



How the MBC helps churches transform lives and communities with the gospel

Answers to your most-asked questions

Church Planting

How does the Missouri Baptist Convention plant churches?

The MBC partners with the North American Mission Board through an initiative called Send Missouri to help churches plant churches that will plant additional churches. Neither the MBC nor NAMB plants churches directly. Rather, we provide financial support and training that enable Missouri Baptist churches to start new congregations across our state.

Where does Send Missouri focus its efforts?

Any place there's a need for a gospel presence. While much of the work takes place in Missouri's larger cities – St. Louis, Kansas City, Springfield, Columbia, and so on – there are unreached people groups who live and work in many of our smaller cities and rural communities. We hope to see a healthy, multiplying church in every community in Missouri.

How does Send Missouri train and develop pastors and leaders?

Send Missouri offers “Sending Lab” and “Residency Builder” events. Both events help to equip churches with the tools they need for developing leaders and planting a church. We also host Learning Communities, which are small cohorts of 10-12 churches that meet for one year to share best practices in multiplication. Send Missouri hosts a multitude of other events like quarterlies and One Days, which help pastors and leaders learn, pray, and connect around the topic of multiplication.

How does Send Missouri support church planters?

Send Missouri provides three key components: Orientation (a three-day event at the Send Network training center), Training (to develop practical skills for launching and growing a church plant), and Coaching (focused wisdom for the church planting journey). We also provide start-up grants and four years of monthly financial support for new church plants. If a planting couple experiences a health crisis or difficult season in ministry, we also provide care, which can include support for medical bills, counseling, etc.

The emphasis throughout is that churches plant churches – the organizations serve as strategic partners rather than direct planters.

How can I get involved with Send Missouri to plant a new church?

Contact Jason Zellmer, Director of Send Missouri, at jzellmer@namb.net or 636.734.8037.

Church Renewal Group

What does the Church Renewal Group do?

We foster healthy pastors, healthy churches, and healthy associations through the Resound Network, the Leader Care Network, and Women in Ministry.

How can I learn more about these ministries?

For Resound, visit resoundnetwork.com

For Leader Care, visit mobaptist.org/church-renewal/leader-care-network

For Women in Ministry, visit mbcministrywives.org

How can I get help with my pastoral ministry?

We offer a variety of services, from transitional pastors to pulpit supply to resources for deacons and elders. Visit mobaptist.org/church-renewal/pastoral-ministry

How can I contact Church Renewal?

Call or email Buddy Funk, Team Leader, at 573.636.0400 ext. 349 or bfunk@mobaptist.org.

Call or email Rebecca Sneed, Administrative Coordinator, at 573.636.0400 ext. 344 or rsneed@mobaptist.org.

Collegiate Ministries (MBCollegiate)

What does MBCollegiate do?

MBCollegiate exists to bring light to Missouri college campuses and equip next-generation disciples to be and make disciples. Our mission: expand God's Kingdom (Luke 11:2) in the collegiate world (Acts 1:8) for gospel saturation (Psalm 67:2).

We're a network of like-minded Baptist college ministries partnering with Missouri Baptists for greater gospel impact across the state. Each ministry is autonomous, working alongside local churches, associations, and the Missouri Baptist Convention. The MBC's MBCollegiate group strengthens existing ministries and helps launch new works on more campuses.

How can MBCollegiate help college students?

We connect college students to local campus ministries and local churches while they're away from home at school.

What type of ministries are provided?

We offer resources in evangelism, discipleship, leadership development, and ministry mobilization for Gen Z.

How can MBCollegiate help churches?

We help churches develop strategic pipelines in the ministries listed above, enabling them to reach Gen Zers in their communities. Further, we help churches set up partnerships with local campus ministries if they don't already have one.

How can I learn more about MBCollegiate?

Contact MBCollegiate Director Jerome Stockert at 412.654.3251 or jstockert@mobaptist.org. Or visit us online at mbcollegiate.org.

Disaster Relief

What does Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief (MODR) do?

We provide a way for Missouri Baptists to respond to disasters and serve disaster survivors. In other words, we bring help, hope, and healing. For more information, please visit modr.org, email disasterrelief@mobaptist.org, or call 800-736-6227 Ext 317.

How do I become a Disaster Relief-trained volunteer?

- a. Becoming a Disaster Relief Volunteer provides an excellent opportunity for hands-on service to people in need. For more information, please visit modr.org/training, email disasterrelief@mobaptist.org, or call 800-736-6227 Ext 317.
- b. Training is open to any member of a Southern Baptist church who is at least 18 years of age. Attending training does not obligate you to serve but is necessary before serving. For more information, please visit modr.org/training, email disasterrelief@mobaptist.org, or call 800-736-6227 Ext 317.
- c. Training information and online registration can be found by visiting modr.org/training, emailing disasterrelief@mobaptist.org, or calling 800-736-6227 Ext 317.
- d. MODR holds four regional trainings a year—two in the spring, and two in the fall.

How do I provide resources to help disaster survivors?

To give, visit modr.org to give; email disasterrelief@mobaptist.org; or call 800-736-6227 ext. 317. Or give to the Missouri Missions Offering (MMO).

How can my church get ready?

Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief helps churches by bringing awareness to disasters and the need to be prepared. For more information, please visit modr.org, email disasterrelief@mobaptist.org, or call 800-736-6227 Ext 317.

How can my church reduce hunger in Missouri?

Missouri Baptist Hunger Relief provides Missouri Baptist churches with financial grants to assist in tackling hunger-related issues in Missouri. For more information, please visit mobaptist.org/affiliated-ministries/hunger/, email hungerreliefnetwork@mobaptist.org, or call 800-736-6227 Ext 317.

How can I help with volunteer construction needs in Missouri?

Missouri Baptist Builders helps churches reduce construction expenses by connecting construction teams with churches in need. For more information, please visit

mobaptist.org/affiliated-ministries/baptistbuilders, email baptistbuilders@mobaptist.org or call 800-736-6227 Ext 317.

Entities and Other Affiliated Organizations

What entities and auxiliary organizations relate to the MBC?

There are six entities affiliated with the MBC and supported by Cooperative Program and Missouri Missions Offering funds:

- The Missouri Baptist Children's home (mbch.org)
- Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries (bhhm.org)
- The Missouri Baptist Foundation (mbfn.org)
- Hannibal-LaGrange University (hlg.edu)
- Missouri Baptist University (mobap.edu)
- Southwest Baptist University (sbuniv.edu)

There are two commissions affiliated with the MBC:

- The Christian Life Commission (mbcclc.org)
- The Historical Commission (baptistparchments.org)

Other affiliated organizations include:

- Missouri Woman's Missionary Union (mowmu.org)
- Missouri Baptist DOM Fellowship (mobaptdomfellowship.com)
- Baptist Builders (mobaptist.org/affiliated-ministries/baptist-builders-2/)
- Baptist Secretaries and Administrative Assistants of Missouri (baamissouri.org/)

Executive Office

How can the Executive Office help my church?

The Executive Office helps your ministers sign up for the Church Retirement Plan; helps your church obtain 501(c)3 documentation; and helps your church give to missions online.

How can I sign up for the Church Retirement Plan?

Contact Paula Earls at 573.636.0400 or pearls@mobaptist.org, or Samantha Spencer at 573.636.0400 ext. 366 or sspencer@mobaptist.org.

How do I get 501(c)3 documentation if our church falls under the MBC's group exemption?

Contact Samantha Spencer at 573.636.0400 ext. 366 or sspencer@mobaptist.org.

How can our church send its gifts to the MBC online?

Visit mobaptist.org/online-giving-church-remittance or send an email to accounting@mobaptist.org.

Missions Mobilization

What does the Missions Mobilization Group do?

The Missions Mobilization Group helps MBC-affiliated churches carry out an Acts 1:8 strategy to reach the world with the gospel.

Are there scholarships to help Missouri Baptists with mobilization?

Yes! There are a limited number of scholarships to help MBC pastors mobilize to reach the nations. Learn more at <https://mobaptist.org/missions-mobilization/>

How can I get involved in going on mission with the MBC?

Contact team leader, Martin Winslow at mwinslow@mobaptist.org. For more information about available opportunities, cross-cultural engagement, and partnership missions, visit the [Missions Mobilization page](#) on the MBC website.

Prayer & Evangelism

How can our church involve more people in prayer?

Contact Rob Pocek (rpocek@mobaptist.org) or visit <https://mobaptist.org/prayer-evangelism/>.

How can we train our church members to intentionally share their faith?

Contact Rob Pocek (rpocek@mobaptist.org) or visit <https://mobaptist.org/prayer-evangelism/>.

What are some ways we can reach the next generation for Christ?

Contact Dan Gibson (dgibson@mobaptist.org) or visit <https://mobaptist.org/prayer-evangelism/>.

Are there mission trip opportunities for high school students?

Contact Dan Gibson (dgibson@mobaptist.org) or visit <https://mobaptist.org/prayer-evangelism/>.

How can we help our high school student transition well to college?

Contact Jerome Stockert (jstockert@mobaptist.org) or visit <https://mobaptist.org/prayer-evangelism/>.

Are there summer missions opportunities for college students with MBC?

Contact Jerome Stockert (jstockert@mobaptist.org) or visit <https://mobaptist.org/prayer-evangelism/>.

How can we make sure our children's ministry is doing all we can to protect children?

Contact Jamie Brown (jbrown@mobaptist.org) or visit <https://mobaptist.org/prayer-evangelism/>.