

INTRODUCING: THE MISSOURI BAPTIST CONVENTION

Who We Are

The Missouri Baptist Convention (MBC) is a network of 1,750 self-governing Southern Baptist churches that work together to carry out the Great Commission. Missouri Baptists elect an Executive Board that oversees the convention's ministries, which in turn are carried out by the MBC missionary staff.

Missouri Baptists recognize eight regions of ministry in the state and work cooperatively with 60 Baptist associations in which local churches are grouped for cooperation with one another.

MBC ministries are funded by the faithful giving of Missouri Baptists to the Cooperative Program through their local churches, and through an annual state missions offering.

Vision and Mission

The vision of the MBC missionary staff is:

Transforming lives and communities with the gospel.

The mission of the MBC staff explains how your state missionaries strive toward this preferred future. That mission is:

Cultivating cooperation among Missouri Baptists to make disciples, multiply churches, and develop leaders.

That's the reason the MBC was founded in 1835. And it's the reason Missouri Baptists labor together for this moment in kingdom history.



ONE TEAM SERVING MISSOURI BAPTISTS

The MBC missionary staff is one team with six strategic emphases to carry out its vision and mission:



Making Disciples.

Ministries include evangelism and discipleship strategies for church leaders and families that assist in producing disciples who make disciples; and age-graded training events and conferences to equip Missouri Baptists to transform lives and communities with the gospel.



Multiplying Churches.

Ministries include the discovery of peoples from around the world now living in Missouri; developing MBC churches to engage, evangelize, and multiply churches among them; assessing, mentoring, and training churches and leaders; affiliating these churches with the MBC; and establishing partnership missions stateside and internationally.



Developing Leaders.

Ministries include a statewide network of local church leaders, associational leaders, and convention staff members who work together to provide pastoral leader development and care; church revitalization; transitional pastor training; and disaster relief training and deployment.



Collegiate Ministries.

These include ministries on 26 Missouri campuses; training events for collegiate leaders; a summer missions and mentoring initiative; international student ministry; equipping churches to reach out to nearby campuses; developing leaders to serve on new campuses; and coordinating mission experiences for students.



Executive Office.

Ministries include the office of the Executive Director, who leads the state missionary staff, administers Cooperative Program and Missouri Missions Offering funds, and sets the state's cooperative strategy; The Pathway, the official news journal of Missouri Baptists; business services; and property management.



Ministry Support.

Ministries include creative services (graphic design, web and social media, and video); live-event support; technology; and Christian apologetics.

A SHARED VISION

While the vision of transforming lives and communities with the gospel applies to your state missionaries, they believe the vision reflects the heart of all Missouri Baptists. MBC missionaries seek to be the best possible stewards of the resources Missouri Baptists have entrusted to them; to carry out the historic mission of making disciples, multiplying churches, and developing leaders; and to cultivate cooperation among all Missouri Baptists to transform lives and communities with the gospel.

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