



How much do you know about CP?

Take this short quiz to test your CP IQ. Challenge your congregation, Sunday school class members or small group to see how much they know about the engine that drives missions for Southern Baptists in Missouri, throughout North America, and around the world. We provide the correct answers at the end.

1. What is the Cooperative Program?

- a) A Baptist form of collective bargaining
- b) A self-imposed tax on charitable contributions
- c) The funding process Southern Baptists use to support missions and evangelism
- d) Annual dues a church owes to belong to the Missouri Baptist Convention

2. What year did Southern Baptists launch CP?

- a) 1776
- b) 1925
- c) 1975
- d) 2012

3. Why did Southern Baptists create CP?

- a) To more effectively support missions
- b) To make it easier for all churches to have a global impact
- c) To help avert the financial burden of raising funds for each and every mission effort
- d) All of the above

4. In Missouri, CP does not support which of the following:

- a) Church planting
- b) Partnership missions
- c) Christian higher education
- d) Children's homes
- e) Collegiate ministries
- f) Evangelism / discipleship
- g) The Missouri Lottery

5. How much is each MBC church required to contribute to the Cooperative Program?

- a) 5 percent of its budget
- b) 8 percent of its budget
- c) 10 percent of its budget
- d) Whatever the local church decides to contribute

6. Nationwide, the average Southern Baptist church contributes about 5 percent of its undesignated receipts to CP. What's the average in Missouri?

- a) 4 percent
- b) 7 percent
- c) 10 percent
- d) Nobody knows

7. How much of Missouri's total CP giving stays in the state?

- a) None of it
- b) One third
- c) Around 55 percent
- d) All of it

8. What is Plan B?

- a) A special offering to supplement the Cooperative Program
- b) Calling missionaries home when CP giving declines
- c) A way to support missions without giving through CP
- d) A way to give through CP without financially supporting the MBC's legal efforts to recover agencies that became independent a decade ago

9. What biblical principles does CP affirm?

- a) Priesthood of the believer
- b) Autonomy of the local church
- c) Voluntary cooperation
- d) All of the above

10. What is the 1% Challenge?

- a) An effort to cut missions spending by 1 percent across the state
- b) A Southern Baptist initiative to encourage churches to increase CP giving by 1 percent each year
- c) A goal to reduce the girth of out-of-shape pastors and staff
- d) There is no such challenge in our convention

11. How many full-time missionaries does CP support around the world?

- a) None
- b) 5,200
- c) Nearly 9,000
- d) 144,000

12. What would happen if Southern Baptists stopped giving through CP?

- a) Missionaries would have to raise their own support
- b) Disaster- and hunger-relief efforts would suffer
- c) Fewer young people called to ministry would be able to afford a Christian education
- d) All of the above

Answers

1. (c) The Cooperative Program is a uniquely Southern Baptist initiative.
2. (b) CP came into existence 80 years after the establishment of the SBC.
3. (d) CP brings many giving advantages to Southern Baptists.
4. (g) If you missed this one, don't tell the deacons. If you are a deacon, don't tell the pastor. If you are a pastor, don't tell us.
5. (d) Each SBC church is autonomous and sets its own budget.
6. (b) Missouri Baptists give through CP at a level above the national average.
7. (c) In recent years, the MBC has increased the percentage it sends to the ends of the earth.
8. (d) CP Plan A includes 3 percent for agency restoration. Plan B does not.
9. (d) CP truly is biblical stewardship.
10. (b) The 1% Challenge has helped reverse the decline in total CP giving across the SBC the last several years.
11. (c) CP enables our missionaries to be engaged full-time in the field.
12. (d) CP truly begins with you ... and reaches into eternity.