

Sharing Life through the



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Annual Report 2006





Thanks to the Cooperative Program, the Church and Family Equipping Team provides training, resources and personalized assistance to over 1,700 Oklahoma Baptist Churches.

Church and Family Equipping

PowerUP

More than 500 churches and 3,000 leaders have participated in the *PowerUP Your Sunday School* strategy, the most comprehensive Sunday School growth strategy ever developed by the BGC0. *PowerUP Your Sunday School* uses evangelistic prayer, Sunday School enrollment, new classes and leadership development to reach the lost.

Student Education

More than 6,000 students and youth leaders participated in interactive Sumpherō experiences at Falls Creek this summer. Sumpherō is a new, innovative and interactive discipleship program that focuses on eight ongoing spiritual disciplines: evangelism, ministry, scripture memory, Bible study, meditation, fasting, worship and prayer.

Preschool and Children's Ministry

More than 800 preschool and children's leaders from Oklahoma and five other states gathered for the Heart of the Child Convention in Broken Arrow, where more than 100 conferences were conducted by 43 conference leaders. Dr. Charles Lowery challenged leaders to take the biblical mandate to reach and teach young children seriously. The event concluded with an inspirational commissioning service led by BGC0 Executive Director - Treasurer Anthony L. Jordan.

Robert Haskins School of Leadership

The Robert Haskins School of Leadership has trained over 630 ethnic leaders in 38 centers. The school has also partnered with Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary to open three ethnic leader learning centers this year.

Leading others, making disciples and growing in faith.





Thanks to the Cooperative Program, hundreds of trained Oklahoma Baptist volunteers responded to more than 70 disasters and have prepared more than 2 million meals since 1973.

Disaster Relief

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The total number of trained volunteers exceeded more than 2,500 in 2006. Many of these volunteers responded to six major disasters worldwide.

Hurricanes

Seventy individuals prepared and served hot meals in New Orleans during January in a continued effort to minister to hurricane victims.

Ninety-six “mud-out” volunteers cleared more than 120 homes damaged by water and 95 college students worked tirelessly during Spring Break helping cleanup efforts. The water purification team, a new addition to the ministry, provided water for the entire community of Port Sulphur, La., for two months this summer.

Tsunami

In January and April, 27 volunteers returned to Thailand to help the hurting Indonesians following the 2005 Tsunami.

Tornados

Forty team members provided 6,000 hot meals in Delaware County following a March tornado.

Fires

Fifty families who lost homes and possessions to wild fires were given \$500 each in financial aid. Wetumka, First, which was destroyed by fire, was also assisted with financial aid and cleanup efforts.

Storms

A chainsaw team removed debris for three consecutive days in Tulsa following a June storm.

Earthquakes

A team of four medical professionals worked at the Baptist Seminary in Beirut, Lebanon, giving medical aid to refugees.

Responding to the call and meeting needs.





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Oklahoma Baptists are reaching the
uttermost parts of the world.

Partnership Missions

Armenia

Thanks to Oklahoma Baptists giving through the Cooperative Program, nearly 100 children attended a camp in Armenia where 50 children made professions of faith. In addition, a new Christian Student Club was started at a college in Armenia. As a result of Oklahoma missions teams, 80 people made professions of faith.

Bangladesh

During the summer, an Oklahoma vision team visited Bangladesh. The team attended worship in house churches, distributed Gospel of John tracts, prayer walked and witnessed. God led the team to recommend that the BGCOC form a partnership with Bangladesh, which was ultimately approved by BGCOC Board of Directors.

Guanajuato, Mexico

The Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma has extended its partnership in Central Mexico in Guanajuato through 2007. In 2006, 20 volunteer teams have

ministered in Guanajuato distributing an estimated 16,243 packets containing the Gospel of John, an evangelistic tract and a Bible study invitation. The teams started 33 Bible study groups and witnessed 175 people make professions of faith.

Guerrero, Mexico

Currently, there are approximately 40 churches in the state of Guerrero, Mexico. The BGCOC is partnering with the Guerrero Baptist Convention to plant 77 new churches throughout the state of Guerrero. The BGCOC sponsored a church planting conference where 70 participants were taught how to use the Gospel of John and Good News for You to start new churches.

Chicago Area

Oklahoma associations including Pottawatomie-Lincoln Association and Washington-Osage Association, along with many churches, are partnering with churches in various locations within the Chicago area.





Through the Cooperative Program, Oklahoma Baptists are sharing the life of Christ from Jerusalem to Judea to Samaria to the uttermost parts of the world.

Cooperative Program

Acts 1:8 Oklahoma Baptist churches are sharing life through the Cooperative Program.

One: Each Southern Baptist gives tithes and offerings to the Lord through their local church.

Two: Each church sets a percentage of their budget to invest in Cooperative Program missions and ministry causes. Their Cooperative Program monies are sent to the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

Three: Every Friday the BGCO forwards 40 percent of the Cooperative Program contributions received to the Southern Baptist Convention while 60 percent is used to fund missions and ministries within Oklahoma.

Four: The Southern Baptist Convention forwards monies received to the International Mission Board, the North American Mission Board, six seminaries and the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission for missions work in America and around the world.



From your local church to the ends of the earth, Cooperative Program gifts allow more than 5,000 International Mission Board missionaries, more than 5,000 North American Mission Board missionaries and more than 100 Oklahoma state missionaries to share the life-changing message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.





Thanks to the Cooperative Program, the Church Outreach Team ministries assist Oklahoma Baptist churches in reaching the lost through evangelism, training and church planting.

Evangelism & Missions

Chaplaincy

Twenty-three different chaplaincy ministries and 356 chaplains are reaching Oklahomans. Nearly 200 trained Disaster Relief Chaplains, including 61 endorsed by the North American Mission Board, stand ready to respond to a disaster anywhere in the world. Hunger funds through the Oklahoma Chaplaincy Ministry have provided more than \$162,000 to support Oklahoma churches.

Women's Missions and Ministries

More than 750 women attended the State Evangelism Conference Women's Emphasis where the women made commitments to evangelism and were challenged to share their testimony on www.mostimportantthing.org.

More than 1,300 women attended the Oklahoma Ladies' Retreat featuring emcee and local TV personality Robin Marsh. The altar at Falls Creek was full of women committing to live a life of forgiveness with many making professions of faith.

Camp Nunny Cha-ha had a total of 910 campers with 31 making professions of faith, 16 rededications and 15 being called into full-time mission service.

Church Planting

A total of 63 new churches were planted last year. Twenty-four new churches were the result of three successful Kingdom Builder Vision Bus Tours designed to encourage local churches to become active partners in church planting.

Men's Ministries and Missions

In the spring, 886 men attended the Facing the Storm Men's Retreat. There were 834 campers who attended the Christian Adventure Camp at Camp Hudgens with 60 campers making decisions for Christ, including 41 professions of faith. More than 1,170 attended the RA Congress in March.

Everyone can reach people by sharing their story.





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Falls Creek Youth Program

In 2006, Falls Creek youth camps had record-breaking salvations with 2,090 professions of faith. More than 800 churches and 44,000 people registered during the seven weeks of youth camp with a total of 5,243 public decisions including 520 individuals called to ministry.

Falls Creek youth camps helped every person develop the basic spiritual disciplines needed to grow in their relationship with Christ, worship, Bible study, connection with a local church and life mission.

Youth Evangelism Conference

Nearly 10,500 people from 540 churches attended the 2006 YEC where students were challenged to share their faith. A total of 243 public decisions were made including 44 salvations. More than 60 churches participated in Mission YEC distributing door hangers for new church starts in the metro area with more than 1,100 people participating in advance conference training sessions.

Christian Family Day

Nearly 3,500 individuals participated as the BGCO hosted Christian Family Day at Frontier City where 400 adults participated in a training conference for adult youth leaders.

GO Students

Nearly 200 students and sponsors worked as missionaries in Cologne, Germany, during the summer of 2006, which was the largest number of student missionaries in the history of the GO Students program.

Pocket Bibles

New Testaments with Psalms Pocket Bibles were sold and promoted at Falls Creek, YEC and throughout 2006. The Bibles have an explanation of what a Bible is along with Roman Road verses, One Verse Evangelism presentation (Romans 6:23) and the sinner's prayer. The Pocket Bible has the www.code2life.com icon and also has the plan for the FAITH presentation. In 2006, there was a goal of 50,000 Pocket Bibles to be distributed to students across Oklahoma.

**Changing lives and impacting
the next generation.**





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Communications & Baptist Messenger

The *Baptist Messenger* has evolved into the “Messenger Network,” which includes the weekly newsjournal, an innovative Web site and a weekly radio broadcast seeking to inform and inspire Oklahoma Baptists in print, on the air or anywhere.

The *Baptist Messenger* remains the third largest weekly news publication in Oklahoma and hit the airwaves in 2006 with a weekly radio program designed to inform Oklahoma Baptists on news and issues throughout our state, nation and world.

One of the primary roles of the BGCO Communications Team is to communicate the impact Oklahoma Baptists are having through the Cooperative Program as they reach the world for Christ.

In 2006, the Communications Team held more than 100 media interviews representing Oklahoma Baptists on numerous critical matters including social, political and moral issues impacting the state.

The Ethics and Religious Liberty Committee hosted the largest Rose Day at the State Capitol with more than 600 people participating, resulting in a successful year for pro-life legislation.

Hundreds of churches took advantage of the newly designed 2006 Edna McMillan State Missions Offering materials produced by the Communications Team. Materials include inspiring videos on DVD, an interactive CD-ROM and printed materials to inform Oklahoma Baptists about the 30 ministries supported. The Team received two awards from the Baptist Communicator Association for the 2005 SMO material and the Cooperative Program Imagine video.

More than 500 churches are utilizing the cost-saving benefit of the BGCO’s printing services for materials including brochures, newsletters, stationery and bulletin inserts.

A new interactive BGCO Web site, www.bgco.org, was launched in 2006 as an online resource for pastors, staff and church leaders.

The Messenger brings the good news to 80,000 people.



2007 CP Missions and Ministries Plan

BGCO Teams & Affiliates

60%* | \$13,912,000

BGCO Missions and Ministries: \$9,699,891

- Prayer & Spiritual Awakening
- Evangelism
 - Personal Evangelism Training for Churches
 - Evangelistic Campus Clubs
 - Media Web Evangelism
 - Church Media Outreach Strategy
 - See You At The Pole Student Rallies
- Baptist Collegiate Ministries
 - On 39 campuses across Oklahoma with 42 BCM Directors
- Community Ministries
- Chaplaincy Training and Coordination
- Church Planting Training and Support
- Men's and Women's Missions & Ministries
 - Disaster Relief Training and Coordination
 - Men's Leadership Training
 - Women's Missionary Union
 - Women's Leadership Training
- Camp and Conference Centers
 - Falls Creek
 - Camp Nunny Cha-ha
 - Camp Hudgens
- Worship & Music
 - Worship Leadership Training
 - Singing Churchmen, ChurchWomen and Oklahoma Baptist Symphony
- Children's & Preschool
 - Vacation Bible School Training
 - Children's Leadership Training
 - Preschool Leadership Training
- Family Ministries
 - Think Family Initiative
 - Family *Financial Peace* Training
- Partnership Missions
- Sunday School/Discipleship Leader Training
- Sunday School Growth Training
- FAITH Sunday School Outreach Training
- Student Ministry Training
 - Moral Compass Parent Training
 - Youth Pastor Training
 - Youth Leadership Training
- Leadership Development
 - Church Strategic Planning
 - Staff Development and Training
 - Demographic Analysis for Churches
 - Robert Haskins School of Leadership
- Ethnic Church Leader Education
- Associational Relationships
- Associational CP Education
- Communications
 - Public Affairs and Media Relations
 - Cooperative Program Education
 - Stewardship Education
 - Web Resources and Services
 - Church Printing Services
 - Ethics & Religious Liberty Committee
- *Baptist Messenger*
- Financial Services
 - Church Retirement Plan Benefits
 - Insurance Services
 - Church Leader Tax Seminars
- Research and Databases (ACP, SBDS, Church Staff Compensation, etc.)
- Facilities Management & Support
- Historical Commission
- Technology & Network Services

BGCO Affiliates: \$4,212,109

- Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children
- Oklahoma Baptist University
- Baptist Village Retirement Communities
- The Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma

SBC Missions & Ministries

40%* | \$9,353,000

- International Mission Board
 - Over 5,050 Missionaries
- North American Mission Board
 - Over 5,100 Missionaries
- Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission
- Six Seminaries Training Over 15,000 leaders
 - New Orleans
 - Southwestern
 - Southern
 - Golden Gate
 - Midwestern
 - Southeastern

BGCO/SBC Shared Stewardship/Cooperative Program Education: \$235,000

*Percentages are after 1% for shared Stewardship/Cooperative Program Education.

TOTAL 2007 Cooperative Program Missions and Ministries Plan: \$23,500,000