

How your local church can give to Georgia and Southern Baptist Causes

Whether you are new to Baptist life or unfamiliar with the Cooperative Program, this snapshot will help you understand how your church may choose to participate in Kingdom-work through Georgia Baptist and the SBC. Each local church determines how to give, and more than one path may be chosen.

Gifts to the Cooperative Program

Gifts to the Cooperative Program are divided between Georgia Baptist causes (60%) and national Southern Baptist causes (40%).

Designated Giving

Designated giving allows you to specify Georgia Baptist or national SBC entities to receive your gifts.

Restricted CP Giving

Restricted Cooperative Program giving allows you to exclude any SBC or GBC entity from receiving gifts.

Georgia Baptist only

Georgia Baptist-only gifts are distributed between all Georgia Baptist Convention causes.

SBC only

SBC-only gifts are given strictly to the SBC Executive Committee for distribution across SBC entities.

Sending Messengers

To send messengers to the Georgia Baptist Convention

- Be a cooperating church
- Give at least some amount to the Cooperative Program in Georgia (allows two messengers)
- Each additional \$800 given to the Cooperative Program or other Convention causes allows an additional messenger for up to 15 total
- See Article 2 of the Georgia Baptist Convention Constitution for more details at gabaptist.org.

To send messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention

- Be a cooperating church and giving through the Georgia Baptist Mission Board to the Cooperative Program at the national level or to any of the national SBC entities
- Up to 12 messengers permitted
- More information can be found in SBC Article 3 in the Constitution on SBC.net.