

Season of Prayer 2018

For State Missions and the Janie Chapman Offering
For State Missions, Missions Education, and Great Commission Living

South Carolina State Facts



A vision trip to Southeast Asia took place in the fall of 2017. Pastors and leaders visited two countries and met with International Mission Board personnel to discover ways to initiate partnerships with South Carolina Baptist Convention churches.



The Boston partnership continued growing in 2017 with three pastors' vision trips connecting 14 South Carolina Baptist Convention churches with church planters in Boston. In addition, three groups from eight South Carolina Baptist Convention churches served through a partnership with Detroit, Michigan.



South Carolina Baptists shared the hope of Jesus through Christmas packets given to every adult inmate in state-run correctional facilities. Churches representing 40 associations collected 25,266 packets. On December 4th, 140 volunteers assisted with the packet collection. Chaplains delivered the packets to 23 facilities on December 5th.



Forty-nine churches across South Carolina were engaged in teaching English as a Second Language to nearly 1500 students from 36 countries. Ministries reported 15 salvations.



A volunteer force of 457 served in a variety of community ministries at 24 sites throughout Columbia as a part of the 2017 SCBC Annual Meeting. Ten people began a new relationship with Christ as a part of this ONE DAY ministry effort.



College students and leaders attended Converge Collegiate Conference, February 2-4, 2018 at the Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach. Leveraging Your Life for the Gospel was the focus of the weekend for those 902 in attendance.



The South Carolina Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) missions program supported 124 students serving in missions projects around the globe during the 2017-18 school year. Over Christmas break, teams of college students served in Puerto Rico with the Flood Disaster Relief efforts and in New York City. Sixty students were appointed to serve as Baptist Collegiate summer missionaries during 2018 in Peru, Italy, North Africa, Southeast Asia, East Asia, Canada, Mexico, Alaska, California, Georgia, Myrtle Beach, Connie Maxwell Children's Home and nationwide with Uncharted Waters (UW) sports.



International students numbering 5,116 were enrolled in colleges and universities in South Carolina during the 2017-18 school year. The vast majority (60%) attended two campuses: the University of South Carolina and Clemson. This past year, Baptist Collegiate Ministry programs and local churches throughout the state helped to meet the needs of 1,021 international students through ministries such as an International Student Day, spring break trip for international students, weekly luncheons, adoptive families, English partners and Bible studies.



South Carolina currently has 57 accredited colleges and universities with more than 243,000 students studying on those campuses. South Carolina Baptists sponsor on-campus ministries, called Baptist Collegiate Ministry, on 29 campuses, which provide a means for SCBC churches to reach the campus for Christ and to connect with college students in our state. Janie Chapman funds provide support for volunteer directors at smaller campuses as well as help in supporting ministry interns to serve with collegiate ministry. Professions of faith were made by 406 college students through Baptist Collegiate Ministries witness. Baptist Collegiate Ministry impacted the lives of 19,958 students and saw 3,737 involved in Baptist Collegiate Ministry ministries on a regular basis. Additionally, 1,654 students were involved in missions activities or trips during the year.



In 2017, South Carolina Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers responded in-state to tornadoes in the Ward/Johnston, Norris, and Spartanburg/Woodruff areas as well as numerous smaller storm damage events. Beyond our state, they participated in major responses to Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Hurricane Irma in Florida.



Ministry by South Carolina Disaster Relief volunteers last year included 28 mud-out jobs, 308 assessments, 193 chainsaw jobs, caring for 37 children, preparing and serving 51,867 meals, washing 1,086 laundry loads, providing 1,334 showers, making 1,209 chaplaincy and ministry contacts, giving 152 gospel presentations, and seeing three people accept Christ as Savior.



Thirty-four church plants in South Carolina currently receive monthly financial assistance.



South Carolina Baptist church plants reported over 300 Baptisms in 2017.



We are assisting churches in developing residencies to discover the next generation of church planters and church planting team members. At least ten South Carolina Baptist churches are piloting and developing residencies.



Fifty-five South Carolina Baptist churches have supported church plants in South Carolina since 2017.



Over 100 church planters and leaders attended the South Carolina Baptist Convention Church Planting Network Launch in April 2018.



reSTARTing churches is gaining momentum as a means to reach communities. South Carolina Baptist Convention assisted five churches with reSTARTing in 2017.



The Heart4Schools initiative currently has 121 churches in the database who are engaging their local schools. The South Carolina Baptist Convention has helped birth 33 new partnerships this year and is currently working with 25 churches and four Baptist associations to accelerate their current involvement.

South Carolina Missions Interests



Camp McCall celebrated season 58 of ministry to men and boys in 2017 with 2,170 campers and staff. During the 12 weeks of camp, 231 decisions were made including 43 salvations, 158 rededications, and 30 full-time Christian Service commitments.



In 2017, 1,160 campers attended Acteens, GA, Children in Action, Youth on Mission camps and Mother/Daughter Overnights at Camp La Vida. Decisions made included 69 professions of faith, 27 rededications, ten commitments to full-time Christian service, 54 commitments to full-time missions service, and 38 other significant decisions. During the summer of 2017, campers contributed \$3,942.51 through the Cooperative Program.