

Season of Prayer 2017

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

South Carolina State Facts



Two international vision teams visited Taiwan in 2016 where they worked alongside local churches in evangelism, discipleship, and scripture distribution. The Southern Cross Project is an international effort to distribute God's Word among unreached peoples all over East Asia.



A partnership began in 2016 with church planters in the Greater Boston area in cooperation with the North American Mission Board. A vision team went to Boston in July and two more teams went in the spring of 2017 to initiate partnerships for prayer, projects, and support.



For the 40th year in a row, South Carolina Baptists shared the hope of Jesus through Christmas packets given to every adult inmate in state-run correctional facilities. 23,957 packets were distributed. 130 volunteers assisted with the packet collection in December. An additional 450 were made for residents at DJJ.



Literacy missions ministries have continued to touch the lives of people in South Carolina. Volunteers have ministered to about 1,000 international students who felt the love of Christ as the literacy workers volunteered many hours to teach English. Besides teaching English, the trained volunteers shared the Gospel in every class. Seventy-six new volunteers have been trained and five additional churches have opened their doors to serve God by teaching English.



One hundred fifty chaplains were trained in Critical Incident Stress Management and Disaster Relief in 2016. Chaplains responded to assist persons affected by fires, hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and a school shooting with the love of Christ.



727 college students and leaders attended Converge Collegiate Conference, February 3-5, 2017 at the Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach. The focus of the weekend was Loving, Learning, Living the Word of God.



The South Carolina Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) missions program supported 189 students serving in missions projects around the globe during the 2016-17 school year. Teams of college students served over Christmas break in South Carolina with the Flood Disaster Relief efforts as well as in New York City. Over sixty students served as Baptist Collegiate summer missionaries during 2017 in India, The Philippines, Italy, North Africa, Southeast Asia, Canada, Mexico, Alaska, California, Georgia, Florida, Myrtle Beach, Connie Maxwell Children's Home and nationwide with Uncharted Waters (UW) sports.



5,116 international students were enrolled in colleges and universities in South Carolina during the 2016-17 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 provided ministry with 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. 895 international students were ministered to by Baptist ministries.



South Carolina currently has fifty-seven accredited colleges and universities with more than 241,000 students studying on those campuses. South Carolina Baptists sponsor on-campus ministries, called Baptist Collegiate Ministry, on twenty-eight 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. 308 college students made professions of faith through Baptist Collegiate Ministries witness.



In 2016, South Carolina Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers ministered after three major floods in Louisiana and West Virginia, and served after Hurricane Matthew in South Carolina. They provided 113,213 meals, 4,386 showers, 1,441 laundry loads, more than 130 flood clean-up and mold remediation jobs, over 441 chainsaw jobs, made 2,292 ministry and chaplaincy contacts, gave away 300 Bibles, and saw five people accept Christ as Savior.



Fifty-one church plants in South Carolina currently receive monthly financial assistance.



From January 2016 to April 2017, there have been 461 reported baptisms in South Carolina Baptist Convention funded church plants.



Over 100 church planters and leaders attended regional gatherings in spring 2017.



ReStarting churches is gaining momentum as a means to reach communities. SCBC assisted three churches with ReStarting in 2016.



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

South Carolina Missions Interests



Camp McCall celebrated season fifty-seven of ministry to men and boys in 2016 with 2,081 campers and staff. 249 decisions were made: thirty-one salvations, 184 rededications, and thirty-four full-time Christian Service during the twelve weeks of camp.



In 2016, 1,316 campers attended Acteens, GA, Children in Action, Youth on Mission camps and Mother/Daughter Overnights at Camp La Vida. Decisions made included forty-five professions of faith, sixty-three rededications, eight commitments to full-time Christian service, sixty-two commitments to full-time mission service, and forty-six other significant decisions. During the summer of 2016, campers contributed \$3,408.50 through the Cooperative Program.