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IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER AS YOU HEAD TO THE S.B.C OR M.B.C. ANNUAL MEETINGS

By Gregg Boll, Executive Director of Missions

I'm not going to make it to this year's annual meeting, and I regret that. It's always a time when we hear what the larger SBC family is doing, we celebrate the highlights of our cooperative mission's ventures through the IMB, NAMB, and our other great S.B.C. entities. It is a time to find and reconnect with old ministry friends. The worship is stellar, and God always speaks to me through the reports, messages, and panel conversations. I am encouraged, challenged, and introduced to new ideas for effective ministry. But many of you are going (or went, depending on when you read this), and I want to remind you of some things that will make your experience more pleasurable and productive. And, by the way, these principles are equally true for our upcoming Missouri Baptist Convention Annual Meeting.....



WHY THE ACP MATTERS: MORE THAN JUST NUMBERS

By Brian Grout, Associate Director of Missions

A Word to Pastors of the Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association

Everyone loves telling a great story about their life. Especially one where the Lord did something in your life and ministry. It is also just as encouraging to tell others about how God is working in our churches. Every year, the Annual Church Profile (ACP) is sent out by the SBC to each cooperating church. In the next 2-3 weeks your church will be receiving a copy of the ACP by mail. The ACP gives the convention a snapshot of what the Lord is doing in each local church. So here are a few reasons why your church should complete the ACP.

- **To celebrate what God has done in and through your church**

Every church asks the same question, "Are we making a difference?" The ACP allows Churches to see a change in attendance, discipleship, baptisms, and cooperative giving. While numbers alone do not tell the whole story, they do help us celebrate changed lives and gospel impact across our association, state, and convention.

Every baptism, salvation, ministry effort, and cooperative giving represents real people whose lives are being impacted by the gospel. The ACP helps tell the story of God's work through your church.

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Financial Update - May Overview

MTD Budget - \$38,657.63

MTD Actual Income - \$32,123.66

MTD Actual Expenses - \$33,300.69

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