

# MINISTRY REPORT 2020



Disaster Relief volunteers pray with residents whose houses were damaged by Hurricane Laura in Lake Charles, Louisiana.



*You are  
not alone.*

NORTH REGION PASTORS, PLANTERS,  
AND STAFF GATHER IN FALLS  
CHURCH FOR A FELLOWSHIP LUNCH.



## A MESSAGE FROM BRIAN AUTRY

**I**n this Ministry Report for the churches of the SBC of Virginia, you will read much more than just statistics and reports. This is the combined story of how the Holy Spirit is edifying and multiplying a Great Commission coalition of churches that make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The year 2020 will go down in history as the one of a global pandemic. As followers of Christ and ministers of the Gospel have dealt with this reality, we have also seen God's people and His church press on in response to another pandemic — the pandemic of lostness. The power of God has

been evident as churches press on in sharing the Gospel, baptizing believers, and making disciples.

This ministry report is the story of autonomous, God-glorifying, Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered, Bible-believing churches pressing on to strengthen one another, mobilize for missions and ministry, partner to plant churches, and help to revitalize churches through cooperative partnership.

Thank you on behalf of missionaries, church planters, and seminary students you've assisted; on behalf

of pastors and church leaders you've strengthened; on behalf of the suffering and hurting dealing with disaster and hardship you've served; and on behalf of the lost who've been found — thank you for being a part of this Great Commission coalition known as the SBC of Virginia. You continue to prove that "You Are Not Alone" is more than a slogan.

Sincerely,

*Brian Autry*

**BRIAN AUTRY**



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“ THEN THE CHURCHES  
THROUGHOUT ALL JUDEA,  
GALILEE, AND SAMARIA  
*had peace & were edified.*  
AND WALKING IN THE  
*fear of the Lord* AND IN THE  
COMFORT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
*they were multiplied.”*

ACTS 9:31, NKJV



## SUMMER BAPTISM SERVICE

Pillar Church of Washington, D.C. holds a baptism service right in the community and baptizes four new believers.



# Our Core Values



## Biblical Truth

The SBC of Virginia partnership of churches was founded upon the belief in the inerrancy of Scripture. Even though the currents of culture may change, God's Word never fails.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." *Psalm 119:105 ESV*



"So that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places." *Ephesians 3:10 ESV*



## Local Churches

Our focus is strengthening and mobilizing the local churches. As our founding purpose statement reflects, the entire purpose of the SBC of Virginia is to assist local congregations in their task of fulfilling the Great Commission.



"Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples." *Psalm 96:3 NKJV*



### Global Mission

Our goal is to mobilize churches to partner together to make disciples and plant churches across Virginia, Metro D.C., North America, and around the world. We assist churches with the resources, support, and assistance to reach those ends. Churches are made up of Christians, who are empowered and equipped to know Jesus and make Him known among our neighbors and the nations.



### Gospel Partnership

Our fellowship is about Gospel partnership. It is built on healthy relationships that advance Gospel partnership. The SBC of Virginia model of regionalization, decentralization, and personalization is becoming a model for the rest of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now." *Philippians 1:3-5 ESV*



"And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." *Luke 10:2 ESV*



### Fervent Prayer

Let us unite our hearts and souls in fervent prayer for one another, for the mission before us, for the souls of those around us, for the glory of God.

# YOU ARE *not alone!*

MORE  
THAN A  
SLOGAN

## We are united in our mission as a Great Commission coalition of churches

The SBC of Virginia's mission is to strengthen and mobilize churches to make disciples and plant churches for Jesus Christ through Gospel partnership.

### You are not alone as you *strengthen*

Churches are strengthened through regional impact, relational intentionality, and resourcing. Organized into six regions, SBC of Virginia provides local, regional support to churches, pastors, and leaders. Relationships are built to strengthen one another through pastor networks, affinity groups, mentoring, and a team of regional missionaries. Resources are provided to churches and leaders ranging from large scale events with nationally recognized speakers to individualized consulting for churches.

### You are not alone as you *mobilize*

Churches are being mobilized for partnership ministries and for compassion ministries, from Portsmouth to Lithuania, and to the uttermost parts of the Earth. Churches are praying, giving, equipping, and sending volunteers to help with disaster relief. We are working as a key strategic partner with the North American Mission Board and International Mission Board to reach the nations. SBC of Virginia churches are actively involved as we assist churches continuing to recover in Puerto Rico and the Bahamas. New innovative compassion ministries are underway while we continue to

see English as a Second Language and hunger relief ministries thrive, and are now involved with adoption and foster care networking.

### You are not alone as you *plant*

SBC of Virginia churches are partnering with church plants in Virginia, across America, and around the world. Close to 100 church plants and church planting small groups are under way and are developing through Gospel partnership in Virginia and Washington, D.C. Church planter networks, a team of church planting strategists and associate church planting strategist/pastors, a strong partnership with NAMB, and prayerfully seeking the Lord undergirds churches planting churches — a hallmark of SBC of Virginia for more than 20 years.

### You are not alone as you *revitalize*

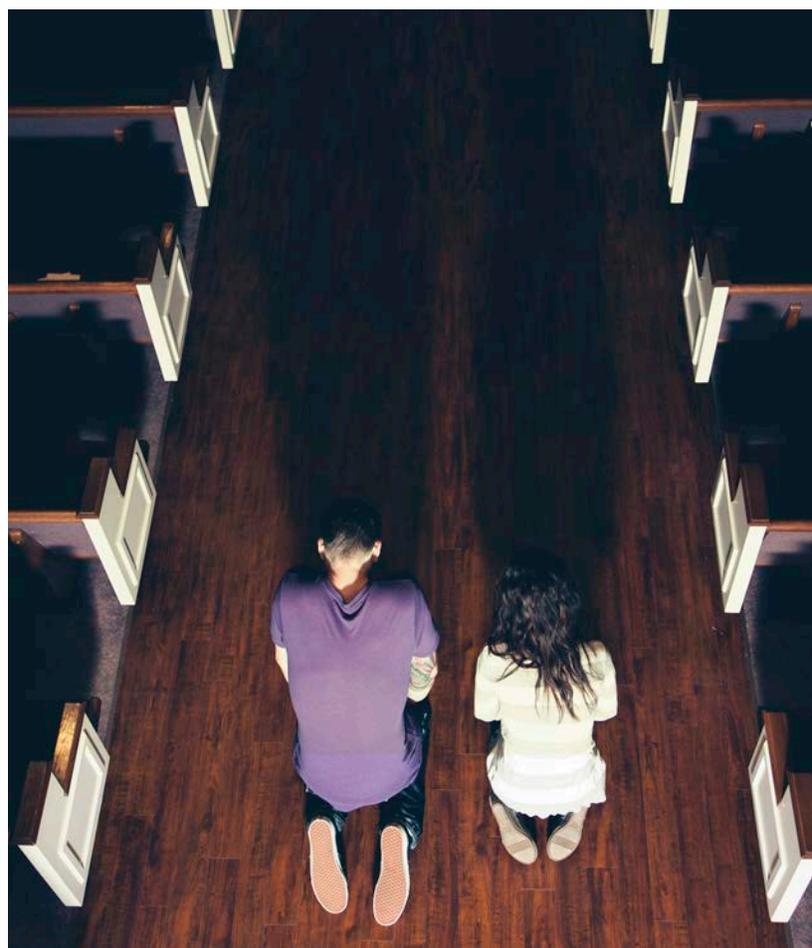
Through forging strategic relationships and helping to formulate a personalized plan, the SBC of Virginia is seeing cohorts of churches being revitalized. In each situation, the pastor and church leaders have forged relationships and worked to develop personalized plans to address their church's unique situation. A new partnership with Revitalize Network will allow for even more churches to be assisted.





“BE STRONG AND  
COURAGEOUS.  
*do not be afraid*  
OR DISCOURAGED,  
FOR THE LORD  
YOUR GOD  
WILL BE *with you*  
*wherever* YOU GO.”

JOSHUA 1:9, CSB





### FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Crosslink Community Church used food distribution to meet the needs of families in Harrisonburg City and the surrounding counties. God opened opportunities to minister to families they otherwise would not have had.

# A prayer for the SBC OF VIRGINIA

## **Theology not just techniques.**

I pray the SBC of Virginia will never forget that it was theology that originally led to our founding. Techniques and methodology vary between our churches and church plants. However, we can, and we must, consciously and constantly remember that one of the reasons we have joined together is our commitment to the inerrancy and authority of Scripture.

## **We are more than a convention, we are a coalition of churches.**

As a “state convention,” we might think of our annual meetings as gatherings. But, we are a coalition of churches that joined together in the spiritual battle for souls that will spend eternity in either heaven or hell. We must not grow weary in our work as we serve together.

## **Church pastors and church planters are on the same team.**

In 2 Thessalonians 3:1, the Apostle Paul asked believers to “pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored...” Let’s pray for one another, let’s encourage one another, let’s sharpen one another.

## **Our allegiance must be to the Lord Jesus and His Gospel.**

From our seminaries to our missionaries, our partnership for the Gospel has been fruitful. As churches give through (notice, I said ‘through’ not ‘to’) the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program, we support a global missions force. Thousands are serving and more are needed.

## **I pray pastors will not be lone rangers.**

My final prayer is that our local church pastors will realize they are not alone in ministry.

## **The Gospel task is huge. Our God is able.**

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20-21, ESV)



Let’s work together until Jesus comes, always in His strength, always for His glory. Together we can make a difference in Virginia and beyond. And in the end, it will truly be worth it all to have given our time, resources, and individual loyalty to the One who gives us eternal and abundant life through His Son Jesus Christ.

**DOYLE CHAUNCEY**

September 16, 1996, SBC of Virginia Inaugural Annual Meeting

“ FOR OUR  
*momentary*  
LIGHT AFFLICTION  
*is producing*  
FOR US AN ABSOLUTELY  
INCOMPARABLE ETERNAL  
*weight of glory.”*”

2 CORINTHIANS 4:17, CSB





## SPIRITUAL WARFARE IN A TIME OF CRISIS

Pastors pray for each other during a break at Empowered Conference held at First Baptist Church in Roanoke. Dr. Chuck Lawless spoke at two locations on spiritual warfare in a time of crisis. To watch the full messages, visit [sbcv.org/ec2020](http://sbcv.org/ec2020).

# STAYING CONNECTED

*in each region*

As part of the SBC of Virginia's decentralized philosophy, our missionaries serve in the six different regions around the state to assist you and your church. Regional catalysts assist established churches and church leaders in maintaining healthy and growing congregations.

*Here's what happened in 2020:*



## VALLEY REGION

Churches are partnering together to reach the Valley by collectively praying for local schools and holding community-wide outreach events. Saturate Augusta, an outreach involving 30-area churches, led to weekly prayer walks, pastor prayer groups, and 10-day worship celebrations in Waynesboro and Staunton.

Churches held a series of collaboration summits where they discussed reopening plans and challenges. From opening facilities hosting childcare ministries to reaching more people through streaming, daily video devotionals, and Zoom calls, we rejoice in how churches responded to ministry in a pandemic.

Weekly, your SBC of Virginia team emphasizes personal contact to encourage pastors and provides resources to help pastors know they are not alone. Zoom calls were organized to assist pastors and staff in leading churches. Topics included stress and anxiety, outreach, and marriage. Pastors heard from speakers such as Paul Chitwood of the IMB, Kevin Ezell of NAMB, and Ken Braddy of LifeWay.



## SOUTHWEST REGION

While Southwest Virginia has not seen as much impact from COVID-19 as the rest of the Commonwealth, the effects have still been felt. The quarantine and health restrictions briefly paused in-person meetings, but your SBC of Virginia team still met virtually with pastors and staff through Zoom for training, encouragement, and prayer. Recently, pastor gatherings have resumed in small groups.

The Lord has remained faithful amid the pandemic and continues to work through His Church. Some churches held summer Vacation Bible School in-person, while others held it online. In Big Stone Gap, Oak Grove Baptist Church had 20 come to faith in Christ from their in-person VBS!

Many prospective churches are having conversations about joining the SBC of Virginia family. Carmi Baptist Church in Smyth County voted to partner with the SBC of Virginia.

Our regional catalysts are here to assist you and your church. Find one in a region near you at [sbcv.org/catalysts](https://sbcv.org/catalysts).

REGIONAL CATALYSTS

**Valley Region**

Don Cockes

**Southwest Region**

Travis Ingle

**Central-West & Southside Region**

Shawn Ames

 **CENTRAL-WEST & SOUTHSIDE REGION**

Church leaders stepped cautiously and carefully through uncertainty in 2020 but continued to minister to thousands. Pastors attended Zoom calls with many different SBC leaders to be encouraged and learn about everything from reopening facilities to servant evangelism.

Several churches really reached out in service to their communities. The Tabernacle in Danville and Bedrock Community Church in Bedford became distribution centers for thousands of personal safety masks donated by FEMA.

In Halifax County, SBC of Virginia partnered with Pastor Ken Warfield and Fork Baptist Church to temporarily take over the school lunch feeding program when members of the county’s team became sick with COVID. Pastors in Farmville and Buckingham County met together to process and discuss their churches’ response to racial tensions.

Zoom calls continue to bless pastors in the region and your SBC of Virginia team reaches out weekly through phone calls and texts.

REGIONAL CATALYSTS

**North Region**

Darrell Webb  
Vince Blubaugh

**Central Region**

Steve Bradshaw  
Don Crain

**Hampton Roads Region**

Mark Custalow  
David Bounds



“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”

**1 THESSALONIANS 5:11, ESV**

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# “ THE GOSPEL *prevails,* & THE MISSION OF GOD *continues* NO MATTER THE TRIBULATION *that comes.* ”



## CENTRAL REGION

The switch to virtual events and ministry did not stop the hope of Jesus from spreading to a world that desperately needs Him. Pastors and staff joined multiple Zoom calls that addressed topics directly applicable to them. The updated guidelines opened up opportunities for baptisms, the Lord’s Supper, small groups, and creative VBS executions. VBS options included virtual, outdoors, with family units, and even a drive-thru format. Gatherings began at restaurants for fellowship, prayer, and encouragement, and a golf outing was held to offer a getaway for pastors.

Several pastors were certified transitional pastors after attending the Transitional Pastor Training at the Glen Allen Ministry Support Center.

We welcome three new churches this year and are talking with four more prospective churches. Your Central region team assisted with the process of pastoral searches. We continue to offer weekly contacts, small gatherings, Zoom calls, and small-scale in-person trainings to encourage and equip pastors.



## HAMPTON ROADS REGION

Churches continue navigating these uncertain times amid unique challenges and opportunities to carry out God’s mission. Several churches hosted drive-in services for a parking lot full of worshippers while others opted for online services, with some reporting larger attendance online than pre-COVID-19.

Many Hampton Roads churches stepped up their missional efforts within their communities. Several churches jointly sponsored a food truck to feed the medical workers at Riverside Hospital, and others repeatedly fed people in



## NORTH REGION

God is at work through His churches in the North region to love the lost and proclaim the Gospel. God has used churches during 2020 to impact their communities through compassion mission efforts. From eight children professing faith in Christ at an in-person VBS with Ramoth Baptist Church in Stafford to 10 people accepting Christ as Lord and being baptized from virtual services at Emmanuel Eritrean Church, God is mightily working. This year, a full-time missionary to Sub-Saharan Africa was sent from The Camp of Faith Church.

Your North region team ministers to pastors and church planters through weekly text and phone calls, individual meetings, Zoom calls for encouragement, and regional gatherings. The SBC of Virginia continues to partner with churches with transitional pastors to assist them in calling a senior pastor. We are grateful that God works through our partnership with churches in Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C.

their communities. When Hurricane Isaias made its debut in Hampton Roads, spawning tornados in the midst of a pandemic, SBC of Virginia Disaster Relief leaders from First Baptist Church (Norfolk) and LibertyLive.Church led response teams in both Gloucester and Suffolk.

The Gospel prevails, and the mission of God continues no matter the tribulation that comes. Churches reported new believers following Jesus in baptism! We have persisted together in the face of overwhelming challenges.

# REACHING YOUR NEIGHBORS

## from 6 feet away

### BACK TO THE BIBLICAL MANDATE

When stay-at-home orders began, some began to wonder how the Church would be able to carry out its mission of evangelism and outreach. But the Lord led many SBC of Virginia churches back to His primary command to love Him and love their neighbors. (*Matthew 22:36-40*)

The tool, Bless Every Home, proved beneficial during a global pandemic. With over 160 SBC of Virginia churches already using it and more than 3,111 individuals praying on a daily basis for over 105,574 families, congregations were already being mobilized to care for their neighbors.

### MEET THE MASONS

Larry and Sue Mason, members of Salem Baptist Church in Crozier, have embraced Bless Every Home: “We look for specific ways to pray for families and individuals and for opportunities to minister to their needs in such a way that it will lead to Gospel conversations. Our heart is to see God work the miracle of salvation in the lives of each and every one of our neighbors.” Blessing your neighbor is not always easy. It requires a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit’s leading, obedience, sacrifice, stepping out of your comfort zone, and consistent, genuine care. For the Masons, the Lord has been faithful and blessed their persistence. To date, they have seen three neighbors come to Christ during some of life’s difficult circumstances such as terminal sickness, the passing of a loved one, and strained relationships.

### CARING FOR NEIGHBORS FROM A DISTANCE

By way of Zoom conferencing, pastors were encouraged by Dr. David Wheeler of Liberty University and Seminary with practical ways to care for neighbors from six feet away. This compilation of ideas became a printed resource, *Outreach During COVID-19*, which was also highlighted by the North American Mission Board. Additionally, the SBC of Virginia devised a downloadable, customizable Neighborhood Contact Card to share with neighbors to offer such services as prayer, grocery and pharmacy pickup, and small group gatherings on lawns. Dr. Wheeler said, “When neighbors are cared for, it will lead to conversations that will lead to opportunities to share the Gospel.”

### FEATURED RESOURCES FOR EVANGELISM

Bless Every Home continues to be the SBC of Virginia’s featured church outreach and evangelism strategy. The North American Mission Board has challenged congregations to pray for five unsaved people and commit to share the Gospel with at least one (Who’s Your One?). The recommended personal evangelism tool is the *Three Circle Gospel Conversation*.

For more resources and testimonies, visit: [sbcv.org/evangelism](http://sbcv.org/evangelism) and [sbcv.org/blesseveryhome](http://sbcv.org/blesseveryhome).

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MORE THAN 3,111 INDIVIDUALS  
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THROUGH BLESS EVERY HOME



# PRIORITIZING *prayer*

If there were ever a year to prioritize prayer, 2020 is that year!

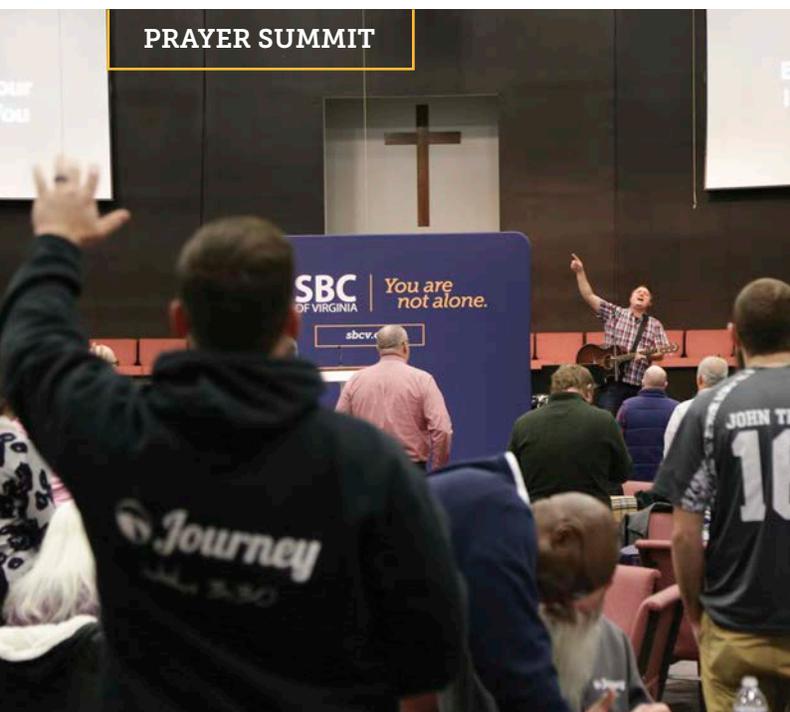
The SBC of Virginia partnered with our pastors and churches to seek the Lord together. In the month of January, Gordon Fort, senior ambassador for the president of the IMB, and Susan Lafferty, former IMB missionary, spoke at the SBC of Virginia Prayer Summit with the theme “For His Glory for All People.” God used both speakers to equip and encourage our pastors and churches to be a “house of prayer for all nations” (Mark 11:17).

The SBC of Virginia Women’s Ministry and regional catalysts have had numerous virtual prayer gatherings with church leaders since the month of March. We have been seeking the face of God for revival and awakening in our nation in the midst of COVID-19 and racial tensions. In the month of May, the SBC of Virginia Mobilization Team led in a month of guided prayer through the book, *Five Things to Pray in a Global Crisis*. Five days of each week throughout the month, we prayed for our own hearts, our families, and our churches. We also prayed for the nations, our community, and our country.



PRAYING FOR GLOUCESTER

## PRAYER SUMMIT



“GOD IS *at work...*  
**DRAWING HIS  
CHURCHES TO**  
*prioritize prayer.*”

On Sept. 20–27, SBC of Virginia churches were once again challenged to seek the Lord of the Harvest through the *Vision Virginia* Week of Prayer and Offering for Missions. Churches of all sizes participated in this week of prayer for church planting, statewide evangelism, Disaster Relief, and many more equipping and evangelistic efforts. God is at work in these challenging days, drawing His churches to prioritize prayer and seek Him for what only He can do — all for His glory.

CHUCK LAWLESS SPEAKS AT THE EMPOWERED CONFERENCE.



# RESOURCING CHURCHES

*in person & on video*

Whether attending a conference in person or a seminar on Zoom, church leaders were equipped and encouraged in many different ways. Here is a snapshot of some of those ministry areas:

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND DISCIPLESHIP

### IN PERSON

Almost 500 people from close to 150 churches attended conferences that focused on small groups, making disciples, transitional pastor training, and battling spiritual warfare in a time of crisis.

Special guests included Dan Cook, Tim LaFleur, Henry Webb, and Chuck Lawless.

### ON VIDEO

Ken Braddy from LifeWay encouraged and enlightened more than 100 pastors and small group leaders on multiple Zoom calls in April on the subject of how to adapt your Sunday School ministry and overcome obstacles in 2020.

## CONTACT

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Evangelism & Strategic Initiatives

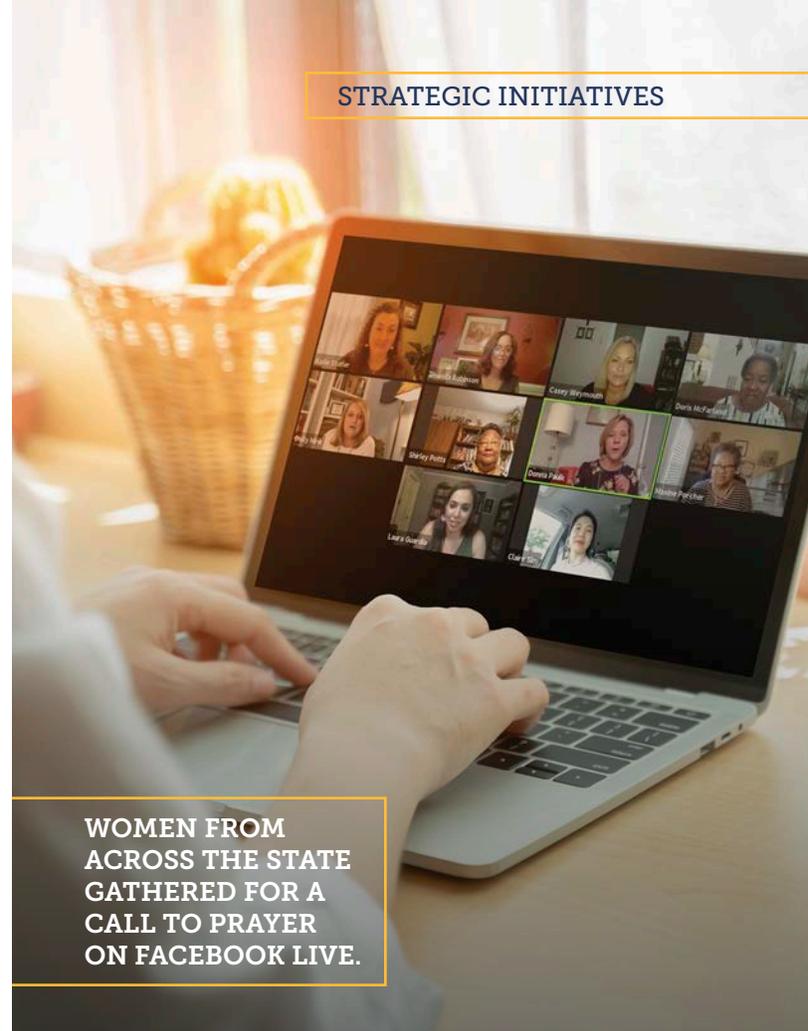


THE EMPOWERED CONFERENCE INCLUDED A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH SBC OF VIRGINIA PASTORS ON CURRENT MINISTRY REALITIES.



*“Equip YOU WITH EVERYTHING GOOD THAT YOU MAY do His will.”*

HEBREWS 13:21, ESV



WOMEN FROM ACROSS THE STATE GATHERED FOR A CALL TO PRAYER ON FACEBOOK LIVE.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### IN PERSON

More than 700 women from 118 churches participated in the sold out Equip Women's Conference in two locations. Linda and Jen Barrick inspired with the story of prayer and God's power in the midst of a hopeless situation.

### ON VIDEO

Six different Zoom and Facebook Live calls and interviews were offered to equip and encourage. There were also multiple Facebook live prayer gatherings dealing with racial reconciliation and healing, women in crisis, discipleship, the future of women's ministry, and theology.

The SBC of Virginia Hispanic Women's Ministry Team turned anxiety to faith with multiple Zoom prayer calls. These videos have expanded across the nation and have thousands of views, clicks, and engagements.

The Hispanic Women's Ministry Team has also used technology to train and encourage leaders across the state through collaborative Zoom calls, and Facebook and blog posts.

## ON-LINE

Ministry can be difficult, often leaving leaders feeling isolated and stressed. This summer, SBC of Virginia Women launched a Women's Ministry Care to encourage women in leadership. This offers ministry leaders a safe place outside of their normal community to find prayer, biblical encouragement, and an opportunity to process questions they have concerning ministry.

The Women's Ministry Team has been busy creating blog and vlog posts to encourage women during this challenging time. These are posted weekly on the SBC of Virginia website and on the SBCV Women's Facebook page.

The Women's Leadership Conference was all prerecorded and aired on-line in both English and Spanish every Thursday evening between July and November.

## CONTACT

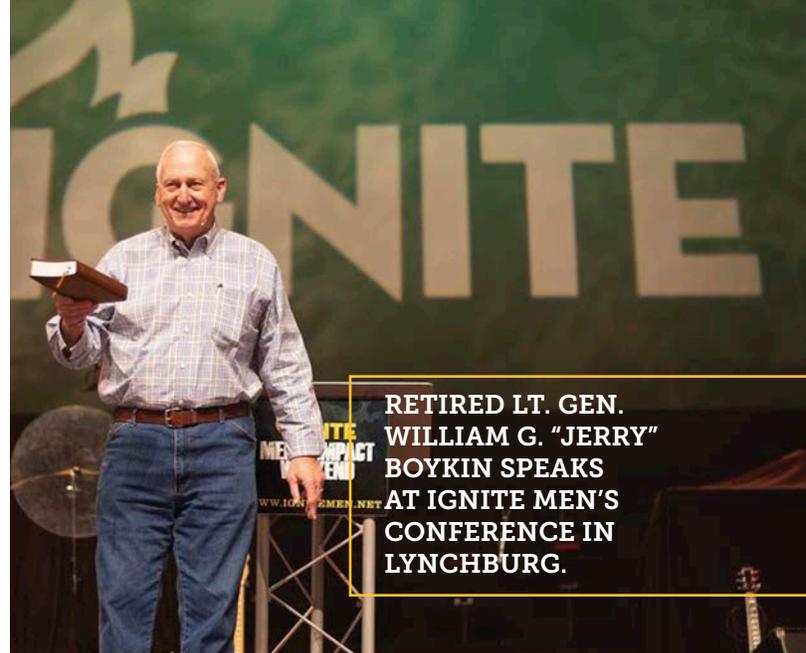
**Donna Paulk**

Women's Ministry Strategist

## STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

### MEN'S MINISTRY

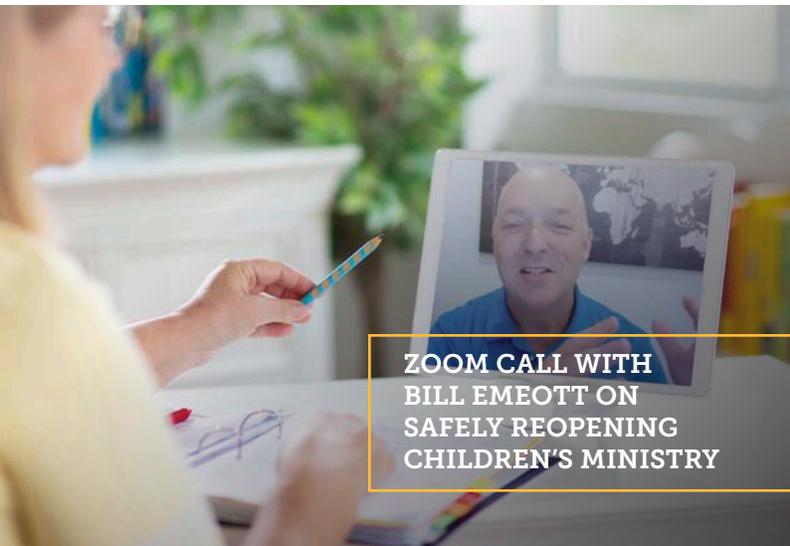
Multiple conferences were held in person and online throughout this year. Thousands participated in Noble Men Conferences as well as the Ignite Men's Conference. For more information on how your church can equip and mobilize men, check out our ministry partner [noblewarriors.org](http://noblewarriors.org).



**RETIRED LT. GEN. WILLIAM G. "JERRY" BOYKIN SPEAKS AT IGNITE MEN'S CONFERENCE IN LYNCHBURG.**



**KIDS MINISTRY CONFERENCE BREAKOUT SPEAKER**



**ZOOM CALL WITH BILL EMEOTT ON SAFELY REOPENING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

#### IN PERSON

More than 1,000 leaders from more than 100 churches took advantage of SBC of Virginia's in person Kids Ministry Conference held in Midlothian and Roanoke. This unique event brought children's specialists from LifeWay and offered for than 40 breakout sessions including a Spanish track.

#### ON VIDEO

SBC of Virginia's children's ministry utilized Zoom to connect with children's leaders on topics such as racism, VBS, and how to safely reopen your children's ministry.

#### ON-LINE

Many resources have been put online and emailed to children's leaders and pastors dealing with Sunday school, Easter, keeping children safe, VBS, and mental health.

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**Cindy Middaugh**  
Children's Ministry Strategist



**MORE THAN 1,000 LEADERS FROM MORE THAN 100 CHURCHES ATTENDED KIDS MINISTRY CONFERENCE.**

“ AND LET US NOT  
GROW WEARY OF  
*doing good,*  
FOR IN DUE SEASON  
*we will reap,*  
IF WE DO NOT  
GIVE UP. ”

GALATIANS 6:9, ESV

# ONE GENERATION *To the next*

**A**s 2020 began, youth ministers across Virginia were blissfully unaware of the drastic changes that would be thrust upon them. Like a ministry-minded Frodo, many journeyed optimistically to the Youth Evangelism Conference in January at London Bridge Baptist in Virginia Beach. Brian Burgess, I Am They, Piercing Word, and Legin ministered to the 745 in attendance from 38 churches, resulting in 58 salvations, 11 rededications, and 125 students committing to sharing the Gospel with a lost friend. “My students look forward to YEC every year,” noted Justin Beville, Youth Minister at Kingsland Baptist Church in North Chesterfield. “They were blown away by the drama this year!”

Before the close of in-person youth ministry, the Youth Leader Roundtable featured a panel of seasoned youth pastors teaching on the subject of “Organizing Your Ministry” with 27 youth workers attending from 20 churches. Also, the Danville Regional D-Now was held at North Main Baptist in Danville with 475 people participating including workers, representing 17 SBC of Virginia churches. There were 15 salvations and several rededications.

When virtual became the new normal, SBC of Virginia NextGen fortified its peer-to-peer network via regional and statewide Zoom calls, with Lifeway Students Leader Ben Trueblood sharing wisdom akin to a real-life Gandalf.

While the future of youth ministry in 2021 remains unclear, SBC of Virginia NextGen journeys on toward in-person



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**YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE**



**15 SALVATIONS  
AND SEVERAL  
REDEDICATIONS**

**DANVILLE REGIONAL D-NOW**

ministry, with YEC in January and Fusion camps in mid-summer. While some youth ministries journey back to “reality” faster than others, the pace is different for each community and each church. Virtual, while temporary, is a good way to sustain ministry to the next generation.

The future of SBC of Virginia’s NextGen Ministry looks bright as Mike Camire, from Parkway Baptist Church, takes the leadership baton from Shawn Ames as the NextGen Strategist.

**We want to help you disciple the next generation for Jesus. Contact us by visiting [sbcv.org/nextgen](http://sbcv.org/nextgen).**

*“For I know THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, DECLARES THE LORD, PLANS for welfare AND NOT FOR EVIL, TO GIVE YOU a future AND A hope.”*

**JEREMIAH 29:11, ESV**



# NO ESTAMOS SOLOS

*You are not alone.*

God has been working among our Hispanic congregations.

The year 2020 has brought us closer than ever as a convention and among the congregations. Some pastors were infected with COVID-19, and others lost their jobs. But while this was happening, other pastors and churches rallied around those in need with support and prayer. When Pastor Hugo Preza and his wife Mary, in Richmond, were diagnosed with COVID-19, other pastors sent financial help, and right away helped with pulpit supply. The same happened when other pastors lost their income or got sick.

This has been a season of encouraging calls, training through Zoom meetings, and the development of new ministries, such as Ministerio de Mujeres de SBCV. Our sisters have been meeting regularly and working as one body to encourage and empower new women's ministries in the Hispanic churches in Virginia. Iglesia Bautista del Camino in Norfolk shared that their women's ministry was launched thanks to SBCV's Ministerio de Mujeres.

God opened a door to develop some of our pastors and for them to enroll in a new Masters in Spanish at Liberty



HUGO PREZA PREACHING

University. *Vision Virginia* is being used to help the pastors attend their intensive classes in Lynchburg. We are hopeful this will be the beginning of more training in our area, and to have more trained leaders in the future.

As many other conferences, we had to switch the annual Spanish conference to virtual. The two-night conference encouraged attendees to continue following God's vision and to trust Him. They were able to see how much God has been doing nationwide and internationally through the Southern Baptist Convention, and how they can be part of this great vision. Thirty-two churches attended the conference, and they were able to see that they are not alone, God is with us, and the SBC of Virginia is here to serve them.

The Hispanic ministry seeks to keep churches connected in common vision and mission, and to connect the disciples in the work ahead.

**We're here to serve Hispanic churches.**  
For more information, contact Sergio Guardia:  
[sguardia@sbcv.org](mailto:sguardia@sbcv.org).

## VIRTUAL SPANISH CONFERENCE



*“Declare* HIS GLORY  
AMONG THE NATIONS,  
HIS *marvelous* WORKS  
AMONG ALL THE  
*peoples!”*

PSALM 96:3, ESV





**COVID-19 continues to change the landscape of partnership missions around the globe, but the need for the Gospel to reach the ends of the earth has not changed.**

**I**n 2020, most overseas mission trips were canceled, yet SBC of Virginia churches have prayed and given to make sure the Gospel reaches the unreached. Even though overseas trips weren't happening, partnership missions continued. The Gospel is spreading and the SBC of Virginia is poised to make a huge Kingdom impact.

SBC of Virginia churches are ready to mobilize to all regions of the world to reach the least reached. Long-term partnerships to reach Puerto Rico, North African and Middle Eastern Diaspora peoples, and European peoples

are being formalized. Your *Vision Virginia* giving has supported meeting hunger needs in Sub-Saharan Africa. Pastors in South Asia are still being trained and new Gospel work is being planted. SBC of Virginia churches and Puerto Rican Baptist churches are partnering together to reach North African and Middle Eastern Peoples around the world. Church planters in Montreal have made a Kingdom impact even in the midst of lock-down. Because churches give, pray and are ready to go in partnership with one another and our missionaries, the Gospel has not stopped spreading. SBC of Virginia has been used by God to reach the lost.

SBC of Virginia churches are sending missionaries to the ends of the earth. New workers have been appointed, commissioned, and trained. Many are waiting for open doors to go and SBC of Virginia churches are ready to



**“ BUT YOU SHALL *receive power*  
WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT  
HAS COME UPON YOU;  
AND YOU SHALL *be witnesses*  
TO ME IN JERUSALEM, & IN  
ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, &  
*to the end of the earth.*”**

**ACTS 1:8, NKJV**

send more. New pipelines for church planters and college students to be sent to the nations are being finalized. As the world prepares to reopen, missionaries from SBC of Virginia churches are ready to go.

SBC of Virginia churches have cared for missions partners. Many overseas workers have been on unscheduled stateside assignments and many are beginning the process of returning to the mission field. As missionaries came home, SBC of Virginia churches opened their doors, providing housing, food, and support in a time of stress and uncertainty. Those still on the mission field have not been forgotten. SBC of Virginia pastors are using technology to encourage our missionaries and indigenous partners in Canada, Central and South America, Europe, South Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa. The SBC of Virginia loves and supports our missionaries.



The future of missions may look very different than what we are accustomed to. New and innovative initiatives will be necessary to reach the world as it slowly reopens. Missionaries who have been isolated will continue to need our love and support. New missionaries will need to be sent to stand in the gap. Our prayers and giving will be needed to support the Gospel work. While working with IMB and NAMB leadership, SBC of Virginia churches and your SBC of Virginia Mobilization team is working to care for missionaries and set up our convention of churches to be ready to mobilize again as the world reopens and strategies (old and new) are implemented. The SBC of Virginia is ready!

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**Did you know that the Mobilization team is a resource to your church? Contact our staff today: [sbcv.org/missionsstaff](http://sbcv.org/missionsstaff).**



**COMMUNITY  
FELLOWSHIP FEEDING**

Collinsville experiences high poverty levels and addictions. This reality increased with COVID-19. The Community Fellowship is sharing Jesus' love by giving boxes filled with food to families in the community — and the number of families keeps growing. This ministry allows the church to have Gospel conversations and lead many to Jesus.



“ WHEN HE SAW THE CROWDS, HE *had compassion for them,* BECAUSE THEY WERE HARASSED AND HELPLESS, LIKE SHEEP *without a shepherd.*”

MATTHEW 9:36, ESV

# SHOWING COMPASSION *To our neighbors*

**A**s 2020 began, the needs in Virginia and around the globe seemed daunting. No one could have predicted that the needs would grow and change the way they have. Through the COVID-19 global pandemic, many communities in Virginia have been hit hard. SBC of Virginia churches have hit back with the hope of the Gospel and the light of compassion through loving their neighbors.

One in 10 Virginians struggle with hunger while one in eight children in Virginia will likely go to bed hungry tonight. SBC of Virginia churches and hunger ministries are meeting these needs. Two thousand five hundred volunteers around the Commonwealth have served food to more than 46,000 people in need. The hope of the Gospel has spread through over 8,000 evangelistic encounters. God is using these efforts to save people from physical hunger and saving them to eternal life. SBC of Virginia churches have fed the hungry and have fed the soul!

While many planned mission projects were put on hold in 2020, SBC of Virginia churches didn't stop ministering to their communities. In fact, many found new ways to serve. When the call went out from Bon Secours and from local hospitals, long-term care facilities, doctors offices and nursing homes, SBC of Virginia churches responded by making and delivering tens of thousands of facemasks. When neighbors were in need, SBC of Virginia churches stepped in to meet those needs. When front-line workers were weary, SBC of Virginia churches provided meals, prayers, and encouragement. Others were able to press on because of the love of SBC of Virginia churches.

And when the needs extended beyond Virginia, the faithful giving of SBC of Virginia churches made it possible for missionaries to respond. From connecting with Lebanese pastors in Beirut after the explosion to feeding hundreds of families in the Migori Valley of Kenya through Rongo Baptist Church, SBC of Virginia churches, through SEND Relief, were there. SBC of Virginia churches made a global Gospel impact.

**We're here as a resource to help you love your neighbor. For more information, visit [sbcv.org/compassionministries](https://sbcv.org/compassionministries).**



**VOLUNTEERS AT FORK BAPTIST CHURCH PREPARED 12,000 MEALS TO FEED THE COMMUNITY WHEN A LOCAL FEEDING PROGRAM HAD TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE.**



**2,500 VOLUNTEERS SERVED OVER 46,000 PEOPLE IN NEED OF FOOD.**

**THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL HAS SPREAD THROUGH OVER 8,000 EVANGELISTIC ENCOUNTERS.**



**MEDICAL WORKERS GIVE THANKS TO VANSANT BAPTIST CHURCH FOR PROVIDING THEM MASKS.**



MEDICAL WORKERS USING INTUBATION BOXES THAT VOLUNTEERS AT SKYVIEW MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH MADE.



LIBERTYLIVE.CHURCH VOLUNTEERS STEP UP TO HELP WITH MASK DISTRIBUTION.





“SO THE DISCIPLES  
DETERMINED, EVERY ONE  
ACCORDING TO HIS ABILITY,  
TO *send relief*  
TO THE BROTHERS  
LIVING IN JUDEA.”

ACTS 11:29, ESV



**BRINGING HELP,  
HEALING, AND HOPE**

Disaster Relief volunteers focus on intentional evangelism as they respond to those impacted by Hurricane Laura in Louisiana. While meeting physical needs, these servants make sure to also prioritize spiritual needs.

# RESPONDING TO *natural disasters*

## MUDSLIDES IN SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

“It just looked like a river of chocolate milk coming down the hill,” recalls Tim Ramey. A late summer storm system that moved across the eastern United States triggered devastating landslides in Buchanan County. Approximately 100 homes were inundated with water, silt, mud, and rocks. Ramey’s house was one of them. There was as much as three feet of mud and debris throughout his living space. Ralph Ratliff was another victim of the mudslides. Ratliff recalls the days following the damage to his home, “I had a lot of people come in...a lot of people who took pictures and looked. Y’all’s organization is the only one that’s done anything.” Three SBC of Virginia Disaster Relief Teams conducted relief work in five homes during the two-week deployment. The Gospel was presented at least 20 times.

## HURRICANES LAURA AND SALLY

Hurricane Laura brought devastating damage to Louisiana making landfall on August 26 as a Category 4 storm. More than a half million people were without power in the aftermath of Laura. Three chainsaw teams were deployed for two weeks, completing more than 33 jobs and assessing more than 30 homes for damage. During the Laura response, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief teams reported 299 professions of faith in Christ.

While teams were still deployed to Lake Charles, Hurricane Sally struck the Gulf Coast of Florida, causing major damage in and around Pensacola. Forty-three volunteers from SBC of Virginia churches responded to the need by removing fallen trees and installing temporary roof tarps. Bob Booth of Smith Memorial Baptist Church in Williamsburg had been wanting to be involved in disaster relief for quite some time. During Sunday School, his class was learning about being the hands and feet of Christ in evangelism, when he was referred to the SBC of Virginia DR. “When I looked at the SBCV website, it was exactly what I was looking for,” recalled Bob. He was able to work through the online training, background screening, and deploy to Hurricane Sally response all



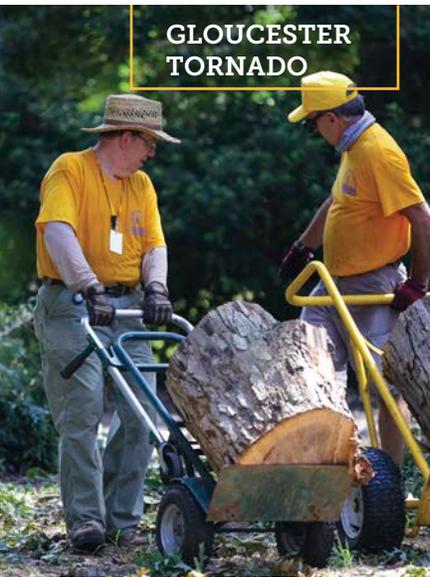
**RALPH RATLIFF,  
BUCHANAN RESIDENT**

**DURING THE  
HURRICANE  
RESPONSE IN  
LOUISIANA,  
TEAMS REPORTED  
MORE THAN 300  
PROFESSIONS OF  
FAITH IN CHRIST.**



**VOLUNTEERS PRAY  
WITH BILLIE THOMPSON,  
A RESIDENT OF LAKE  
CHARLES, LOUISIANA.**





**GLOUCESTER  
TORNADO**



**"VOLUNTEERS HAVE A DEEP HEART FOR THE PEOPLE. THEY WANT TO HELP PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE IN NEED."**



**ERNIE ROGERS, DR WAREHOUSE MANAGER**

within a few weeks. "My experience with the DR team was fantastic. There were both men and women on the team and the Christian fellowship was great. There was no doubt that serving God was the priority and that was very fulfilling to me. I can't wait to deploy again," Booth reflected.

### **SUPPLIES, TOOLS, AND EQUIPMENT**

Much of the equipment has been in service for well over 10 years. The Disaster Relief warehouse in Lynchburg has been instrumental in the continuing efforts to organize and maintain our fleet of trailers, equipment, and supplies for meeting needs during disasters. With the very busy deployment schedule this fall, the importance of the warehouse team cannot be overstated. Ernie Rogers, of Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, oversees the team of volunteers at the warehouse. Reflecting on what motivates the team to serve week in and week out, Rogers postulated, "They have a deep heart for people. They want to help people, especially people in need." The team of volunteers from area churches that work on equipment every week ensured the units were fully and properly stocked with the necessary tools and equipment for successful deployments.

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**Are you interested in getting involved with Disaster Relief? Contact our Relief Ministries Coordinator, Shawn Ames: [sames@sbcv.org](mailto:sames@sbcv.org). Or visit our website for more information: [sbcv.org/dr](http://sbcv.org/dr).**



**VISION VIRGINIA HELPS  
PROVIDE WORSHIP EQUIPMENT  
TO CHURCH PLANTS**

Among the many expenses of planting a new church is the cost of buying equipment needed to begin corporate worship. Your gifts through the *Vision Virginia* Missions Offering help worship leaders have access to all that is necessary for their ministry.



“I PLANTED,  
APOLLOS WATERED,  
BUT GOD  
*gave the growth.*”

1 CORINTHIANS 3:6, ESV

# PLANTING *churches*

**“We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.” 2 Chronicles 20:12, ESV**

**T**his verse represents the cry of church planters all over Virginia and Washington, D.C. as they wrestle through one of the most trying seasons ever known to ministry workers. As things slowed down this year, church planters began to realize that the thing that was slowing them down was keeping them in step with God. God has been moving all over the SBC of Virginia ministry area. Whether it’s a movement among Hispanics, a movement among the nations, or a movement among Ethiopians God is drawing people to Himself.

On May 15, 2020, Josh Miller, the planter for Center Church in Charlottesville, writes, “Since the quarantine began, we’ve seen three people profess faith in Christ and get connected to our discipleship structures. In each case, one or more of our members was engaging with them before the quarantine but the ‘slowdown’ of the quarantine created space for them to really pray and consider the claims of the Gospel. Now we’re trying to figure out how to do ‘socially distanced’ baptisms. I wanted to share the Good News to encourage you and to also to say thank you for the partnership of the SBCV. The SBCV’s generosity helps make our ministry possible.”

While this is the first time that planters have had to minister through a global pandemic, this is also the first time that the SBC of Virginia has partnered with a church planter on the Northern Neck of Virginia in a rural town called Kilmarnock. Just recently Kilmarnock was hit hard by Hurricane Isaias and this gave church planter J.W. Harrington just the boost that he needed to begin ministering in his neighborhood. J.W. and his team jumped into action by contacting local government officials and finding out how they could help. In addition, J.W. was able to contact SBC of Virginia Disaster Relief for additional assistance. J.W.’s leadership to serve his community in a



## PLANTING TEAM

### Central Region

Josh Turner  
Steve Gentry

### Hampton Roads Region

Jeff Mingee  
Charles Shannon

### North Region

Matt Gregory  
Vince Blubaugh

### West Regions

John Sharp  
Chris Dowd

### Affinity Groups

Matt Gregory, International  
Raúl Santamaria, Hispanic



**IGLESIA BIBLÍCA CAMPO BLANCO PARTNERED WITH MCLEAN BIBLE CHURCH TO PROVIDE BOXES OF FOOD TO FAMILIES IN NEED.**



**SERVING LUNCH TO RIVERSIDE WALTER REED HOSPITAL WORKERS DURING THE PANDEMIC**

time of crisis will pave the way for great spiritual fruit in the years to come.

In addition, because of adversity, God maneuvered furloughed International Mission Board missionaries back to Virginia. The SBC of Virginia mobilization team and international church planting team are working together to utilize these missionaries to strengthen existing international church plants and to begin new works to reach the nations. Last year, there were no plants reaching immigrants from India and now we have one active church plant and IMB missionaries spearheading awareness and evangelism training for South-east Asia work for any SBC church wanting to reach this population in its community.

These are just three examples of how God has used disasters and the pandemic to soften hearts and open doors for SBC of Virginia church planters who “keep their eyes on Him.” For such a time as this, God has prepared our coalition of planters to lead and disciple those who have been far from God.

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**The SBC of Virginia stands ready to assist and help churches who desire to plant more churches in their community or abroad. Contact the planting staff today: [sbcv.org/plantingstaff](http://sbcv.org/plantingstaff).**

## *Year at a glance*

**73 CHURCH PLANTS**

**25 NEW CHURCH PLANTING TEAMS TRAINED**

**235 BAPTISMS**

**5,129 IN WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

**CHURCH PLANTS GAVE \$298,686 THROUGH COOPERATIVE PROGRAM**

**17 APPRENTICES IN PLANTING PIPELINE**

# REFOCUS BRINGS *new life*



**O**n Jan. 14, 2020, our largest cohort of churches met for the first time as a group via a Zoom call. The optimism on this initial call was palpable. SBC of Virginia had demonstrated its nuanced methodology to aid churches seeking revitalization since the conception of its revitalization initiative in 2017. The announced partnership with Church Answers in 2019, the addition of a cutting-edge online assessment tool and face-to-face interaction put many of the pieces together for a very successful year. As the plans for a normal year of church revitalization were under assembly, COVID-19 struck. Most of our pastors initially thought this would be a temporary set-back and normalcy would return. However, it soon became clear that the revitalization cohort would need to refocus.

In March 2020, the need for fresh ideas on how to conduct worship services and the necessity to leverage the digital environment became imminent. This season of crisis led to fresh expressions of worship and ministry. Many churches in the cohort that had planned to develop or enhance their digital presence were able to do so within a few weeks rather than months as initially planned. For example, Walter Black, pastor at Abundant Hope Baptist Church, was able to create a web presence very quickly. Within weeks, all the pastors in the cohort were able to stream their services with higher quality than ever before. The resources of the SBC of Virginia were able to help these churches achieve digital competency very quickly. Further, many churches were able to transition to online giving within a matter of weeks. These rapid changes were needed prior to COVID-19 were accomplished with

greater speed than would have occurred under normal circumstances. Also, fresh ideas for ministry abounded from feeding ministries to prayer ministries. Philip King, pastor at Calvary Baptist Church, was able to perform drive-thru prayer services for the community at large but with a special focus on praying for those on the front line of the novel coronavirus response.

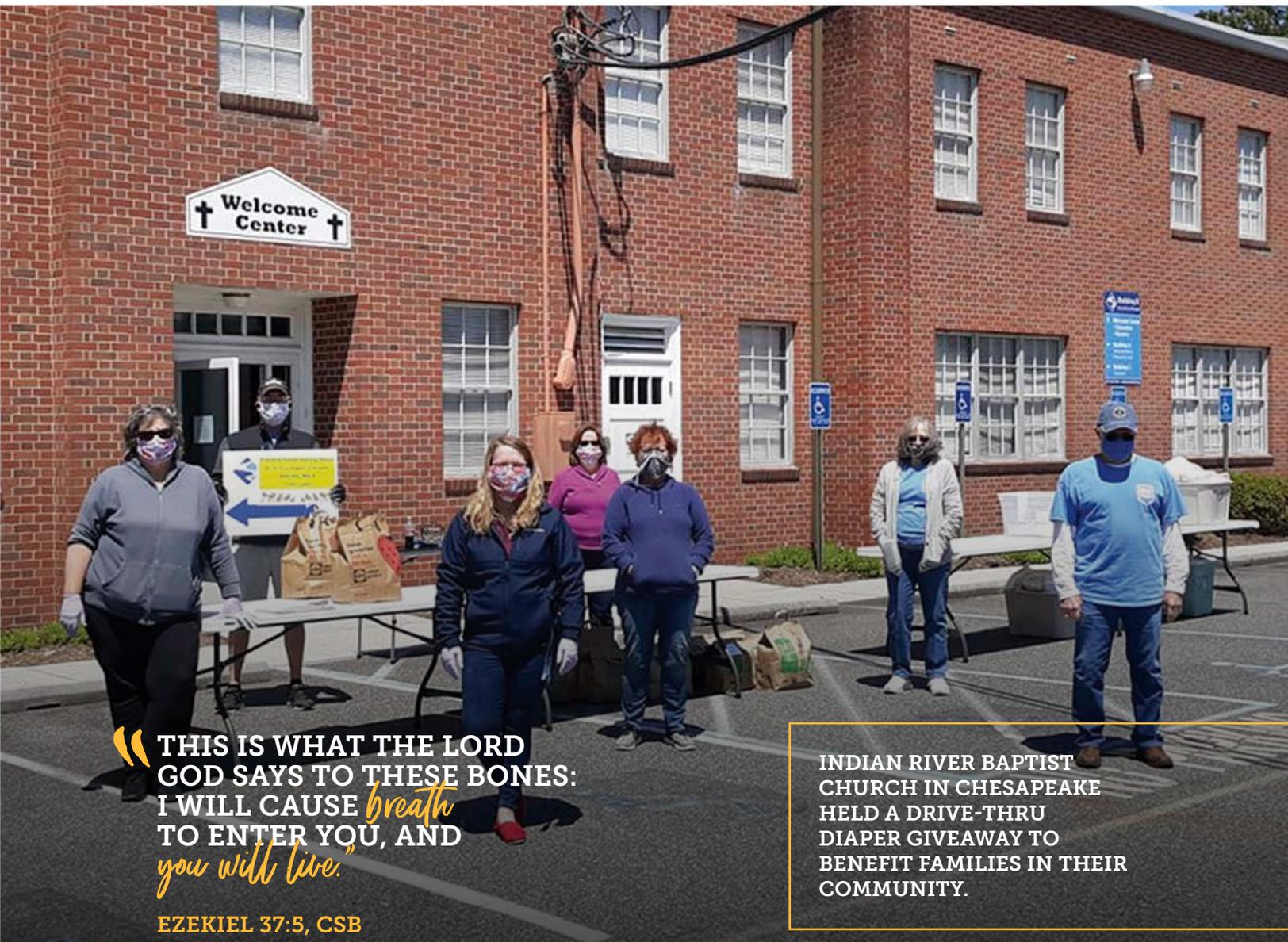
Since relief from COVID-19 did not subside as expected over the summer, the cohort had to refocus again. It became evident there was a fresh need to refocus on the spiritual wellbeing of the pastors while doing ministry. Many of our churches adjusted to new ministry contexts but not without a toll on every pastor and church member. The cohort transitioned near the end of the summer to both refocus on the possibilities of ministry open to us, but to also refocus on one another. This fall has been a time of mutuality and encouragement. Pastors are having to minister in contexts where church members are experiencing emotional weariness. Therefore, the ability of pastors to be able to find mutual support and encouragement has been a needed aspect of the group. This year has been a year of adjustment and refocus, but God has continued to strengthen and build His church through these efforts.

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**Contact your Revitalization team today:  
[sbcv.org/revitalization](https://sbcv.org/revitalization).**



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN WINCHESTER HOLDS PRAYER DRIVE-THRU



“ THIS IS WHAT THE LORD  
GOD SAYS TO THESE BONES:  
I WILL CAUSE *breath*  
TO ENTER YOU, AND  
*you will live.*”

EZEKIEL 37:5, CSB

INDIAN RIVER BAPTIST  
CHURCH IN CHESAPEAKE  
HELD A DRIVE-THRU  
DIAPER GIVEAWAY TO  
BENEFIT FAMILIES IN THEIR  
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*ON YOUR MISSION.*

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# COMMUNICATING *Through media*

**"...THEY DECLARED ALL THAT  
*God had done* WITH THEM,  
AND HOW HE HAD *opened a door*  
OF FAITH TO THE GENTILES."**

ACTS 14:27, ESV

The media team shares stories of how God is working through SBC of Virginia churches. Using print, video, and online productions, our mission is to glorify Jesus Christ with the resources provided through our team.

## COVID-19 RESOURCES

The team provided counsel to church leaders unaccustomed to livestreaming to locate equipment and understand best practices. The SBC of Virginia offered multiple opportunities for networking and equipping with regional and statewide calls with nationally-recognized speakers such as Hershael York, Kevin Ezell, Paul Chitwood, and Thom Rainer. Also, a new series of reporting developed called Not Alone Stories. This consisted of an interview with a church leader and edited with photos and videos to share how COVID-19 changed ministry dynamics and how God is at work through His people. This began with sharing daily and then was reduced to twice each week. Through October, we shared more than 80 different testimonies. These stories can be found on our website: [sbcv.org/notalonestories](http://sbcv.org/notalonestories).

## PROCLAIMER

The *Proclaimer* magazine was reduced to printing from three times to only two times this year. The second issue of 2020 was the first online-only version due to budget restraints. The third issue was printed and distributed in time for the SBC of Virginia Annual Homecoming. Individual articles are featured weekly on [sbcv.org](http://sbcv.org) and social media platforms. Find all *Proclaimer* magazines online at [sbcv.org/proclaimer](http://sbcv.org/proclaimer).



ZOOM CALL WITH HERSHAEL YORK

## ONLINE

Forty new icons were developed to reinforce individual ministries. Two new websites are in the works and will be unveiled in 2021 — [sbcv.org](http://sbcv.org) and [sbcvespanol.org](http://sbcvespanol.org).

## INNOVATIVE FAITH RESOURCES

The media team serves other ministries, non-profits, and for-profits in Virginia, Florida, and as far away as Hawaii. These services include videos, graphics, magazines, and more. Find details at [innovativefaith.org](http://innovativefaith.org).



# FINANCIAL *services*

**As part of the Innovative Faith Resources team, we handle the finances so you can focus on your mission.**

**F**inancial Services continues to grow and is presently serving the payroll and/or bookkeeping needs of over 100 churches. By handling the complexities of payroll and payroll taxes, we help our church plants get off to a strong start with sound financial processes and save our established churches the expense of full and part-time finance employees.

Financial Services also partners with the North American Mission Board (NAMB) through offering its services to planters in SEND Cities across the country. Presently, we are doing the payroll and bookkeeping for 12 NAMB plants in eight states and working with NAMB to begin financial services to help small state conventions.

SERVICING THE PAYROLL  
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NEEDS OF **MORE THAN**  
**100 CHURCHES.**

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FOR MORE INFO, VISIT  
[INNOVATIVEFAITH.ORG](http://INNOVATIVEFAITH.ORG)

Our Financial Services team consists of three full-time and three part-time staff members, some of which are working remotely. We operate in a paperless environment using highly secure applications for data storage and transfers. When the COVID-19 outbreak hit this year, we were able to seamlessly transition all staff members to remote work and continue to assist our churches without interruption. It was also during this time that we assisted many churches with online giving options and Payroll Protection Plan applications. Financial Services considers it a blessing to serve our churches in this manner so that they can focus on the ministry of getting the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world.

# CHURCH LOANS *and Investment Funds*

## Partnership with WatersEdge Ministry Services

The SBC of Virginia Foundation continues its partnership with WatersEdge Ministry Services (Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma DBA) that started in May 2019. Through this partnership, the Foundation has been actively processing church loans and investment funds.

### CHURCH LOANS:

The partnership allows the Foundation to make church loans up to \$10 million for new construction, refinancing, remodeling, and land acquisition. The Foundation gives churches the opportunity to partner with a Christ-centered lender. We also bring a level of ministry expertise that will not be found through traditional lenders. We understand the financial nuances churches face, and we are here to help churches navigate them. Additionally, the interest the Foundation earns from church loans are used for Christ-centered ministries.

As of Sept. 15, 2020, we have helped churches apply for loans totaling more than \$10,000,000 over the last 12 months.

### CHURCH INVESTMENT FUNDS:

During 2020, churches have made first time investments with the Foundation, totaling \$1,600,000. Bringing the total invested to \$1,631,358. Our goal is that by the end of 2020 our churches will have invested \$2 million or more with the Foundation.

Current term deposit rates may be found at [sbcvfoundation.org](http://sbcvfoundation.org)

## Ongoing SBC of Virginia Foundation Services

The Foundation continues to provide the following services to churches:

- Loans to churches that cannot secure regular financing through traditional means.
- The ability for churches to receive a stock gift from an individual or organization without having a brokerage account. The Foundation sells the stock upon receipt and forwards the money to the local church. This allows the donor to receive tax

“JUST AS EACH ONE HAS  
*received a gift,*  
USE IT TO SERVE  
OTHERS AS  
*good stewards*  
OF THE VARIED  
GRACE OF GOD.”

1 PETER 4:10, CSB

advantages. The churches receive this service free of charge. During 2019, the Foundation completed different stock/land transactions for churches, which allowed us to transfer a total of \$368,886 to the churches. During 2020, more than \$250,000 in stock has been gifted to our churches through the foundation.

- Account management for closed churches.
- Guidance and legal/tax assistance for closing churches that are transferring their property to another church. This is done without the property having to be transferred to the Foundation.
- Hold in trust properties of closed churches.
- Provide speakers to churches to talk about estate planning.

**Have questions? We are here to help. Find more info at [sbcvfoundation.org](http://sbcvfoundation.org).**



A photograph of two men embracing. The man on the left is younger, with short dark hair and a beard, wearing a dark jacket. The man on the right is older, with white hair and a beard, wearing a light-colored shirt. They are both smiling and looking towards the right. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape.

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# NO SMALL *suggestion...*

**M**atthew 28:18-20 is simply and often referred to as The Great Commission. Some form of Christ's commission is also found in the other places of the New Testament, but Matthew 28 often seems to be one of the most heralded. As followers of Christ we are called to "make disciples of all nations." Christ has called us, has commanded us to proclaim the Gospel unto the ends of the earth. The Great Commission is no small suggestion. The Great Commission is no small suggestion and calls for strategic cooperation.

Since the New Testament era, church and mission leaders like the Apostle Paul have called upon churches to work together to plant, strengthen, and mobilize churches so the Gospel of Christ is proclaimed.

On May 13, 1925, Southern Baptists launched a unified and strategic missions support plan that became known as "The Cooperative Program."

Through this "Cooperative Program," or what I have come to call "Cooperative Partnership," a church is able to support a greater missionary force and have greater ministry impact by working with other churches. For instance, local, regional, national, and international mission fields are reached when a church provides financial support through the Cooperative Program.

At first, it may seem that churches give "TO" the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program. However, the more I have gotten to know and see the impact churches have by working together in this Cooperative Partnership for the Gospel, I believe churches don't give "TO" but give "THROUGH" the Cooperative Program.

## 1. IMMEDIATE IMPACT

It could take years for a church to develop a missions strategy. The Southern Baptist Cooperative Program allows for you to act now. As a church planter, our church was able to have immediate impact.

## 2. MUTUAL SUPPORT

Instead of missionaries having to constantly plead for resources or leave the field every year to raise funds, we work together to provide a system of mutual support so they can focus on their calling.

## 3. GLOBAL STRATEGY

Even though the world may seem to be getting "smaller." It is still a big world, with many people groups. We are seeing a multiplication of people groups right here, and we also want to reach across North America and around the world. The Southern Baptist Cooperative Program is a strategy to reach locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. As a pastor, I was thankful for a global strategy instead of having to develop a strategy piece-meal on our own.

## 4. PERSONAL EVEN THOUGH IT IS COMPREHENSIVE

Because the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program is so comprehensive, you may think it is impersonal. But it is not. The Cooperative Program makes seminary more affordable for individual students, helps plant and revitalize local churches, and supports missionaries all around the world. Each seminary student, every church helped, and missionary sent has a name, a story, and a calling. They are our children, our families, our communities, and our brothers and sisters in Christ.

# WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

## 2020 Church Affiliation/Partnership Report

VALLEY	LOCATION	PASTOR
First Baptist Church	Elkton	Robert Worthington
Mayo Baptist Church	Spencer	Doug Ramsey, Interim
New River Valley Community Church	Christiansburg	Bob Jackson, Interim
SOUTHWEST		
Beacon Light Baptist Church	St. Charles	Chris Myers
Carmi Baptist Church	Sugar Grove	Kenneth W. Price
First Baptist Church	Jonesville	Rob Haynes
Silver Leaf Baptist Church	Rose Hill	Tim Varnadore
The Vine Church	Abingdon	Steven Bednar
NORTH		
Iglesia Bautista Nueva Esperanza	Arlington	Victor Claros
Iglesia La Gran Comisión	Burke	Medardo Serrano
New Jerusalem Bible Church	Aldie	Solomon Kanamala
Redeemer Bible Church	Spotsylvania	M. Victor Carpenter
Redeeming Grace Church	Fairfax	Mark Mullery
River Rock Church Caroline	Ruther Glen	Rick Nicely
CENTRAL		
New Hope Baptist Assembly	Tappahannock	Dean Collings
True Vine Church	Midlothian	Junior Avila
Vertical Church	Glen Allen	Joshua Price
CENTRAL-WEST & SOUTHSIDE		
First Baptist Church	Monroe	Brian Clabough
Hill City Community Church	Lynchburg	James Hobson
SOUTHEAST		
Courtland Baptist Church	Courtland	John-Paul Lotz
Story Church	Virginia Beach	Matthew Fretwell
Whitehead's Grove Baptist Church	Smithfield	Larry Soblotne

# 790

TOTAL AFFILIATED CHURCHES

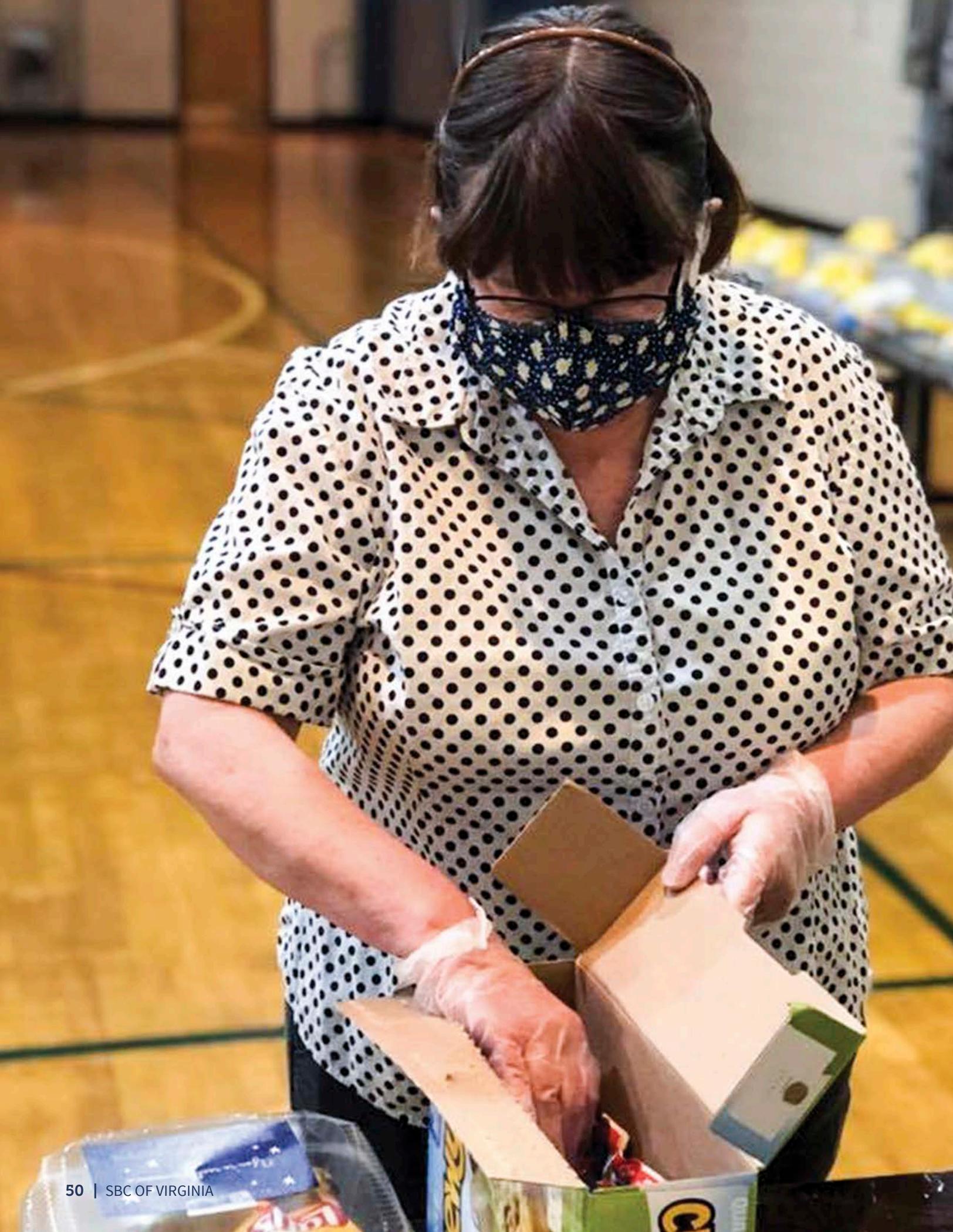


“BECAUSE OF YOUR  
PARTNERSHIP  
*in The Gospel*  
FROM THE FIRST DAY UNTIL NOW.”

PHILIPPIANS 1:5, ESV

### New Church Plants

CHURCH PLANT	PLANTER	REGION	CITY
Amazing Grace Church	Christopher McCullough	North	Washington, D.C.
Bethel Evangelical Church	Kefali Teklemariam	Central	Richmond
Better Life Arabic Church	Samir Eldabaa	North	Manassas
Calvary Ethiopian Family Church	Zelleke Alemu	Central	Richmond
Grace Vietnamese Baptist Church	Phan Phuong	North	Fredericksburg
Herndon Bible Church	Jorge Del Cid	North	Herndon
Hope Church Blacksburg	Jay Smith	Valley	Valley
Hope Church Clearview	Chris Brown	Valley	Martinsville
Household of God Church	Gibrehaile Bezabeh	North	Alexandria
New Jerusalem Bible Church	Solomon Kanamala	North	Aldie
Parkway Church North Chesterfield	Mac Hutton	Central	North Chesterfield
Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana de Roanoke	Pedro Alvarado	Valley	Roanoke
Redemption Church Roanoke	Carter Mundy	Valley	Roanoke
Story Church	Matthew Fretwell	Southeast	Virginia Beach





*“Commit your work*  
**TO THE LORD,**  
*AND YOUR PLANS,*  
*will be established.”*

PROVERBS 16:3, ESV

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Funds forwarded to SBC Missions and Church Planting

**\$17,886,499** Total gifts from SBC of Virginia Churches

with 75% of total gifts forwarded to SBC Missions and Planting and 25%, or \$4,421,626, used on the Virginia mission field.



CONTRIBUTIONS	2018	2019
<b>Cooperative Program</b>	\$9,437,677	\$9,547,726
<b>SBC Partnering Fund</b>		
North American Mission Board	\$300,000	\$300,000
LifeWay Christian Resources	\$57,946	\$54,996
GuideStone Financial Resources	\$1,316	\$0
<b>SPECIAL OFFERINGS &amp; OTHER DESIGNATED GIFTS</b>		
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	\$3,719,978	\$3,592,213
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering	\$1,191,187	\$1,191,187
Vision Virginia Missions Offering	\$373,173	\$351,665
Churches Planting Churches Contributions	\$2,379,539	\$2,495,168
Other Designated Contributions	\$301,026	\$353,544
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$17,761,392</b>	<b>\$17,886,499</b>

**\$178,628,922**

Total COOPERATIVE PROGRAM CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE INCEPTION

## Churches planting churches

Churches and individual partners give additional funds for financing new church plants. This giving is over and above their regular cooperative gifts and is essential to continuing and maintaining a strong church planting partnership. We praise the Lord for these gifts of \$2,495,168 — a three percent increase over 2018.

**VISION VIRGINIA**

One hundred percent of this important offering goes to the mission field in Virginia and around the world. *Vision Virginia* is uniquely designed to support ministry opportunities such as providing supplies to impoverished children in Appalachia. The program provides support to churches that are meeting physical needs through hunger funds, meeting physical and spiritual needs in times of natural disasters, making available worship equipment and resources for church plants, and many other ministry opportunities ([sbcv.org/visionvirginia](http://sbcv.org/visionvirginia)).

**visionvirginia**

**\$351,665**  
2019 RECEIPTS FOR VISION VIRGINIA

As of Sept. 30, 2020, gifts received toward our \$400,000 goal totaled \$221,024, an increase of 16 percent.

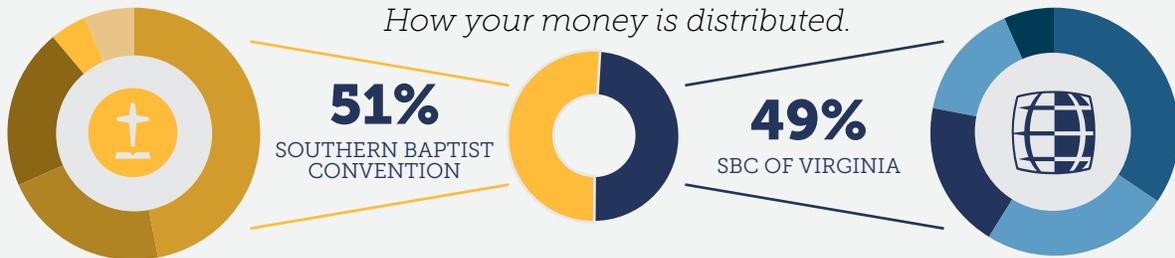
**2021 Ministry Investment Plan Revenues\***

**\$9,600,000** Undesignated Cooperative Program Contributions



**Cooperative Partnership**

*How your money is distributed.*



International Mission Board	<b>24.19</b>
North American Mission Board	<b>10.79</b>
Theological Education Ministries	<b>10.55</b>
Other SBC Ministries	<b>2.19</b>
Cooperative Program Resourcing	<b>3.28</b>

Church Planting	<b>15.79</b>
Church Strengthening	<b>12.65</b>
Mobilizing & Communications	<b>9.83</b>
Ministry Support	<b>6.89</b>
Leadership & Convention Relations	<b>3.84</b>

\* For more details, see the 2021 Ministry Investment Plan on page 54.

# PROPOSED 2021 MINISTRY *Investment Plan*

	Total 2021 Ministry Investment Plan	Percentage of CP Gifts
<b>MINISTRY RECEIPTS</b>		
Cooperative Program Gifts	\$9,600,000	100.00%
<b>GRANTS &amp; SPECIAL FUNDING</b>		
SBC of Virginia Foundation	\$35,000	
North American Mission Board	\$300,000	
Lifeway Christian Resources	\$0.00	
Planting/Revitalization Strategic Funds	\$65,000	
TOTAL PARTNERSHIP RECEIPTS	\$400,000	
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>	
<b>MINISTRY INVESTMENTS DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Southern Baptist Missions & Ministries		
International Mission Board	\$2,322,343	24.19%
North American Mission Board	\$1,035,768	10.79%
SBC Seminaries & Historical Archives	\$1,012,891	10.55%
Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission	\$72,660	0.76%
SBC Facilitating & Operating Ministries	\$137,746	1.43%
Cooperative Program Resourcing	\$314,590	3.28%
<b>TOTAL SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSIONS &amp; MINISTRIES</b>	<b>\$4,896,000</b>	<b>51.00%</b>
<b>CHURCH PLANTING &amp; REVITALIZATION</b>		
Missionary Salaries & Benefits	\$520,000	
Field Preparation	\$6,000	
Recruiting & Developing	\$15,000	
Mentoring & Supporting	\$48,000	
Strategic Initiative	\$11,000	
Financial Support - Planters	\$1,000,000	
Revitalization Strategic Initiatives	\$98,440	
Support Personnel	\$32,468	
Church Planting Ministry Related Expenses	\$85,000	
<b>TOTAL CHURCH PLANTING</b>	<b>\$1,815,908</b>	<b>15.79%</b>
<b>CHURCH STRENGTHENING &amp; EVANGELISM</b>		
Missionary Salaries & Benefits	\$663,500	
Leadership Development	\$50,000	
Church Health	\$15,000	
Pastor/Staff/Family Enrichment	\$21,000	
Guidestone (Pastors Retirement, Life & Disability)	\$130,000	
Revitalization Strategic Initiatives	-	
Church Strengthening Initiatives	\$20,000	
Regional Initiatives	\$40,000	
Women's Ministry	\$20,000	
Men's Ministry	\$10,000	

Children's Ministry/VBS	\$25,000	
Student Ministry	\$70,250	
Evangelism & Ministry Personnel	\$43,569	
Support Personnel	\$66,232	
Church Strengthening & Revitalization Ministry Exp.	\$140,000	
<b>TOTAL CHURCH STRENGTHENING</b>	<b>\$1,314,551</b>	<b>12.65%</b>
<b>MOBILIZING AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
Missionary Salaries & Benefits	\$375,400	
Evangelism Strategies	\$35,000	
Mobilizing Network & Conferences	\$8,000	
Partnerships Missions	\$40,000	
Compassion Ministries	\$30,000	
Disaster Relief & Baptist Builders	\$7,000	
Mobilizing Strategic Initiatives	\$25,000	
Innovative Faith Resources	\$250,000	
Print & Electronic Media	\$65,000	
Support & Communications Personnel	\$79,360	
Mobilizing & Communications Ministry Related Expenses	\$29,000	
<b>TOTAL MOBILIZING AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>\$943,760</b>	<b>9.83%</b>
<b>MINISTRY SUPPORT SERVICES</b>		
Personnel Salaries & Benefits	\$412,608	
Business & Finance	\$68,000	
Information Services	\$79,573	
Facilities	\$85,000	
Ministry Support Ministry Related Expenses	\$16,000	
<b>TOTAL MINISTRY SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<b>\$661,181</b>	<b>6.89%</b>
<b>LEADERSHIP &amp; CONVENTION RELATIONS</b>		
Personnel Salaries & Benefits	\$279,600	
Annual Meeting	\$25,000	
Board Meetings	\$16,000	
Leadership Meetings	\$26,000	
Leadership Ministry Related Expenses	\$22,000	
<b>TOTAL LEADERSHIP &amp; CONVENTION RELATIONS</b>	<b>\$368,600</b>	<b>3.84%</b>
<b>Total Ministry Investments</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

FOOTNOTES TO THE PROPOSED 2021 MINISTRY INVESTMENT PLAN

- 1 The proposed \$10,000,000 Cooperative Ministry Investment Plan (MIP) for 2021 is the same as the 2020 MIP.
- 2 The SBC of Virginia is authorized to spend any funds received beyond the \$10,000,000 MIP at the same percentages as adopted by the convention in the 2021 MIP.
- 3 Any unexpended SBC of Virginia funds will be carried forward for future church planting/revitalization and other strategic ministry opportunities.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Board recommends to messengers in the 2020 Annual Homecoming that the Proposed 2021 Cooperative Program Ministry Investment Plan in the amount of \$10,000,000 be adopted.

# 2020 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF  
SINS SHOULD BE  
*proclaimed in His name*  
TO ALL NATIONS,  
BEGINNING FROM JERUSALEM.”

LUKE 24:47, ESV



*You are  
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