

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA: SECOND 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

ADULT EVANGELISM & DISCIPLESHIP

Four gospel conversation trainings were held across the state in the first quarter of 2019 in Jacksonville, Boone, Charlotte and Greensboro. Roughly 100 people received training, and new groups of trainers have emerged in some of these areas. During the field component of the Charlotte training, eight people confessed Jesus. **Visit:** disciplenc.org

ASIAN MINISTRY

Asian Ministries developed a new resource titled "People of the Book." The resource emphasizes what Southern Baptists believe and do by explaining portions of the Baptist Faith and Message. **Visit:** ncbaptist.org/asian

BAPTISTS ON MISSION

In February, Baptists on Mission hosted 10 regional rallies across the state that drew more than 2,300 attendees. The rallies emphasized mission opportunities and testimonies of how God is working through the 18 ministries of Baptists on Mission and encouraged others to get involved with missions. **Visit:** baptistsonmission.org

CHURCH HEALTH & REVITALIZATION

Revitalization cohorts have been created in the Macon and Polk Baptist associations in partnership with the BSCNC's Strategic Focus Team. The cohorts focus on revitalization with an emphasis on making disciples within the church. The cohorts also work to reach pockets of lostness near the churches to help establish a gospel presence in these areas. **Visit:** ncbaptist.org/revitalize

CHURCH PLANTING

The Church Planting and Missions Partnerships Group welcomed Mike Pittman as the new team leader for the Church Planting Team on Feb. 18. Mike comes to

UPCOMING EVENTS

April: **Strategy Evaluation Public Forums**

April 27: **TELL Children's Ministry Conference**

May 7: **Gospel Conversations Training**

May 11: **Inside-Out Sunday School Training**

May 30-June 1: **Worship Leader Boot Camp**

May 31-June 2: **Hispanic Young Adult Conference**

June-August: **Summer Youth Weeks**

July 8-12: **Student Worship Academy**

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



DISCIPLE-MAKING CONFERENCE RESOURCES NOW AVAILABLE

More than 700 people attended the 2019 Disciple-Making Conference on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at Green Street Baptist Church in High Point. The conference addressed how to be salt and light in a rapidly changing culture.

Video recordings from keynote speaker John Stonestreet, president of the Colson Center for Christian Worldview, are available online at the N.C. Baptist Vimeo page by visiting vimeo.com/channels/disciples.

Audio recordings from the breakout sessions are available on the N.C. Baptist podcast channel at ncbaptist.podbean.com. Click on the "2019 Disciple-Making Conference" link in column on the right side of the page. You may also search for N.C. Baptist podcast through iTunes.

the state convention from Vertical Church, Lumberton. Mike brings extensive church planting experience and strong leadership abilities to the Church Planting Team. **Visit:** ncbaptist.org/churchplanting

COLLEGIATE PARTNERSHIPS

The Collegiate Partnerships Team helped Laurel Springs Baptist Church launch a new ministry at Appalachian State University in January focused on reaching international students. Eight households are now regularly inviting international students into their homes over meals and sharing the gospel with them. **Visit:** ncbaptist.org/collegiate

EMBRACE (WOMEN'S EVANGELISM & DISCIPLESHIP)

More than 20 ladies representing 13 different churches are participating in the 2019 Embrace Leadership Network (ELN). Now in its fourth year, ELN provides concentrated training for those leading or interested in leading women's ministry. Registration for the 2020 ELN will open Sept. 9. **Visit:** embracenc.org

FAMILY EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP

Family Evangelism and Discipleship, also known as Faith at Home, is developing a resource for parents that will help them reach their children and neighbors with the gospel. The Acts 2:39 Missional Families Bible Study is currently being beta tested by 20 churches with the

hope of introducing the resource to all N.C. Baptist churches this fall. **Visit:** faithathomenc.org

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

More than 20 individuals attended the "Lead Like Jesus" training in January. The training addressed the need for character development of every leader, using Jesus as the example. Additional equipping tracks are scheduled for the remainder of 2019, and we are available to assist churches and associations with leadership training. **Visit:** ncbaptist.org/leadership

OFFICE OF PRAYER

Approximately 200 people attended the "Awaken" prayer gathering held March 8-9 at Pleasant Garden Baptist Church. Richard Owen Roberts, president and founder of International Awaken Ministries, served as the keynote speaker for the event which included, worship, preaching and prayer for revival and spiritual awakening. Audio recordings from the event are available at ncbaptist.org/podbean.com. **Visit:** ncbaptist.org/pray

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

A special deaf missions team comprised of eight people spent a week in Puerto Rico doing disaster relief. Team members restored the roofs of five houses in five days and shared Christ with many deaf people living in and around San Juan. **Visit:** ncbaptist.org/deaf

STRATEGIC FOCUS TEAM

New local strategy teams have been formed in Walnut Cove and Mount Airy to impact lostness in those areas. Additionally, five associations in the Unifour region recently started disciple-making triads comprised of associational mission strategists (AMS), a BSCNC strategy coordinator and a pastor from a pocket of lostness. The goal is pastors and AMSs to multiply disciple-makers among other pastors, family members, church members and new believers. **Visit:** ncbaptist.org/strategicfocus

TARHEEL LEADERSHIP NETWORK

A class of 25 individuals is participating in the Tarheel Leadership Network (TLN) in 2019. TLN is a joint endeavor of the BSCNC, ShareLife Ministries and Center Grove Baptist Church. TLN was founded by Mark Corts in 1997 after years of informally training pastors in the state. TLN has now trained approximately 500 pastors in North Carolina. **Visit:** ncbaptist.org/churchstrengthening

WORSHIP & MUSIC

The first round of graduates from the online Worship Leader Boot Camp "Beyond Extreme" course received certifications of worship leadership from Fruitland Baptist Bible College. The online class provides training for worship leaders who can devote 12 weeks to training at their own pace. **Visit:** WorshipLeaderBootCamp.org

YOUTH EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP (BE DO TELL)

Registration is underway for 2019 Summer Youth Weeks at Fort Caswell. This year's theme is "On This Rock," based on Matthew 16:18-19. In 2018, 367 students trusted Christ as Savior, 890 made a recommitment to Christ and 15 answered a call to vocational ministry during youth weeks. **Visit:** ncbaptist.org/youth



CHECK OUT THE NC BAPTIST PODCAST!

Want to receive practical training and equipping for your life and ministry? Check out the N.C. Baptist podcast at ncbaptist.podbean.com. New episodes are added weekly, and features training and equipping from pastors, ministry leaders, church practitioners and state convention staff. Many episodes are recorded at N.C. Baptist training events held across the state.

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.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

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