

Germantown Baptist Church (GBC) Church Plant Partnering Guidelines

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Thank you for your interest in partnering with Germantown Baptist Church in your church planting ministry. We hope we can be a blessing to your expansion of God's kingdom. Please refer to <http://www.germantownbaptist.org/missionsresources> for updates on our guidelines.

What GBC Provides Southern Baptist Works*

Financial

1. A donation to the church for **pastoral support**, contingent on evangelism reports and available GBC funds. (see requirements)
2. A donation towards **evangelism materials** such as tracts and Bibles.
3. A scholarship for the church planter and his wife to go on a GBC **mission trip**. The church planter and his wife must serve as evangelists on the trip.
4. GBC will fund a certain amount each year for a church planter to attend an approved Seminary **for evangelistic and/or church planting** classes only.
5. A monthly donation for an **intern** from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary or another approved local Baptist Bible College or Seminary. **The intern is the employee of the plant and in no way an employee of Germantown Baptist Church.** The church plant is responsible for all federal, state, and local tax reporting.

Non-Financial

1. Access to mentoring from GBC staff.
2. Freedom to **request** advance funding from the Mobilization Committee for evangelistic projects. The committee meets monthly and you will need to use the application form found at <http://www.germantownbaptist.org/missionsresources> or stop by the GBC Mobilization Office.
3. Administrative directions on what you will need to start a church, including instructions on incorporation, by-laws, constitution, and various other administrative requirements.

What GBC Provides Non-Southern Baptist Works

1. All above support is also available to non-Southern Baptist works **except for monthly pastoral support**. (Monthly reports are still required.) *If affiliated with Southern Baptists, the evangelism materials amount may be doubled in lieu of pastoral support. Intern support for two years instead of three years.*

Additional Programs Offered

In addition to the general financial support and requirements listed above, we offer two more programs. Each program's benefits and requirements are listed below.

1. Timothy Program. The idea behind this program is the training of others to start churches. You would need to identify two men you led to the Lord since beginning your partnership with GBC. You would have weekly meetings with these men, explaining your evangelism and discipleship training methods you would be using in order to lead these men in becoming church planters. At the end of approximately six months, you would need to identify two additional men the two original men led to the Lord. This cycle would repeat itself as these men continue to lead others to the Lord and plant churches. **We will double the monthly pastoral support for anyone involved in this program.**

2. Antioch Program. The idea behind this program is to enlist our successful church plant partners in starting new churches. Churches in the GBC partner system that will sponsor a church start, under GBC gospel sharing guidelines as a minimum, will be funded the pastor support and intern support that GBC supplied to the original church plant. For plants 2-4, GBC will provide 50% for pastor and intern support, and for plants 5-7, GBC will provide 25% for pastor and intern support. We recommend no more than five a year to partner with if you are the mentoring primary sponsor of church plants. This allows the parent church to have the time to do a better job.

Note: Funding is available only for church planters and interns that are at least 21 years old. Funding checks are issued directly to the 501(c)3 corporation of the church plant for pastor/intern support or to the applicable third party organization (such as a seminary). Checks are not issued directly to an individual.

**Southern Baptist works are those that are eligible to send messengers/delegates to the annual Southern Baptist Convention.*