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My life and ministry are richer because Cooperative Program giving makes a difference — and because leaders in state conventions and national entities invested in me personally.

Fruit

As I participated in this year’s annual meeting, I was reminded again of the fruit made possible through the Cooperative Program. This year, 699 new churches were planted, and 63 new missionaries were commissioned. Our six seminaries continue preparing servants for gospel ministry. Messengers also passed a resolution affirming evangelism, discipleship and care for people with disabilities. In addition, our endorsed military chaplains reported 19,000 professions of faith last year. As much as I love and believe in the local church, we could never accomplish this much alone. We need one another, and we need a unified plan for giving. I hope you will consider leading your church to become a Cooperative Program champion. Increased giving means more missionaries sent, more churches planted, more students trained, more pastors encouraged and more lives transformed. For more than 100 years, the Cooperative Program has unified Southern Baptists in advancing the Great Commission. Methods may change, but our mission and message remain the same: reaching people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. I remain convinced the Cooperative Program is just as relevant today as it was in 1925. We are better together.”

The Body of Christ is so much stronger and more effective when it all works together than when its individual pieces try to each do their own thing. Indeed, we are better together.

Your Loving Brother in Christ,
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To worship God, love others, and share Jesus.

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Pastoral Perspectives

Dear Church Family,

One of the most consequential aspects of a church’s life is who it chooses to serve the kingdom alongside and the goals which these “cooperating churches” are seeking to work towards. For us as Southern Baptists, we call this program of teamwork amongst our churches the Cooperative Program. It is something I wholeheartedly support and am proud to say that we here at FBC Dawson support, as well, and is reflected in our annual church budget. Now having said all that, I know there are many people who are not entirely sure what the Cooperative Program does. Below is an article that Ronny Raines, pastor of FBC Clarksville, TN, wrote explaining why he believes in the Cooperative Program. I think he does a good job reminding us all why it is so important and I wanted to share it with you.

“Few years have shaped Southern Baptist life more than 1925. That year, the Southern Baptist Convention adopted the Baptist Faith and Message and launched the Cooperative Program — a unified funding strategy that continues to make a global impact today. I’ve pastored churches in Kentucky, Florida and Tennessee, and I remain a Cooperative Program cheerleader. We are better together. As Southern Baptists, we have our challenges. But as Jeff Iorg often says, “We’re a force for good.” God is using our unified network of churches to advance the gospel and bring glory to Jesus Christ. As Acts 17:6 reminds us, the early church was accused of turning the world upside down. That same mission remains before us today. Consider these questions:

- How have you personally benefited from the Cooperative Program?
- How engaged is your church in Cooperative Program giving?
- How do you see the Cooperative Program helping Southern Baptists address global lostness?

So why do I believe in the Cooperative Program?

Vision

The Cooperative Program was created as a unified strategy to fund ministry and reach the nations with the gospel. Paul Chitwood often says, “The world’s greatest problem is lostness.” By praying, giving and partnering together, Southern Baptists continue the vision first established in 1925 — reaching boys, girls, men and women with the good news of Jesus Christ. As churches pray, give, go, send and educate, more people hear the Gospel and find hope in Christ. Jesus is still rescuing lost souls.

Benefit

I have benefited greatly from the Cooperative Program. I have led churches to partner with state conventions and the North American Mission Board to plant, replant and revitalize churches. I have partnered with the International Mission Board and taken mission teams around the world in fulfillment of the Great Commission. I have sat in seminary classrooms and received a world-class theological education through our Southern Baptist seminaries.

Student Scoop

Hey y'all! Our Student Ministry has been super busy this summer. We have taken a couple of trips and participated in summer games every week! I want to thank all of you for your support for this awesome group of students. We can't wait for the fall festivities to start. I HOPE Y'ALL ARE READY!!

Dustin Aspinwall, FBC Youth Director



Water Game Day - July 2026



Zoo Atlanta Trip - July 2026

Church Family,

Thank you all so much for all of your prayers! I felt them and Good Lord heard them and He answered them. Rick, Will, and I are so blessed by your concern, love, and prayers for us. Thank you all again.

With love from us,
Tina, Rick, and Will Back

Thank You

Upcoming Events

Connect

Connect will start back on **Sunday, August 2**, at 6:00 pm in the Youth Room! Join us as we eat and fellowship with one another. Childcare is available in the Fellowship Hall.



Promotion Sunday



Promotion Sunday will be **Sunday, August 9**! To celebrate kids moving up to new Sunday School classes, we'll have a breakfast for the kids and Youth that morning in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am. Please see your child(ren)'s Sunday School teachers or Dustin if you have questions about their promotion.

Senior Adults Nothin' Fancy Trip

All Senior Adults are invited to take a trip to Nothin' Fancy Catfish House on **Thursday, August 13**. The bus will leave the church promptly at 4:30 pm.

Food Box Ministry

Our next Food Box Ministry Food Box Ministry will be **Thursday, August 20**, at 1:30 pm.

Announcements

Deacon Nominations

Deacon nomination forms for the 2026-2027 church year have been mailed out to members. You can also pick up a copy in the church office if you do not receive yours. Nominations are due back by **Thursday, August 6**. Please be sure to turn them in by bringing them to the office, mailing them back, or placing them in the offering plate. The Deacon Election will be **Sunday, September 13**.

Administrative and Inactive Deacons that are **NOT eligible for nomination** are below:

Administrative Deacons

Mike Barry
Dan Boyd
Riley Davis
Wiley Norris
Van Phillips
Travis Sawyer

Inactive Deacons

Lewis Banks
Forrest Carter
Jimmy Dillard
Buck Johnson
Harold Wilson

Georgia Baptist Children's Home Gift Card Collection Drive

We'll be collecting gift cards for the Georgia Baptist Children's Home again this year through **Sunday, September 6**. Please turn all gift cards into the office. Collected gift cards will be taken and presented to the GBCH in a ceremony on **Tuesday, September 8**, at 6:00 pm at Weston Baptist Church with a dinner to follow.



The Scroll Deadline for September

If you have an article or addition for *The Scroll* newsletter for September, it is due to the church office by **Tuesday, August 18**.

AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 PRAYING OVER a new school year						
GBCH Gift Cards Campaign Starts Connect 6 pm Alice Carter Donna Cleveland Cindy Kirksey	Tina Back Linda Jordan David Sawyer Lillian Spoon Rucker Spoon Lois Westbrook		Supper Menu: Fried Chicken, Rice, Salad, Rolls, & Dessert Lee County Schools Start	Deacon Nominations Due Today	Terrell Academy Starts Rick Back	Youth Movie Night Donna Granberry
Kids & Youth Promotion Breakfast 9:00 am	Deacons Meeting 5:30 pm	Sue Conyers Helen Davis Mallory Garland	Supper Menu: Pork Pot Roast, Rice, Veggies, Rolls, & Dessert Marilyn Powell	Senior Adults Trip to Nothin' Fancy 4:30 pm		
Business Meeting Deadline for Women of Joy Conf. Sign-Up		The Scroll Article Deadline Women of Joy Conf. Balances Due	Supper Menu: Fried Pork Chops, Roasted Potatoes, Green beans, Rolls, & Dessert	Food Box Ministry 1:30 pm		
Rosie McLendon	Rylee Wilkes	Buck Johnson	Supper Menu: Beef Tips, Rice, Veggies, Rolls, & Dessert	Cheryl Chandler John Wayne Miller Robin Schofill	Vivian Chambless Molly Masters	Fanny Barfield
Responsive Read. AM Youth Girls Bible Study 6:00 pm	Seth Garland					

EVENTS

Promotion Sunday
 August 9 at 9:00 am




Youth Movie Night
 August 8


Senior Adults Trip to Nothin' Fancy
 August 13 at 4:30 pm

