

Missions and Outreach

Local

Our local church serves as a witness to the community along with our small groups, personal evangelism, online ministry, and community outreach events.

Regional

In our region we partner with and financially support *The Pregnancy Care Center* and *Calvary Chapel Manchester*. We support church planting, regional ministry training, disaster relief, and world missions through the cooperative program of *Baptist Churches of New England (BCNE)*.

International

International outreach is in the context of short-term trips and direct support. Currently we send teams to the Dominican Republic through the work of *New Missions* and support Sarah Fisher, a missionary to South Asia with *Interserve*. We annually participate in a shoebox collection for *Operation Christmas Child*.

Individual

In addition to participation in our churchwide initiatives such as summer mission trips, outreach events, service projects, etc. Individual church members are making a difference in the areas of adoption and foster care, crisis intervention, disaster relief, intervention and housing for addiction related issues, and the sponsoring of children around the world.

Benevolence Fund

Caring for Our Community

The Benevolence Fund – part of our Missions and Outreach budget – exists to meet the practical needs of our church family. It helps to fill in the gaps when someone is experiencing financial difficulty. Housing, food, and medical needs are all included in the items covered by this fund. When life happens, we come alongside church members to provide much needed support.

Empowered – a Modest but Helpful Blessing

We empower our members to serve others by caring for those in need. If you come across a friend, neighbor, or someone who lacks resources for food/groceries, a warm winter coat, or similar need and you do not have the means to meet that need yourself – please consult with your small group leader or a pastoral staff member. We will work through you to help meet the need. This is not intended for giving to charities or missionaries or paying monthly bills. Our goal is to equip our church community to care for others in a tangible way.

Approximately 10% of our budget is designated to Missions and Outreach – the Benevolence Fund is part of that. It's through the faithfulness and generosity of our local church body that we may continue to reach out to those in need that are part of our fellowship as well as friends and family.

Ministry Partners

We are an independent local church, and we are reliant on the generosity of our local church body for all our missions and outreach activities. Our goal is to do well in balancing the stewardship of our resources and in doing so we focus on a small number of ministries who have two things in common: Values and Relationship

Our outreach support flows from relationship and connection within and through our fellowship. These connections allow us to focus our efforts and ensure that the ministries we support share our values and beliefs. By narrowing our focus, we can provide *more* support rather than spreading our resources thin across many worthy causes. We currently support the following ministries financially and through access to our communications channels:

- New Missions
- The Pregnancy Care Center
- Sarah Fisher (Interserve)
- Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse)
- SBC/BCNE

Denominational Affiliation and Outreach

Our denominational affiliation with SBC/BCNE allows us to participate in international/regional church planting, disaster relief, training programs, and pastoral/local church care.

CCA is an association of pastors (not churches) whose focus is on leadership conferences. CCA offers no cooperative mission or support programs for local churches.

We do not receive funds from either of these affiliations. All missions and outreach funding comes from the tithes and offerings of our active members. We are a relatively young church with no established endowment, nor do we receive government or corporate funding.