OUR STATE IS CHANGING

Every day, more than 1,000 people become Texans. The state is growing more ethnically diverse as our demographics shift. With that growth come great opportunities to reach more than 12 million lost people with the Gospel.

Texas Baptists are working across the state, engaging the lost through church planting, campus ministry, discipleship and evangelism training, caring for the vulnerable, and countless other Christ-centered ministries.

It’s going to take all of us to reach this great state with the Gospel through cooperation and prayerful ministry.

For 134 years, Texas Baptists churches have been working together to accomplish things they could never achieve on their own. This report summarizes how your church’s cooperative giving in 2019 helped reach an ever-changing Texas with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The stories highlighted on these pages are just a few that demonstrate how far the mission dollars of our 5,331 churches can stretch when they are pooled together. As we reflect on your investment of $32.25 million, I am reminded of the old African proverb that says, “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.” Thank you Texas Baptists for your vision of going farther together for the Gospel.

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BAPTIST FOOTPRINT ACROSS TEXAS

Your cooperative dollars make it possible to cover the state with Health & Human Care, Baptist Student Ministries, River Ministry, new churches, and countless other efforts to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our growing state.

Institution Key

- HEALTH & HUMAN CARE
- EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS
- BAPTIST STUDENT MINISTRY
- RIVER MINISTRY
- NEW CHURCHES PLANTED
$9.93 MILLION

of your Texas Baptists Cooperative Program giving was used to support these outstanding ministries. Their work in Christian education and human care reached more than 2,000,000 Texans in 2019.

**Education**
- Baptist University of the Américas
- Baylor University
- Dallas Baptist University
- East Texas Baptist University
- Hardin-Simmons University
- Houston Baptist University
- Howard Payne University
- Logsdon Seminary
- San Marcos Academy
- Truett Seminary
- University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
- Valley Baptist Missions Education Center
- Wayland Baptist University

**Health and Human Care**
- Baptist Community Services
- Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas
- Baptist Memorials Ministries
- Baylor Scott & White Health
- Baylor Scott & White Medical Center-Hillcrest
- Buckner International
- Children At Heart Ministries
- Hendrick Health System
- STCH Ministries
- Valley Baptist Health System

**Partner Ministries**
- Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio
- The Baptist Standard
- BCLC Church Lending
- Baptist Credit Union
- HighGround Advisors
- Stark College & Seminary
- WMU of Texas

*Although not funded directly by CP, these visionary ministries are supported through the work of Texas Baptists.

**Proceeds from the Mary Hill Davis Offering provide the budget for WMU**
A FEW RESULTS FROM **CP INVESTMENT** OF:

$1.96 MILLION

Your gifts made it possible for the **Missions Team** to connect, equip, and mobilize churches for mission opportunities across Texas and around the world.
MINISTRY OF LOVE ON THE BORDER

River Ministry missionary Ruth Ortiz and her parents, Lorenzo and Aralia, open up their home in Laredo, TX, to care for immigrants.

Some of the services provided by the Ortiz family include coordinating travel logistics for immigrants; preparing and serving hot meals; and supplying shower units, toiletry kits and clean clothes. Most importantly, the Gospel is shared with each person who enters the Ortizes’ home.

Across the border, in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, the Ortizes also work with local churches to provide food, clothing and spiritual care for deportees, refugees and immigrants. From there, the Gospel goes forth into the United States as immigrants connect with their families.

Lives outside the United States are also touched and changed by the Good News of Christ when immigrants return to their home countries and take the Gospel back to their families. “The nations have come to us,” Ruth said. “Churches are invited to come to be a part of the work God has called us to, as we minister to people from around the world and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

TEAM STATS

321,200 lives impacted through Multi-housing/Organic Church Ministries
110 new church starts and organic churches; working with 385 total churches
82 missionaries supported by Missionary Adoption Program in more than 10 countries
56,954 reached through River Ministry
975 BOUNCE students and leaders mobilized in Hurricane Harvey recovery working a total of 29,934 man-hours
15,180 NEW BELIEVERS
SPOTLIGHT

GREAT COMMISSION TEAM

FLOYDADA
A FEW RESULTS FROM **CP INVESTMENT OF:**

$1.822 MILLION

The **Great Commission Team** continued to educate and equip Texas Baptists in the areas of Discipleship, Evangelism and Music & Worship this past year.
A SPECIAL WEEKEND OF LOVE AND WORSHIP

Rachel* and her sponsor were nervous as they arrived at Special Friends Retreat in Floydada, a Texas Baptists retreat for mentally challenged adults, their parents and chaperones, and those who work with the mentally challenged.

For 28 years, Special Friends Retreat has given mentally challenged adults like Rachel a chance to worship, study the Bible and have fun in an environment specifically designed for them, while also giving parents and chaperones resources and encouragement.

Rachel had seen a flyer for the event, and her church had paved the way for her and her sponsor to attend. Rachel had the usual camp jitters, but Rachel’s sponsor was concerned she would have trouble fitting in, as she had in the past. When they arrived at the camp, however, the sponsor realized she had nothing to worry about.

“It melted that sponsor’s heart, and she realized the church did the right thing by helping her come and participate with people who were like her,” Diane Lane, Texas Baptists Childhood Discipleship specialist and organizer of Special Friends Retreat, explained. “These are the most loving people you could ever meet.”

*Name changed

TEAM STATS

54,000 ministers and lay leaders were trained through special events, consultations and speaking engagements including:
5,700+ trained through Discipleship Events
11,300+ trained through Evangelism Events
1,400+ trained through Music & Worship Events

2,692 trained at Super Summer Events
3,954 students and leaders trained at Congreso
409 youth ministers trained at Conclave
A FEW RESULTS FROM **CP INVESTMENT** OF:

$3.97 MILLION

The **Collegiate Ministry** engages college students to follow Christ and transform the world.
DISCOVERING CHRIST AT UT TYLER

Janie began attending The University of Texas at Tyler’s (UT Tyler) Baptist Student Ministry (BSM) a little over a year ago. An international student from China, Janie went to a BSM event hoping to befriend American students and learn more about their culture.

At the event, she met Amber Bader, the BSM assistant, and some of the BSM students. They began meeting with Janie regularly, studying and hanging out, and also going with her to BSM events like Bible study and worship nights.

In Spring 2019, Janie shared with Amber that she had made the decision to follow Christ. Then, in November, Janie was baptized in a fountain in the heart of UT Tyler’s campus, in partnership with The Woods Baptist Church where Janie had become a member.

“It’s been a joy watching her learn to follow God and follow in obedience in believer’s baptism,” Amber said.

UT Tyler’s BSM provides students with access to the Gospel and teaches Christian students how to share their faith. Janie is now involved in BSM outreach events, where she hopes to share the love of God with others.

TEAM STATS

123,664 students reached on 130 campuses
12,503 students involved weekly in BSM
28,884 spiritual conversations
3,242 people involved in missions
612 short-term Go Now missionaries
659 NEW BELIEVERS
SPOTLIGHT

CONNECTIONS TEAM

CORPUS CHRISTI
A FEW RESULTS FROM **CP INVESTMENT** OF:

$1.466 MILLION

The **Connections Team** connects pastors and churches with resources and ministries available through Texas Baptists.
GOD’S FAITHFUL PROVISION THROUGH CFH

Micah Roddy faithfully answered God’s call to move to Corpus Christi with his wife, Amy, to be the new student pastor at First Baptist Church of Corpus Christi (FBCC).

The couple soon began experiencing some financial pressures. They had student debt, a car payment, and Amy was having trouble finding employment in their new city.

During these times of uncertainty, Roddy and his wife prayed, asking God to provide financially if this was where He wanted them. Roddy met with FBCC Senior Pastor Brian Hill, who told him about the Texas Baptists Center for Financial Health (CFH).

“I was only asking for prayer when I went to visit Pastor Hill,” said Roddy. “Then I found out that there were many options available to me through Texas Baptists.”

In addition to the grant, CFH also connected Roddy with a financial counselor to review his budget and teach him financial literacy. Reflecting on the change that the Minister’s Financial Health Grant had on his ability to do ministry, Roddy said, “Our prayer has changed from ‘God bless us’ to ‘God help us bless others.’”

TEAM STATS

8,000+ contacts made by Area Representatives
350+ bi-vocational/small church leaders helped
45 ministers and their families received financial assistance
80 pastors helped through Counseling Services

203 churches contacted by Interim Church Ministry
387 new profiles added to Minister Connection
600+ Cowboy Church leaders trained through Western Heritage Ministry conferences
CENTRAL TEXAS
SPOTLIGHT
CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION
AUSTIN
Executive Director David Hardage addressed a crowd of 20,000 at the 2020 Texas Rally for Life.

A FEW RESULTS FROM **CP INVESTMENT** OF:

$1.05 MILLION

The **CLC** challenges Christ-followers to boldly live out biblical commands to pursue righteousness, seek justice and serve others.
A BIBLICAL VIEW OF THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

In mid-January 2019, thousands gathered at the Texas Rally for Life at the Texas Capitol. Large numbers of students and young adults attended the event, and thousands of students lifted up the importance and value of life.

Gus Reyes, director of the Christian Life Commission, commented that more and more pro-lifers understand that it is not just about abortion; it is important to promote the value of human life from conception to natural death.

While speaking at the Austin event, Reyes noted that Texas Baptists believe every person is created in the image of God and, therefore, deserves our respect and honor from conception.

He read from Psalms 139:13-16 and called for all Texans to work together to respect human life, promote the welfare of women and their children, and influence politics to ensure that these children and women are protected.

Pro-life is not just a political stance; it is an approach to life itself that is rooted in God’s revelation, the Bible.

TEAM STATS

200+ people attended Advocacy Day in Austin in 2019

$549,598 raised by CP-supported staff for Texas Baptist Hunger Offering

60 attended a regional Micah 6:8 conference

11 types of ministries to help the marginalized—including the homeless, prisoners, and families impacted by foster care
SPOTLIGHT

CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT TEAM

GARLAND
A FEW RESULTS FROM CP INVESTMENT OF:

$1.07 MILLION

The Cultural Engagement Team is reaching myriad people groups from around the globe right here in Texas.
PARTNERING WITH NEW PEOPLE GROUPS

In late 2018, Pastor Joseph Lian, of the Senthang Chin Baptist Church in Garland, met with Patty Lane, director of Texas Baptists Intercultural Ministries, and learned about how Texas Baptists partner with churches of many other languages and cultures as a family of believers.

The church is the first Senthang Baptist church in Texas, which made their affiliation with the convention significant, as it brought a new language and culture. Lian is excited to affiliate with Texas Baptists and the work that can be accomplished together. “No one should be alone, we should be working together,” he said.

Senthang Chin Baptist Church began in 2013 with a small group of believers from the Chin state of Burma who relocated to Texas as refugees. Now, the congregation has more than 400 members. The church also has a passion to see the Gospel go forth back in their home country of Burma, where many Senthang practice Buddhist beliefs. Through Intercultural Strategic Partnerships, Lane shared that Texas Baptists work with churches like Senthang Chin Baptist Church to do mission work in their home countries.

TEAM STATS

- 4,000+ Hispanic leaders trained
- 500 Hispanic pastors trained
- 831 African American leaders trained
- 325 pastors participated in the first National African American Preaching Conference

- 13 different languages and cultures received training, impacting 200 congregations
- 8 countries connected with missional outreach, including four closed to the Gospel
A FEW RESULTS FROM CP INVESTMENT OF:

$12,122,122 MILLION

When your church gives through Texas Baptists CP, you impact millions of lives of all ages and cultures every year through the Office of the Associate Executive Director. One out of every 12 Texans is impacted by our education and human care institutions.
PROVIDING HOPE TO INMATES

Every Sunday evening in El Paso, around 90 men dressed in solid white pants and shirts take their seats in metal folding chairs. They soak up biblical teaching, lift their hands in worship and bow their heads in prayer.

Aside from their attire, the men all share one thing in common – they are inmates of the Rogelio Sanchez State Jail. As the official jail chaplain Juan Lucero, a Texas Baptists-endorsed chaplain, looks upon the inmates, he is in awe of how God is moving through each man.

“In the 30-plus years that I’ve been a minister, I’ve seen so many inmates who have really and completely changed and turned around,” Lucero said.

While volunteers from Del Sol Church, a local Texas Baptists congregation, lead music and teach at the jail each Sunday, Lucero is available during both the Sunday service and throughout the week to answer questions, pray with the inmates and further explain the message of salvation.

Texas Baptists have endorsed more than 1,000 chaplains since 2002 in nine distinct categories: health care, military, restorative justice, pastoral counseling, the marketplace, crisis resiliency, public safety, coaching and biker ministries.

TEAM STATS

45,260 Baptist university students received $7.47 million in aid
1,499 ministry students received Ministerial Financial Assistance
59,406 lives impacted in Texas through three child and human care institutions
51 new chaplains endorsed for a total of 999 chaplains endorsed to service around the world
1,648 customers using BaptistWay Press literature
1,108 churches assisted by Church Architecture with $165,750 in grants and loans
A FEW RESULTS FROM CP INVESTMENT OF:

$3.55 MILLION

Through the office of Executive Director David Hardage, we continued to support Disaster Relief through Texas Baptist Men, forge new and stronger relationships with our San Antonio area institutions, and expand awareness of all that can be done through cooperative giving.
TEAM STATS

100 linear feet of historic material acquired by the Texas Baptist Historical Collection, including the personal papers of C.W. Brister and the sermons of Jerold McBride.

1 million impressions made by the Communications Team by sharing the Texas Baptists story in print and digital media.

$882,623 contributed to help ministers save for retirement

4,921 donors made 21,900 gifts through the Texas Baptist Missions Foundation, which provided $6,709,616 for ministry needs in Texas and beyond.

30+ Ambassadors equipped to work across the state to nurture the Texas Baptists family and restore cooperative efforts.

$9.36 million provided by endowments for ministry efforts
Texas Baptist Men

A few results from CP Investment Of:

$322,287

Disaster Relief

55 professions of faith

72,184 volunteer hours

49,634 meals served

9,167 packing boxes distributed

Royal Ambassadors

311 spiritual decisions

3,669 summer campers

4,500+ ministry involvement

Water Ministry

10,101 lives changed with clean water + Gospel conversations
Any time you see TBM teams at work in disaster response, you are seeing the Disaster Relief arm of Texas Baptists.
WHERE DOES IT GO?
For a complete listing of Texas Baptists Missions and Ministries and detailed 2020 Budget and Reports, including the CP Annual Report, please go to txb.org/cp

**MISSIONS (37%)**
- 3,000+ Worldwide Missionaries
- 240 BSM Missionaries on 130 Campuses
- River Ministry/Mexico
- Texas Baptists Missionaries
- 410 Go Now Missionaries
- Texas Baptist Men
- Bounce (Student Disaster Recovery)
- Hispanic Ministries
- African American Ministries
- Intercultural Ministries
- Church Starting

**MINISTRIES (16%)**
- Evangelism
- Discipleship
- Bible Study
- Music & Worship
- Church Architecture
- Student Ministry
- Interim Church Services
- 1,000+ Endorsed Chaplains
- Counseling

**EDUCATION & HUMAN CARE MINISTRIES (28%)**
- 13 Texas Baptists Universities and Schools
- 7 Baptist Hospitals & Health Foundations
- 4 Child/Elder Care Ministries

**COMMUNICATION (4%)**
- News & Media
- Design & Print
- Web & Marketing

**CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION (3%)**
- Ethics & Justice
- Social Issues Advocacy
- Public Policy
- Hunger & Community Care

**ADMINISTRATION (12%)**
- Accounting
- Technology
- Human Resources
In 2019, Texas Baptists churches, through the BGCT, contributed

$23,170,686 to the SBC to reach the lost around the world for generations to come

8,873 full and part-time missionaries resulting in almost

113,610 NEW BELIEVERS

7,433* future and current ministers training at six SBC seminaries

* Approved CP Funding
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