



2018 Annual Church Giving and Baptism Report

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FOR CHURCHES

Alabama Baptist leaders 'grateful for all who support missions through the CP'

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The Alabama Baptist

Sharing the love and light of Christ. That's how Jay Wolf, pastor of First Baptist Church, Montgomery, in Montgomery Baptist Association, describes his church's commitment to giving through the Cooperative Program (CP).

"We are convinced that using the time-tested and immensely effective channels of our Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) teammates generates the maximum 'Kingdom bang for our Kingdom buck,'" Wolf said. "It's this simple: We can do so much more together."

Since 1925 the CP has been "the greatest ministry and missions funding mechanism available to Southern Baptists," said Bobby DuBois, associate executive director for the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions (SBOM). "It enables churches of all sizes to cooperate together in doing the work of ministry outside the local church."

And Alabama Baptist churches of all sizes give generously — to the Myers Mallory State Missions Offering, to North American missions through the Annie Armstrong

2018 CHURCH RECEIPTS	
Cooperative Program	\$37,976,892.89
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	\$12,137,302.82
International Mission Board	\$246,271.12
International Mission Board Designated	\$851.95
World Hunger	\$563,030.57
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.....	\$6,171,860.81
North American Mission Board	\$20,355.44
Associational Missions	\$1,792,158.17
Children's Homes & Family Ministries	\$2,741,173.69
ALCAP	\$163,344.39
American Bible Society	\$967.88
State Causes	\$87,766.11
State Missions.....	\$61,233.29
Myers-Mallory State Missions.....	\$1,254,731.33
SBC Causes	\$11,430.98
Disaster Relief	\$422,954.20
All Other Designated	\$4,156,312.73

Total Receipts for 2018.....\$67,808,638.37

Easter Offering, to global missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and to state, national and international causes through special offerings all year long.

Rick Lance, SBOM executive director, added giving through the local church is an expression of Alabama Baptists' commitment to the gospel. "All local churches have as a mandate the Great Commission which should ever nurture and ignite every Alabama Baptist's desire to make disciples by sharing the gospel and seeing new believers baptized."

DuBois called Alabama Baptists "pace setters in missions support," noting that Alabama Baptist churches consistently rank at or near the top of multiple giving categories among state conventions.

Alabama is at the top of the list for SBC support as well. Alabama's

50/50 commitment to SBC causes means that half of CP dollars given in Alabama flow through the SBOM to cooperative missions efforts supported by the SBC.

Knowing where a church's money goes is important, Wolf said.

'Producing Kingdom fruit'

"There are many different ministries seeking financial support and some of them are excellent, but others are ineffective and some are actually complete counterfeits," Wolf said. "From the effective use of our giving to the assurance of integrity of our financial expenditures, it makes a lot of common sense to support our Baptist teammates who are producing a tremendous amount of Kingdom fruit with the funds received."

In 2018, Alabama CP receipts totaled nearly \$38 million.

Those funds support global and national ministries and SBC seminaries and missions efforts, DuBois said. The funds also allow missionaries to stay on the field doing what they are called to do instead of spending their time raising financial support, he added.


The portion of CP dollars that remain in Alabama allow the SBOM and other Baptist entities to help local churches develop and implement strategies to assist in their ministries.

That's why completing the Annual Church Profile (ACP) is so important, DuBois said.

"By providing annual information related to the broad categories of membership, baptisms, Sunday School enrollment/attendance, discipleship, music, missions participation and giving, churches help Alabama and Southern Baptist entity leaders evaluate and identify the trends developing in local churches so that ministry methods can be developed to assist churches," he said.

In the following weeks *TAB* will publish data on giving and baptisms for each church in Alabama categorized by association. Churches who did not complete a report or who filed an incomplete report will see zeroes in their listing.

DuBois hopes churches will check their report and make certain their numbers are recorded accurately. But more importantly he hopes churches will become more aware of how their giving is making an impact across the life of Southern Baptists, a sentiment shared by Lance.

"We are grateful for all Alabama Baptist churches who support missions through the CP," Lance said. "Our state convention has continued as a faithful, perennial CP pacesetter in the SBC family. May it always be so." 

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The next three issues will have the breakdown of giving by individual churches grouped by associations.



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CHURCH REPORT FOR 2018

TOP CHURCHES IN GIFTS

2018 MYERS-MALLORY GIFTS

1. Montgomery First, Montgomery \$31,005.78
2. Prattville First, Autauga \$25,778.23
3. Enterprise First, Coffee \$25,585.75
4. Golden Springs, Calhoun \$20,966.47
5. Mount Zion, Madison \$18,382.57
6. Huntsville First, Madison \$15,475.00
7. Shades Mountain, Birmingham \$15,000.00
8. Athens First, Limestone \$14,788.61
9. Trussville First, Birmingham \$13,393.33
10. North Shelby, Shelby \$13,034.00
11. Selma First, Selma \$12,650.00
12. Alexander City First, Tallapoosa \$12,367.43
13. Guntersville First, Marshall \$11,306.00
14. Headland First, Judson \$10,269.50
15. Eastern Hills, Montgomery \$10,221.95
16. Clanton First, Chilton \$9,904.58
17. Pelham First, Shelby \$9,628.00
18. Fort Payne First, DeKalb \$8,042.00
19. Pell City First, St. Clair \$7,977.33
20. Fairhope First, Baldwin \$7,794.00
21. Ashville First, St. Clair \$7,603.11
22. Glynwood, Autauga \$7,382.00
23. Leeds First, Birmingham \$7,228.00
24. Shoal Creek, Elmore \$7,209.20
25. Five Points, Tuscaloosa \$7,160.00

2018 ANNIE ARMSTRONG GIFTS

1. Shades Mountain, Birmingham \$185,000.00
2. Montgomery First, Montgomery \$147,742.01
3. Hunter Street, Birmingham \$103,514.55
4. Trussville First, Birmingham \$99,678.95
5. CrossPoint, St. Clair \$84,422.28
6. Whitesburg, Madison \$78,219.27
7. Prattville First, Autauga \$67,365.93
8. Northport, Tuscaloosa \$65,347.20
9. Lakeview, Tuskegee Lee \$63,053.27
10. Highland Park, Colbert-Lauderdale \$55,387.71
11. Golden Springs, Calhoun \$52,871.99
12. Boaz First, Marshall \$48,211.62
13. Athens First, Limestone \$42,842.00
14. Andalusia First, Covington \$39,964.76
15. Pell City First, St. Clair \$39,489.45
16. North Shelby, Shelby \$39,105.00
17. Valleydale, Birmingham \$38,800.00
18. Mount Gilead, Columbia \$38,698.85
19. Headland First, Judson \$38,111.00
20. Dawson, Birmingham \$36,604.00
21. Calvary Dothan, Southeast \$35,451.77
22. Huntsville First, Madison \$35,069.01
23. Enterprise First, Coffee \$32,363.00
24. Willowbrook, Madison \$31,043.55
25. Redemption Church, Mobile \$30,000.00

2018 LOTTIE MOON GIFTS

1. Shades Mountain, Birmingham \$422,170.00
2. Montgomery First, Montgomery \$390,906.01
3. Opelika First, Tuskegee Lee \$314,588.02
4. Whitesburg, Madison \$294,808.00
5. Lakeview, Tuskegee Lee \$227,390.84
6. Mount Zion, Madison \$210,051.77
7. CrossPoint, St. Clair \$185,645.88
8. Trussville First, Birmingham \$182,830.59
9. Hunter Street, Birmingham \$176,298.41
10. Willowbrook, Madison \$160,487.76
11. Dawson, Birmingham \$136,604.56
12. Calvary Dothan, Southeast \$135,189.06
13. Prattville First, Autauga \$108,894.44
14. Athens First, Limestone \$108,250.33
15. Huntsville First, Madison \$99,021.00
16. Boaz First, Marshall \$94,488.30
17. Highland Park, Colbert-Lauderdale \$88,488.62
18. Spring Hill, Mobile \$83,901.07
19. Golden Springs, Calhoun \$83,519.50
20. Northport, Tuscaloosa \$82,878.00
21. Pell City First, St. Clair \$82,297.64
22. Tuscaloosa First, Tuscaloosa \$81,656.00
23. Taylor Road, Montgomery \$79,667.25
24. Central, Morgan \$77,746.91
25. Decatur First, Morgan \$77,123.13

Baptisms Cooperative Program Receipts

FOR CHURCHES (PART 7)

More than 3,200 Alabama Baptist churches report CP receipts, designated offerings, baptisms

Not Member	Baptism	CP	Designated			
Adger		\$0.00	\$1,174.97	New Bethel	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Anchor		\$10,900.00	\$0.00	New Covenant	\$1,100.00	\$0.00
Anchored in Truth		\$0.00	\$0.00	New Covenant	\$400.00	\$0.00
Argo Christian		\$1,080.00	\$1,346.00	New Grace	\$0.00	\$0.00
Atwood		\$0.00	\$0.00	New Harmony	\$0.00	\$0.00
Azalea City Fellowship		\$0.00	\$0.00	New Haven	\$652.00	\$0.00
Bethany		\$0.00	\$0.00	New Hope-South Avondale	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bethel		\$0.00	\$0.00	New Life	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bethel South		\$0.00	\$500.00	New Life Baptist	\$558.00	\$558.00
Bethsaida		\$0.00	\$0.00	New Selmont	\$0.00	\$0.00
Birmingham		\$0.00	\$3,500.00	Oak Hill Community	\$0.00	\$0.00
Brannon Springs		\$0.00	\$0.00	One Accord	\$1,931.90	\$300.00
Calvary		\$0.00	\$0.00	Open Door	\$0.00	\$0.00
Capstone		\$2,300.00	\$0.00	Papertown	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cedar Grove		\$0.00	\$0.00	Parkway	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cham Sa Rang Korean		\$260.00	\$0.00	Patterson Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Fellowship		\$30.00	\$30.00	Pine Grove	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
Christ First Ministries		\$1,100.00	\$0.00	Planted Oaks	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christway		\$0.00	\$0.00	Plum Grove	\$125.00	\$0.00
Church of the Valley		\$1,287.00	\$0.00	Point of Grace	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Cleveland First		\$4,852.62	\$1,940.00	Redeemer	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00
Community		\$0.00	\$0.00	Reformation	\$647.53	\$150.00
Community Center		\$0.00	\$0.00	Reformation	\$18,863.00	\$0.00
Covenant	4	\$6,023.74	\$1,336.00	Renovate	\$0.00	\$0.00
Covenant Community		\$0.00	\$0.00	Rice's Chapel	\$1,830.30	\$0.00
Cross Roads		\$0.00	\$0.00	Ridgecrest Community	\$0.00	\$0.00
CrossHope Chapel		\$0.00	\$0.00	RiverEast	\$0.00	\$0.00
Crosspoint Christian		\$0.00	\$0.00	Riverside Community	\$0.00	\$0.00
Crossroads		\$0.00	\$0.00	Safe Haven	\$0.00	\$2,400.00
Crossroads Community		\$0.00	\$0.00	Saved By Grace	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dewey Heights		\$0.00	\$0.00	Second Community	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dothan Country Fellowship		\$0.00	\$2,270.71	Skyline	\$0.00	\$600.00
East Chapman		\$0.00	\$919.59	Summit Crossing	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faith		\$0.00	\$0.00	South East Lake	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fall City		\$0.00	\$0.00	Church of Encouragement	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fellowship		\$0.00	\$0.00	The Cornerstone	\$100.00	\$0.00
Fellowship		\$5,428.49	\$0.00	The Neighborhood	\$0.00	\$50.00
Fort		\$50.00	\$0.00	The Refuge	\$0.00	\$0.00
Freedom		\$0.00	\$0.00	The Vineyard	\$0.00	\$0.00
Good Hope Delta	0	\$150.00	\$800.00	Trace Crossing	\$0.00	\$0.00
Good News		\$0.00	\$0.00	Trinity	\$500.00	\$0.00
Gospel Center		\$0.00	\$0.00	Union Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grace Bible		\$0.00	\$0.00	Union Hill	\$56,550.00	\$5,525.00
Grace Community		\$0.00	\$0.00	Weatherly Heights	\$0.00	\$3,245.00
Grace Community		\$0.00	\$0.00	West Side	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grace Covenant		\$17,332.60	\$1,700.00	Whitesville	\$0.00	\$1,045.00
Greater Fellowship		\$0.00	\$0.00	Williams First	\$0.00	\$1,125.00
Heritage		\$0.00	\$0.00	Not Member Totals	10	\$148,948.44
Heritage Fellowship		\$0.00	\$0.00			\$42,881.61
Huntland Missionary		\$0.00	\$0.00			
Iglesia Hispana La Esperanza		\$0.00	\$0.00			
Korean (Southside)		\$0.00	\$0.00			
Lamb		\$0.00	\$0.00			
Life		\$12,696.26	\$0.00			
Lifeline		\$0.00	\$0.00			
Living Faith		\$0.00	\$0.00			
Living Stones Temple		\$0.00	\$0.00			
Messiah		\$0.00	\$0.00			
Mobile First		\$0.00	\$8,916.34			
Mountain View		\$0.00	\$0.00			
Mt Pleasant		\$0.00	\$0.00			
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Mt. Tabor		\$0.00	\$0.00			
Muscoda		\$0.00	\$0.00			
My Father's House		\$0.00	\$0.00			
Myers Hill		\$0.00	\$0.00			
New Beginning		\$0.00	\$0.00			

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Shades Mountain Baptist Church leads all three missions giving categories in 2018

By Grace Thornton
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Leading the state in all three missions giving categories doesn't happen often. Churches have only hit that mark five times in the past 40 years, according to Bobby DuBois, associate executive director of the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions.

But of the five, Shades Mountain Baptist Church, Birmingham, was responsible for three — most recently in 2018. Last year, Shades Mountain logged its third time to lead the state's 3,250 Baptist churches in gifts through the Cooperative Program (CP), the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for international missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American missions.

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It's "certainly an accomplishment worth celebrating," DuBois said.

It's the first time it's been done in 25 years — and Shades Mountain did it then too, in 1993. Since 1990, Shades Mountain has annually led Alabama Baptist churches in giving through the Cooperative Program — 26 of the 28 years.

DuBois congratulated Shades Mountain on its commitment to missions and thanked the church's pastoral leadership for generating a culture of generosity.

'Missions culture'

"At the State Board of Missions, we recognize the key role of the pastor in missions giving by a local church," he said. "Shades Mountain has, over the past four decades, been blessed with two of the best in Dr. Danny Wood and Dr. Charles Carter. They have succeeded in developing a missions culture that encourages members to be sacrificial in their support of missions — both giving and going."

For the two other years — 1986 and 1989 — Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, Birmingham, led the state in all three categories.

Other churches

And over the years, other churches have led in one category or another too, DuBois said. First Baptist Church, Montgomery, regularly shows up at the top in giving through the two missions offerings. Others are First Baptist Church, Trussville; Whitesburg Baptist Church, Huntsville; Crosspoint Baptist Church, Trussville; Hunter Street Baptist Church, Birmingham; and First Baptist Church, Opelika.

"The same is true in those other churches — there's a strong commitment to missions support, and pastors lead their churches in that respect," DuBois

said. "We are most grateful for their faithful financial support of missions."

He said he also wanted to emphasize that all Alabama Baptist churches who support missions giving are "critical" in helping the state's Baptist churches be pacesetters across the Southern Baptist Convention.

Most do not have the resources of the churches that consistently top the list, but they sacrificially give in support of missions, DuBois said. As he thanks the churches who give leadership to the three categories, he said he wants to say thank you to each and every church for playing its vital role in the Kingdom through sacrificial giving.

"It is this spirit of cooperation — working together — that makes our convention strong. As a family, we are celebrating together," he said. "Alabama Baptists are extremely blessed to have such strong churches and pastors among our fellowship, and we thank God for each of them."

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