



**SBC Virginia**  
*You are not alone.*



**2021**

**MINISTRY  
REPORT**



Dr. Brian Autry, executive director of the SBC of Virginia, shares an encouraging word with Young Pastors Summit attendees.



## KEEP *pressing* ON

# Together!

### A MESSAGE FROM BRIAN AUTRY, SBCV EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-6, ESV

Since formally organizing this convention of churches 25 years ago that has come to be known as SBC of Virginia (SBCV), missionaries have been sent, churches have planted churches, pastors have served, and souls have been saved. Now, just as then, we must preach the Word and proclaim the Gospel so our neighbors and the nations can know Jesus as Lord.

This Ministry Report is 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 who make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. SBCV's mission is to come alongside local churches advancing the Gospel of Jesus Christ together to reach our neighbors and the nations.

SBCV churches are not alone! You are not alone as you minister. You are not alone as you mobilize. You are not alone as you plant churches. You are not alone as you revitalize a church.

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 encouraged; 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 SBCV. For over 25 years and counting, you continue to show that “You Are Not Alone” is more than a slogan. Let's keep pressing on, advancing the Gospel together!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Autry".

**BRIAN AUTRY**

Executive Director • SBC of Virginia



Pastor Diego Fernandez leading his church in prayer for missionaries.

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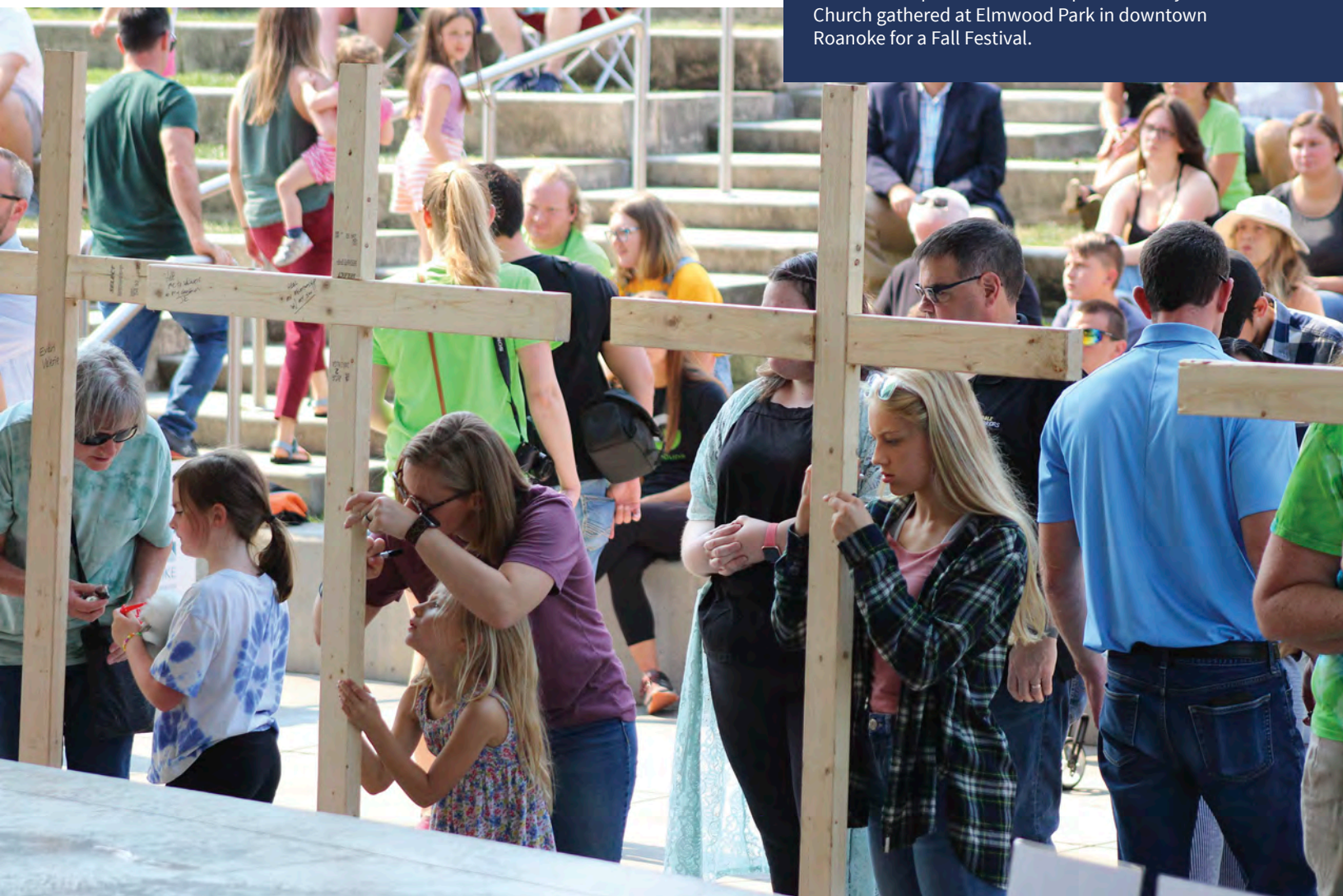
Then the churches  
throughout all Judea,  
Galilee, and Samaria  
had peace and were edified.  
And walking in the fear of  
the Lord and in the comfort  
of the Holy Spirit, they were  
multiplied. »

ACTS 9:31, NKJV





**ONE BIG FAMILY**  
All three campuses of Fellowship Community Church gathered at Elmwood Park in downtown Roanoke for a Fall Festival.







# 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.

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



## 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.

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





### 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**



### 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.

“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**



### 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.

“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**

# 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 come alongside local churches advancing the Gospel of Jesus Christ together to reach our neighbors and the nations.

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

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 and compassion ministries in Virginia and to the uttermost parts of the earth. Churches are praying, giving, equipping, and sending volunteers. We are working as a key strategic partner with the North American Mission Board and International Mission Board to reach the nations. New innovative compassion ministries undergird initiatives such as English as a Second Language and hunger relief ministries.

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

SBC of Virginia churches and the North American Mission Board have formed the dynamic church planting partnership — SEND Virginia. Close to 100 church plants and church planting small groups in multiple ethnicities are underway and are developing through Gospel partnership in Virginia, Washington, D.C., and beyond. Church planter networks, a team of church planting strategists, and associate church planting strategists/pastors are prayerfully seeking the Lord while supporting churches planting churches — a hallmark of SBC of Virginia for 25 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 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







## SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE

Family Fusion attendees spent time on Chincoteague Island doing service projects for local residents. These acts of kindness opened opportunities to share the Gospel with the community.



# A Prayer for the SBC of Virginia

## Theology not just techniques.

We 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** the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program, we support a global missions force. Thousands are serving and more are needed.

## We pray pastors will not be lone rangers.

Our 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







### **PASSION FOR SHARING**

A believer publicly professes her faith in the Lord through baptism at Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, VA.

# Coming Alongside Local Churches

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 2021:

### 1 VALLEY REGION

Our team has provided intentional ministry efforts to encourage SBCV pastors, leaders, and churches. Each weekend, practically every pastoral staff member receives a text with Scripture and inspiration. These texts have resonated so well that some church staff now regularly text encouragement to their staff, church members, and fellow pastors.

During the Leading Change Tour stop in Salem, Dr. Jeff Iorg helped church leaders learn to navigate and lead through change. Additionally, the Global Missions Conference at Franklin Heights Church was a time to challenge, raise alertness, and provide resources. Several SBCV network workshops took place with topics like preaching, developing leaders, and dealing with challenges. The Family Foundation Tour stopped in our region to equip and inform churches in dealing with religious liberty challenges.

Churches outside our network learned that SBCV helps in pastoral transitions, which has led to three new partner churches. Consulting in incorporation and governing documents has become a growing influence among churches. In addition, through revitalization, several congregations sought our help in church mergers (rather than closing their doors), which has resulted in future ministry opportunities.

### 2 SOUTHWEST REGION

Feeding and compassion ministries flourished in 2021, allowing churches to meet both physical and spiritual needs in their communities. As churches reopened from COVID-19 restrictions, many baptisms took place, despite lower attendance. Even though more churches are without a pastor, SBCV continues to minister to them by providing pastor search team training and pulpit supply.

The statewide Family Foundation Tour hosted gatherings of pastors to inform and equip them regarding religious liberty challenges. The event also provided ways to pray for political representatives when our faith is challenged. In Bluefield this spring, there were nearly 100 in attendance for the region's first Revitalization Summit.

In June, SBCV churches brought 78 campers to Bristol for Student Fusion Camp. During the week, an elementary school principal was moved to tears witnessing how the Fusion campers blessed the community. It was a tremendous week with 1,200 hours of ministry invested.



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).

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### 3 CENTRAL-WEST & SOUTHSIDE REGION

God has been at work in the Central-West & Southside Region! Hyland Heights Baptist Church in Rustburg held a Winter Bible Conference featuring prominent Southern Baptist leaders and up-and-coming leaders with a combined virtual and live attendance of 600.

Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg partnered with SBCV Disaster Relief to complete a home renovation project for a Bedford-area SBCV pastor whose injuries limit his mobility. Ice storms impacted counties throughout the region, especially Charlotte County. Feeding and chainsaw crews from SBCV Disaster Relief responded by serving

2,100 meals daily and helping with local cleanup.

For Easter 2021 services, many churches reported a growing number of congregants willing to gather in person again. Some churches had historically high attendance numbers.

This summer, pastors had multiple fellowship opportunities, including the annual SBCV fellowship at the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville. A golf outing at Poplar Grove in Amherst brought 31 pastors. The day featured a devotional from Charles Billingsley and golf lessons from born-again golf professional Dick Mast.





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

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11, ESV

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## 4 NORTH REGION

Our team has hosted more than 25 in-person gatherings for pastors, planters, and staff. This summer, pastors and families gathered for encouraging times like a picnic in Alexandria and canoeing and kayaking on the Shenandoah River. The gatherings helped churches by strategic training and deepening relationships. SBCV church leaders also receive an encouraging text each weekend from their SBCV regional team.

The Lord has brought Brian Collison to our team for church planting support. Collison planted Pillar Church of Woodlawn in Alexandria. Two church plants recently launched in the region as we continue to see churches planting churches. God multiplied Pillar Church of Dumfries to launch church planter Mike Garlem to plant Pillar Church of Stafford. The Lord also sent out church planter Brandon Hembree from Impact Church of NOVA in Chantilly to plant Impact Church of Fredericksburg. Eight new Hispanic church planters are being processed to plant churches in Springfield, Alexandria, Dale City, Stafford, Centreville, Washington, D.C., Columbia, MD, and La Plata, MD.

## 6 HAMPTON ROADS REGION

In 2021, we have invested in the health and leadership abilities of pastors in the Hampton Roads Region as they've led their churches to reengage in Great Commission efforts in an emerging post-COVID environment.

The SBCV co-sponsored the Family Foundation Tour that took place in four locations in Hampton Roads. We celebrated the expansion of our Gospel partnership in our region by hosting a lunch for 12 pastors who were new to the SBCV within the past two years and several pastors whose churches are poised for affiliation with the SBCV.

Dr. Jeff Iorg returned to Hampton Roads to share insights from his book, *Leading Major Change in Your Ministry*. This was a timely workshop for pastors gathering at Bethel Baptist Church in Yorktown, many of whom were leading through change initiated by the pandemic. Poquoson

## 5 CENTRAL REGION

The Lord has provided many opportunities this year to minister to pastors, staff, and church leadership. Pastor small group networks at restaurants and churches resumed with discussions on prayer resources, rest, and sabbaticals. Milton Harding, SBCV pastoral care associate, shared a devotion and encouraged regional pastors during a Zoom call. Through different workshops, church planter Matt Smethurst shared about effective deacon ministry, and Jeff Clark from the IMB taught about rural ministry. Attendees of the Revitalization Summit and participants of the Revitalization Cohort were encouraged to press on.

Pastoral fellowship opportunities like golf, bowling, and fishing were provided during the summer and early fall. Additionally, our team sends weekly texts and shares resources daily through Facebook group posts. This year has also provided opportunities for mentoring with six Central Region pastors.

The Central Region has been the host for the following events: Young Pastors Summit with Paul Chitwood and Jim Booth; Prayer Summit with Dave Earley; five locations for the statewide Family Foundation Tour; three locations for Noble Warriors Tailgates; one stop of the Until Every Child Is Home Tour; and the Women's Leadership Forum: Renew.

Baptist Church hosted a gathering of pastors and leaders who gathered to learn how they could lead their churches to champion the sanctity of life through foster care and adoption.

Two groups of pastors in the region learned about the new partnership between Liberty University, the North American Mission Board, and the SBCV to train, resource, and place ministry interns for the purpose of helping churches send out church planters. This partnership will bring added focus to the need for church planting in the region.

We also initiated a Church Revitalization Network in the region, comprised of pastors who have participated in SBCV's Church Revitalization Cohorts.



# ONLINE RESOURCES

No matter the reason, it may not always be feasible to travel to events for training or resources. SBCV has been at the forefront of developing online opportunities for you and your ministry.



## TRAINING

The country's foremost leaders in church ministry join us on a regular basis for virtual training and encouragement for pastors, staff, and lay leaders.

This includes the premiere Worship Technology Conference, which featured multiple high-level and informative breakouts.

[worshiptechva.com](http://worshiptechva.com)





### PODCASTS

Every week in the Not Alone Podcast, you can hear in-depth discussion on a variety of ministry challenges as well as best practices and examples from those doing ministry with you.

[sbcv.org/podcast](https://sbcv.org/podcast)

### PRAYER



52 Sundays  
[sbcv.org/52sundays](https://sbcv.org/52sundays)



50 Days of Kingdom Prayer  
[sbcv.org/50daysofprayer](https://sbcv.org/50daysofprayer)



25 Days of Gratitude  
[sbcv.org/25daysofgratitude](https://sbcv.org/25daysofgratitude)



### VIDEOS

Every month, you can watch stories from around Virginia and the world that bring you right into the scene of life-changing and God-honoring events.

[sbcv.org/videos](https://sbcv.org/videos)



### STORIES

You can read inspiring stories of how God is moving in and through the churches of the SBCV with *Proclaimer* magazine.

[sbcv.org/proclaimer](https://sbcv.org/proclaimer)



### SOCIAL MEDIA

No matter the size of your ministry, this new resource allows you to encourage your followers with ready-made and easy-to-use social media posts.

[innovativefaith.org](https://innovativefaith.org)



### WEBSITE

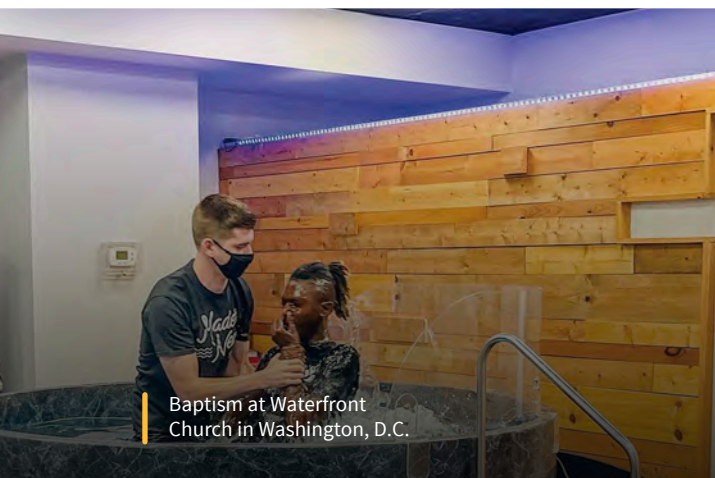
There are many needs and questions that you may have throughout each week of ministry. SBCV.org is a great first place to find an answer or resource that can help you meet the needs of your congregation.

[sbcv.org](https://sbcv.org)



OVER 165 SBCV CHURCHES AND MORE THAN 3,422 PEOPLE PRAYING DAILY FOR 104,568 HOUSEHOLDS THROUGH BLESS EVERY HOME

# Reaching Your Neighbors



Baptism at Waterfront Church in Washington, D.C.

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

The online, interactive tool Bless Every Home continues to be the outreach and evangelism tool that prompts church members to pray for, care for, share with, and disciple their neighbors. This tool is now impacting some 2.5 million homes nationwide and over 200,000 homes in the commonwealth. Nearly 3,500 SBCV church members are receiving daily email promptings or utilizing the new phone app to pray for their neighbors. A new Bless Every Home key ring will serve as reminder to be outward focused.

## RESOURCES

The book, *B.L.E.S.S.: 5 Everyday Ways to Love Your Neighbor and Change the World* by Dave and Jon Ferguson is being given to each family attending this year's Annual Homecoming. The book highlights the importance of prayer, the value of listening and fellowship, the open doors to service, and the opportunity to tell your story.

And thus, the acronym B.L.E.S.S. serves as reminder to be and do just that. This is more than a book; it is a discipleship tool, a workbook with great insights and ways to be a blessing to your neighbors. Some churches are using the book as a study for leadership, small groups, or for the entire congregation.

September 12 was Baptism Sunday in the Southern Baptist Convention with many SBCV churches posting on their websites and social media their celebration services. Some of these took place in the traditional church baptistry, church plants utilized portable baptistries, and some chose to participate in local lakes and rivers. Praise the Lord for the lives that have surrendered to the lordship of Jesus Christ.

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



# Prioritizing Prayer



Dr. Dave Earley challenges Prayer Summit attendees to pass the passion of prayer to the next generation.



Attendees participate in worship at Prayer Summit 2021 in Midlothian, VA.

“Your kingdom come, your will be done.”

MATTHEW 6:10, ESV

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

The 2021 SBC of Virginia Prayer Summit was hosted by Swift Creek Baptist Church in Midlothian, VA with Dr. Dave Earley from First Baptist Church, Grove City, OH as our keynote speaker. Our hearts were challenged by Dr. Earley to “Pass the Passion of Prayer to the Next Generation.” This theme was continued throughout the event, including a session for student pastors. In this session, student pastors were challenged to train the next generation to be people of prayer, the same way Jesus equipped His disciples. In the main sessions, pastors were challenged that if they want their churches to be a houses of prayer, then they must first be people of prayer.

SBC of Virginia churches prayed together for 50 Days from

Resurrection Sunday, April 4 through Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021 by way of prayer prompts from the book of Acts (available in English and Spanish!). Testimonies are being shared about how God worked, answering the prayers of His people, and advanced His Kingdom through these days. SBC of Virginia churches continue to access this undated 50 Days of Kingdom Prayer resource to draw their people to seeking first the Kingdom of God in prayer. This resource may be accessed at [sbcv.org/50daysofprayer](https://sbcv.org/50daysofprayer).

As we celebrate 25 years since the founding of the SBC of Virginia, we invite you to join us in prayer — in gratitude and for God’s continued blessings to be upon the SBC of Virginia. Download the prayer guide 25 Days of Gratitude for 25 Years of God’s Faithfulness to the SBC of Virginia at [sbcv.org/25daysofgratitude](https://sbcv.org/25daysofgratitude).



Over **500 women** met at London Bridge Baptist Church for the two-day Jen Wilkin conference.

# MINISTRY RESOURCES



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Ministry is comprised of multiple teams (including regional representatives): prayer team, blog team, social media team, Hispanic team, and the newly formed ministry wives team.

## EVENTS

Over 500 women met at London Bridge Baptist Church in Virginia Beach for the two-day Jen Wilkin conference. The conference began Friday morning with a Lifeway Women's training event with over 100 women in attendance. Leaders and trainers from Lifeway, as well as two team members from the SBCV Women's Ministry Team, led in breakout sessions and a lunchtime panel discussion.

The SBCV Women's Leadership Forum met at Virginia Crossings Resort and Conference Center. The event was a retreat for women who serve in their local church. There were 78 ministry leaders representing 34 churches in attendance. Melissa Dimanche from Libertylive.Church led in worship, and author Christine Hoover (*Seek First the Kingdom*) was the keynote speaker.

The Equip Conference was held on May 1 at First Baptist Church in Damascus. The conference was an online gathering with 23 ladies from 7 churches present.

Purpose Girls' Conference was held on September 17 at London Bridge Baptist Church with Mary Margaret West and Lexi Shipp as keynote speakers. Over 180 girls participated in this conference.



**78** ministry leaders representing **34** churches attended the SBCV Women's Leadership Forum



Melissa Dimanche led worship during the SBCV Women's Leadership Forum.



“Equip you with everything good that you may do His will.”

HEBREWS 13:21, ESV



#### KIDS MINISTRY CONFERENCE

23 SPEAKERS  
41 SESSIONS  
368 PARTICIPANTS



## MEN'S MINISTRY

Vital ministry continues to reach men with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and equip them to be leaders in their churches, homes, and in their communities. In the spring of 2021, Noble Warriors hosted the Nobleman Tailgates tour that took place in seven locations over three weeks. These gatherings included keynote speakers, worship, food, and fellowship with other men in the region.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

The first virtual Kids Ministry Conference was broken into a VBS Track with 14 sessions and a Children's Ministry Track with 27 sessions. Sessions were taught by children's ministry leaders throughout our state from SBCV churches and by other partners we have through Lifeway and other areas of ministry. There were 368 registrations, representing 146 SBCV churches and 27 non-SBCV churches. Trainings remain available to continually train and equip our churches throughout the year.

Members from our SBCV churches were able to participate in the virtual training, VBS Institute. This training is an intensive guide on how to run and train volunteers on VBS curriculum and ministry so that churches could be equipped.

Children's leaders were trained and equipped through the Central Region Kids Ministry Network Group that meets once a month. Conference calls and trainings are also used to equip SBCV churches.

### RESOURCES

Several resources are made available to churches, such as Not Alone Podcasts: *Equipping Children's Leaders During a Pandemic* and *Discipleship Focus for New Church Year in Children's Ministry*. Many of our churches found themselves reopening or restructuring their children's ministries. We provided resources to help them navigate reopening their children's ministries as well as how to structure their church security and children safety issues.

Resources are also made available to churches through our promotion of Kidz Blitz that some of our SBCV churches take part in. Our social media platform is also used to equip and connect children's leaders through our resource page and our general networking page.

**No matter your ministry, the SBCV is here to help.**  
For more information, visit [sbcv.org/ministries](https://sbcv.org/ministries).



NextGen

Family Fusion

# ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT

**A**t the beginning of 2021, student ministry leaders were continuing to scratch their heads to figure out how to navigate ministry in the midst of a continued pandemic. We praise the Lord that in spite of all that was going on in 2021, student ministries were able to continue to reach, disciple, and mobilize students! In partnership with churches across the state, the NextGen ministry of the SBCV was able to host several events to encourage student ministry leaders and their ministries.

Due to COVID restrictions, SBCV was able to offer the first-ever virtual Youth Evangelism Conference at The Heights Baptist Church in Colonial Heights. The conference was streamed virtually and recorded as a resource to be used as a Bible study or a DNow format. This new format furthered the ministry of churches by allowing them to use this resource in a way that best fit their ministry needs, while giving them the ability to participate in YEC in a more intimate way. Although there were no students physically in the audience, 48 churches still participated online as Red Letter Society led in worship while Ryan Fontenot served as our speaker. The messages were based on 1 Peter 3:15 and how we can defend our faith and have a reason for the hope we have in Jesus. We know of three students that trusted Christ as a result of the virtual YEC.

We hosted 37 interns, who served 34 churches across the state at the SBCV Intern Training at the Glen Allen Ministry Support Center in May for a time of encouragement and training. We are grateful for the partnership between our SBCV churches to train and serve alongside of these future church leaders. God used the interns greatly to impact our churches this summer and in the days ahead.

After a summer without camp in 2020, we were grateful to be back at Student Fusion Camp! In June, we hosted camp at Euclid Avenue Baptist Church in Bristol. A total of 78 campers, chaperones, and *Vision Virginia*-funded interns invested more than 1,200 hours in ministry,



Students helped with a school beautification project during Student Fusion 2021 in Bristol.

Student Fusion

**MORE THAN 1,200  
MINISTRY HOURS  
INVESTED**

primarily focused at Washington Lee Elementary School. Throughout the time there, the school was prayed over, teachers and first responders were ministered to, and tasks were done to help prepare the school for the upcoming school year, such as painting, weeding, etc.

We were grateful to be back at Chincoteague Island for Family Fusion this year with 16 families, representing 7 churches, along with 9 interns, that ministered throughout the week. There were several opportunities to minister to the community as well as to tourists by engaging people on the beach through sandcastle building competitions, handing out watermelons, and playing cornhole. Families were able to serve community members with health challenges through yard cleanup, while engaging them with conversations about the Gospel.

**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**



Youth Evangelism Conference



# NO ESTAMOS SOLOS

*You are not alone.*

Pastor Ramon Medina was the main speaker at the annual Fall Hispanic Conference, where around **400 people** attended.



## Hispanic Ministry



Northern Virginia Hispanic church planters gathering

**2021 has been a year of growth, outreach, and increasing fellowship for Spanish-speaking churches around Virginia. It's also been a year of firsts!**

### ONLINE

This year kicked off with monthly Zoom trainings on various subjects such as: Who's Your One?, prayer, outreach, and discipleship.

Podcasts were also produced in the areas of church planting, networking with English-speaking congregations, and how to reach other ethnicities.

Throughout March, the Hispanic women's ministry team hosted an online conference releasing a special session each week on Facebook live. The feedback has been great, and there is a stronger network of female leaders throughout SBCV churches.

### SPANISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT

The very first Church Planting Assessment Retreat and Team Training in Spanish was conducted in February.

Hispanic leaders led sessions in Spanish for the children's track at the Hispanic Conference and the virtual Kids Ministry Conference. This initiative has been an encouragement for Hispanic churches to start their own children's ministry or to improve the one they already have.

Pentecost marked the last day of our 50 Days of Prayer statewide with this being the first year that it was promoted as a united effort, both in English and Spanish. This was also promoted and used nationally through Baptist Press!



### MISSIONS

SBCV Hispanic leaders attended the vision trip to Puerto Rico, which created an immediate connection between Iglesia Bautista Del Camino and a church planter in Puerto Rico. The church is praying to adopt another church planter there.

### TRAINING, FELLOWSHIP, AND OUTREACH

In May, the Hispanic women's ministry was very active with their Colaborando Juntas (Collaborating Together) training around the state. Also in May, youth groups from Hispanic churches in Richmond gathered for a time of worship, both in English and Spanish, along with games, food, and preaching.

Summer started a brand-new "grilling strategy." Pastors gathered to grill steaks together while encouraging and praying for one another.

### HISPANIC CONFERENCE RECORD ATTENDANCE

The annual fall Hispanic Conference was held on September 17-18 at Spotswood Baptist Church. Around 400 people attended, including 111 children and youth. The main speaker was Pastor Ramon Medina, pastor of Champion Forest Baptist Church en Español, Houston, TX. There were three main sessions for women with Wendy Bello, Lifeway author and speaker, and two main sessions for youth with Miguel Arcila, director of Hispanic ministries in the United States for Word of Life. There was also a one-day VBS for the children, with the help of multiple SBCV churches.

**The SBCV is here to serve Hispanic churches. For more information, visit [sbcv.org/espanol](http://sbcv.org/espanol).**







Franklin Heights Church in Rocky Mount, VA, holds a baptism service.





RAISED  
TO  
LIFE

“ **Declare** His glory  
among the nations, His  
**marvelous works** among  
all the **peoples!** ”

PSALM 96:3, ESV





# MISSIONS





But you shall **receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall **be witnesses** to me in Jerusalem, and all Judea and Samaria, and **to the end of the earth.** »

ACTS 1:8, NKJV

MORE THAN 70 SBCV CHURCHES WORSHIP IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH

422 NEW IMB MISSIONARIES SENT • 247 NEW PEOPLE GROUPS AND PLACES ENGAGED THROUGH YOUR IMB MISSIONARIES

As the world began to slowly reopen in 2021 and many missionary partners returned to their mission fields and global work, SBC of Virginia churches continued to make a huge Kingdom impact through giving, praying, sending, and, once again, going!

In late 2020 and into 2021, new workers were appointed, commissioned, and trained. Missionaries from Virginia have been sent all over the world! More missionaries are in the pipeline, and your SBCV churches and missions team are supporting them every step of the way.

Since Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico in 2017, SBC of Virginia churches have been on the front lines for Disaster Relief and ongoing disaster response. And now, through a new five-year partnership between SBC of Virginia and Puerto Rican Baptists, church-to-church partnerships are popping up all over the island. This growing partnership will allow for SBC of Virginia churches to partner directly with the expanding Gospel work through SEND Puerto Rico. It will also serve as a pipeline for new mission partnerships in Central and South America and among North African and Middle Eastern peoples around the world as Virginians and Puerto Ricans pray and go together!

2021 has seen the relaunch of global missions, and churches and missionaries still have a lot to learn about the continually changing status of global missions. But the vision has not changed, the mission has not changed, and the commission has not changed. As more and more immigrants come into Europe from North Africa and the Middle East, SBC of Virginia churches will be there through a primary partnership with the IMB. Churches and workers will be reaching college students and entire neighborhoods of immigrants in France, helping to teach ESL and distribute Gospel materials in Spain, serving and reaching refugees in the Netherlands and supporting refugee work in France and Italy.

Will you pray, will you give, will you send, and will you go? What will you be willing to sacrifice so that the Gospel will reach someone who has never heard? SBC of Virginia churches are ready to GO in Lithuania, Iceland, Central Asia, South Asia, Japan, Sub-Saharan Africa, Puerto Rico, across the Americas, and among displaced peoples all over the globe. This glorious partnership of churches takes the Gospel to the ends of the earth!

**Did you know the SBCV is a mission resource to your church? Find out more: [sbcv.org/missions](https://sbcv.org/missions).**





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

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11, ESV





Liberty Baptist Church volunteers Herbert Hamlett and Ricky Harris build a handicap ramp for a neighbor during Bless Appomattox Day. This is a great example of Ready Church!

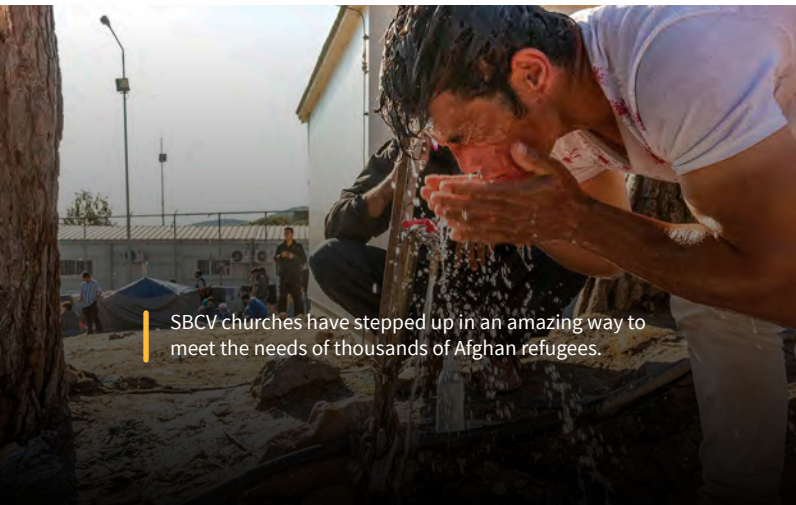




An ESL Basic Training Workshop is designed to equip your church to demonstrate the love of Christ, meet a need, and ultimately share the Gospel with internationals by helping them learn or improve their English language skills.

**"The food, in partnership with many other churches and organizations, is a tool that God uses to connect us to more Gospel conversations."**

Pastor Michael Harrison  
*The Community Fellowship*



SBCV churches have stepped up in an amazing way to meet the needs of thousands of Afghan refugees.



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 opens doors for Gospel conversations.



# SHOWING COMPASSION

## To our neighbors

**M**ost people hoped that 2021 would see the trials of 2020 come to an end. For many in Virginia and around the globe, the trials continued, or even intensified. But SBC of Virginia churches proved once again that those who are in need are not alone.

One out of every 10 Virginians struggle with hunger, while one in 8 children in Virginia will likely go to bed hungry tonight. SBC of Virginia churches financially support 10 hunger ministries in the Commonwealth. At their annual back-to-school event, The Community Fellowship Church (Collinsville) served more than 3,000 students and their families. From backpacks and school supplies to washing children's feet, the church demonstrated the love and compassion of Jesus. So many were fed spiritually and physically through SBCV's partnership with hunger funds. Pastor Michael Harrison shared, "The food, in partnership with many other churches and organizations, is a tool that God uses to connect us to more Gospel conversations."

SBC of Virginia churches have stepped up in an amazing way to meet the needs of thousands of Afghan refugees who began to stream into Virginia in September. Mount Pleasant Baptist (Colonial Heights) has taken the lead in gathering and delivering donations to Fort Lee, while Parkway Baptist (Moseley), Pillar Church (Stafford), and Thomas Road (Lynchburg) continue to pioneer volunteer work with refugees at Fort Pickett and Quantico. These and other faithful churches, with support from SBC of Virginia and our national partner, Send Relief, serve on the front lines to

meet needs in a time of great crisis. The needs will continue to grow and change. Churches and volunteers will be needed in the coming months and years to engage immigrants and refugees through English as a Second Language (ESL) and helping people assimilate into their new homes. And SBC of Virginia churches will be there!

When the needs extended beyond Virginia, the faithful giving of SBC of Virginia churches made it possible for missionaries and indigenous partners to respond. Maysville Baptist (Buckingham) has been leading out in an SBC of Virginia partnership to train, equip, and send local pastors in South Asia. These faithful pastors and their families have continued to minister and reach the unreached of surrounding communities during 2020 and 2021, often at the expense of meeting their own needs. Maysville Baptist, SBC of Virginia, and Send Relief have worked to provide food for these pastors and their families.

Through faithful giving, going, and being the hands and feet of Jesus, SBC of Virginia churches are making a difference, demonstrating the compassion of Jesus.

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

**2,954  
VOLUNTEERS  
SERVED OVER  
47,700 MEALS**



“ 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 mudslides in Hurley, VA. While meeting physical needs, these servants make sure to also prioritize spiritual needs.



SBCV Disaster Relief volunteers take a break for a moment in front of a Hurley, VA home where mud reached as high as the window sills.

# Responding to Natural Disasters



## READY CHURCH

SBC of Virginia Disaster Relief partnered with volunteers from local churches (Thomas Road Baptist Church's Ready Response in Lynchburg and Hyland Heights Baptist Church's Next Level Life Group in Rustburg) to meet some emergent community needs not normally associated with Disaster Relief. One project was a home renovation project for a Bedford-area SBCV pastor whose injuries limit his mobility. Work included a crawl space cleanout and foundation repair, master bathroom remodel, new hot water heater, driveway expansion, property cleanup and dismantling of a 1950's-era mobile home on the property. A spring cleanup for a recently widowed mother of two teens was also completed, including removing standing dead trees, gutter cleanout, sun porch floor sealing and painting, pressure washing house exterior, inside cleaning, raking leaves, and trimming bushes. In each project, DR equipment was used in conjunction with local church volunteers. In addition, SBCV DR worked with the Southwest Regional Catalyst to present a blueprint for effective collaborative ministry to the community. The blueprint detailed how to work together missionally as a team of churches and how to help church members overcome obstacles that hinder involvement.

## DISASTER RESPONSE

Ice storms impacted Virginia in February, and feeding

volunteers responded by serving 2,100 meals daily across 3 counties for 6 days. Chainsaw crews also completed dozens of local debris cleanup requests. Pastors and volunteers from Eureka Baptist, Midway Baptist, and Mt. Tirzah Baptist helped at food distribution sites alongside Red Cross volunteers and other community organizations. SBC of Virginia also mobilized a shower unit for community use at the Keysville Fire Department and loaned three generators to needy residents.

No disasters required our response from May to August, but 7 pieces of Disaster Relief equipment were mobilized to 9 different locations to support summer camps, mission trips, and church outreaches. In September, Hurricane Ida caused mudslides in Hurley, VA where SBC of Virginia Disaster Relief volunteers served over 1,000 hours. Volunteers served through chainsaw and flood recovery, prepared over 500 meals, and operated 60 hours of heavy machinery.

## TRAINING & CERTIFICATION

Online credentialing and re-credentialing continue to be available for Basic Disaster Relief Orientation. There were 22 individuals who completed this type of training from January to September 2021. Also, filming was conducted for a new video-based online class for chaplains titled, *Spiritual Care Provider*. In-person trainings have also occurred, with additional ones planned.





SBCV Disaster Relief volunteers prepare food for homeowners impacted by ice storms in Charlotte County.

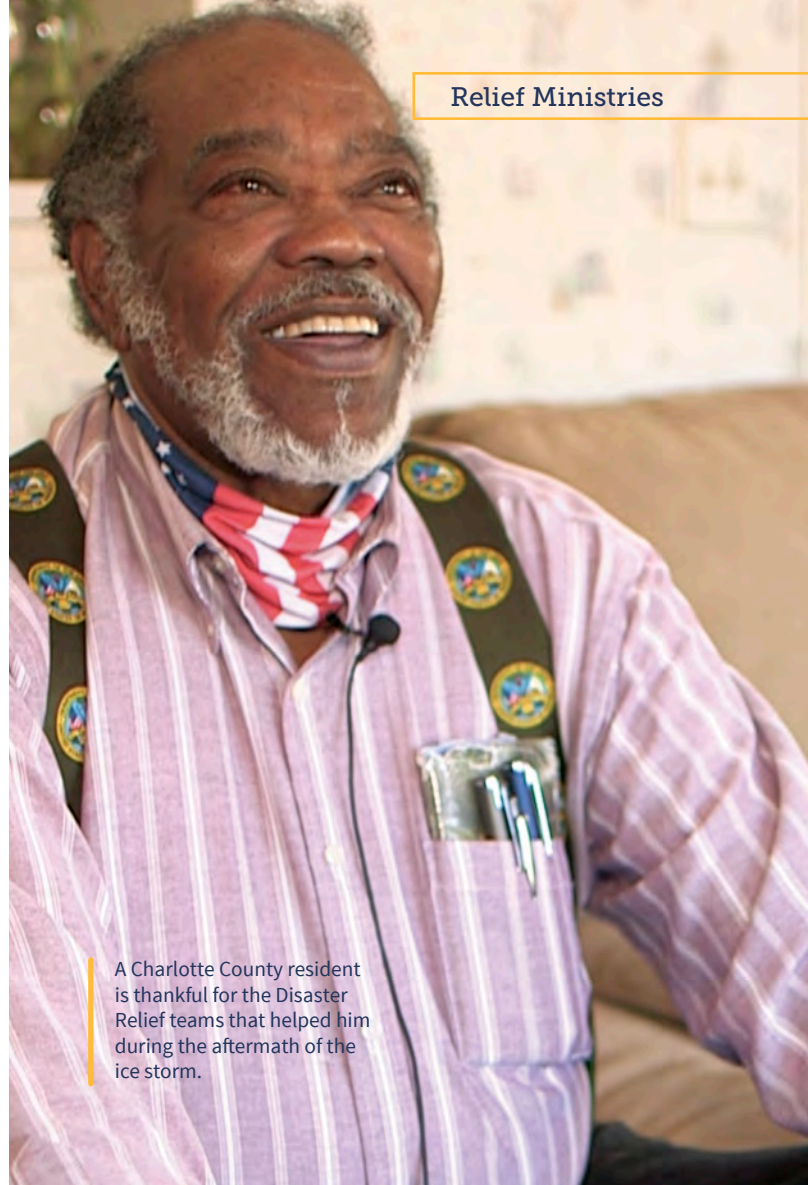
**Local Church Trainings** – Five of our partnering churches held in-person Disaster Relief Basic Training Orientation where they trained 62 volunteers.

**Incident Command System** – Nine individuals participated in this training held at Staples Mill Road Baptist Church on April 15-16. This training teaches FEMA-endorsed standardized management roles and simulates managing a disaster response.

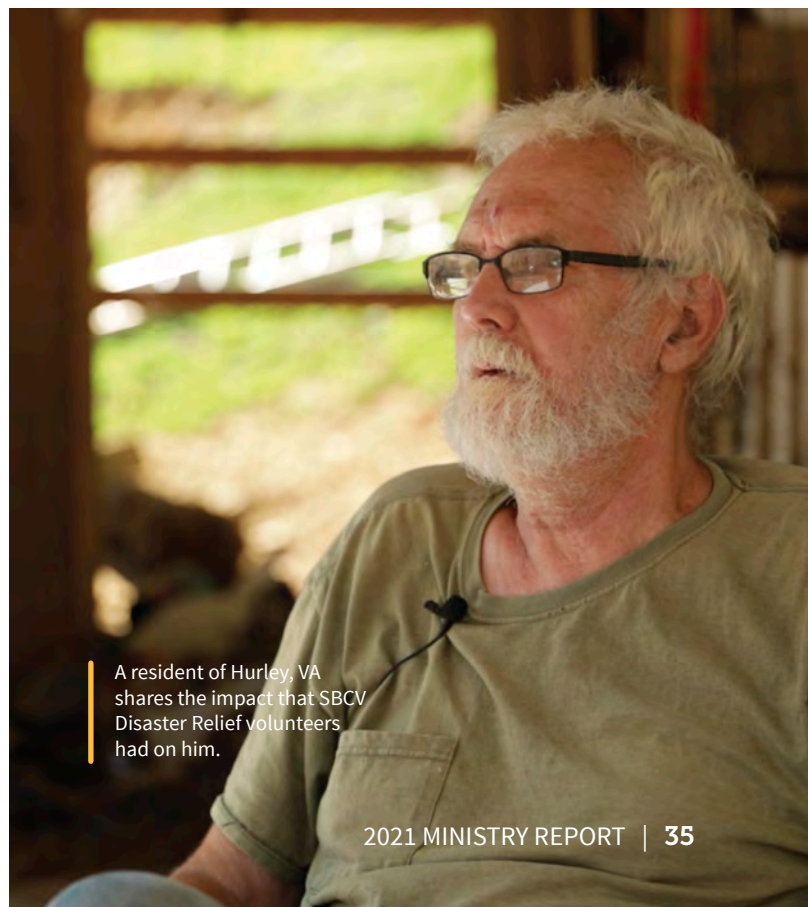
**Chaplaincy Training** – Chris Brown, pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church, Fredericksburg, trained six individuals in “Assisting Individuals in Crisis” on April 22-23 and trained four individuals in “Emotional and Spiritual Care in Disasters” on August 19-20. These CISM-certified courses help prepare Disaster Relief chaplains to minister to people in crisis.

**Advanced Weekend Trainings** – These trainings took place at New Bridge Baptist in Sandston (May 21-22) with 28 individuals participating and North Roanoke Baptist (Sept 10-11) with 35 individuals participating. One additional weekend took place at Wayne Hills Baptist in Waynesboro in mid October. These weekends serve as a mock deployment for Disaster Relief volunteers while also providing in-depth and hands-on training in Chainsaw Operation, Feeding Team, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Chaplaincy, and Unit Team Leader modules. In addition, in-person Disaster Relief Basic Training Orientation, which includes Basic Chainsaw Team, Flood Recovery, Food Team Basics, and Evangelism modules is offered concurrent with the Advanced Disaster Relief training weekends.

**Are you interested in getting involved with Disaster Relief? Visit our website for more information: [sbcv.org/dr](http://sbcv.org/dr).**



A Charlotte County resident is thankful for the Disaster Relief teams that helped him during the aftermath of the ice storm.



A resident of Hurley, VA shares the impact that SBCV Disaster Relief volunteers had on him.



“ I planted, Apollos watered,  
but **God gave the growth.** ”

1 CORINTHIANS 3:6, ESV



### **BAPTISM SERVICE AT THE ROANOKE RIVER**

Paul, a new believer who had just moved to Roanoke from California, could not wait to be baptized. A quick call went out on social media for The Hill Church to gather the next night (Tuesday of the same week) at the Roanoke River for a baptism service!







# churches PLANTING churches



**F**or 25 years, the SBC of Virginia has prioritized church planting as one of its foundational principles in reaching communities all over Virginia and Washington, D.C. Processes were developed, planters were trained, established churches got involved, and churches were planted. Many of those original church plants have planted new churches and we have seen God-directed multiplication. The Gospel is spreading and the Kingdom is growing because of our church planting effort.

With cooperation at its core and church planting as its priority, the SBCV and the North American Mission Board (NAMB) took bold steps of partnership earlier this year to synchronize all church planting efforts to form SEND Network Virginia. Brian Autry said, “The SEND Network Virginia planting partnership will leverage the best of our resources and relationships as we strive to see even more churches planting churches.” For 25 years, the phrase “churches planting churches” has resonated with SBCV philosophy and the Bible. As a result of our increased partnership, we can expect churches to be more resourced than ever to accomplish the task.

One primary way that churches will be resourced is through church planting residencies. Residencies are intentional processes where future leaders are identified, trained, and sent out to serve on church planting teams. Residencies help church planting teams contextualize the field where they will be planting. Pastors will be able to access resources to help them create residencies in their church. Our SBCV staff will have full access to a wide array of contextualized training resources for every church. Our planters and their families will have continued support as evidenced by the trainings, mentor sessions, fellowships, and family events – like the Church Planter Family Day in August at Busch Gardens where nearly 200 people attended.

SEND Network Virginia is committed to providing planters and their families with continued support as they plant a church.

## Hispanic Church Planting

God has been blessing the planting of new Hispanic churches throughout Virginia and Washington, D.C. The 2020 census reported 62.1 million Hispanics, which is 18.7% of the population in United States. In Virginia and the Metro D.C. area there are 1.5 million Hispanic residents. We are praying for two specific areas: Centreville and Hampton Roads. In Centreville, one particular ethnic group, the Ixil from Guatemala, speak a dialect that is indigenous to their people, and only some speak Spanish. We are praying for God to send a planter to this community and plant a Gospel-centered church. We are also praying for a multiplying movement in Hampton Roads, where 150,000 Hispanic people live and only three Hispanic SBCV churches are present there. We identified three potential partnerships that could be fostered. Since that meeting, we have met with two churches to pursue new Hispanic works.

## People Groups

Every nation in the world has some of its people living in the DMV (D.C./Maryland 495 Beltway/ Virginia) area. Currently, SBCV has international church planters representing approximately 25 different nations. While more work needs to be done to reach every international group, the following people groups need special attention:

- **South and Southeast Asians** — In the North Region, Loudoun County has great concentrations of those from India. In the Richmond area, Glen Allen also has many unreached residents from India and Southeast Asia.
- **Second-Generation Koreans** — In eastern Manassas, Centreville, and Fairfax, there is a great need for Korean-speaking churches.

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**The SBCV stands ready to assist and help churches who desire to plant more churches in their community or abroad. Visit [sbcv.org/planting](https://sbcv.org/planting) to learn more.**





Impact Church of Fredericksburg gathered for its launch service in September.



Legacy Church in Ruckersville baptized seven people during a special service.



Pastors praying over Pablo Hernandez, planter of Iglesia Cristiana Sigueme in Harrisonburg.

## AT A GLANCE

*Two* Spanish-speaking assessments were realized for the first time with the support of Send Network D.C. Five church planter assessments resulted in *three* having launched churches, and *two* involved in residencies in Washington, D.C. and Dumfries.

There were *two* first-time Vacation Bible Schools in Leesburg and Dumfries and *two* block parties in Reston and Centreville. These are potential places to *plant* Hispanic churches in the area.

We *started* a partnership with Open Door Baptist Church for a new Hispanic group in Culpeper.

Spotswood Baptist Church in Spanish will have for the first time a *residency program* for planters.

Iglesia Bautista Vida Nueva *sent out* its first church planter to North Chesterfield.

Planters had a *fellowship* with other Hispanic pastors in July.

There are *three* church planter candidates who will begin the new evaluation process with SEND Network Virginia partnership.

The Primera Iglesia Bautista de Roanoke *celebrated* its first anniversary and held the first VBS in Spanish in Roanoke.

God *answered prayers* by starting the first Spanish church plant in Harrisonburg.

The church plant in Stephen City *reopened again* for the Spanish-speaking community.

**90 SBCV CHURCH PLANTS AND 14 HISPANIC CHURCH PLANTS WORSHIP WEEKLY THROUGHOUT VIRGINIA**



# Refocus brings new life



“ **To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.** ”

EPHESIANS 3:21, ESV

**R**evitalization summits were held in two locations this past year. One was held on May 20 at Liberty Baptist Church in Appomattox and the other on May 21-22 at Parkview Baptist Church in Bluefield. The speakers at these two events were John Mark Clifton, Bill Henard, Jim Drake, David Jackson, and Rusty Small. These summits were a great encouragement for all the pastors that attended and laid the groundwork for future events like these.

The first half of 2021 has served to close out the 2020 cohort. Since the pandemic hindered the execution of revitalization efforts. The 2020 cohort was given an additional seven months (January 2021-July 2021) to finalize efforts that had been halted due to the pandemic. With the closeout of the 2020 cohort, the second half of 2021 will allow the church revitalization team to adjust to a new strategy.

This new strategy incorporates three major changes. First, the church revitalization team will be officially expanded through the incorporation of regional coaches. These regional coaches will be in closer proximity to the church under their direction. This will allow for easier face-to-face communication with the coach. Second, the church revitalization cohort will be expanded from 12 churches to 20 churches. Third, the church revitalization cohort will lengthen from a one-year commitment to a two-year commitment. The work of church revitalization requires

pastoral alignment, leadership agreement, congregational buy-in, and time for execution. These steps are usually measured in months, not weeks, so the two-year model seems more realistic for the goals that are being attempted.

The goal is to have three coaches across Virginia. These three major areas would be divided by the western, the central, and the eastern part of Virginia. We realize that the northern part of Virginia will also need attention and a plan is under development to attempt to address this area as well.

Church planting has developed a network of current and former church planters. In a similar spirit, the church revitalization team would like to begin to develop a church revitalization network. Those who enter and exit the cohort will be able to continue to regather periodically for fellowship and encouragement. This is unique from our pastor fellowships because all in attendance at these meetings would have a similar experience of the cohort and a similar passion for church revitalization. Second, former church revitalization cohort alumni could play a vital role in encouraging the current cohort of churches and potentially become coaches themselves in time.

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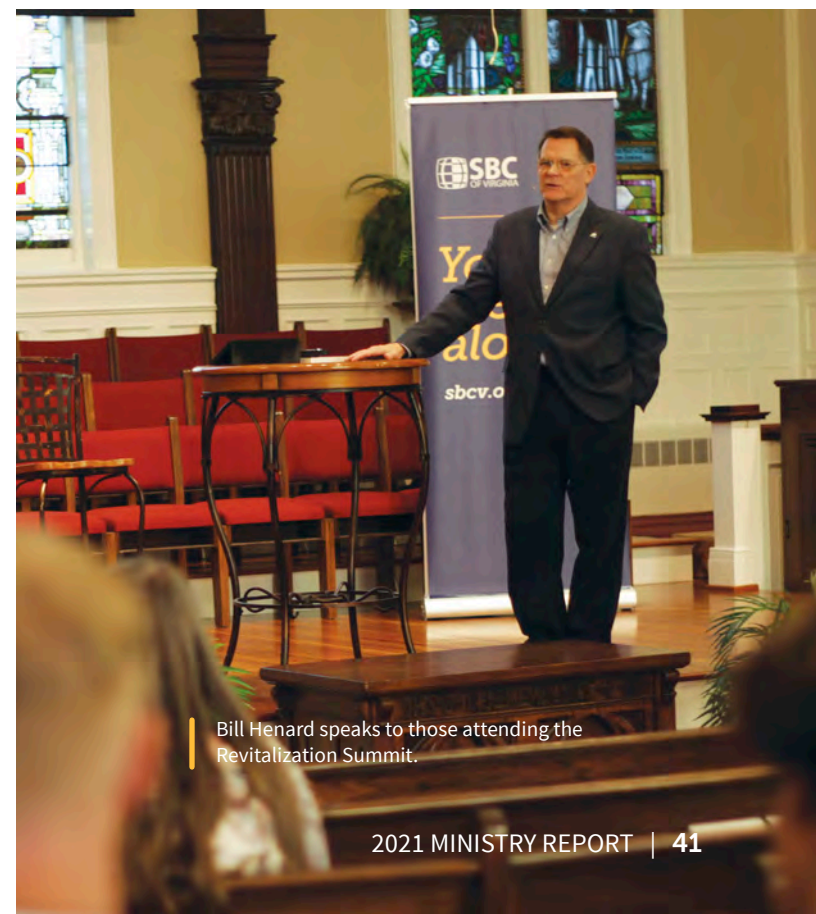
**Find out how the SBCV helps churches in need of revitalization by visiting [sbcv.org/revitalization](https://sbcv.org/revitalization).**



The two Revitalization Summits held in 2021 were a great encouragement for all attendees.



John Mark Clifton speaks to those attending the Revitalization Summit.



Bill Henard speaks to those attending the Revitalization Summit.





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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

Media needs among SBCV churches increased throughout the year as many were learning to use live streaming and other communication tools. This gave our media team an opportunity to serve churches with quality consultation. Major SBCV events received online and print promotions, as well as video and photo documentation that can be found at [www.sbcv.org/video](http://www.sbcv.org/video) and [www.flickr.com/sbcv](http://www.flickr.com/sbcv).

## SBCV.ORG

Online resources were continually produced and shared. The biggest project included the redesign of the SBCV website, [www.sbcv.org](http://www.sbcv.org). The media team spent time analyzing data and content to see what was important to visitors and allowed the results to influence the site organization and strategy. Part of the strategy included a modern design while making the website easy to edit. New to [www.sbcv.org](http://www.sbcv.org) is a modern and highly intuitive video library ([www.sbcv.org/videos](http://www.sbcv.org/videos)), where all event messages and highlight videos can be found. In addition to the video library, the spotlight search has been revamped to make it easier to find resources.

## Stay Connected

- The Not Alone Podcast has been a weekly resource since March made available through Apple, Google, Spotify, and Castbox. You can find conversations from church leaders across the state along with SBCV catalysts. This can be found at [www.sbcv.org/podcast](http://www.sbcv.org/podcast).
- Three issues of the *Proclaimer* are produced throughout the year. Find all *Proclaimer* magazines online at [www.sbcv.org/proclaimer](http://www.sbcv.org/proclaimer).
- SBCV churches are highlighted through a Not Alone Stories mass email, social media post, and webpage. These stories can be found at [www.sbcv.org/notalonestories](http://www.sbcv.org/notalonestories).
- The latest updates on resources and opportunities are

emailed to churches through SBCV News and other general emails. You can subscribe to SBCV News at [www.sbcv.org/news](http://www.sbcv.org/news).



## Innovative Faith Resources

The media arm of the SBCV stands ready to help other ministries and non-profits with any of their online or printing needs through branding, video, and beyond. We are blessed to continue work with other state conventions like the Hawaii Pacific Baptist and Baptist of Maryland/Delaware. We helped new NAMB church plants Borough Church in Brooklyn and Reality Church in Miami. And closer to home, we love helping our SBCV churches like Red Lane Baptist in Powhatan and Waterfront in D.C.



# Financial Services

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

Financial Services continues to grow as more SBC of Virginia churches are planted and more existing churches look to outsource their bookkeeping and payroll services. Existing churches across the convention face aging volunteer treasurers and/or the expense of full-time and part-time finance employees. At present, Financial Services serves 125 churches. Of the 125 churches, Financial Services handles payroll for all of them and full bookkeeping services for 105. Financial Services continues to look for ways to help church plants get off to a strong administrative start and help existing churches with their payrolls and bookkeeping. During 2021, Financial Services has completed the move of all churches to a paperless system, allowing all documents to be stored electronically on a secure portal.

Financial Services continues to partner with the North American Mission Board (NAMB) to offer services to planters in SEND Cities across the country. Currently, we are doing payroll and bookkeeping for 12 NAMB plants in 9 states. After the successful completion of the pilot program, we are planning to increase this number to a total of over 200 by the end of 2022. Financial Services is also working with GuideStone to develop web-based tools to help pastors/churches develop pay packages that benefit the pastor with tax planning and direction on correctly reporting income. Presently, we have 3 full-time and 4 part-time staff members, who work remotely, which allows flexibility in the hours that we service the churches.

**Servicing the payroll and/or bookkeeping needs of 125 churches**

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# Church Loans & Investment Funds

“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



## Partnership with WatersEdge Ministry Services

The SBC of Virginia Foundation continues its partnership with WatersEdge Ministry Services (Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma DBA), which 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 \$10M 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 is used for Christ-centered ministries.

The following is an update on our joint loan program with WatersEdge:

Two loans have been approved this year for \$3,500,000.

Two more applications have been received but not yet processed.

### Church Investment Funds:

As of August 15, 2021, 14 churches have investments with the Foundation, totaling \$2,742,490—an increase of over half a million dollars since May 2021.

Current term deposit rates may be found at [sbcv.org/investment-opportunities](http://sbcv.org/investment-opportunities).

## 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.
  - As of August 31, 2021, the Foundation has a loan portfolio of four loans with an outstanding balance of \$752,466.
- 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 give the gift to the church tax free. The churches are not charged for this service. During 2021, the Foundation has completed 10 different transactions for 7 churches, which has allowed us to transfer a total of \$538,325 to churches.
- 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).**



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# NO SMALL SUGGESTION...

BY BRIAN AUTRY, SBCV EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**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. When I was 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.



# STRATEGIC INITIATIVES



The Virginia March for Life included a rally on the steps of the Virginia State Capitol and a march around Downtown Richmond.

## THE FAMILY FOUNDATION OF VIRGINIA

While you minister to your congregation and reach your mission field for Christ, our strategic partners at The Family Foundation represent us in Richmond and beyond. They advocate for biblical and family values both with lawmakers in the General Assembly as well as local governments and school boards. They are a tremendous resource to educate congregations as well as help engage and organize to make a godly difference in the Commonwealth.

## ALLIANCE DEFENDING FREEDOM (ADF)

ADF is the world's largest legal organization committed to protecting religious freedom, free speech, marriage and family, parental rights, and the sanctity of life. They help defend our liberties in Congress, state legislatures, and courtrooms across the country—all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary. And because of our partnership, ADF can come alongside every church to have a legal review of bylaws and other governing documents. They will also offer practical legal help and representation to ensure that your church or ministry can live out its mission freely.



# LOOKING *ahead*

## SEND NETWORK VIRGINIA

SBCV church planting and SEND Network have now partnered together to form SEND Network Virginia. This combines the expertise and passion for planting in Virginia with the training, assessment, and resources of the North American Mission Board. This allows for the God-given possibility of more churches partnering to plant more churches across every part of Virginia. With more than 8.5 million people living in our borders, the need is great, and the time is short. Together, we can do so much more than we can alone!

## SEND RELIEF

SBCV is embarking on a new mission outreach with Send Relief. This collaboration with the International Mission Board and North American Mission Board is a tremendous on-ramp for responding to natural disasters, caring for refugees and displaced families, fighting human trafficking at home and abroad, supporting adoption and foster care efforts, and strengthening communities facing economic and physical crises. This unique hybrid of missions and disaster response ministries is a ready-made outreach for churches and small groups of any size.

## MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

SBCV is actively paving the way for you and your church to engage SBC mission partners around the globe. This ministry continues to grow as God connects SBCV churches and pastors with specific areas and missionaries. These mission opportunities pave the way for your church to become actively engaged with missionaries and the mission field for long-term Kingdom results: Puerto Rico, Sub-Saharan Africa, Spain, Lithuania, Iceland, Haiti, South Asia, and North African and Middle Eastern (NAME) peoples all over Europe.



Send Relief volunteers help with a construction project in Puerto Rico.

**“Commit your work  
to the Lord, and  
your plans will be  
established.”**

PROVERBS 16:3, ESV





# Welcome TO THE FAMILY!

2021 Church Affiliation/Partnership Report		
Central	Location	Pastor
Antioch Baptist Church	Scottsville	David Vogt
Generation Church	Mechanicsville	Ryan Card
Gwathmey Baptist Church	Ashland	Bob Collins, Interim
Mount View Baptist Church	Charlottesville	David Hallingshead
North		
First Virginia Baptist Church	Springfield	Jey Kim
King William Community Church	Ruther Glen	Carl Russell
Southeast		
Elizabeth River Baptist Church	Chesapeake	Richard Saul
Little Creek Church	Norfolk	Caleb Dininny
Holland Baptist Church	Suffolk	Matthew Johnson
Hollies Baptist Church	Keller	Mark Custalow, Interim
Ocean View Church	Norfolk	Aaron Dininny
Central-West & Southside		
Thaxton Baptist Church	Thaxton	Ethan Strickler
Southwest		
Fellowship Baptist Church	Meadowview	Chad Johnson
Resurrection Church	Hillsville	Paul Perkins
Valley		
Broadway Baptist Church	Broadway	Donnie Owen
Fort Lewis Baptist Church	Salem	Don Cockes, Interim
Mount Vernon Baptist Church	Axton	<i>Without a pastor</i>

**808**  
TOTAL AFFILIATED CHURCHES





Fellowship Community Church serves local schools through school beautification projects.

“Because of your partnership **in the Gospel** from the first day until now.”

PHILIPPIANS 1:5, ESV

New Church Plants			
Church	Planter	Region	City
Hope of Glory Believers Church	Eshetayehu Beyene	North	Silver Spring, MD
Mosaic Church	Greg Brown	Central	Mechanicsville
Global Portuguese-Hispanic Church	Joao da Rocha	North	Boyd's, MD
Pillar Church of Stafford	Mike Garlem	North	Stafford
Revival Baptist Ministries International	Wilberforce Gyamfi	North	Manassas
Crossroads Church	JW Harrington	Southeast	White Stone
Crozet Fellowship Church	John Healy	Central	Crozet
Impact Church of Fredericksburg	Brandon Hembree	North	Fredericksburg
Iglesia Vida Nueva para las Naciones	Celso Henriquez	Central	Richmond
Iglesia Cristiana Sígueme	Pablo Hernandez	Valley	Harrisonburg
Bread of Life Church	Kirk Kellogg	North	Northern Virginia
Iglesia Bautista Hispana de La Plata	Mario Leonart	North	La Plata, MD
Iglesia Biblica Gracia Eterna	Jose Mazariego	North	Dumfries
King's Cross Church	Vince Oliveri	Valley	Blacksburg
Vida Church	Reynaldo Quintanilla	North	Culpeper
Iglesia La Gran Comision	Medardo Serrano	North	Springfield
River City Baptist Church	Matt Smethurst	Central	Richmond
Lovettsville Baptist Church	Cody Snyder	North	Lovettsville
Emmanuel United Church of Maryland	Bezalem Workneh	North	Silver Spring, MD

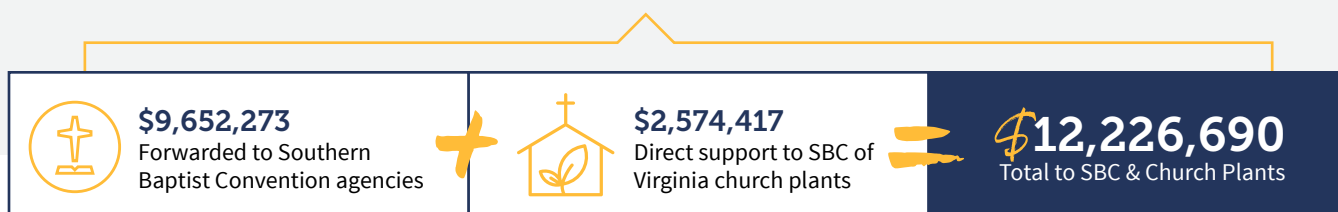


# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

## Funds forwarded to SBC Missions and Church Planting

**\$17,224,222** Total gifts from SBC of Virginia Churches

with 72% of total gifts forwarded to SBC Missions and Planting and 28%, or \$4,437,835, used on the Virginia mission field.



CONTRIBUTIONS	2019	2020
<b>Cooperative Program</b>	\$9,547,726	\$9,621,846
North American Mission Board	\$300,000	\$300,000
Lifeway Christian Resources	\$54,996	\$18,332
<b>SPECIAL OFFERINGS &amp; OTHER DESIGNATED GIFTS</b>		
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	\$3,592,213	\$3,585,066
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering	\$1,191,187	\$986,605
<i>Vision Virginia</i> Missions Offering	\$351,665	\$387,955
Churches Planting Churches Contributions	\$2,495,168	\$2,274,418
Other Designated Contributions	\$353,544	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$17,886,499</b>	<b>\$17,224,222</b>

**\$187,626,792**  
*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 \$2,274,418.



**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**

**\$387,995**

2020 RECEIPTS FOR VISION VIRGINIA

**2022 Ministry Investment Plan Revenues\***

**\$9,800,000** Undesignated Cooperative Program Contributions

**NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD**



**\$50,000**

Church Planting, Evangelism, and Employee Benefits

**SBC OF VIRGINIA FOUNDATION**



**\$50,000**

**PLANTING/REVITALIZATION STRATEGIC FUNDS**



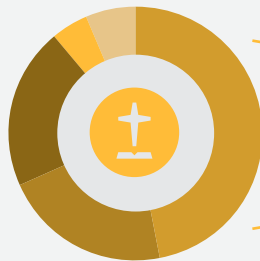
**\$200,000**

Support Church Planting and Revitalization

**\$10,100,000** 2022 Combined Ministry Investment Plan

**Cooperative Partnership**

*How your money is distributed.*



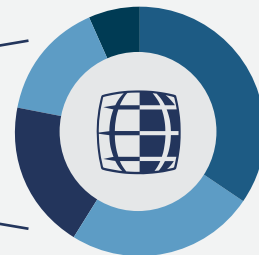
**51%**

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION



**49%**

SBC OF VIRGINIA



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 & Revitalization	<b>15.83</b>
Church Engagement & Mobilization	<b>13.57</b>
Missions & Ministry Resources	<b>9.61</b>
Ministry Support Services	<b>6.11</b>
Leadership & Convention Relations	<b>3.88</b>

\* For more details, see the 2022 Ministry Investment Plan on page 54.



# Proposed 2022 Ministry Investment Plan

	Total 2021 Ministry Investment Plan	Percentage of CP Gifts
<b>Ministry Receipts</b>		
Cooperative Program Gifts	\$9,800,000.00	100.00%
<b>Grants and Special Funding</b>		
SBC of Virginia Foundation	50,000.00	
North American Mission Board	50,000.00	
Planting/Revitalization Strategic Funds	200,000.00	
TOTAL PARTNERSHIP RECEIPTS	300,000.00	
<b>Total Contributions and Receipts</b>	<b>\$10,100,000.00</b>	
<b>Ministry Investments Disbursements</b>		
<b>Southern Baptist Missions &amp; Ministries</b>		
International Mission Board	\$2,370,725.48	24.19%
North American Mission Board	1,057,347.08	10.79%
SBC Seminaries & Historical Archives	1,033,993.16	10.55%
Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission	74,173.99	0.76%
SBC Facilitating & Operating Ministries	140,616.33	1.43%
Cooperative Program Resourcing	321,143.96	3.28%
<b>Total Southern Baptist Missions &amp; Ministries</b>	<b>\$4,998,000.00</b>	<b>51.00%</b>
<b>Church Planting &amp; Revitalization</b>		
Church Planting Missionaries	\$376,000.00	
Church Planting Development	35,000.00	
Church Planting Support	800,000.00	
Church Planting Initiatives	100,000.00	
Revitalization Initiatives	250,000.00	
Support Personnel	60,000.00	
Media Services	95,000.00	
Ministry Related Expenses	85,000.00	
<b>Total Church Planting &amp; Revitalization</b>	<b>\$1,801,000.00</b>	<b>15.83%</b>
<b>Church Engagement &amp; Mobilization</b>		
Regional Missionaries	\$620,000.00	
Leadership Development	50,000.00	
Church Health	60,000.00	
Pastor/Staff/Family Enrichment	50,000.00	
Guidestone (Pastors' Retirement, Life & Disability)	100,000.00	
Regional Initiatives	90,000.00	
Media Services	95,000.00	
Personnel	125,000.00	
Ministry Related Expenses	140,000.00	
<b>Total Church Engagement &amp; Mobilization</b>	<b>\$1,330,000.00</b>	<b>13.57%</b>



<b>Missions &amp; Ministry Resources</b>		
Missions & Ministry Personnel	\$300,000.00	
Evangelism Strategies	60,000.00	
Women's Ministry	50,000.00	
Men's Ministry	20,000.00	
Children's Ministry/VBS	50,000.00	
Student Ministry	90,000.00	
Partnership Missions	45,000.00	
Compassion Ministries	30,000.00	
Disaster Relief & Ready Church	55,000.00	
Missions Mobilization Initiatives	50,000.00	
Media Support	95,000.00	
Print & Digital Media	65,000.00	
Ministry Related Expenses	32,000.00	
<b>Total Missions &amp; Ministry Resources</b>	<b>\$942,000.00</b>	<b>9.61%</b>
<b>Ministry Support Services</b>		
Personnel Salaries & Benefits	\$410,000.00	
Business & Finance	68,000.00	
Information Services	78,000.00	
Facilities	80,000.00	
Ministry Support Ministry Related Expenses	13,000.00	
<b>Total Ministry Support Services</b>	<b>\$649,000.00</b>	<b>6.11%</b>
<b>Leadership &amp; Convention Relations</b>		
Personnel Salaries & Benefits	\$299,000.00	
Annual Meeting	25,000.00	
Board Meetings	8,000.00	
Leadership Meetings	26,000.00	
Leadership Ministry Related Expenses	22,000.00	
<b>Total Leadership &amp; Convention Relations</b>	<b>\$380,000.00</b>	<b>3.88%</b>
<b>Total Ministry Investments</b>	<b>\$10,100,000.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**FOOTNOTES TO THE PROPOSED 2022 MINISTRY INVESTMENT PLAN**

**1** The proposed \$10,100,000 Cooperative Ministry Investment Plan (MIP) for 2022 is a \$100,000 increase over 2021 MIP.

**2** The SBC of Virginia is authorized to spend any funds received beyond the \$10,100,000 MIP at the same percentages as adopted by the convention in the 2022 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 2021 Annual Homecoming that the Proposed 2022 Cooperative Program Ministry Investment Plan in the amount of \$10,100,000 be adopted.



# 2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD

## ANNUAL CONVENTION OFFICERS



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“ So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of **the incredible wealth** of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are **united with Christ Jesus.** ”

EPHESIANS 2:7, ESV

Students help with a school beautification project during Student Fusion 2021 in Bristol.



COMING *alongside* LOCAL CHURCHES  
*advancing* THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST  
TOGETHER TO *reach our neighbors*  
AND THE *nations.*



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and the *Vision Virginia* Missions Offering enable and  
empower ministries around Virginia and the world.