



# Baker Heights

## Baptist Church

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### What is the category of Missions?

Baker Heights Baptist Church sets aside a portion of the yearly budget in order to fund missions. Here is what Alec Kocman, Director of communications for ABWE (Association of Baptists for World Evangelism) calls Missions:

“Missions is the task proclaiming the gospel to every people group that has not yet heard it, in order to establish churches—churches that will carry on mission by reaching their culture, teaching others, and sending missionaries out.<sup>1</sup>”

We believe the task of proclaiming the gospel is worthy of every aspect of our lives. We should not only give our energy, effort, and prayers to it, but also our finances. Missions really can be boiled down to proclaiming the gospel of Christ to the entire world. Baker Heights does this here in our city and across the world. Here is how Baker Heights participates in Missions financially:

#### **Cooperative Program:**

“The Cooperative Program is Southern Baptists’ unified plan of giving through which cooperating Southern Baptist churches give a percentage of their undesignated receipts in support of their respective state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention missions and ministries.”<sup>2</sup>

This giving goes to churches, pastors, seminaries, and ministries connected with the Southern Baptist Convention. Baker Heights sets aside 10% of our yearly budget in giving to the Cooperative Program. Total numbers for each years giving is based upon how much the church receives and in tithes and offerings. See the updated budget sent out quarterly in order to track totals.

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<sup>1</sup> Alex Kocman, “What Missions Is—And Isn’t,” ABWE, May 26, 2021, <https://abwe.org/blog/what-missions-is-and-isnt/>.

<sup>2</sup> “About the Cooperative Program - SBC.Net,” <https://www.sbc.net/>, accessed October 4, 2023, <https://www.sbc.net/missions/the-cooperative-program/about-the-cooperative-program/>.

### Gospel Link:

Gospel Link is an organization that seeks to “connect the church globally to advance the gospel.”<sup>3</sup> It is through this organization that Baker Heights supports Pastor Julius Phiri in Kabwe, Zambia, a native Zambian pastor. We have been in partnership with Pastor Julius since 2006. At the time of this writing (2023) Baker Heights sets aside \$200 a month in order to meet the needs of the work and ministry of Pastor Julius.



### Martinsburg Union Rescue Mission:

The Martinsburg Union Rescue Mission is a residential rehabilitation shelter in the city of Martinsburg. As outlined on their website the Rescue Mission seeks to;

“The main purpose and the reason the Rescue Mission exists is to fulfill the great commission as outlined by Jesus Christ in Matthew 28:19, 20:

***Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.***

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<sup>3</sup> “Gospelink,” Gospelink, accessed October 4, 2023, <https://gospelink.org>.

The general purpose of all the residential rehabilitation programs is to prepare individuals to return to the mainstream of our society and become responsible productive members of the society.”

Baker Heights partners with the Rescue Mission by setting aside \$50.00 a month to help provide financially. We also are involved in serving there every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. In addition to those things, we take up a collection for the month of January for supplies they are in need of.



**AbbaCare:**

AbbaCare is a pregnancy resource center in the city of Martinsburg and Winchester. Baker Heights sets aside \$50.00 a month in order to assist in providing for the needs of this ministry. Their mission statement and core values are as follows.

“AbbaCare is a faith-based organization which exists to encourage sexual integrity, empower LIFE-affirming pregnancy and parenting decisions, and strengthen relationships through its medical services, education and resources.”

“Christ-Centered Ministry  
Sanctity of Human Life  
Spiritual, Physical, and Emotional Support

Proclaiming the Gospel”

AbbaCare has many different resources covering a variety of assistance to each client that walks in the door. To find out more, please visit their website: <https://abbacare.org>



**Mansfield family:**

This family is in a hostile environment towards the gospel. Much of their information cannot be disclosed through this outlet. See Pastor Collin for more details.