



IBSA

Illinois Baptist State Association PARTNERSHIP REPORT • Fall 2025

Across every region of our state, people are searching for hope, connection, and purpose. Strong Illinois Baptist churches are uniquely situated to meet that need through Baptist values of sharing the life-giving gospel, building authentic community, serving others with compassion, and cooperating to enable worldwide missions. Over the past five years, we have faced, and overcome, unexpected challenges together. Thanks to the strength of our statewide network, IBSA and our nearly 900 cooperating churches are advancing the gospel, well prepared to see each church thrive. Thank you for your church's faithful presence in your neighborhood and your ongoing commitment to the IBSA family. Each church is stronger when the network is stronger.

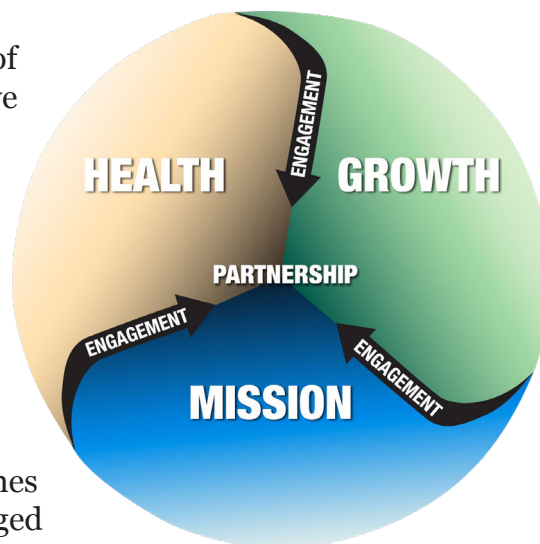
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▶ [IBSA.org/partnershipreport](https://www.ibsa.org/partnershipreport)

Through the mid-point of 2025, Illinois Baptists have many reasons for an optimistic outlook for gospel advancement through statewide cooperative work. It has been a record year for participation at IBSA summer camps for children and students. A growing number of churches and associations are engaged with Health Team leaders in revitalization processes.

Pastors, ministry leaders, and volunteers are gathering with enthusiasm for trainings designed to help them be “future-ready,” engaging a changing culture and reaching new generations. In times of crisis for Illinoisans, trained Disaster Relief teams are deploying to provide aid and hope throughout the year. Numerous new churches have already been planted or restarted with help from the network this year, with more on pace to launch in the fall.



These mid-year reports build on two years of positive trends from the Annual Church Profile data received from cooperating churches (see below). Much has changed over the past five years, but with the assistance provided through strong bonds of cooperation, churches are navigating ministry, evangelism, and discipleship in this new landscape. IBSA is committed to providing network value that helps each church thrive in health, growth, and mission.

From the Annual Church Profiles (ACP)

	Total baptisms	Churches baptizing	Professions of faith	Worship attendance	Cooperative Program
2023	3,361	434	2,882	52,666	\$5,338,046
2024	3,657	490	3,331	60,640	\$5,391,920

Through the first 7 months of 2025

► Investing in the next generation

Over **1,100 students** disciplined in IBSA summer camps

185 students developed at Super Summer

THIS FALL

1,000 more expected at Youth Evangelism Conference and AWSOM events

Collegiate campus ministry is undergoing strategic renewal



► Moving churches into mission

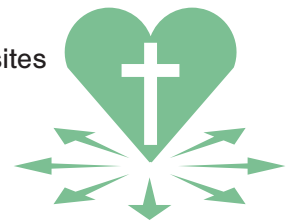
11 new churches planted or restarted through IBSA

80+ churches engaged in IBSA evangelism strategies

Illinois Baptist Disaster Relief provided

10,630 hours of labor
131 gospel conversations
27 Bibles

to homeowners on worksites in **23 different cities**



► Investing in the health of churches

Leading **100+ churches** through in-depth revitalization process

90+ pastors in “revitalization readiness” coaching

Churches reporting revitalization needed now or urgently **decreased 25%** since 2019

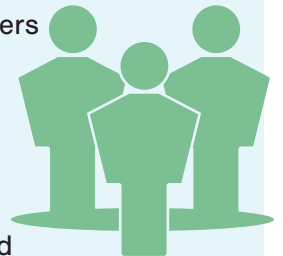


► Growing leaders & training volunteers

1,800 leaders and volunteers received ministry skills training

500+ participants at IBSA leadership development events

647 women developed and inspired at Priority Women’s Conference



► Churches fuel the mission



Total IBSA church Cooperative Program contributions in 2024: **\$5,391,920**

January through July of 2025, CP has totaled **\$3,001,329.45**

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state offering

2024: **\$307,486**

2025 goal: **\$350,000**