

Season of Prayer 2023

for Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions, Missions Education,
and Kingdom ADVANCE in South Carolina

State Mission Facts



STRONG Team:

- The NextStep Leadership Development process continues to provide one-on-one coaching and small-group opportunities to ministry leaders seeking to lead their churches to advance. More than 160 leaders from 140 churches are currently engaged.
- In step six of the process, NextStep leaders are encouraged to explore ways to advance their churches by serving, sharing, sending, or starting a project that engages their members to advance. These projects have led to spiritual growth, gospel proclamation, salvations, and baptisms. Eleven projects have already been approved for NextStep participants to receive funds and additional requests are expected this year.
- The South Carolina Baptist Convention (SCBC) hosted three Regional Small-Town Pastor Summits focused on prayer, evangelism, and discipleship. Pastors and their wives worshipped together before attending interactive breakout sessions to encourage and equip leaders.
- Over 125 Pastors and staff members have received books and resources through revitalization pastor cohorts. These cohorts help equip leaders to serve at-risk churches well as they seek to strengthen their gospel impact in their communities. Currently, there are eight cohorts meeting, serving 47 pastors and staff members. Nine more will begin in the fall of 2023.
- 880 campers at KidSalt Camp had an opportunity to learn about being involved in missions through their local church as refugees come to the US and settle in South Carolina. They packed 1500 backpacks for local churches and associations to use in ministering to refugee families.
- Three summer ministry internship programs (Seneca, Columbia, and Charleston) were offered to college-age students discerning a call to ministry and mission.
- 600+ students received training in children's ministry, worship ministry, pastoral ministry, and missions through the intern programs and their connection with summer camps and worship training events.

SERVE Team:

- In 2022, South Carolina Baptist Disaster Relief (DR) deployed 43 units to a flood in Kentucky and Hurricane Ian in Florida. Five DR units responded to 12 small-scale localized storm events in South Carolina, and multiple teams performed non-disaster ministries such as building wheelchair ramps or providing showers for missions trip groups. A team was also sent to Romania for humanitarian relief, and another to Southeast Asia for childcare.
- Disaster Relief volunteers made over 2,600 ministry contacts that included prayer, spiritual discussions, or gospel presentations with the disaster survivors they served in 2022, resulting in 12 salvation decisions.
- South Carolina Baptist Convention (SCBC) and South Carolina WMU once again partnered to provide a prisoner

packet for every inmate in the South Carolina prison system. Our SCBC churches provided 23,177 packets in 2022. On December 5th, 130 volunteers gathered to process 17,500 of these packets which were distributed by chaplains the following day.

- The past few years have seen tremendous growth in the number of refugees finding a safe home in South Carolina. Hundreds of refugees from Afghanistan, Ukraine, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Syria, Guatemala, and others now call Clemson, Greenville, Columbia, and Charleston home. Many of those refugees have found a loving community surrounded by SCBC churches and a host of volunteers. Funds from the Janie Chapman OfferingSM have helped provide training for churches and resources for these new neighbors.
- Over 420 South Carolina Baptist Churches are serving 513 schools across the state. Heart4Schools offers resources to these churches as they serve students and teachers, build relationships, provide support and encouragement, and meet physical needs.
- Grants made possible by the Janie Chapman Offering allowed 17 churches to continue to build relationships and respond to needs as they provided teacher support, helped with Field Day and parent engagement events, hosted a back-to-school event, and ministered to international teachers.

SHARE Team:

- South Carolina currently has 60 accredited colleges and universities with more than 240,000 students studying on those campuses. SCBC sponsors on-campus ministries, called Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM), on 30 campuses, which provide a means for churches to reach the campus for Christ and to connect with college students in our state.
- A new BCM group was formed in 2022 at Benedict College in Columbia. Forty students met regularly throughout the year and there were seven professions of faith. This is the first BCM group at this Historically Black College.
- The Janie Chapman Offering supported 64 students to serve on mission through the Baptist Collegiate Ministry missions program (BCMGO). Students served in the key missions partnership locations of Salt Lake City, Denver, North Africa, France, New Orleans, Los Angeles, Spartanburg, and Connie Maxwell Children's Home in Greenwood.
- A wide range of ministries were provided to the 2,000+ international students at USC-Columbia. These included giving students rides to grocery stores, purchasing Bibles in students' heart languages, and offering a weekly lunch program to allow Christian students and church members to meet and engage international students in ministry.
- In 2022 and 2023, staffers from Camp McCall responded to God's call to serve on short-term missions throughout North America and the world. They served on teams in New Orleans, North Carolina, Alaska, Arizona, Mexico, Cuba, Ecuador, India, Egypt, and New Guinea.
- SCBC has trained over 115 leaders in neighboring through associational partnerships, churches, and Impact breakouts. They also piloted a 12-month partnership with First Baptist Church Rock Hill and trained over 100 of their small group leaders.
- Currently, 26 students are serving as Catalysts working in the areas of next-gen evangelism, collegiate, creative, neighboring, relational evangelism to women, children, missions, and worship. Students are from Benedict, Francis Marion, Lander, Coastal, Charleston Southern, Anderson, North Greenville, and Liberty Online.

SEND Team:

- Missions and Vision trips were sponsored to New York City, Puerto Rico, Southern Utah, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, Thailand, Spain, France, Italy, Turkey, Greece, and Japan to help SCBC churches develop mission partnerships. On these trips, 124 leaders from 31 churches explored avenues for ongoing partnerships.
- Eight churches participated in Coats for the City in New York. Eighty volunteers participated in the distribution project over a weekend in December.
- The SCBC has 33 non-Hispanic ethnic churches whose primary language for worship is not English. A Vietnamese church planter is now starting a church in the Columbia area and several Ukrainian/Slavic congregations were organized within the last year.

- The Palmetto Collective, which began in 2020 to equip college juniors and seniors as missional leaders, will add 30 college students to a new cohort for the 2023/2024 school year, bringing the total in the program to 50 this year.
- So far, five Palmetto Collective graduates are serving as IMB Journeyman to the nations, while 15 more are in the application process. Several other students are joining church plant teams in NAMB Send Cities as well as South Carolina Baptist church plant teams.
- Thirty-five Palmetto Collective students have served on mission teams in Boston, Los Angeles, Greece, and North Africa this spring.
- Seventy-three high school students were trained in missions and evangelism through a new event called “Summit.” They were commissioned to Carowinds where they started 200+ gospel conversations within six hours and were then sent home equipped to train their peers.

START Team:

- Eighteen new churches completed the process of being in friendly cooperation with the South Carolina Baptist Convention in 2022. As of July 1st, nine churches have completed the process of being in friendly cooperation with the South Carolina Baptist Convention in 2023.
- Over a five-week period in the fall of 2022, five new South Carolina Baptist churches launched public worship services. Eleven new believers were baptized in those services.
- Eleven of the church planters whose churches have received monthly funding in 2023 completed a church planting residency in a South Carolina Baptist Church.
- Thirteen potential church planters have been in residencies in South Carolina Baptist churches in 2023. The funding for these residencies is made possible by the Janie Chapman Offering.
- Twenty-eight new churches, spread across six strategic regions of South Carolina, have received monthly funding made possible by the Janie Chapman Offering in 2023.
- Of the 28 churches that have received monthly funding, four are Hispanic, two are African American, two are Chinese, one is Brazilian, and three are multi-ethnic.