

KINGDOM FIRST PARTNERS



LET LIGHT SHINE IN DARKNESS

-2 Corinthians 4:5-6



STRONG HANDS

Church Family,

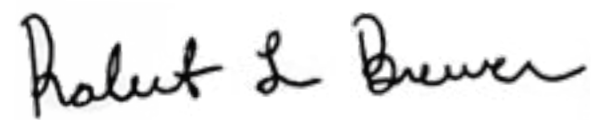
2 Corinthians 4:5-6 (CSB) “For we are not proclaiming ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’s sake. For God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God’s glory in the face of Jesus Christ.”

As I have been studying this passage, I have recognized that Paul packs a lot into two sentences. First, he proclaims “Jesus Christ as Lord.” The biblical definition of Lord is one who has authority over mankind. Second, he proclaims that God is the Creator. God who said, “Let light shine,” is a reference to Genesis 1, when God created all things. The first thing that God spoke into existence was light. Third, he proclaims what God has done. He “has shone in our hearts to give the light.” God is the one who gives the light that reveals His glory. It is only when one recognizes who God is and what God has done that they can truly give Him glory.

As I read this, I see how much He loves us. It is He who made a way for us to know Him through His son Jesus Christ. Jesus gave His life for us. He is the light -- a light that we have the opportunity to proclaim in our community, domestically, and internationally.

I am so grateful to be a part of a church that faithfully proclaims who God is and what He has done. Through your faithfulness, we have sent over 115 people on mission trips, sent over 300 people to serve in our community, supported over 3,400 missionaries through the IMB, and helped start 735 church plants through NAMB. This would not be possible without you praying, giving, and going.

Paul writes this letter to encourage the church to remain faithful and to give God the glory. As we reflect on who He is and what He has done, let us continue to proclaim these truths to the lost, grow in our relationship with God, and give Him glory.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert L. Brewer". The script is cursive and fluid.

Rob Brewer

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Pray, Give, Go

Meet the Team



Rob Brewer
Missions Minister



Mikayla Brown
Missions and Worship
Administrative Assistant

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

your community, nation, and world!

90+

Served Domestically



310+

Served with Community Partners

25+

Served Internationally

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Church Family,

Missions has always been the heartbeat that connects our Southern Baptist Churches as we seek to proclaim King Jesus and the Kingdom of God. The spiritual darkness that is present in this world is in great need of the light of Jesus Christ. The lostness in our community, our nation, and around the world continues to grow. The work is too great for any individual church alone. We are stronger when we work together with one another so that many will come to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

At Second, we have a rich heritage of supporting our missionaries and partners through faithful giving beyond our tithes and offerings. Our missions offering is known as the KINGDOM FIRST offering. Our collective support for this offering enables us to touch lives for Jesus here in Springfield and around the world. Many faithful partners depend on our support to help them in their kingdom work.

Would you consider a financial offering to support the work of our missionaries and ministry partners? I pray the Lord will find us generous to meet the needed funds to achieve our goal. Every financial gift makes a difference in reaching others for Christ.

This Kingdom First Conference is an opportunity for our Second family to focus on our Kingdom First, Second Strong strategy. The events scheduled throughout the weekend provide an opportunity for you to meet fellow believers who are serving as ministry partners and missionaries in God's Kingdom work. You will learn about what God is doing both here and around the world. And you can explore the upcoming ways Second is mobilizing us to be on-mission for God in the coming year. As we hear highlights of our missions involvement and partner stories from around the nation and world, you will get to see how your investment in our mission ministries is changing the world one life at a time.

Shining His light together!

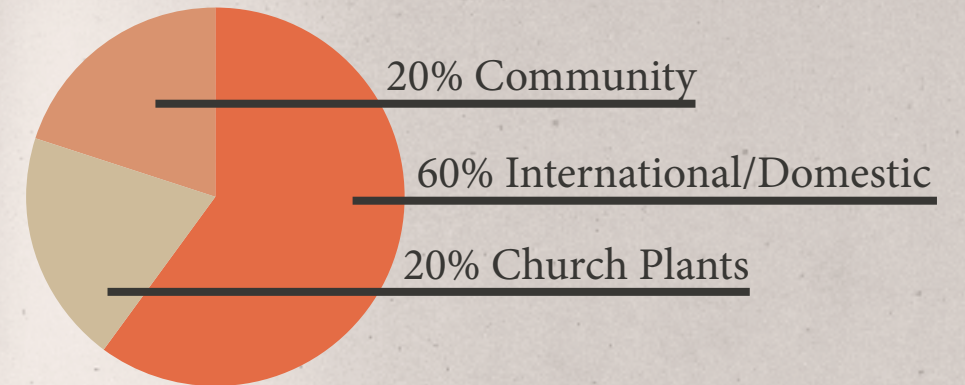


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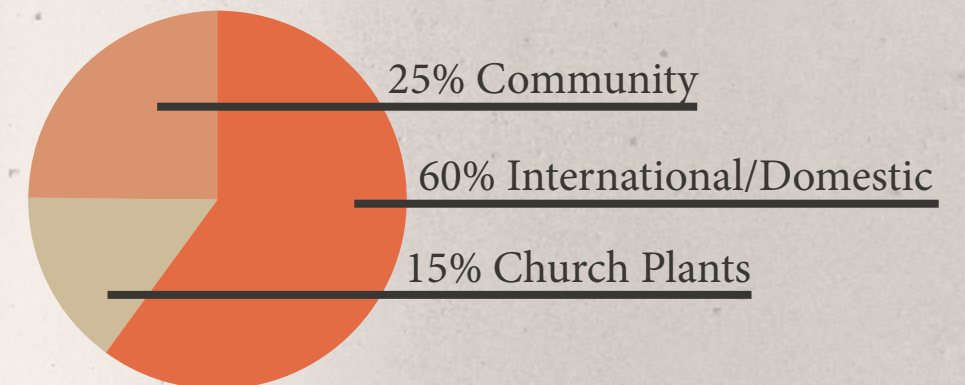
Lead Pastor

Kingdom First Offering

2023 Goal: \$400,000
2023 Current Giving: \$240,862 As of September 10



2024 Goal: \$400,000



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SECOND BAPTIST

Reaching our Community, Nation, and World



Map Key

- Second Baptist
- IMB
- NAMB
- Disaster Relief
- Community Partner
- Mission Trip



IMB

International Mission Board

The International Mission Board (IMB) has faithfully been on mission for 175 years. Since its founding almost 25,000 Southern Baptist Missionaries have shared the Gospel, made disciples, and planted churches in 185 countries around the world.

IMB addresses the problem of lostness in the world that effects 4.5 billion people today. Through their missionaries all over the world they are carrying out the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. The IMB is working towards the vision God gave the church in Revelation 7:9. They do this everyday.

Their missionaries go to people in hard to reach places to provide Gospel access and plant churches. The missionaries work to glorify God by proclaiming the Gospel, advancing the church, walking in the Spirit, praying fervently, and being Biblically faithful.

They have missionaries serving European, Central Asian, American, North African Middle Eastern, Asian Pacific Rim, South Asian, Sub-Saharan African, and Deaf peoples.

In 2022 . . .

178,177 new believers

21,231 new churches

67 new people groups and places engaged

Information and statistics come from [IMB.org](https://www.imb.org)

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IMB Spotlight

IMB Partners



American Peoples/ IMB Vice President, Mobilization

Jeff and Nell Ginn

Rev. 7:9. Our vision is to see people from every tribe and nation and people and language worshipping around the throne. Our mission is to serve Southern Baptists in fulfilling the Great Commission. The key is rallying the local church to engage in the Great Commission. Our approach is to equip and mobilize all Southern Baptist Churches to greater praying, giving, going, and sending.

Pray: We want to serve Second Baptist in their vision to engage in an Acts 1:8 strategy. Our piece is particularly the “ends of the earth.”



North African Middle Eastern Peoples

Elliot and Sarah Watkins Family**

Our mission is to see the peoples of North Africa Middle East (NAME) reached with the gospel. We reach the people of NAME by training, equipping, and sending students into unreached people groups. This past summer we sent around 250 students into NAME and the gospel was shared many, many times.

Pray: Pray more opportunities would open up for students in NAME. That our family would continue to learn language and get plugged into the community here. That the Father would open more doors for opportunities to share the Good News here in Western Europe. That we could continue to expand the work and send more students.

** No photo pseudo names used for security purposes.



European Peoples

Asa and Vanessa Watson Family

A multitude from every nation, tribe and language, knowing and worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ (Rev 7:9) to reach the city of Frankfurt with the gospel of Jesus Christ, starting in Sachsenhausen.

Pray: Pray for our team leader and for swift healing through cancer treatment. Pray for our local partners who seek to continue kingdom work in Frankfurt. Pray for our family while on stateside assignment.

Asian Pacific Rim Peoples

Jason, Leslie, and family*

Mike, Casey, and family*

South Asian Peoples

Chris, Jen, and family*

Pierce and Casey Bennet family**

Steph S*

Elizabeth White**

Robby, Rachel, and family*

Sub-Saharan African Peoples

Doug and Patti Irvin

Kevin and Mandy M family*

Jeremy and Kimberly N*

Ryan and Aubrey C*

Alan and Beth L*

North African & Middle Eastern Peoples

Emmett and Ana Tucker family**

Elliot and Sarah Watkins Family**

American Peoples

Leah Brown

Adam and Jessica Huser family

European Peoples

Kyle and Kate Brosseau family

Chris and Gretchen Brown

Ross and Dena Frierson

Gary and Carolyn Miller

Susanne W*

Charlie and Shannon Worthy family

Adam and Lauren Yeargin

Kelly and Janice Seely family

Asa and Vanessa Watson family



NAMMB

North American Mission Board

An estimated 281,000,000 people in North America do not have a relationship with Jesus. The goal of North American Mission Board (NAMMB) is to equip families and individuals to find their role in bringing the hope of the Gospel across North America.

NAMMB helps equip churches to be on mission in their own communities and across the continent. Through compassion ministry, church planting, chaplaincy and disaster relief, they help congregations go to the lost and hurting.

Two main ways NAMMB is reaching North America is through the Send Network and Send Relief. The Send Network plants and connects churches across North America. Send Relief offers resources, training, and events to support those in crisis.

NAMMB is also investing in the future generation of Church planters through the GenSend program. GenSend allows students to serve alongside NAMMB Church planters as interns.

They have missionaries serving across the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada.

In 2022 . . .

735 new churches planted

2,469 missionaries supported

1,447 GenSend students sent

Information and statistics come from NAMMB.net

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NAMB Spotlight

Church Planting Partners



Indianapolis, Indiana

Brad and Jen McOwen Family

Mercy Hill Chapel exists to glorify God by transforming lives through the cultivation of gospel-centered community. Our vision is to be a community of broken people connecting to the restoring power of Christ.

Pray: Pray for our community. The east side of Indianapolis is a spiritually dark community with a lot of social and economical brokenness. Many people actively reject Christ and affirm other spiritually dark practices. Our community is hardened, fallow ground, to be sure. Pray for our leadership, that the Lord would bring the right people to complete and amplify our leadership team.



St. Charles/St. Louis, Missouri

Gene and Amanda Collins Family

True Life Community Church's mission is to see God initiate and grow a highly relational and authentic community of faith with a counter-cultural message focused on defining success from a Biblical perspective.

Pray: Please pray for all our members as we are challenging everyone to become a leader in the church. We are also praying God will increase our monthly giving to meet our growing ministry needs. We are praying about hiring a part-time administrative person to help with the growing workload. We are so blessed to see many new families and our kid's space is overflowing. Pray for more space and resources for all these things.



Thornton, Colorado

Joe and Ashley Caum Family

In Thornton, a city of over 150,000, 92% of people have no religious affiliation. Church 8025 exists to proclaim the gospel and reach the lost. The mission of Church 8025 is to "Reach People Who Reach People To Be Fully Devoted Followers of Jesus."

Pray: Our vision is to build a meeting space, kids space and community space on our current property. We are praying for God to raise up a passionate individual to lead our student ministry. Pray for our people to stay engaged with the mission of reaching people for Jesus, by sharing their faith and being the church where they live, work and play.

Church of the Harbor, Baltimore, MD

Jeff Belcher

CityRise, Missouri City, TX

Mark Edworthy

Community Baptist Church, Noel, MO

Joshua Manning

Ethnos Ministries, Washington D.C.

Nashaat Ibrahim

Hope of the Nations, Minneapolis, MN

Philip Nache

Journey Point Church, Denver, CO

Chris Phillips

Redemption City Church, Fort Worth, TX

Matt Kendrick

Mercy Gate, Box Elder, SD

Andrew Daniel

Windmark, Port St. Joe, FL

Scott White

Pillar Church, San Diego, CA

Daniel Carter

Refuge Church, Indianapolis, IN

Jason Hampton

The Timothy Initiative,

Dr. David Nelms

Vertical Church, Minneapolis, MN

Chris Asmus



DISASTER RELIEF

Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief (MODR) transforms lives and communities with the Gospel by bringing help, hope, and healing. Churches participate in MODR by praying, giving, and going. MODR helps churches by providing leadership, discipleship, and sending opportunities. MODR provides free services to everyone affected by a disaster without discrimination. MODR is a platform for ministry.

MODR recruits, trains, and deploys volunteers to help others in a time of crisis. They average one activation every 3 weeks for state, national, and international disasters. Through ownership or partnership, they manage 82 pieces of rolling stock, including mobile kitchens, shower units, flood and wind cleanup units, and childcare. Over 2,000 Missouri Baptists participate as trained, credentialed volunteers seeking to be on mission.

Among the places they have served this year include Turkey, Florida, and Missouri .

Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief Volunteers . . .

Worked **3,667** volunteer days

Served **48,436** meals

20+ new believers

Responded to **20** disaster sites

Worked **417** clean up jobs

Information and statistics come from Disaster Relief

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COMMUNITY Partners

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Good News Club

Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) is a Bible-centered organization composed of born-again believers whose purpose is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Good News Club a ministry of CEF disciples them in the Word of God and connects them with a local church for Christian living. This year, 57 children accepted Jesus as their Savior.

Pray: Pray for more volunteers in the Good News Clubs.



Bridge of Faith Community Church

Bridge of Faith is a church which seeks to transform generations to transform communities through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Bridge of Faith uses many different approaches to reach this mission. Their Reach program is the first outreach touchpoint for many families into Bridge of Faith. Reach involves bus ministry, Bible study, and a hot meal. They plug students into our Summers at the Beach program and offer jobs to high school and college students. They teach financial literacy and leadership skills to help equip students as disciples of Jesus. They have a sports/baseball ministry to aid in discipleship. They also run a Biblical counseling center, two thrift stores, Bridgefit Fitness center, and college housing. Their desire is for students to become adults who are disciples of Jesus that transform communities.

Pray: Pray as we have grown in many aspects. As other churches are looking at our church as a model, pray they reach the impoverished in their communities. Pray as we seek to complete construction projects. As many teens from our ministry reach adulthood, they are reaching back out for help. Pray for these individuals.



M.E.N.D. (Mommies Enduring Neonatal Death)

They provide information to hospitals, churches and other organizations who will engage with families enduring pregnancy and infant loss. Last year they provided teddy bears to hospitals so moms who experience loss would not have to experience “empty arms” as they leave the hospital. M.E.N.D. provides monthly support groups for families and has a private Facebook group for families to find support in between gatherings. They are available for one-on-one support to their members.

Pray: Pray their team would be able to comfort and minister to families experiencing the loss of a baby. Pray that the families they minister to would find comfort in Christ, and for those who don't know Him to find Him.

Community Partners Continued



NightLight International/Missouri

NightLight is an international organization compelled by love, to reach out to, rescue, and restore all those who are negatively impacted by sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. NightLight Missouri extends that mission to individuals locally who are in need of light in the darkness right here in our community. Their outreach program allows us to reach women wherever they're working and strive to connect with each one individually, as a woman who is unique & worthy of love. Through their intervention and restoration programs, they build client-focused plans to journey with each survivor toward a greater degree of health in multiple facets of their lives. Their goal in each of these programs is that the practical and relational support that they can offer will lead to greater opportunities for spiritual interactions, gospel-focused conversations, and ultimately transformation and discipleship.

Pray: Pray for the women that they are consistently working with through their programs. They have many challenges and barriers, even as they make forward progress. We need the Lord to be the one to change their hearts and bring real transformation and healing! Pray for their staff and volunteers as they go into the dark places of our community and listen to the hard things that are shared with them. Pray for faithfulness, perseverance, and opportunities to sow seeds of hope and God's love into every encounter. Pray for NightLight's leadership as they continue to seek wisdom, vision, and opportunities to connect with women who need our support, both in the US and in Thailand.



Victory Mission

Victory Mission teaches people leaving poverty to be independent by giving them tools to rebuild their lives, because no life is beyond repair. Victory accomplishes this mission through outreach, workforce development, and long-term discipleship.

Pray: Pray for hearts to be ready to hear what God has done through Jesus Christ. Pray for those who come to be faithful. Pray for God to wake up those lost on the street. Pray for wisdom as Victory engages in long-term relationships and past trauma. Pray for the right volunteers, partners, and staff as they work with those at Victory.



School to the Nations

School to the Nations penetrates the final frontiers for the glory of Jesus by mobilizing the next generation to the nations. School to the Nations produces a major motion picture called The Hope which is Creation to Christ that is translated into the unreached people group languages and contextualized for their culture. We are now engaging over 134 distinct unreached people groups, Nearly 400 million people from South America, North American Native Americans, Africa, India, and Asia.

Pray: Prayer for managing growth in the ministry and for more volunteers to partner with them.

RealEncounter

Real Encounter Outreach partners with churches to connect with those who do not yet know Christ and share the life-changing message of Jesus. They combine exciting elements and personalities in the areas of Motorcycle Stunt Riding, Mountain Bike Stunt Riding and BMX Jump Team simply as a means of connection with the culture.

Pray: Pray for communities to open up for evangelistic opportunities and be receptive to the Gospel. Pray for salvations and safety for the RealEncounter Team.



Pregnancy Care Center (PCC)

Their mission is to save lives and strengthen families. They believe every 417 family—planned and unplanned—should have access to a personalized plan, a coach and the information they need for a healthier future so their family, and our community, can be stronger together.

Pray: Prayer support is critical. Pray that young people who need their services will find them.



Capitol Commission

Capitol Commission's mission is to reach the Capitol community for Christ, one person at a time, to disciple them, and to prepare them for a lifetime of ministry, wherever God chooses to place them.

Pray: Pray for our state leadership and the team at Capitol Commission that serves them. Pray for their ministry's effectiveness and that they would lead Legislators to faith. Pray for the health of their team.



Community Partners Continued



Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

FCA seeks to make disciples through their strategy of engaging, equipping and empowering coaches and athletes to know and grow in Christ and lead others to do the same. They engage coaches and athletes through genuine relationships sharing their lives and the Gospel. They equip coaches and athletes to grow in Christ through God's Word. They empower coaches and athletes to engage and equip others to know and grow in Christ.

Pray: Please pray for continued protection. As we do ministry in our local public schools and community, we ask that God continues to open doors for us to be able to minister in an area of great need.



Grand Oak Mission Center

A ministry of Greene County Baptist Association in cooperation with local churches which provides food and clothing for those in need in Southwest Missouri. They use the donated food, clothing and household items as a means to start a conversation to find out if they have a relationship with Christ. From there, they can share with them how He is the real answer to life's issues and He is waiting for their invitation to bless them.

Pray: For GOMC to be bold in sharing the Gospel, for those who receive help to feel the love of Jesus, for people to be connected to a local church, for regular support of food & clothing and volunteers to help us share through the ministry.



Victory Garden

Volunteer-based vegetable garden which provides fresh produce for area ministries feeding the hungry, homeless, and shut-ins. Since its inception, Victory Garden has provided over 175,000 pounds of produce to Ozarks Food Harvest.

Pray: Pray for continued blessing on the harvest and those who Victory Garden serves.

Join us as we advance the kingdom in our community, nation, and world in a multitude of ways.

PRAY

We have partners at work across our community, nation, and world who need your prayers. Use this book as a prayer guide. Take some time each day to pray for one of our partners, their families, and their work. Some of our partners have specific prayer requests listed that you can be praying for. Let's cover our partners in prayer together, so God may be glorified through Jesus Christ in everything!

GIVE

Giving is another important way Second supports our partners well. Give to the Kingdom First Offering today, and be a part of the work going on around the world.

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Upcoming Opportunities

Youth and College Spring Break Mission Trip

Denver, Colorado

March 9, 2024 - March 15, 2024*

\$350 per person, \$700 max*

College Summer Mission Trips

Denver, Colorado, \$1,500 per person*

Munich, Germany, \$5,500 per person*

May 21, 2024 - July 18, 2024*

Adult Mission Trips

Project Hope, Nicaragua

January 13, 2024 - January 20, 2024*

\$1,800 per person*

Johnstown Rodeo Bible Camp, Nebraska

Senior Camp (13-19 years old) May 27, 2024 - May 30, 2024*

Pee Wee Camp (8-13 years old) June 2, 2024 - June 5, 2024*

RV spaces available \$100 total, Hotel \$100 per night*

Munich, Germany

May 25, 2024 - June 4, 2024*

\$3,000 per person*

Churchwide Mission Trip

St. Louis, Missouri

July 21, 2024 - July 26, 2024*

\$250 per person, \$700 family max*

*Prices and Dates subject to change

KINGDOM FIRST

The Kingdom of God is so important, it was the focus of the first and last sermons of Jesus' earthly ministry [Mark 1:14-15, Acts 1:3].

The Kingdom of God is too important to limit its influence to one location [Romans 10:13-14].

Our commitment to KINGDOM FIRST means supporting and sending missionaries, church plants, and serving through Community partnerships.

SECOND STRONG

SCRIPTURAL INTEGRITY

Holding to the Authority
of God's Word

TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY

Helping Others Become
More Like Jesus

RELATIONAL AUTHENTICITY

Developing Meaningful
Connections with One Another
Across Multiple Generations

OPEN-HEARTED HOSPITALITY

Welcoming Others
Wherever They are in Life

NEXT-STEP INTENTIONALITY

Creating Pathways Toward
Deeper Discipleship

GENEROSITY

Living and Giving Generously
For the Sake of the Gospel



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