

2021

ANNUAL REPORT



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Newness of Life!



Florida Baptist
Convention

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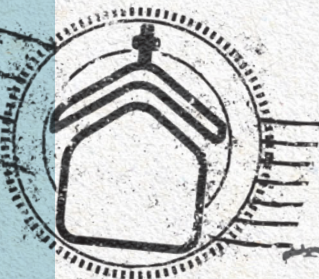
CHALLENGE 2025



The Challenge 2025 Initiative
unites Florida Baptists to propel
the Gospel even further.

These goals...

- ♥ Are all to the glory of the Lord
- ♥ Represent the floor not the ceiling
- ♥ Are annual and establish a new norm by 2025
- ♥ Require unity of the Florida Baptist family
- ♥ Are driven by the local churches of Florida



GOALS:

Church Plants - 75

Church Revitalizations - 100

Baptisms - 30,000

Mission Engagements - 12,000

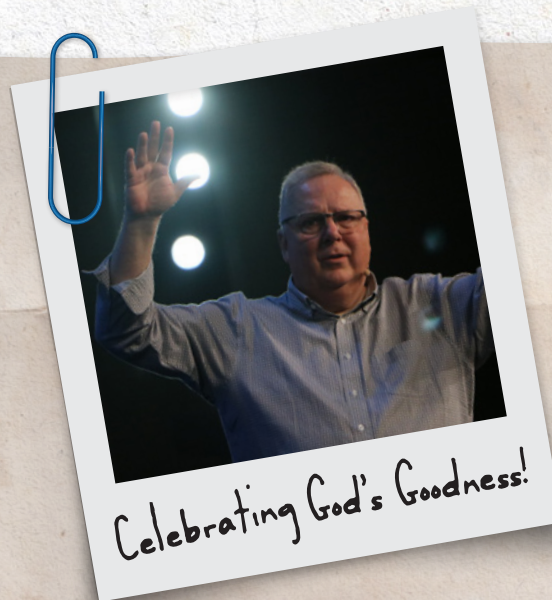
Cooperative Program - \$33M

Maguire State Mission Offering - \$1M

Together we can
REACH Florida and
REACH the World!

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Thank You!

2021 is a year that we can celebrate because of the Lord's favor and your faithfulness. You and your church are clearly focused on God and His mission as I see Him working mightily in and through you. I thank God every day for the opportunity to serve *Right Beside You*.

We are in exciting days overflowing with ministry opportunities. Thank you for being a people who **go, therefore**, desiring to serve our communities, counties, state, nation, and the world in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This past year God has done immeasurably more than we could even think to ask with over 106,000 mission engagements reported by Florida Baptist churches.

As you go, you continue to impact countless lives, **making disciples of all nations**. Together, we propel missions as we seek to provide for physical needs, share spiritual truth, develop believers, and expand the Kingdom of God. We are a multiethnic, multicultural, multilingual, multigenerational family who partners as one for the sake of the Gospel.

We rejoice in welcoming thousands into our faith family, celebrating together newness of life through baptism. We serve a God who restores, renews, and revitalizes, and we give Him praise as He continues to use Florida Baptist churches in His mission.

As we celebrate this past year, we look forward with eager expectation for what is yet to come for the glory of our God.

Tommy Green

Executive Director – Treasurer

2021 Cooperative Program

Giving

#30,775,304 total CP
gifts from Florida Baptist churches
through the Cooperative Program!

\$15,087,311 total portion of CP
receipts utilized in Florida to:

- ◆ Plant, revitalize, strengthen churches
- ◆ Meet community needs
- ◆ Reach the next generation
- ◆ Provide compassionate care

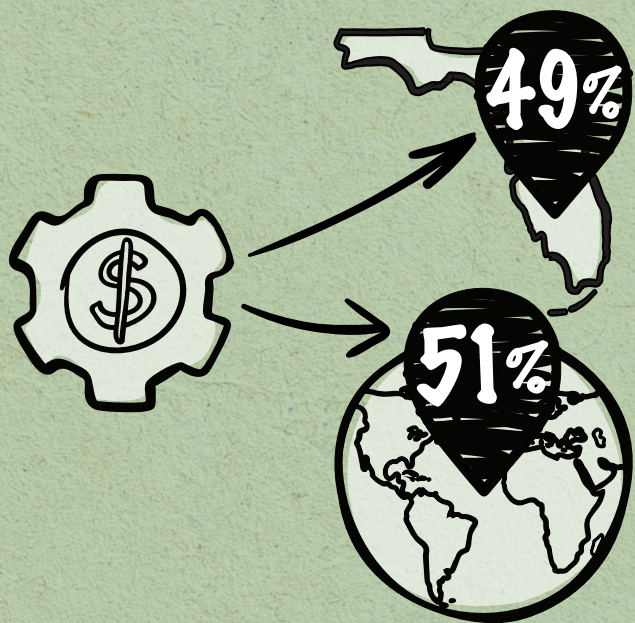
Includes...

\$1,320,000 to the Baptist College of Florida

\$912,200 to Florida Baptist Children's Homes

\$160,000 to Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center

Giving away
MORE THAN WE KEEP



Florida Baptists are still committed
to releasing more resources to
ministry outside the state of Florida.

51% to the Southern Baptist
Convention Cooperative Program.

49% to the Florida Baptist
Convention Cooperative Program.



Praying for Plant



Military Chaplain
Commissioning



Las Vegas, NV

North American Mission Board

\$6,173,109 given by Florida Baptist churches to North American missions through CP (\$3,612,932) and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (\$2,560,177).

Helping all people everywhere.
2,218 Missionaries + 3,720 Chaplains
123,100 Baptisms
558 New Churches Planted

Missions



Central T



India



Deaf Believer
Baptized in East Asia



North Africa

imb INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

\$13,393,690 given by Florida Baptist churches to international missions through CP (\$7,998,454) and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (\$5,395,236).

Maguire State Mission Offering

SEND NETWORK FLORIDA

The Send Network Florida partnership allows for the entire state of Florida to be included as a part of the Send emphasis. Any church in Florida has access to the resources of the Florida Baptist Convention and the North American Mission Board (50/50 support partnership) for church planting.

The entire Maguire State Mission Offering supports Send Network Florida. As you give generously to the Maguire State Mission Offering, you and your church are supporting church planting all across Florida.

502 Churches Participated
\$637,113 Receipts from Florida
Baptists through the Maguire Offering.

100% of donations support church planting all across Florida.



Bedrock Sarasota



No Greater Love Baptist Church



Place of Refuge Church

Welcome to Our Family

85 Churches joined
Convention in 2021.

BLACK CREEK: LOGO Church*

BREVARD:
First Brazilian Baptist Church
The Rock Church
Woori Korean Baptist Church

CHURCH AT LARGE:
Cross Church Starke
Living Hope Church

EMERALD COAST:
Anchor Church
Ceifa Baptist Church
Forest Lake Bible Church

FIRST COAST (formerly JACKSONVILLE):
Branch Community Church
Chets Creek, Burmese Campus
Community of Hope Church*
Congregación Cristiana Shalom
Dream Church
Iglesia Bautista Westside
Iglesia Redencion
Mandarin Baptist Church, Spanish Campus
Mission City Church
One Church at Jax Beach
Salvation Church
Tabernacle Baptist Institutional Church
The Lord is My Shepherd Baptist Church
TheCity.church, Bartram Park Campus
TheCity.church, Riverside Campus

FLORIDA: Celebration en Español

GREATER ORLANDO:
Discovery Life Church
Lake Hill Baptist Church – Portuguese
Metro Brazilian Baptist
Restoration Church*
The Greater Trinity Baptist Fellowship Church

GULF STREAM:
Eglise Baptiste de la Nouvelle Vie*
Living Waters Christian Fellowship

Primitive Baptist Church of Broward
Tabernacle Baptiste de Gosen*

HALIFAX:
BluePrint Community Church
Iglesia Bautista Dios es Bueno

JACKSONVILLE:
Emmanuel Baptist Church

LAKE COUNTY:
Aviva Iglesia Cristiana
Midway Baptist Church
Primera Iglesia Bautista de Leesburg

MARION: TruLife Church of Ocala

MIAMI:
Calvary Chapel Homestead House of Prayer
Christ Family en Espanol
Christ In Us Church
Grace Connection Church, Naranja Campus, English
Greater Harvest
Iglesia Bautista De Kendall (English Campus)
Igreja Real
Miami Baptist Church Espanol
New Visions Community Church
Northside, English Campus
Real Church

NORTHEAST FLORIDA: Exchange Church

NORTHWEST COAST: Iglesia Vida*

OKALOOSA: Covenant Baptist Church*

PALM BEACH:
CrossBridge Brazilian Church
Family Bible Church*
Iglesia Bautista Oasis De Bendicion*
International Bible Church*
Palm Springs Baptist Church, Arabic Campus
Place of Refuge Church*
Radiant City Church*

PALM LAKE:
Elim Devotional Evangelical Ministries

PEACE RIVER: Grace Baptist Church

RIDGE:
Conexion Hispana
Heartland Church, Spanish Campus

ROYAL PALM:
Betsda Church Naples
Shalom Fraternity Christian Church

SANTA ROSA: Living Truth East Milton

SOUTH FLORIDA:
Iglesia Bautista de Lakeland
Lakes Church, South Lakeland Campus

ST. JOHNS RIVER:
Life Church Interlachen
Vilano Beach Christian Church*

SUMTER: Family Church Sumter

SUNCOAST:
New Philadelphia Christian Center

TAMPA BAY:
Extraordinary Church
Favor Church
Good Servant of God Iglesia Bautista
Iglesia Camino de Restauración
Mission Hill Church, Lake Carroll Campus, Spanish
One Another Ministry

TREASURE COAST:
Abba's House
Evangelical Church the Witnesses of Jesus-Christ
House to House Community Church
Westside Church, South Beach Campus

*in process with associational affiliation

Church Planting

Russian-Speaking Church Plants Satellite Congregation in Neighboring City

FORT LAUDERDALE — Boca Raton's Russian-speaking Bible Church is just over a year old. But its newness has not stopped the church from sending a group to neighboring Ft. Lauderdale to reach the underserved Russian-speaking community there with the claims of Christ.

"People from countries that were once part of the Soviet Union also speak Russian and we want to reach them and give them a place where they can read and study the Bible in their own language," explained Daniel Naberezhny, Bible Church pastor.

More than 200,000 Russian-speaking people live in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties, according to the latest data from the U.S. Census.

Bible Church meets for worship on the campus of Boca Raton Community Church. The church plant is thriving and growing and has attracted Russian speakers from surrounding areas, including Ft. Lauderdale.

Yuriy Karolyuk, a member of Bible Church, was sent out to Ft. Lauderdale to lead a group of faithful in that area. Working with Al Fernandez, Florida Baptist Convention's southeast regional catalyst, a connection was formed between the Russian group and Immanuel Baptist Church.

"Our church is very diverse with families representing South America, Europe, the Caribbean, and many more countries," said Carol Vidal, Spanish pastor at Immanuel. "We are a very mission-minded church; a very united church that loves to serve."

The Bible Church satellite is currently meeting in the Immanuel facility rent-free, and the pastors have already talked through accommodations as the group continues to grow. Beyond providing space, the Boca Raton church and Immanuel plan to host events together to bless the communities surrounding each church.

"The area around Immanuel has become diverse with lots of Haitians, African Americans, Ukrainians, Polish, and Russians moving in," said Vidal. "Now, there is more traffic... and the church is more visible, and more people are coming. The food pantry and clinic also contribute to the visibility in the community."

In May, the Ft. Lauderdale group of Bible Church met for their first Bible study with an attendance of 16 adults and five children. Of the adults, 10 are non-believers.

"For now, this group is the extension of our church over there," said Naberezhny. "We are excited to see another place for God's people to come together and study the Bible in their native language. The main goal for us is for people to be born again."



Reaching the Nations
in Florida

Florida Baptist Hispanic Believers Unite in Prayer

MIAMI— Even as the pandemic spread throughout the world beginning in February 2020, a prayer movement began spreading among Florida Baptist Hispanic believers.

What started with weekly virtual prayer gatherings in early 2020 evolved to in-person prayer gatherings as the world came out of quarantine in early 2021.

“Coming out of COVID with weekly pastor prayer meetings, we didn’t want to lose the focus and go back to the regular business of programs,” said Emanuel Roque, Hispanic church catalyst for the Florida Baptist Convention (FBC). “Seeking God, I wanted to see biblical prayer penetrate and become a passion in my life and in the lives of pastors and churches. Only God could work this kind of desire and draw us to a united prayer expression.”

Jose Cardona, pastor at Templo Biblico Bautista in Winter Garden, organized and led the statewide prayer movements, with prayer summits taking place in Kissimmee, Hialeah, Ocala, Palm Coast, Destin, Gulf Breeze and Jacksonville among other locales. These events drew a combined total of 1,000 Hispanic believers from throughout Florida to worship and pray together.

“These prayer summits are led by the Holy Spirit,” said Cardona. “We plan a format, but we let the Spirit guide us through it, and that’s why each of these summits is different. Not one summit is like another.”

“Many have gone back to their churches with a renewed zeal for prayer and have followed through with designated times of corporate prayer seeking God together,” commented Roque.

Reynier Coro, pastor of Iglesia Bautista Resurreccion de Kissimmee, would open his church doors and invite others to come to pray alongside him and his wife every day at 5:30 a.m. An initial group of 15 soon multiplied to 50 people who gathered daily to pray together before sunrise. Even as a significant part of the group was hit with the coronavirus, the group persevered in prayer.

Coro’s church has grown significantly and started a second service as well as simultaneous services for its English-speaking youth.

Unlike coronavirus, the prayer movement showed no signs of slowing down during the latter part of 2021. At the Hispanic gathering held in conjunction with the 2021 annual meeting of the Florida Baptist State Convention, Tommy Green, executive director-treasurer of the FBC, called for 365 days of united prayer among Florida Baptists.

“You have challenged me and convicted me about prayer,” said Green. “Thank you for leading Florida Baptists in prayer and especially in unified prayer.”

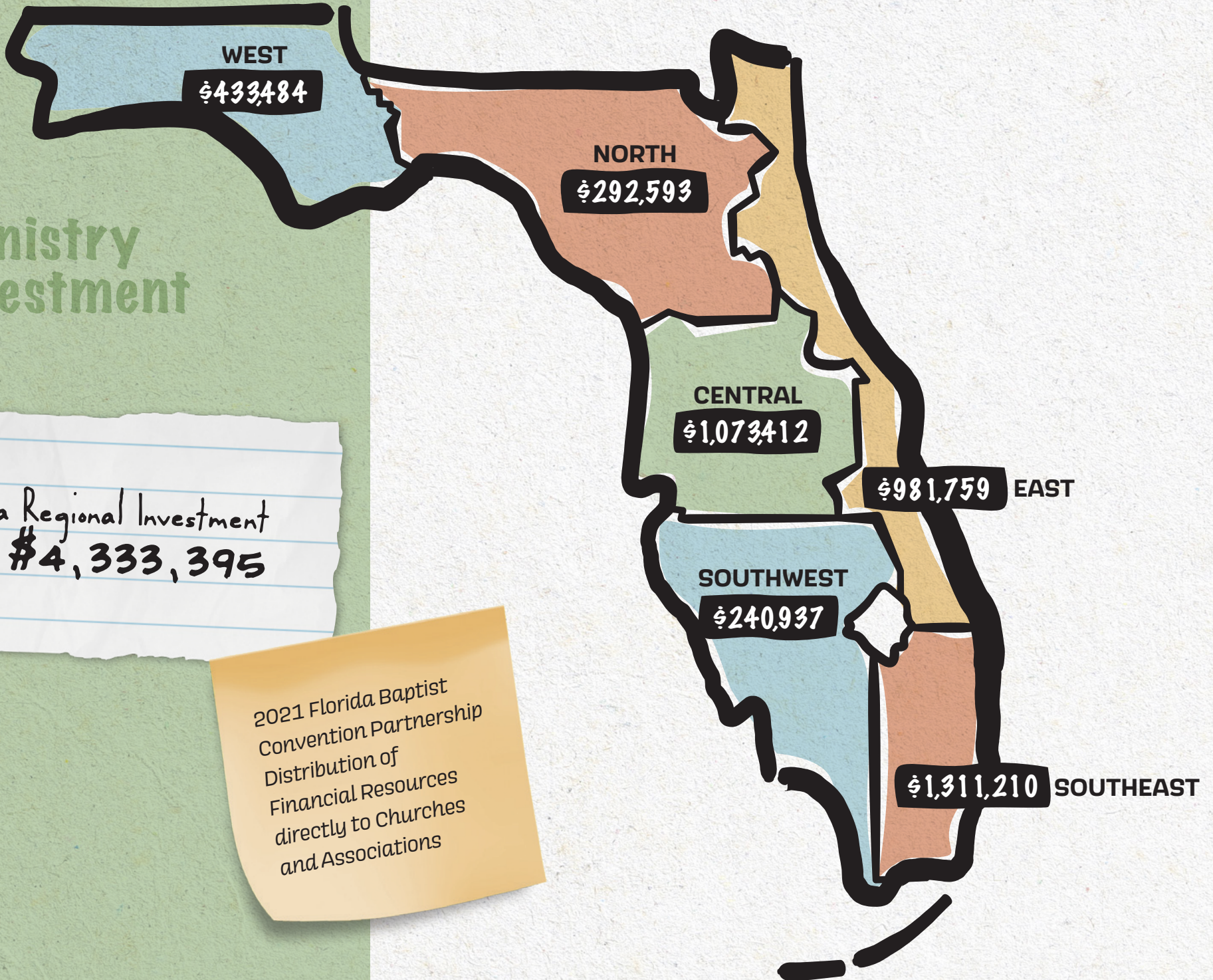


Hispanic Prayer Service

Ministry Investment

Florida Regional Investment
Total: **\$4,333,395**

2021 Florida Baptist
Convention Partnership
Distribution of
Financial Resources
directly to Churches
and Associations



Church Revitalization

Beach Haven Church Sees God's Miracles in Revitalization

PENSACOLA—Built more than 50 years ago, Beach Haven Baptist Church, located in west Pensacola, is experiencing afresh the goodness of God's provision as fellow churches and local businesses stepped in to assist the congregation after Hurricane Sally damaged the building.

Pastor Ken Loubriel came to the church in 2019 and has since been leading the congregation to revitalize the building and more effectively reach the community.

Most recently they completed a yearlong project of replacing the roof that suffered significant damage after the hurricane hit in 2020.

Immediately following the hurricane, Florida Baptist Disaster Relief teams stationed at Pensacola's Hillcrest Baptist Church sent a crew to put tarps on the roof.

Pensacola-area and multiple youth groups also came to help with resources, repairs and paint.

Then two weeks after a mission team of high school students from Georgia visited and renovated the church sanctuary, Pastor Loubriel received a donation for funds to purchase a new metal roof.

The church then used its building fund to pay two small crews to prep the roof for Guardian Roofing, located minutes from the church, to install the new tin roof. A little more than a year after the old roof was damaged, the new roof is finally complete.

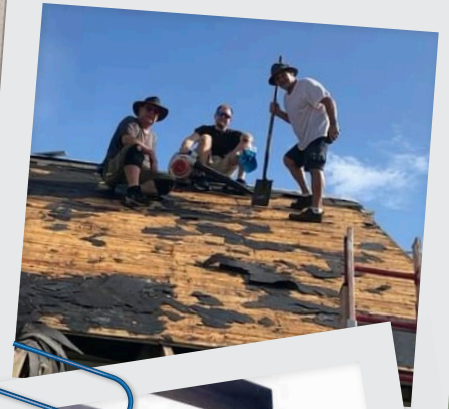
Additional assistance from Brian Nall, executive director of the Pensacola Bay Baptist Association, has been instrumental in the success of the west Pensacola church.

"Through the FBC grant, Pastor Ken was able to bring on an associate pastor to help with community outreach," Nall said. "As this revitalization work continues, PBBA is committed to supporting Pastor Ken and the Kingdom advancing efforts at Beach Haven Baptist Church.

Through the association, the church has teamed up with First Baptist Church in Pensacola's Church-to-Church food pantry and Samaritan's Hands programs, giving church members an open door to plant gospel seeds in the community while providing food, clothing and blankets to those in need.

As a result, church attendance is on the upswing.

While the work inside continues, the congregation is planning to start a community garden to reach and disciple people as they grow food. They also have plans to open a Jesus Kitchen providing soup, grilled cheese sandwiches and drinks to the needy free of charge on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Pensacola Church Rebuilds

Baptisms



18,281 Baptisms Reported
by Florida Baptist Churches



Baptisms



Buried with Christ



Raised to Walk in the Newness of Life

Sandar Baptisms Reflect Growth at Sugarloaf Key Church

SUGARLOAF KEY— Sugarloaf Baptist Church is building bridges to reach young families in a beach community where few residents attend church.

Eight of Sugarloaf's 28 new members were recently baptized at Marvin Key, a popular sandbar near the church where members bring their boats to gather.

Sugarloaf Key, an island in the lower Florida Keys about 20 miles from Key West is a quieter community and draws families and long-term residents to its picturesque shores.

"We have been using trips to the Marvin Key sandbar to attract young couples in the community," said Pastor Scott Opalsky.

Ron Verhalen was one of those baptized at the sandbar. He and his wife, Nikki, had received counseling at the church and he later professed faith in Christ.

"Ron came to Christ and is on fire for God. He has been inviting all his Coast Guard friends and has started doing devotionals with his four little girls," said Opalsky.

"Some of the challenges that we've overcome with newcomers include changing their perspective of what they think the church is. Once they come and they see what we do, they stay." Opalsky said.

Partnership

Your
Compassion
to **PRAY**

Plus Your
Generosity
to **GIVE**

Propels Your
Missionaries
to **GO**

Florida Baptists are Global



Haitian Church

Unique Partnerships with:

- ♥ West Cuba
- ♥ East Cuba
- ♥ Haiti
- ♥ West Virginia
- ♥ US Virgin Islands (USVI)

Hunger Outreach

13,402 Volunteers

546,894 Meals Provided

8,340 Evangelism Encounters

1,280 Professions of Faith



Meeting Physical Needs

Mission Engagements
Total: **106,659**

Homeless Community Embraced by Central Florida Church

APOPKA— First Baptist Church in Apopka was in a time of healing when David Schorejs accepted God's call as pastor seven years ago and delivered a message of hope to its community that has brought renewal full circle.

The church had endured a painful time after losing its pastor and many church members when Schorejs was first asked to serve as guest preacher at the church one Sunday morning. Then on Easter 2014, the congregation called him as their pastor.

He knew taking care of his local community was a priority and wanted to utilize his spiritual gift of encouragement to help those around him. "We quickly began strategizing how to re-identify our mission and vision," said Schorejs, who previously had served churches in Florida and Arizona.

Drawing from the book "Experiencing God" by Henry Blackaby, the 24-year Marine Corp veteran was inspired to focus on his community. "Instead of creating ministry and asking God to bless it, we decided to embrace the community around us."

For the church, located in downtown Apopka, north of Orlando, the surrounding neighborhood was home to a large population of homeless and destitute people.

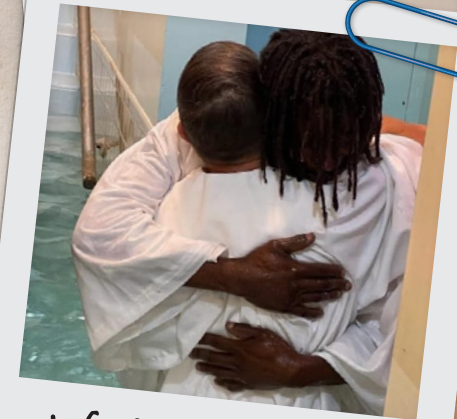
After researching how to effectively help the community, the church began hosting dinners every Monday night called "A Message of Hope" that is part of their Next Step Ministry.

"This dinner event began about six years ago and has seen over 30 homeless people in our community come to know Christ and be baptized," he said.

Each week between 60 and 70 volunteers come out to serve in the ministry and as many as 60 homeless and impoverished attend the meals.

"We invite anyone in our community in need a free, hot meal and to stay and enjoy the company of new friends. After a short Bible study, we offer groceries, clothing, shoes, blankets, and haircuts to anyone in need. Hot showers are also available," the pastor said.

During the COVID-19 shutdown, A Message of Hope continued, but just changed a little bit. First Baptist distributed take-out meals with an outline from Sunday's message before the meal and fellowship resumed again.



Life Transformation

Community

Migrant Outreach:

6 Block Parties

967 People Attended in total

97 Professions of Faith

3 Evangelistic Meetings

19 Professions of Faith

60 Graduates from 2.5 year
Migrant Seminary Program



Cleanup + Recovery



Serving Veterans

912 Chaplains serve in
the following categories:

- ♥ Corporate
- ♥ Disaster Relief
- ♥ Health Care
- ♥ Public Safety
- ♥ Restorative Justice
- ♥ Special Missions/Hospitality

Disaster Relief

4,000+ Credentialed Volunteers

No major Florida incident in 2021

500 Clean Up and Recovery Jobs

Mobile Dental Ministry

In 2021, the Mobile Dental Ministry
expanded into Preventive Care.
We also continue to provide
Emergency Care.

25 Number of Churches/Associations

103 Volunteer Dentists

1,035 Patients

543 Fillings

938 Extractions

744 Evangelism Encounters

27 Professions of Faith

55 Other Decisions

\$516,141 Value of Services

Health Care Ministries

20 Medical Clinics

8 Dental Clinics

Homework Help Club

PERRY—Through its new Homework Help Club, First Baptist Church in Perry is helping struggling students thrive in school due to a unique partnership with nearby Taylor County Elementary School.

"We are helping students and schools, but also the families," said Pastor Steven Ruff. "We want to be involved in strengthening families in our community. That's what we're going all in on."

Volunteers from First Perry offer the one-on-one after-school tutoring and mentoring to local third through fifth-grade students every Tuesday afternoon. The Taylor County students are transported by school bus to the church, where the tutors await their arrival.

"If parents are working, they've got several kids and homework needs to be done. Students can take care of all of that here with us and then there is less pressure and stress at home," Ruff said. "We can help alleviate some of that for families and strengthen them and just be a safe place for them to be."

Volunteer tutors work one-on-one with students to help them in reading or math or both, as requested by their teachers. Students also participate in a devotional and are invited to family activities at the church.

"It's a joy to be able to sit down with them, especially when you have a child who either struggles or thinks they're never going to get it, and then finally realize how to do it," said student pastor Steven Perry. "I mean that is such a cool thing to witness."

Working with Marc Johnston, community ministries catalyst for the Florida Baptist Convention, the church enlisted a nationally accredited instructor to hold "Tutoring Young Children and Teens" training for church volunteers this past summer.

"The training equipped us to be able to do it better and more effectively," Ruff said. "She did a great job of encouraging our tutors and showing us how to do it in a way that gets kids' attention. That really showed the volunteers that we wanted them to succeed by providing the training for them."

"Last year during the pilot project we had a student struggling and the teacher was quick to give praise to this tutoring program when the student made an A on the exam," he said. "We do see progress in their grades and in their enjoyment of academics."

Ruff said the church hopes to help more students and families by recruiting members from other churches to assist with the tutoring.

"That would be the ultimate goal – to have so many students we could reach and help that it would require us to partner together with other churches," the pastor said.



Volunteers Tutor Students

Lacking Youth, First Baptist Cocoa Steps Out in Faith to Reach Next Gen

COCOA – “We want our youth group to reflect the demographics of our community, a picture of heaven proclaiming the name of Jesus,” said Dean Williamson, who recently was named youth pastor at First Baptist Church in Cocoa.

Once a thriving family church, today First Baptist Cocoa, located on the corner of Brevard Avenue and Oak Street for 111 years, is a predominantly older congregation. They have not had a youth ministry since 2014.

But with the help of the new youth pastor and grant from the Florida Baptist Convention, the church now has a growing student ministry and remodeled space for them to meet.

Williamson, originally from North Carolina, grew up in Worcester, Massachusetts, a city west of Boston, where his parents served as church planting missionaries with the North American Mission Board.

Beginning with one student, Williamson helped his father launch a youth ministry at their church in Worcester. One student soon grew to 25.

“God brought the youth quickly,” said the youth pastor. He discovered teens want to know more about God and want someone to pour into them.

The 2018 graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and his wife, Kate, relocated to Cocoa last year due to health issues requiring a warmer climate.

When the Williamsons first visited First Cocoa in January of this year, lead pastor Rich Lively thought they were there visiting grandparents.

When Lively learned about Williamson’s background, the pastor asked if the young man would be willing to help the church get a youth program started. Dean answered “yes.”

The church also said “yes” to hire Williamson as a part-time youth minister, even though the money was not in the budget.

With no teens at first, Williamson started a basketball ministry on Thursday nights in late May, utilizing the church’s activity center.

Now 10–15 students play every week; some are students from the home school co-op that meets in the church building, and some are grandchildren of church members.



Engaging Youth
in Cocoa Beach

Super Summer Youth

575 Student Participants
130 Professions of Faith
19 Called to Ministry
25 Decisions for Baptism



Hyped for Jesus



Super Summer Kids



Building Trust+Community

Next Gen

Baptist Collegiate Ministries

(2020-2021 school year)

4,750 Impacted on **17** Campuses
835 Involved in Weekly Ministries
313 Involved in Leadership Development
27 Professions of Faith **151** Called to Ministry
25 Additional Decisions for Baptism



USF BCM



Outreach in Miami

Ethnic Congregations

Florida continues to be a rapidly growing and diverse state. It takes us all working together for the glory of God to reach our communities.

Florida Baptists' Rich Tapestry of Language & Culture are Woven Together...

African American	Hungarian
American Indian	Japanese
Anglo	Jewish
Arabic	Korean
Asian Indian	Multiethnic
Brazilian	Portuguese
Cambodian	Romanian
Chinese	Russian
Deaf	Slavic
Ethiopian	Thai
Filipino	Ukrainian
Haitian	Vietnamese
Hispanic	Zomi (Burma)



Asian-American Pastors' Fellowship Launches

LAKELAND – Florida Baptists' Asian Americans congregations launched their first meeting as the Asian American Church Fellowship on Sept. 23, 2021 at the Baptist Building in Jacksonville.

Pablito "Lito" Lucas, pastor of Philippine International Christian Fellowship Church in Lakeland, led the fellowship and said that the Sept. 23 gathering was a time to inspire all churches to be on mission in planting new churches and reaching their communities.

"I want to encourage other Asian pastors to also participate in convention life and ask for help," he said. "It's a mission-minded thing."

During the Challenge 2025 gathering held in February 2021, a group of Asian American pastors discussed creating a fellowship to network among the 80 Florida Baptist congregations of Asian descent. These churches include Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, Filipino, Indian, Karen, Cambodian, Japanese and Thai, according to the facilitators.

The group estimated that half a million Asians live in Florida with persons from India and Pakistan representing the largest numbers.

The challenge many Asian pastors face, Lucas shared, is language. While some Asian groups including the Filipinos speak English, other groups communicate primarily in their native language. The barrier has left many in Asian churches feeling isolated not just from the communities where they live, but also from other believers.

Lucas understands that situation perfectly because he experienced it firsthand. Originally from the Philippines, the Lakeland pastor immigrated to the United States to study at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. After graduation, he and his wife moved to Florida to plant Philippine International.

While he didn't know any other Asian pastors in the area at the time, Lucas was determined to "not allow this isolation to stop me from being a part of the convention, so I involved myself through the association," he said.

Today, his church of 22 years has planted another church in Winter Haven. "Through cooperation among believers, much can be done," he added.

He identified additional concerns experienced by Asian American churches. "Not knowing how to reach out to the lost in their community and feeling isolated from the faith community are some of the other challenges facing our churches right now."

Lucas' vision for the Asian American Church Fellowship is that it will become a hub for Asian pastors to partner, encourage and support each other to reach their individual communities with the Gospel.



Asian Church Fellowship

Women's Missions & Ministries / Missions Education

1,466 Organizations serve Florida Baptist churches through Women's Ministry, Women on Mission, Adults on Mission, and WMU Organizations



Connecting Passion
and God's Mission



In God's Word

696 Women lead age-level missions education in their church

78 Participants of the Women's Spring Retreat
(15 Churches Represented)

290 Attended the Ministers' Wives Luncheon

360 Attended Four Hispanic Women's One-Day Regional Events

144 Participated in 18 Virtual Gatherings for Women's Missions
& Women's Ministry Leaders

12 Attended Two Virtual Bible Storying Classes (6 weeks each)

777 Churches Ordered Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering Resources

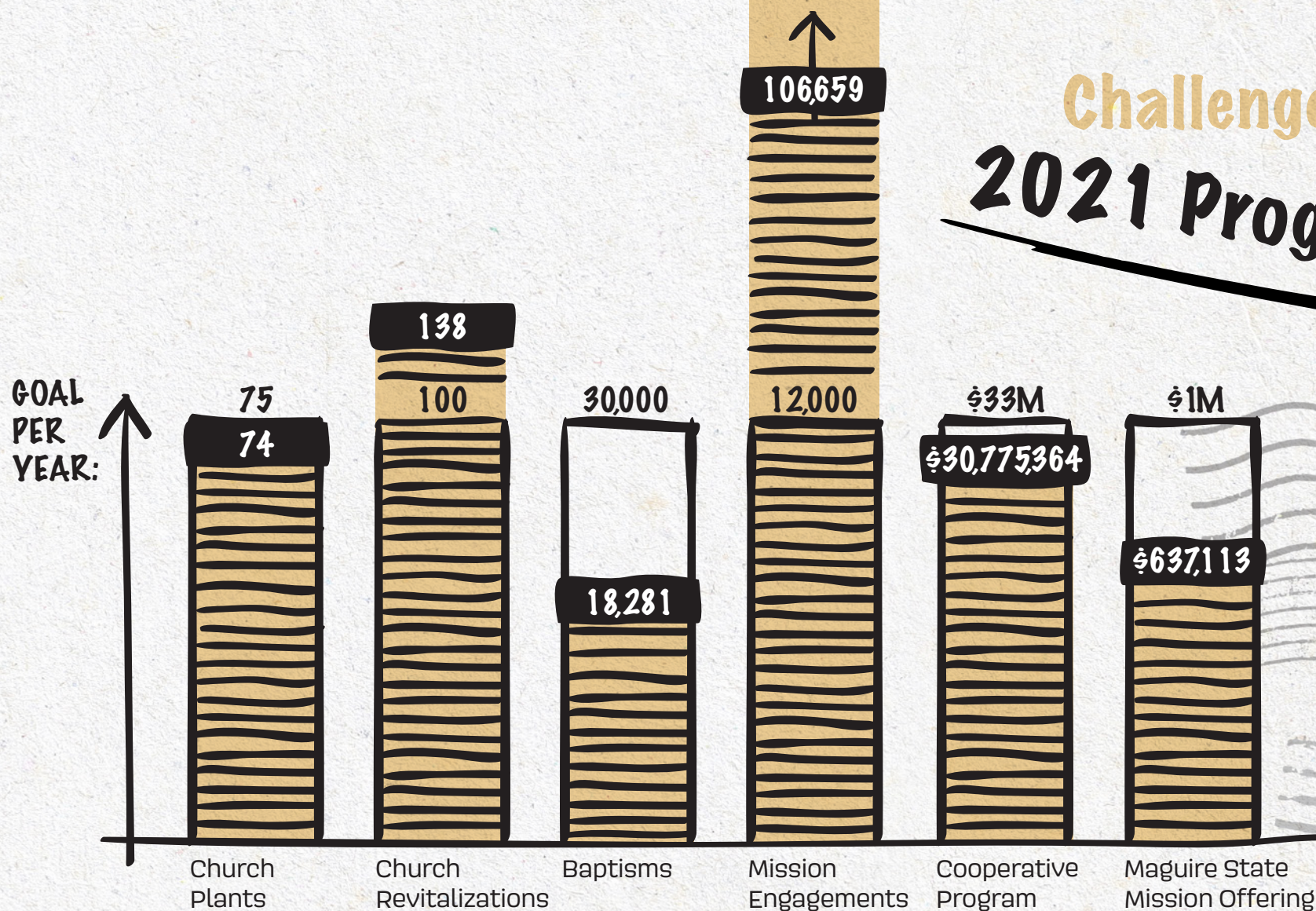
780 Churches Ordered Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering Resources



Hispanic Women's Retreat

Challenge 2025

2021 Progress



Together we celebrate all that God has done this past year, but Florida Baptists must also prepare for the future. The population of Florida is currently increasing by 330,000 residents a year. Just as the population will continue to rise, so must our level of compassion and generosity.

All of this, so that the Gospel will be shared, that lives will be transformed, and that God's Kingdom will be expanded. Together we have a greater reach than we ever could alone.

flbaptist.org/challenge-2025

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of
the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

Good News for the Whole World



Celebrating New Life!







Serving Refugees



Florida Baptist
Convention

Right Beside You.

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