

2022

ANNUAL REPORT



Celebrating
Newness of Life!



Florida Baptist
Convention

Right Beside You.

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!



Celebration of 2022



Celebrating God's Goodness!

I thank God every day for the opportunity to serve *Right Beside You*. As I look back on 2022, I clearly see God's presence, provision, and power. It is a blessing to serve in Florida with such faithful servants for Christ who seek to magnify His name.

In this annual report, we do not celebrate the strength and might of men; we proclaim Christ as we reflect on His faithfulness and favor. We thank God for church plants and revitalizations, new believers, reaching and equipping the next generation, disaster relief, and ministry to the least of these. The following pages provide a snapshot of the mighty hand of God moving across our state.

We join together as a network of churches intent on fulfilling the Great Commission. We **go, therefore** to our neighborhoods, our state, our nation, and the world. We seek to **make disciples** of all ages and every nation. We **baptize** and **teach** new believers to go and do the same. We are a multiethnic, multicultural, multilingual, multigenerational family who partner as one for the sake of the Gospel.

We rejoice with you in what God has done, is doing, and will continue to do in Florida and beyond. Join me in this celebration of 2022 and may it serve as a catalyst for even greater things in the coming years.

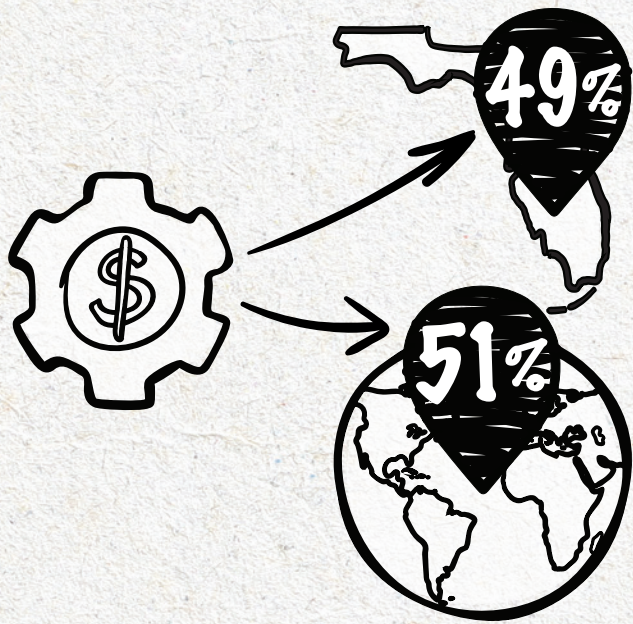
Tommy Green

Executive Director – Treasurer

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Cooperative Program



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.

\$29,180,689 total CP gifts from Florida Baptist churches through the Cooperative Program!

\$14,402,090 stayed 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

\$912,000 to Florida Baptist Children's Homes

\$160,000 to Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center

\$14,778,599 advanced to the SBC and the World

Missions Giving



TRANSFORMED!



Living on Mission



Discipling all nations...



until the whole world hears.

North American Mission Board

\$5,753,742 given by Florida Baptist churches to North American missions through CP (\$3,362,918) and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (\$2,390,824).

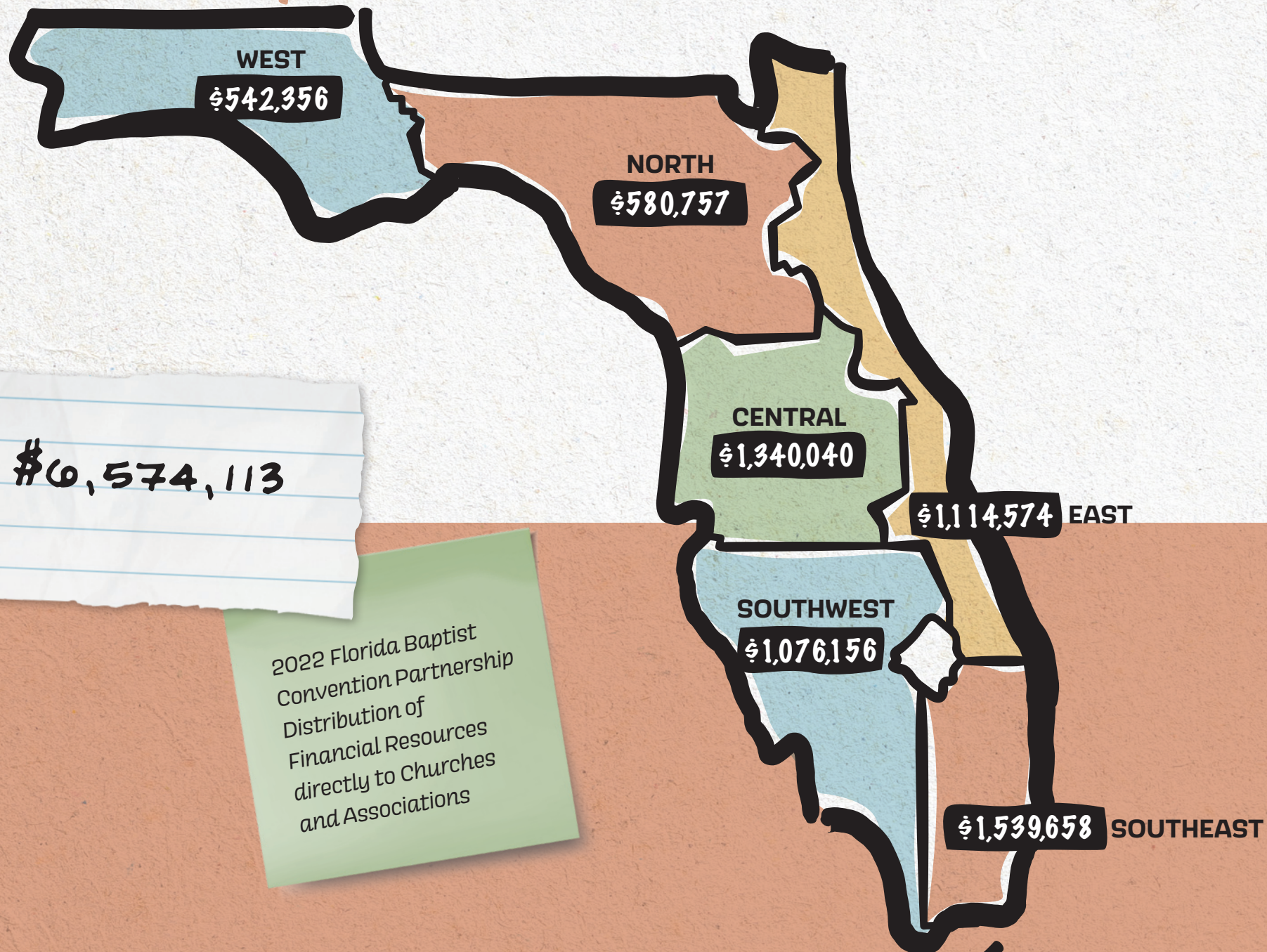
- ◆ **2,469** Missionaries + **3,720** Chaplains
- ◆ **600** New Churches Planted
- ◆ An estimated **281,000,000** people in North America do not have a relationship with Jesus.

imb INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

\$13,144,046 given by Florida Baptist churches to international missions through CP (\$7,458,644) and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (\$5,685,402).

- ◆ **3,521** Total Field Personnel
- ◆ **176,795** New Believers + **107,701** Baptisms
- ◆ **11,948** People Groups Globally
- ◆ **3,175** Unengaged, Unreached People Groups
- ◆ **93** New People Groups + Urban Centers Engaged

Total Ministry Assessment



Total: \$6,574,113

2022 Florida Baptist
Convention Partnership
Distribution of
Financial Resources
directly to Churches
and Associations

Church Revitalization

Sumatra Baptist Church Celebrates New Life On Resurrection Sunday

By Brooke Mannion

On Easter Sunday as Christians worldwide celebrated new life found in the risen Lord, new life began for Sumatra Baptist Church in the Panhandle of Florida.

The cooperation of multiple churches in Apalachee Baptist Association, along with one pastor's faithfulness to God's call, breathed new life into the historic church located in the small town of Bristol.

For years Pastor Stanley Blissett knew that God had plans for him to lead a church. In March 2020, while seeking God's direction, Blissett sensed God impressing the word "liberty" on his heart and mind.

Around the same time, Blissett, a Missouri native, made a career move to Tallahassee, and he noticed that Liberty County was about a 35-minute drive from his new job.

He soon visited Corinth Baptist Church in Liberty County. There, he met Pastor Kyle Peddie who knew that the doors of Sumatra Baptist Church in Bristol had closed and that revival was urgently needed in the community.

Baptist association responds

Just as Blissett sensed God's clear guidance to lead Sumatra Baptist Church, other churches in Apalachee Association began to respond to the opportunity of re-opening the doors of the once-vibrant church.

"It has been great to see our small association involved in this work," said Darreyl Duggar, associational mission strategist for Apalachee Baptist Association.

"We are very active in missions, even though we are made up of only a dozen or so small churches. When I approached the executive committee with the idea of a new church in the area, they all became very excited and were on board immediately."

Lake Mystic Baptist Church and Corinth Baptist Church, in particular, have partnered with Sumatra Baptist Church. Over the past year, both partner churches have helped with cleaning up the Sumatra facility, making visits, committing to financial support and sending families to help with the church plant.

"As soon as I heard of the need, I knew we had to be involved," said Cody Watson, pastor of Lake Mystic Baptist Church.

"Lake Mystic has a long history of planting churches, and we desire to be actively involved in planting churches in the Panhandle of Florida and beyond. One of the biggest blessings of the Cooperative Program is that as a small church, we can do more than just give financially, we can step up and be hands-on."

Ongoing plans include renovating the sanctuary and classroom areas of Sumatra Baptist Church, with Apalachee Baptist Association offering financial support, prayer and hands-on workers.

The inaugural Easter Sunday service was attended by an overflow crowd of about 80 people, which Blissett hopes is just the beginning.

"I am excited and humbled about being chosen by God for His mission and purpose," said the bi-vocational pastor.

"I'm grateful for the churches and families that have lent their support. God has put together an amazing group of people who love Him and desire to reach the community."

123 churches
revitalized in 2022



Alive again

Church Planting



Reality Church, Miami



Favor Church, Wesley Chapel

- ♦ **74** New Churches
- ♦ Church Planting Partnership Investment: **\$4,677,914**

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.

Maguire State Mission Offering

504 Churches Participated
\$939,238 Receipts from Florida
Baptists through the Maguire Offering.

100% of donations support
church planting all across Florida.



Saturated in prayer



All ages on mission

**77 Churches joined
the Convention through
planting and new
affiliations in 2022.**

Welcome to Our Family

♥ APALACHEE: Sumatra

♥ BREVARD:
Christ Community Church
Victory Church

♥ EAST CENTRAL:
City Light
Parkview Church LPGA

♥ FIRST COAST:
Aspire Vietnamese
First Baptist Missionary Church of Oakleaf
Hope, Jacksonville Campus
Kush Prayer Ministries
New Berlin Road
Open Door Biker
River Rock Church
Ukrainian

♥ FLORIDA: Calvary

♥ FLORIDA KEYS:
Premiere Eglise Baptiste De Key West

♥ GREATER ORLANDO:
10:02 Church
CrossLife Church, East Campus
Crown
Family Church, Four Corners Portuguese Campus
First Baptist Asian Languages
GO Church
Horizon West Community Church Portuguese
Iglesia Bautista Nacoes Unidas
Iglesia Cristiana Casa de Redencion
Igreja de Familia, Lakeside Brazilian
One Family Church
Redemption Orlando
So Church
University Baptist Church, Bonnevillle Spanish

♥ GULF STREAM: Brazilian Baptist Church

♥ LAKE COUNTY:
Grace Baptist Church of Clermont
Hometown Baptist Church

♥ MANATEE SOUTHERN:
Southside Bautista Iglesia
West Bradenton

♥ MARION:
College Road in Espanol
College Road

♥ MIAMI:
Alive Baptist Church
Camino de Vida
Eglise Baptiste Canaan
El-Shaddai Baptist Church
First Haitian Baptist Church of Christ
Grace Connection, Naranja Haitian

♥ NATURE COAST: Cross Ridge Church

♥ NORTH CENTRAL: Hague

♥ NORTH FLORIDA:
Orchard Community Church, Ocala Campus

♥ NORTHEAST: Beautiful Life Church

♥ PALM BEACH:
First Baptist Boynton Beach Espanol
Grace Fellowship en Espanol
Igreja Da Paz
Missionnaire
Palm Springs Baptist Church, Haitian Campus
Palm Springs Baptist Church, Spanish Campus

♥ PASCO: Iglesia Comunidad Biblica

♥ PEACE RIVER: Lee Boulevard Hispanic

♥ PENSACOLA BAY: Pensacola Chinese

♥ RIDGE: Lakeside Church

♥ ROYAL PALM:
Iglesia Real
Momentum
Ranch Road
Real Church Fort Myers

♥ SEMINOLE:
Journey Church, DeLand
Journey Church, Deltona

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

♥ SUNCOAST:
Covenant Hope
United Christian Center Church

♥ TAMPA BAY:
Christ Fellowship, Espanol Campus
Church at Channelside
Identity Baptist Church
Iglesia De Odessa
Mission Hill, Six Mile Campus
New Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist
New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
Outpost Network
South Tampa Fellowship, Channel District Campus

♥ TREASURE COAST:
Antioch Baptist Church
Family Church North Stuart
L'Eglise Chretienne de la Nouvelle Vie

♥ WEST PALM BEACH: Family

Three Churches, Three Languages, Three Conduits for Spreading The Gospel

By Marian Rizzo

LAKE WALES—Three churches on one campus, reaching three distinct people groups, is a glimpse of God's work at its finest, believes Scott Markley, lead pastor of First Baptist Church of Lake Wales.

As the hosting church, First Baptist has opened the doors of its auxiliary building to two non-English speaking missions. One of them, Elim Baptist Mission Church, is a Haitian congregation of about 70 people who meet in the basement of First Baptist's former building.

The other congregation, the newly formed Iglesia Bautista Conexion Hispana, meets upstairs in the same building. "Sunday mornings are a rousing good time of worship," said Markley with a chuckle. "The Haitian church people can hear the Latino beat during their service, and the Hispanic congregation can hear the Haitian beat."

'Great things' to come for Hispanic church

"When I came here, I noticed there was an especially large Hispanic population," said Markley.

"I long desired to start a Spanish-speaking church so this generation of people could attend a service in their own heart language. I waited on God's provision for a long time. Then I had a phone conversation with Jeffery Singletary."

The Central regional catalyst for the Florida Baptist Convention, Singletary knew about a discipleship training program at Iglesia Bautista Central in Kissimmee. He spoke with the pastor, Alex "Edgar" Vasquez, and met Anthony De Jesus, a youth minister who'd been serving at the Kissimmee church and had been training with the discipleship program. Singletary was more than happy to help expedite the planting of a new Hispanic church in Lake Wales. He introduced Markley to De Jesus, and the rest is history.

In addition to receiving help from the Florida Baptist Convention, assistance for the new launch also is coming from the North American Mission Board and Ridge Baptist Association, with partnerships on both local and state levels, Markley said.

Michael Petty, associational mission strategist with Ridge Baptist Association, is pleased with the launch of Iglesia Bautista Conexion Hispana.

"Our association has committed to plant 36 churches, and this is the first," Petty said. "I worked with Dr. Markley as he began to pray about it. We discussed options. It does work better if an existing church is very involved in planting a church."

To De Jesus, pastor of Conexion, it couldn't get much better than this. His church launched in September with five or six people, mostly family members, and has grown to 60 attending now.

'Kind love' for Haitian church

Meanwhile, the Haitian church is getting ready to move into its new building a mile down the road from First Baptist.

Reginald Romulus, one of three pastors at Elim, has many praises for the hospitality his congregation has received.

"There is no word to express how they helped keep us going—the use of their building, no water bill, no light bill, no rent. The way they treated us, with kind love. It's like the Bible says, to treat each other with respect. They've done everything in their power to help us go."

The church started with 15 or 20 people and now has 70 attending, Romulus said.

When Elim settles into its new sanctuary, the Hispanic church will take over the vacated basement. De Jesus plans to turn it into a multi-purpose facility with a daycare, English as a second language program, and computer lab.

"That's our plan," De Jesus said. "We are tied to the Hispanic community directly. I would like to stay there for a long time, because we can give good use to that building. It's a challenge, but God is doing the work, so we need to always rest on that fact. He will provide and do what we cannot do."

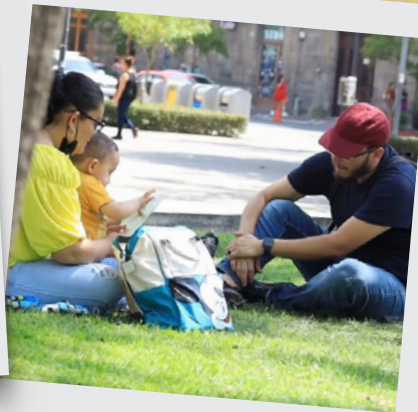


Reaching diverse people groups

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.

Multicultural Ethnicities

Through a combined effort with resources from Missions, Next Gen and Hispanic ministries, 80 Spanish speakers representing 8 Hispanic churches, went on mission to Mexico, Panama, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico and Spain. With minimal language barriers, students learned that reaching the nations can be accomplished together as short-term trips have long-term value. This partnership focuses on mobilizing the next generation to live on mission.



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

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

Baptisms



22,034 Baptisms Reported
by Florida Baptist Churches



Pastor Josh Dryer baptizes new believer

Intentional Evangelism by Church Members Leads To Eight Weeks Of Baptisms

By Keila Diaz

KEY WEST— Ms. Linda lives in a temporary homeless shelter in New Town in Key West and even though she has “a bad hip, a bad knee and one eye,” she can’t cease praising God for how good He has been to her.

Ms. Linda was one of 15 people recently baptized at Fifth Street Baptist Church in Key West during an eight-week stretch that saw people being baptized every Sunday. The baptisms, said Lead Pastor Josh Dryer, are the fruit of intentional evangelism by Fifth Street church members in the Key West community. These evangelistic efforts, which include focus on the homeless shelter where Ms. Linda lives, are being blessed by God, Dryer said.

The outreach at the temporary homeless shelter is just one of many intentional evangelism efforts led by church members.

“There are a couple of men who go out regularly door-to-door and at public venues—the pier, the homeless shelter —where they offer Bible study and share the gospel— and a nursing home ministry,” he said.

Parents at Fifth Street are also faithful in discipling their children and bringing them to church, added Dryer.

The baptism boom, he said, was sparked by four children who made

professions of faith.

“We have committed to praying that God will continue to give us a platform in the city and opportunities to share the gospel with our friends and family,” said Dryer.

A former church planter, Dryer “has brought a renewed emphasis on evangelism to Fifth Street Baptist Church,” said Al Fernandez, Florida Baptists’ catalyst for the Southeast region. “Key West is surrounded not only by the ocean but also by thousands of lost people. Like Jesus calling to His disciples, Josh is effectively equipping church members to be fishers of men.”

And the church has prepared for that mission by offering evangelism training using the “3 Circles” model developed by Jimmy Scroggins.

Fifth Street Baptist was planted in 1965 to reach people in the New Town area. Today Fifth Street is a multigenerational, multilingual, multicultural church ministering to those who live or vacation in the Key West community.

On the day she was baptized, Ms. Linda was excited, happy to greet everyone, and celebrated the things that God has done in her life.

Next Gen

"From being an attendee, to serving as a student leader, to now serving as a NAMB missionary, BCM has always been a place for me to grow in my relationship with the Lord, leadership skills, and so much more. I would not be the person I am, in the place I am, without the continual care and support I received from the BCM while I was in college and now."

- Alexa Laux, USF BCM, Tampa



Gathering to worship

"Super Summer Florida continues to exceed all expectations, providing our student ministry with an unforgettable experience. We are grateful for the life-changing moments, lasting friendships, and spiritual growth that our students gained during their time at this amazing camp."

- Jeromy Larson, Student Pastor, FBC Middleburg



Building community that matters



Serving others

Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM) 2021-2022 school year:

- ♥ **9,700** Impacted
- ♥ **1,354** Involved Weekly
- ♥ **333** Leadership Development
- ♥ **112** Salvations
- ♥ **38** Called to Ministry



Best week...



of the year!

Super Summer:

- ♥ Participants: 326 kids + 744 students
- ♥ Salvations: 5 kids + 112 students
- ♥ Called to Ministry: 40 students
- ♥ Baptisms: 4 kids + 50 students



"VBS trainings are one of my favorite events of the year because it's an opportunity for all kinds of people who are passionate about children's ministry to get together. Whether you are a brand-new first-time volunteer or a veteran director of 20 years, there's something for you!"

- Reilly Seccia, Children's Director, FBC Kissimmee

VBS

109,481 Enrolled

925 Church Vacation Bible Schools

Disaster Relief

1,274 Volunteers Trained
(493 new volunteers)



Hurricane Ian Response:

- ♦ **800** Florida volunteers responded to Hurricane Ian in Port Charlotte and other affected areas across the state.
- ♦ Over **30** other state convention partners helped with the response.
- ♦ Produced and distributed **735,985 meals**, volunteered **248,572 hours**, and completed **4,000 homeowner work requests** with temporary roofing, chainsaw, and flood recovery jobs.
- ♦ **225 professions of faith.**

Disaster Relief volunteers unleash God's love in aftermath of Hurricane Ian's unleashed fury

By Margaret Colson

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA—Just as Hurricane Ian unleashed its fury on the southwest coast of Florida in September 2022, Florida Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers unleashed God's love, ministering and witnessing to those devastated by the Category 4 storm.

When disasters strike, "We want to be the hands and feet of Jesus and show people that God loves them and can bring hope through the devastation," said David Coggins, FLDR director.

Less than 48 hours after Hurricane Ian's landfall, FLDR volunteers were on the road, moving toward the heartbreak and ministry opportunities. Prior to reaching the disaster zones, Coggins admitted, "We didn't know what we were about to face. None of us had what it would take to do what we were about to do. We would trust all of this to God."

However, he was certain of one thing: "We will walk through heartache in the coming days, but in the end we will celebrate."

In the weeks following the hurricane's destructive rampage, close to 900 FLDR volunteers offered food and water, helped with clean-up and recovery, prayed and shared a gospel witness. These volunteers prepared close to 204,000 meals, completed 517 recovery jobs and worked more than 48,000 hours.

Day by day, these volunteers shared a gospel witness in word and deed, with 69 individuals, including Dan Noel, making professions of faith in Jesus Christ.

New to southwest Florida, Noel, a general contractor, heard about DR efforts and wanted to help. Volunteering alongside two DR men from First Baptist Church, Naples, Noel heard the gospel

message, made a decision to follow Christ, and then led his wife and daughters to do the same.

"It is the single best decision I've ever made in my life. I have genuinely never had so much inner peace," he said.

Cooperative effort

Because of the hurricane's magnitude, Southern Baptist DR volunteers from 29 other Baptist state conventions, as well as Southern Baptists' Send Relief, joined Florida Baptists in relief efforts, upping the numbers to almost 736,000 meals prepared, 4,000 recovery jobs completed, almost 250,000 hours worked and 225 professions of faith.

"This is a beautiful cooperative effort of the family of God coming together," said Tommy Green, Florida Baptists' executive director-treasurer.

Also, FLDR leaders cooperated with American Red Cross and The Salvation Army in relief efforts.

While not wanting "to minimize the loss" that people experience during disasters, Coggins hopes that FLDR volunteers can remind people that "life is so much more, and eternity is about much more than possessions. It is about our relationship with Christ. We as a relief ministry can help people to see those things.

"For those without Christ, it gives us an opportunity to open that conversation often about eternal things in relation to temporal things.

"For those who are followers of Christ, it gives us an opportunity to minister to them in their faith, help them find a new balance of the eternal and temporal and help them to fix their faith on the Lord and what He has given us in Christ."



Providing Help,
Healing, and Hope

Partnerships

Your
Compassion
to **PRAY**

Plus Your
Generosity
to **GIVE**

Propels Your
Missionaries
to **GO**

Unique Partnerships with:

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

Florida Baptist Convention launches partnership with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio:

"The Midwest is a wonderful place, but there is a coldness there when it comes to the gospel. Ohio is the seventh largest state in America, and 90% of its 12 million residents are lost. Our pastors need encouragement. We're better together, stronger together. Our best days are ahead."

- Jeremy Westbrook, Executive Director, SCBO



"As a Migrant Pastor, many of our church members come to this country to work, but many of them once they become a Christian, want to know more about our Lord Jesus. I had a student that told me, 'Pastor, the only reason why I wanna know more of Jesus is because I know one day I will go back to my country Guatemala, and I wanna be able to tell my family about Jesus.'"

- Jose Diaz, Pastor, Tabernaculo Bíblico Bautista, Vero Beach

Refugee Assistance Program:

partnered with Missions and SEND relief

- ♥ **7 churches** serve as hubs
(IB Northside, IB Bethesda, IB Doral, IB Coral Park, Emmanuel Haitian, Grace Connection, and Bethel Evangelical)
- ♥ **Hundreds of thousands** served
- ♥ **Dozens** baptized

Migrant Outreach:

- ♥ **79** Migrant Ministries in the State
- ♥ **1,404** Professions of Faith reported
- ♥ **28** Block Parties with **3,200** People in Attendance and **297** Professions of Faith
- ♥ **435** Attended Youth Camps with **218** professions of Faith

Immigration surge inspires ministry surge

By Margaret Colson with Keila Diaz

As wave upon wave of immigrants enter America, Florida Baptists are sharing God's love with those from international lands who seek to begin new lives in the Sunshine State.

Immigrants from Cuba, Haiti, Central America, Mexico and other places throughout the world are descending upon Florida in what some leaders describe as "the largest surge in migration" ever, and the surge is far from over.

"We are privileged to be in this place that God has called us to as part of His plan. He has been developing and preparing generations of Florida Baptists to reach the Florida mission field," said Emanuel Roque, Florida Baptists' Hispanic church catalyst.

Myles Dowdy, missions and ministry lead catalyst for the Florida Baptist Convention, agreed, "We are going to minister and witness to those coming into our state."

Ministry hubs

Florida Baptists, in partnership with Send Relief, have designated several churches as immigration ministry hubs with specific focus on reaching Hispanic and Haitian immigrants. These churches have long ministered to immigrants, and their designation as ministry hubs provides additional funding and resources for outreach efforts. The ministry hub churches also provide resources and training for other Florida Baptist churches wanting to launch or strengthen ministry to immigrants and offer opportunities for more Southern Baptists to become involved in mission service.

'God's expression of love'

Betesda Baptist Church in Miami has "helped immigrants in many ways: financially, materially and spiritually," said Pastor Frank Rodriquez, a Cuban immigrant. The church recently housed 17 immigrants in its church building.

"We exist to be God's expression of love to this world in need," said Rodriquez. Already, 11 of the 17 have been baptized.

'Lives served and gospel shared'

Iglesia Bautista Northside in Hialeah has welcomed immigrants in a variety of ways--from providing housing to making connections with attorneys who help with legal paperwork to enrolling children in school to teaching English, said Pastor Alberto Ocana.

The church seeks to connect with immigrants so that they might hear and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ, he said.

Iglesia Bautista Northside's outreach to immigrants is a "wonderful expression of what this church is doing to see lives served and the gospel shared," said Roque.

'The church can help'

Carlos Carbonell, pastor of Iglesia Bautista Doral, believes that Christians have a responsibility to minister to immigrants.

The church recently helped an immigrant who was desperate for his children to cross the border. Eventually the children arrived in Florida, finding their way to the church, where other young people loved them and ministered to them.

"People in need have found out that the church can help them," Carbonell said.

Such stories are being repeated over and over throughout Florida, Roque said.

As the immigration wave continues to grow, Florida Baptists will continue to serve.

"In each wave, God brings those who will serve, and He develops a heart within the next generation to serve as He leads."



Meeting physical and spiritual needs

Community

Seaport Ministries:

- ◆ **81,735** Seafarers Visited the Four Seafarer Centers
- ◆ **30,950** Visits with Seafarers on Ships
- ◆ **2,400** Cargo Ships Visited
- ◆ **96** Countries Represented by Seafarers
- ◆ **178** Professions of Faith Reported



Reaching the nations



Mobile Dental Ministry:

- ◆ **1,556** Patients Treated
- ◆ **158** Dentists Volunteered
- ◆ **53** Professions of Faith
- ◆ **\$890,739** Value of Services

"We had the opportunity to share the gospel with many people one on one. Our pastor prayed with about 98% of our patients. We had the opportunity to deepen relationships we already have with people who come to the food pantry. We now have a closer relationship with these individuals and are better able to minister to them."

- Nancy Olsen, Dental Volunteer, FBC Islamorada

Hunger Outreach:

- ◆ **\$92,350** Funds Disbursed
- ◆ **594,283** People Fed
- ◆ **30,678** Evangelistic Encounters
- ◆ **994** Professions of Faith
- ◆ **14,309** Volunteers
- ◆ **844** Volunteers Trained



Serving in Jesus' Name

English Language Missions (ELM)

Consists of four areas of ministry for Florida Baptists:

- ◆ English as a Second Language
- ◆ English as a Foreign Language
- ◆ Spanish as a Second Language
- ◆ Tutoring Children & Youth

*"This room of strangers from many corners of the world find themselves together and connected forever. What a wonderful way to bring Christ to the community around us. **We teach the English words they need to survive and function in a new country, while giving them the words of life that sustain them for eternity.** We are the voice and helping hands of Christ, acting out our faith to a world that is coming to our door. What a privilege to serve side by side with a group of believers who choose to be local missionaries."*

-Sue Isaac, ESL Ministry Director, Aloma Baptist Church, Winter Park



Health Care Ministries:

- ◆ **18** Clinics are owned and operated by Florida Baptist Churches and Associations
- ◆ **48,228** Patient Visits
- ◆ **620** Professions of Faith
- ◆ **\$21,073,554** Value of Services Provided

Women's Missions & Ministries / Missions Education

2,064 Organizations serve Florida Baptist churches through Women's Ministry, Women on Mission, Adults on Mission, and WMU Organizations

665 Children/Youth Missions Education

785 Women on Mission/Adults on Mission/WMU organizations

614 Women's Ministries

"We met Darcie Grady at the GLOW Conference and we just had her bunch from Main Street Baptist Church, Bartow here this weekend with a mission team! They assisted with passing out 1,000 doorhanger invites (and we had a gentleman show up today to church from the invite!), helped us pack over 1,000 Easter eggs for our upcoming Easter event, and packed weekend bags for our feeding program! What a blessing they are to us!"

- Brittany Gibson, pastor's wife at Village Church, Cutler Bay



Discovering purpose...



in God's Kingdom

"Our missions focus is often to help women in crisis and children. So, in July 2022, we picked a missionary (Jairo Martinez, Waterloo, WI) who leads a small group of children and youth. Our goal was to utilize our whole church in this endeavor—not just our women. The pastor explained Christmas in August on the first Sunday. Our multimedia team put reminders on the TV announcements, on our Facebook page, and on our website. Our church secretary put a Christmas in August flyer in the Sunday bulletin. Our women put together a large paper Christmas tree with ornament tags listing the items needed. Church members took a tag and brought back the items. The whole church was involved."

- Irene Owens-Sharrett, Liberty Community Church WMU leader on partnering with NAMB missionary Jairo Martinez "Used by permission of National WMU"

"Participating in the Hispanic Women's Retreat was a beautiful experience; being able to see so many women united with missionary passion, having fellowship with one another, and letting Christ heal them and free them from the burdens they carried was truly wonderful."

- Debora Pernas, Stirling Road Spanish Baptist Church



Building networks for women

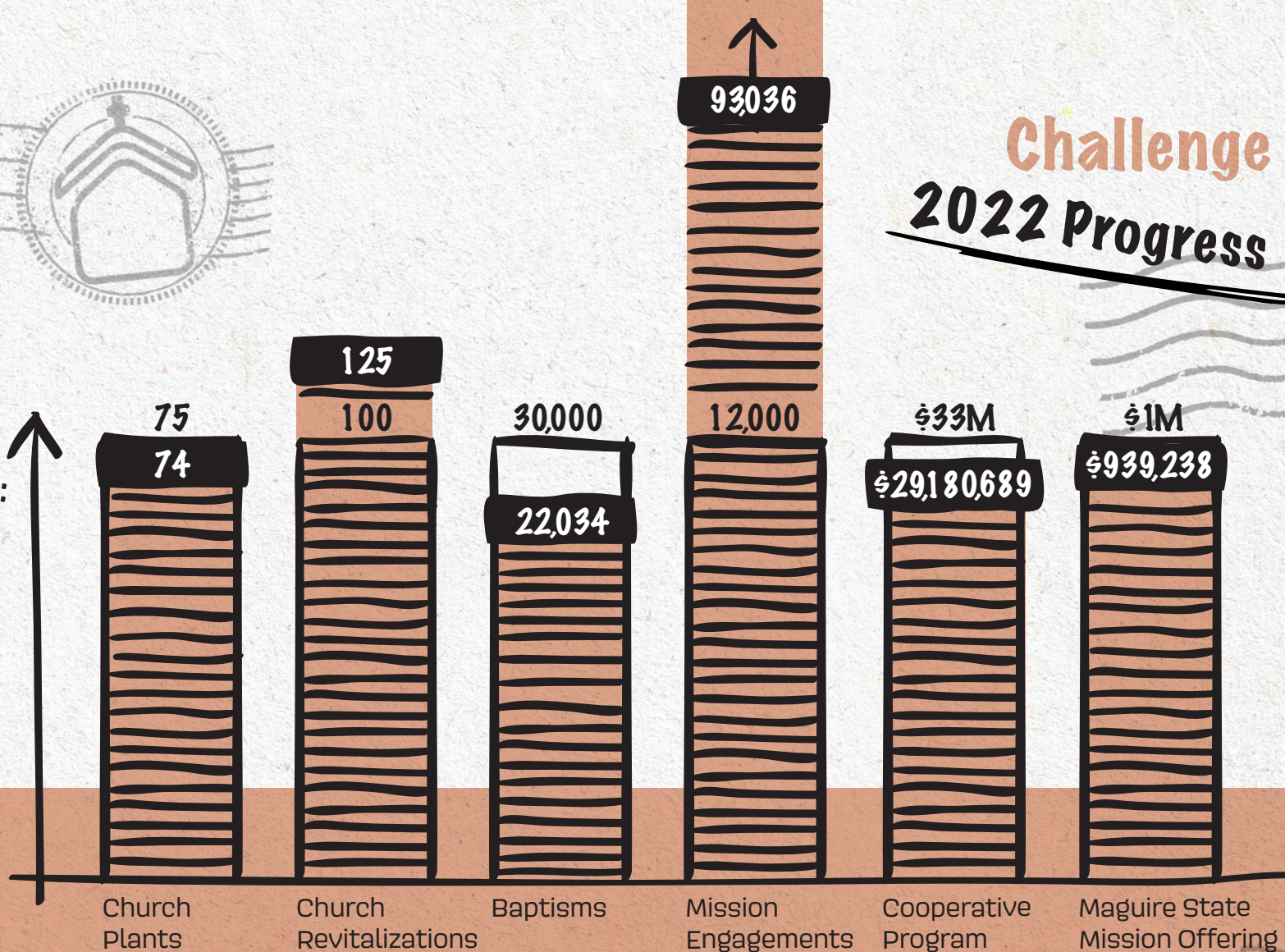


Challenge 2025

2022 Progress



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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.

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