

# Unified Mission Fund 2016 Investment Plan

## Advancing God's Kingdom

### Mission Giving Goal 2016

**\$79,000**

2016 Investment

Denomination Mission Partners	12,600
Special Mission Offerings	16,400
FBC Missions	28,000
FBC Global Partnerships	9,500
FBC Mission Grants	6,000
Community Mission Partners	6,500
Anticipated Mission Investment 2016	<b>\$79,000</b>





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Dear FBC Cornelia Family,

With great excitement, let me introduce you to the First Baptist Church Unified Mission Offering and Mission Investment Plan. This brochure represents the culmination of years of work by church leaders seeking to maximize our efforts to advance the Kingdom of God in a post-denominational/post-Christian world.

We started with a simple question: How can First Baptist Cornelia best structure ourselves to advance the Kingdom of God? This question led us to look at the ways we currently invest our money in missions. Did you know that over the last year we invested \$79,000 in mission efforts around the world? Hardly anyone did because we do not have a visible way to celebrate all the generous ways each of us gives to missions. We soon realized there are other limitations to our method. First, our many different mission offerings throughout the year make it difficult for new members to give. Second, most of mission money flows through our church, eliminating local control for how this money can be invested.

Beginning in the spring of 2013, members of the budget/steward/finance and the mission committee began meeting to reimagine a new structure for receiving and investing these mission dollars. In 2014 our Mission Initiative Team recognized a unified mission giving structure as the key to helping us achieve one of our key congregational values: Advancing the Kingdom of God. In 2015, our Mission Committee, our Missional Initiative Team, our Budget/Stewardship/Finance Committee, our Missional Initiative Team, our Budget/ Stewardship/Finance Committee and our deacon fellowship came together to create our new Unified Mission Offering and Investment Plan.

I believe this Unified Mission Offering and Investment Plan will maximize our mission generosity for Kingdom Purposes. Over the next few years we will see both in Cornelia and around the world:

- More people accepting Jesus as their Lord and Savior
- More needs met of the poor and marginalized
- More disciples mobilized as missionaries from our congregation
- More communities transformed

I hope you will take time to read through this brochure. It explains how you can participate in the Unified Mission Offering and our 2016 Mission Investment Plan.

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## Unified Mission Offering Q & A

**What is the Unified Mission Offering?** The Unified Mission Offering is a single, all year, above-tithe mission offering that supports ALL of the mission endeavors and denominational offerings of First Baptist Cornelia.

**What is the Purpose of the Unified Mission Offering?** To Fuel our Vision to Love the World As God Loves Us and to Provide Structure for funding our Missional Value of Advancing God's Kingdom.

**Why have a Unified Mission Structure?** It enables more money to be invested in missions. It empowers FBCC to act missionally in the world in the ways God leads us. It provides more flexibility to invest our mission offerings. It gives us the best structure for supporting and engaging missions in a post-denominational/decentralized mission world. And it facilitates a shift from sending funds to 'those' missionaries to WE ARE MISSIONARIES.

**How will Unified Mission Offering work?** Each month, every church member will have two ways to give to the church: The weekly Tithe Ministry Budget Offering and the monthly Unified Mission Offering. The tithe ministry offering will support the entire work of the church: missions, worship, discipleship, ministries, personnel, and facilities. We will continue vote on this annual budget each November for the coming year.

Also, each month, each member will be invited to continue to make an above-tithe offering to missions through the Unified Mission Offering. This gift can be made weekly, monthly, quarterly or even annually. All money given to this offering will be invested in mission work at home and around the world.

**What about the mission offerings I have supported throughout the year?** The Unified Mission Offering will continue to support all of the mission offerings our church members have invested in throughout the years - for example: benevolence, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, CBF Global Missions. Rather than giving multiple times in multiple offering envelopes, we only need to give one place - the Unified Mission Offering.

**How did we decide how much to invest in each mission line item?** All of the mission dollars represented in this investment plan are based on the 5 year giving patterns of First Baptist Church - either from our annual budget or from the special mission offerings.

**Who will manage the Unified Mission Investment Plan?** Initially, the combined Mission Committee and Mission Initiative Team 2016 who created the present Unified Mission Investment Plan will. Then in 2016 these same committees working with the church will establish a new mission council who will be responsible for the Unified Mission Offering and Investment Plan. This group will also be responsible for establishing the policies and procedures to guide the investment of our mission dollars.

Unified Mission Offering

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Env.: # \_\_\_\_\_

# Anticipated Mission Gifts

**\$79,000**

First Baptist Cornelia is a mission giving, mission engaged congregation. Over the last year, we gave over \$79,000 to mission efforts around the world. Here's a breakdown of the many mission offerings we supported.

## Mission Gifts

	Received
FBC Budget	30,000
Benevolence	17,722
Operation Christmas Child	3,000
Mission Grants Christmas Offering	4,261
Cold Weather Shelter	1,800
Nicaragua Ministry Donations (not team fees)	6,000
CBF Global Missions Offering	5,100
Lottie Moon Offering (SBC)	3,420
World Missions (SBC)	2,251
A. Armstrong National Missions Offering (SBC)	1,171
State Missions	591
Camp Agape	4,317
<b>Total Mission Gifts</b>	<b>79,633</b>

In 2016, with the intentionality of our Unified Mission Offering, we expect our church will give even more to missions. Our Mission Investment Plan is conservatively based on the hard numbers of what we have received in the past. When we give more money in 2016 than planned, each mission investment will receive proportionally more money. A rising tide of gifts will raise all boats of mission investment.

This Christmas we asked members to make a special gift to the United Mission Offering. Then, we ask you to build a monthly, mission giving plan into your budget. Finally, consider suggesting our Unified Mission Offering for any special memorials or honorariums. Working together, creatively, we will all stretch ourselves to advance God's Kingdom Together.

## Mission Gifts

	Received	2016 Anticipated Receipts	Change
Ministry Tithe Budget Contributions	30,000	30,000	0
Unified Mission Offering Contributions	49,000	49,000	0
<b>Total Anticipated Mission Receipts</b>	<b>79,000</b>	<b>79,000</b>	

# Denominational Mission Partners

**\$12,600**

First Baptist Cornelia partners with multiple Baptist denominational organizations locally and around the world to advance God's Kingdom together. These partners join churches together from around the world to carry out the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:34-39) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 19-20). This is the remnant of what Baptists once called the Cooperative Program.

## Baptist World Alliance

The Baptist World Alliance is a global movement of Baptists in 121 countries sharing a common confession of faith in Jesus Christ bonded together by God's love to support, encourage and strengthen one another while proclaiming and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit before a lost and hurting world. For more information go to [www.bwanet.org](http://www.bwanet.org)

## Cooperative Baptist Fellowship/CBF of Georgia

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is a Christian network in Georgia and around the world comprised of individuals and churches that work together to spread the hope of Christ. The network supports a wide range of global missions and ministries that give people meaningful opportunities to put their faith to action. For more information go to [www.cbf.net](http://www.cbf.net).

## Georgia Baptist Convention/Southern Baptist Convention

The Southern Baptist Convention was founded for the purpose of eliciting, combining, and directing the energies of the Baptist denomination of Christians, for the propagation of the Gospel. For more information go to [www.sbc.net](http://www.sbc.net)

## Habersham Baptist Association

The Habersham Baptist Convention is a group of Baptist churches in Habersham County that work together in fellowship for the Kingdom of God in our community.

## Denominational mission partners

	2015 Spent	2016 Investment	Change
Baptist World Alliance		1,500	1500
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship	4,800	4,800	0
Georgia Baptist Convention (SBC)	4,800	4,800	0
Habersham Baptist Association	1,500	1,500	0
<b>Total Denominational Mission Partners</b>	<b>11,100</b>	<b>12,600</b>	<b>1500</b>



# Special Mission Offerings

**\$16,400**

For over 100 years First Baptist Cornelia has collected special mission offerings to support missionaries around the world. Offerings such as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering have specifically supported the mission organizations of our denominational partners. Over the years, the number of these special mission offerings has increased as we have partnered with new mission organizations.

The Unified Mission Investment Plan will continue to invest money in the missionaries sent through these beloved Baptist organizations. The amount of money investment is based on our congregations five year giving patterns to each special offering.

## Southern Baptist Convention International & North American Mission Offerings

**International:** Promoted annually during the Christmas Season and named in honor of Lottie Moon, a missionary to China, this offering supports over 4,000 missionaries sent around the world.

**North American:** Promoted annually during the Easter Season and named in honor of Annie Armstrong, WMU's first Executive Director, this offering supports the church planting efforts of the SBC in the USA and Canada.

## Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions Offering

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Mission Offering supports missionaries in the United States and around the world in their efforts to be the presence of Christ in the most impoverish and threatened communities.

## Georgia Baptist State Mission Offering:

Normally promoted in September, the Mission Georgia Offering is an annual emphasis which supports the ministries, missions, and evangelism work of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

## Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia State Mission Offering

Normally promoted in September, the CBF/GA mission offering supports two main areas of ministry: leadership development and neighborhood mission and outreach efforts.

Special Mission Offerings	2015 Spent	2016 Investment	Change
SBC International and National Mission Offerings (International = Lottie Moon \$5,600) (National = A. Armstrong \$1,600)	6,842	7,000	158
CBF International and National Mission Offering	5,143	7,000	1,857
CBF/GA State Mission Offering	300	1,200	900
GBC State Mission Offering	300	1,200	900
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,585</b>	<b>16,400</b>	<b>3,815</b>

# First Baptist Cornelia Missions

**\$28,000**

Every year First Baptist Cornelia invests money in advancing God's Kingdom through the intentional efforts of our members. These ministries seek to mobilize our entire church as we respond to the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of our community and world.

**Benevolence Ministry:** Each week our church assists our neighbors facing tough circumstances with financial help to pay their light, gas and water bills.

**Camp AGAPE:** In 2016 we will partner with the DFACS to hold our 42nd Camp for children in need of sacrificial love.

**Love the World Day:** On this day, we mobilize our entire church in love our community through sacrificial service - from cookies to clean up to construction.

**Housing Ministry:** Each winter we mobilize our community to establish a shelter to keep families alive. We hope to begin hosting Family Promise families in the year as well.

**Thanksgiving Meal:** On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, we host our entire community for a thanksgiving meal out of gratitude for all God has given us.

FBC Missions			
FBC Missions	2015 Spent	2016 Investment	Change
Benevolence	17,500	17,500	0
Camp Agape	8,000	8,000	0
Love the World Day	500	500	0
Housing Ministry (Family Promise/Shelter)	1000	1000	0
Thanksgiving Community Meal	1000	1,000	0
<b>Total FBC Missions</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>0</b>

# Global Partnerships

**\$9,500**

Each year FBC invests heavily in money and volunteer efforts in two global mission partnerships. These partnerships help us tell the world about God's love and transform everyone who participates.

**Santa Emilia Mission Partnership:** Santa Emilia is a small, rural coffee growing mountain community in northern Nicaragua. We partner with FBC Matagalpa, Nicaragua, Missionary Ventures and other organizations to conduct annual medical clinics, education and Bible teaching into this community. This year's medical trip will be June 4-11,2016.

**Operation Christmas Child:** Partnering with Samaritan's Purse, we mobilize our entire congregation to collect and send Christmas gifts for children around the world. Our church also serves as our regional collection point

FBC Global Partnerships			
	2015 Spent	2016 Investment	Change
Santa Emilia Mission Partnership	6,000	6,000	0
Operation Christmas Child	3,500	3,500	0
<b>Total Global Partnerships</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>0</b>

# Local Community Mission

\$6,500

For years, FBC has invested money in these local community partners. These organizations serve our community in different ways.

**Habersham Christian Learning Center:** Provides teaching in Bible and Character as alternative classes for Habersham Central High School.

**Sharing and Caring:** Provides assistance for families in our community in need.

**Grace Gate:** Provides medical care for the uninsured members of our community.

## Community Mission

Habersham Christian Learning Center	4,400	4,400	0
Sharing and Caring	600	600	0
Grace Gate	1,500	1,500	0
<b>Total Community Missions</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>0</b>

# FBC Mission Grants

\$6,000

FBC Mission Grants provide our church a flexible approach to mission work around the world. Throughout the year, organizations and individuals are able to request funds to assist with specific projects that help us continue to love the world as God loves us. To request a mission grant, please pick up a FBC Mission Grant application in the church office.

**Organizational Grants:** Invests one time gifts to mission organizations in Habersham and around the world.

**Individual Grant:** We want to invest money in the missional formation of our members. This money will allow us to begin to do this.

**Mission Trip Grants:** This money will be invested in groups from FBC who seek to serve the world in specific ways in the coming year.

## FBC Mission Grants

	2015 Spent	2016 Investment	Change
<b>FBC Mission Grants</b>			
Organizational Grants	6,600	5,000	(1,600)
Individual Grants		500	500
Mission Team Grants		500	500
<b>Total Missions Grants</b>	<b>6,600</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>-600</b>