



MARSHALL BAPTIST NEWS

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HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

This year, Southern Baptists celebrate the 100 years of Impact through one of the greatest mission funding strategies ever devised — the Cooperative Program. For a century, the Cooperative Program (CP) has fueled our collective work of fulfilling the Great Commission, allowing churches of all sizes to partner together for maximum Kingdom impact.

Launched in 1925, the Cooperative Program was born out of a desire for consistency, efficiency, and unity in supporting missions and ministries. Instead of each ministry or missionary appealing to churches individually, CP created a unified giving plan. When your church gives through the Cooperative Program, that dollar goes further than you may realize and allows every church to have greater collective impact than we could ever have alone.

Here's how it works: when your church gives a portion of its budget to the state convention through CP, a percentage (50%) stays in the state to support church planting and revitalization, NextGen ministries, discipleship, evangelism, disaster relief, leadership development, and a whole lot more. The rest is forwarded to the Southern Baptist Convention to support national and international efforts—including training pastors and missionaries at our six seminaries, planting churches across North America through the North American Mission Board, supporting chaplains in the armed forces, and sending thousands of missionaries through the International Mission Board to the ends of the earth.

As we celebrate 100 years, let us not only reflect on the past but also recommit to the future. The Cooperative

Program remains the lifeline for our cooperative mission. Let's continue to give generously, joyfully, and faithfully — because when we give together, we go further. So, please lead your church to support the Cooperative Program... but also, don't forget your Marshall Baptist Association. Your gifts to the Cooperative Program don't cycle back into the local associations. Therefore, we depend on every member church to specifically support the work of our association through your gifts/offerings.

As we're coming to the time of year where finance/stewardship teams are beginning to plan for 2026 budgets, I want to say, "Thank you" in advance for those of you who have supported the work of our association. As we look to the new year, prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you do to join together with the other member churches to support the great things we're doing in the Marshall Baptist Association.

Together, let's make it hard to go to hell from our communities (by supporting MBA) and from every corner of the earth (by supporting the Cooperative Program).

Blessings,

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, September 15, 2025
6:30 p.m.
Central Baptist Church
Albertville, AL

ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, October 12, 2025
4:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church, Arab
Arab, AL

**ALABAMA BAPTIST
DEACONS RETREAT**
68th Annual Event
August 8, 2025
Shocco Springs
Talladega, AL

**FORTIFY 25
FOR TEEN BOYS**
August 30, 2025
Green Valley Baptist Church
1815 Patton Chapel Road
Hoover, AL 35226

**Check out our MBA website
for more information on
upcoming events and
opportunities, as well as
open church positions!**
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