAEO giving.

OUR MISSION

To assist the churches in their divinely appointed mission.

OUR CORE VALUES

The 7 Pillars for Ministry are biblical concepts for a Christ-centered vision.

1. Practice Fervent Prayer
2. Promote Evangelism & Disciple-Making
3. Strengthen Existing Churches
4. Plant New Multiplication Churches
5. Reach North Carolina's International Community
6. Embrace Unreached & Unengaged People Groups
7. Engage Young Church Leaders

ASIAN MINISTRY

One hundred Montagnard pastors and leaders from 16 churches gathered in November for a Thanksgiving celebration. Additionally, Pakistani ministry coordinator Tamran Inayat led a coat distribution outreach for more than 500 Muslim refugees in the High Point area. In September, 160 people attended the annual Japanese retreat at Caraway. **Visit:** ncbaptist.org/asian

BAPTISTS ON MISSION

Richard Brunson, executive director of N.C. Baptists on Mission/N.C. Baptist Men (NCBM), was among the finalists for 2018 Tar Heel of the Year, an award presented annually by the Raleigh News & Observer. Brunson oversees NCBM's 18 different ministries, which includes disaster relief. **Visit:** baptistsonmission.org

BE DO TELL (YOUTH EVANGELISM & DISCIPLESHIP)

During the 2018 summer youth weeks at Caswell, 367 students trusted Christ as Savior, 890 made a commitment to Christ and 15 answered a call to ministry. Participants packaged 280,000 meals for Haiti and gave more than \$75,000 for missions. Nearly 6,500 students and chaperones representing 277 churches attended youth weeks. Registration for 2019 youth weeks is underway. **Visit:** bedotell.com

CHURCH HEALTH & REVITALIZATION

Church Health & Revitalization continues to partner with N.C. Baptists in associations and local churches, which included working with several associations to help pastors lead their churches in making disciples with "Pastor as Disciple-Maker" training.

Visit: ncbaptist.org/revitalize

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 26 **Disciple-Making Conference**

March 8-9 **Statewide Prayer Gathering**

March 23 & April 27 **Gospel Conversations Training**

March 30 & April 27 **TELL Children's Ministry Conf.**

April 4-5 **Spiritual Leadership Equipping Track**

April 5-6 **Baptist Missions Conference**

For more information on all N.C. Baptist events, visit ncbaptist.org/events-all.



DISCIPLE-MAKING CONFERENCE

Join John Stonestreet, president of the Colson Center for Christian Worldview, for the 2019 Disciple-Making Conference on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at Green Street Baptist Church in High Point. Breakout and main sessions will focus on how to be salt and light in a rapidly changing culture. Conference fee is \$10 and includes lunch. Learn more and register at disciplemakingconference.org.

CHURCH PLANTING

The Church Planting Team hosted an international church planter commissioning service in November 2018. A total of 23 Asian/African missionary church planters and 27 Hispanic missionary church planters were commissioned. Total attendance at the banquet in Greensboro was 170 missionary planters, family, and friends.

Visit: ncbaptist.org/churchplanting

CHURCH STRENGTHENING TEAM

Nearly 200 N.C. Baptists of different ethnicities and cultures gathered for the Heavenly Banquet during the 2018 Annual Meeting in November which emphasized "Welcoming Neighbors, Practicing Hospitality." Attendees were challenged to put into practice what they learned during the banquet when they returned home.

Visit: ncbaptist.org/strengthening

COLLEGIATE

The Collegiate Partnerships Team gathered with seven North Carolina churches in October to develop a strategy for reaching the more than 75 unengaged community colleges across the state. With more than two thirds of North Carolina's 1.2 million college students in community colleges, these institutions remain one of the strongholds to seeing "No Campus Left" in North Carolina without a reproducing gospel presence. Please pray for churches to see the need to reach local community colleges.

Visit: ncbaptist.org/collegiate

EMBRACE (WOMEN'S EVANGELISM & DISCIPLESHIP)

In the fall of 2018, 21 individuals representing 17 churches graduated from the Embrace Leadership Network (ELN). Network participants engage in four intensive Saturdays of training and networking during the calendar year. Since its pilot launch in 2016, ELN has graduated 42 women who serve as lay leaders in 34 N.C. Baptist churches.

Visit: embracenc.org

GREAT COMMISSION PARTNERSHIPS

Coats for the City took place in New York City over the first weekend in December. Twenty-two supporting churches and 19 church planting missionaries in New York distributed 5,500 winter coats to NYC residents while sharing the gospel. Many experienced the love of Christ and heard the gospel for the first time.

Visit: ncbaptist.org/gcp

HISPANIC MINISTRY

More than 100 participants from 39 congregations attended two regional pastors and wives retreats at Caswell in October. The retreats focused on spiritual renewal, marriage enrichment, disciple-making training, strategic ministry networking and planning for 2019.

Visit: ncbaptist.org/hispanic

OFFICE OF PRAYER

Many North Carolina Baptists participated in the October "Pray for 30 Days" prayer emphasis in 2018. This year's devotional theme, "Who is My Neighbor?", aligned with the annual meeting theme and challenged N.C. Baptists to unite in focused prayer for revival and spiritual awakening as it relates to reaching one's neighbor for Christ. Devotional prayer guides are available at prayfor30days.org. **Visit:** ncbaptist.org/pray

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Ninety-seven deaf leaders from around the state explored how to strengthen the church during a November 2018 training at Caraway Conference Center with Phillip Easterling, deaf pastor of the Asheville deaf church.

Visit: ncbaptist.org/deaf

STEWARDSHIP

In partnership with the Southern Baptist Consultants and Dave Ramsey, Stewardship Ministries invites pastors, church staff and church leaders to take advantage of special pricing on the Financial Peace University (FPU) leader bundle. The bundle retails for \$299 and is available to SBC churches for \$99. To take advantage of the offer, visit www.FPU.com/SBCdeal, text "NC Baptist" to 33789 or call (877) 378-2667. **Visit:** ncbaptist.org/stewardship

STRATEGIC FOCUS TEAM

Strategy coordinators worked with the Chowan Baptist Association to hold a crusade-type event in eastern North Carolina that brought together 40 churches from different denominations within pockets of lostness for training and prayer. Additionally, Arden First Baptist Church in western North Carolina has partnered with the state convention and Buncombe Baptist Association to focus on multihousing ministry.

Visit: ncbaptist.org/strategicfocus

SUNDAY SCHOOL & SMALL GROUPS

In the fall of 2018, 140 people from more than 20 churches received training and equipping around making disciples in Sunday School through two "Inside-Out" training events. Additionally, 30 pastors and lay leaders from 16 different churches learned how their churches can have Sunday School and small groups simultaneously through "Side-by-Side" training.

Visit: ncbaptist.org/sundayschool



STATEWIDE PRAYER CONFERENCE

The "Awaken" statewide prayer gathering provides a rich environment for God to speak to His people through seasons of worship, focused prayer, dialogue and the preaching of God's Word. This year's event is March 8-9 at Pleasant Garden Baptist Church in Pleasant Garden, N.C. There is no cost to attend.

Learn more at ncbaptist.org/awaken.

IN NORTH CAROLINA THERE ARE...

- Approximately 4,300 N.C. Baptist churches.
- Approximately 5.8 million lost people.
- 158 identified unreached people groups.
- 80 new churches planted in 2018.
- Churches worshipping in 69 different languages.
- 336 languages spoken in N.C. public schools.

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