

2025 **IMPACT** REPORT

HOW THE BAPTIST RESOURCE NETWORK ENGAGED CHURCHES IN 2025

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BAPTIST RESOURCE NETWORK MISSION STRATEGY



Our vision: That every church in Pennsylvania and South Jersey is a healthy, multiplying church.

Hello, BRN Family!

During the past few years, we have attempted to gather key highlights of our previous year to share with the Baptist Resource Network's Executive Board, churches, and others. This booklet will serve as a snapshot of various indicators that show how well we are accomplishing our strategy. In particular, we seek to help churches advance to their next level, moving forward from Restart/Start (beginnings or new beginnings) to Reinvest (reproducing churches that have a Kingdom vision to help other churches), *all to accelerate Kingdom movement*. As always, we thank you for your partnership in the Gospel!



Barry Whitworth
Barry Whitworth,

Baptist Resource Network Executive Director

OUR VISION:

By December 2028, the Baptist Resource Network will be experiencing a flourishing 25% multiplication rate, largely initiated by an interconnected, missionally vibrant core of 75 reinvesting churches and ministries initiated through these churches that are seeding out scores of indigenous, harvest-expectant leaders into our diverse mission field.

Focused Goals:

Capacity
Expansion



Farm-Team
Acceleration



Missional
Activation



Next Step &
Next Level





PASTORS
are our
priority



CHURCHES
are our
focus



PASJ
is our
mission
field



BAPTIST RESOURCE NETWORK OF PA/SJ

Accelerating Kingdom Movement

2025 Statistics

BRN
Churches +
Campuses:

265

Missions
(Plants):

20

**CURRENT
NUMBER OF
CHURCHES**

New Church
Works:

33

ABOUT BRN CHURCHES*

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

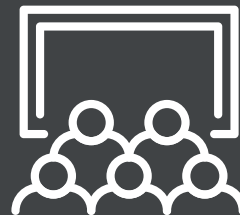
Total: 23,670

Average: 85 per church

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

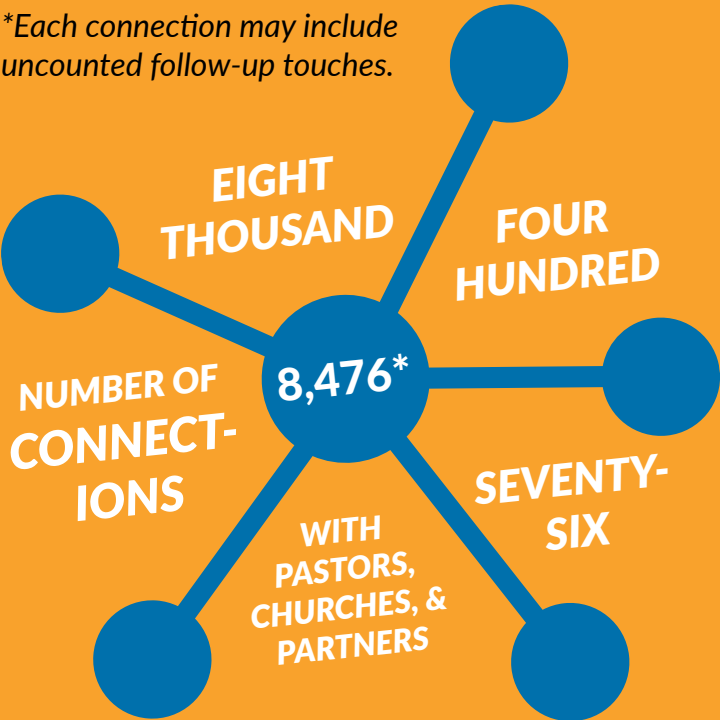
Total: 25,779

Average: 92 per church



**According to the most recent ACP reported data*

**Each connection may include uncounted follow-up touches.*



BRN Team members strive to have consistent connections to offer support, resources, and relationships to church leaders in our network. Of the nearly 8,500 connections this past year, 7,086 represent significant engagement.

BAPTIST RESOURCE NETWORK CONNECTIONS:



In Person Meeting: 2,500
Virtual Meeting: 473



Phone: Conversation: 1,240
Phone: Voicemail: 89
Phone: No Response: 17
Phone: Wrong Number: 2



Text: Response Received: 1,029
Text: No Response: 431
Email: Response Received: 1,635
Email: No Response: 780

Not counting email newsletter subscriptions



Sent a Letter/Card: 67

Not counting Christmas cards and event postcards



HubSpot Chat: 2
Website Contact Form: 2
Facebook Messenger: 5

Other: 202

Why do connections matter?

MAKE IT PERSONAL: *No pastor is meant to lead in isolation. Healthy leadership is sharpened in relationship.*



CONNECTIONS BRING PERSPECTIVE

When you're serving the same congregation week after week, it's easy to develop blind spots or become overly shaped by local pressures. Trusted leaders from outside the church can help pastors see more clearly, ask better questions, and discern what is cultural versus what is biblical.



CONNECTIONS PROVIDE WISDOM & ACCOUNTABILITY

Outside partners can speak truth with honesty and grace. They help pastors stay grounded, humble, and faithful, especially when facing difficult decisions, conflict, or success that could otherwise lead to isolation or pride.



CONNECTIONS FOSTER ENCOURAGEMENT & RESILIENCE

Pastoral ministry can be lonely and emotionally demanding. Outside leaders remind pastors they are not alone, that others are carrying similar burdens, and that God is at work beyond their local context. This shared strength helps prevent burnout and sustains long-term faithfulness.



CONNECTIONS EXPAND A PASTOR'S KINGDOM VISION

Engaging with leaders beyond one church broadens understanding of what God is doing regionally and globally. It encourages collaboration, mission-mindedness, and a deeper commitment to the body of Christ as a whole—not just one congregation.

CAPACITY EXPANSION

FUNDING STREAMS

Meaningfully serve more churches...

- increasing our funding streams • expanding our BRN team and family
- activating pacesetter practitioners as the BRN dream team

2025

Cooperative Program:

\$1,152,205 (highest ever!)

State Missions/Impact Funds:

\$23,065

Global Hunger:

\$9,649

#LegacyPASJ Fund:

\$6,922

Annie Armstrong:

\$122,568 (Goal: \$122,000!)

Lottie Moon:

\$204,224 (Goal: \$175,000!)

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BRN
Legacy
Work-
shops



AVERAGE COOPERATIVE
PROGRAM ANNUAL
GIFT PER CHURCH:

\$5,430*

*up 3.7% from 2024

41.5%

Amount TOP 10 CP GIVING
churches gave

55.7%

Amount TOP 20 CP GIVING
churches gave

76.5%

Amount TOP 50 CP GIVING
churches gave

23.5%

Percent the remaining 166
churches gave

How does Cooperative Missions (CP)

By pooling church donations through the Cooperative Program (CP) to fund global missions, church planting, and theological education (and so much more!), you and your church have the opportunity to truly impact the world for the gospel.

benefit me?



GREATER GOSPEL IMPACT TOGETHER

Why it matters to me:

I know my giving helps reach people I'll never meet — locally, nationally, and globally — multiplying the impact of my faith beyond my own community.



MISSIONARIES FULLY SUPPORTED

Why it matters to me:

I can consistently support missions without the pressure of special fundraising appeals, trusting that missionaries are cared for and focused on ministry.



STRONGER MINISTRY TRAINING

Why it matters to me:

The pastors, leaders, and missionaries shaping my church and others are better equipped, which strengthens teaching, discipleship, and spiritual health.



SUPPORT FOR MY OWN CHURCH

Why it matters to me:

Through partnership with the Baptist Resource Network, my church gains resources, guidance, and help in times of need — benefits that directly impact my church family.



SIMPLE, COOPERATIVE GIVING

Why it matters to me:

I can give faithfully through my church knowing it's part of a trusted, organized effort that maximizes stewardship and gospel reach.

>>> FINANCIALLY SERVING CHURCHES



\$13,285

GUIDESTONE BENEFITS
distributed to assist 86 pastors
and ministers with life insurance,
disability insurance, and
retirement assistance

GRANTS GIVEN:

**218 grants
totaling
\$236,066.11***

*To help churches
evangelize and
minister to
their respective
communities.*

**These numbers reflect a
slight decrease from 2024.*

- **CHURCH EVANGELISM GRANTS:**
133 grants for \$144,475
- **COLLEGIATE EVANGELISM GRANTS:**
26 grants for \$12,740.11
- **COMPASSION/HUNGER GRANTS:**
39 grants for \$21,500
- **MINISTRY GRANTS:**
20 grants for \$57,351

NUMBER OF
MISSION:DIGNITY
RECIPIENTS IN
PA/SJ

6



Check out
the BRN's
Cooperative
Program
resources at
brnunited.org/cp.



Cultivate a raise-and-release leadership culture...

evidenced by a leader-rich network, churches advancing through health stages, and 20 new church plants or affiliates annually.



CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE



Check out the two QR Codes to read about the Accelerate (left) and Advance (right) Conferences.



ACCELERATE

247 attendees from 83 churches and 32 other organizations

ADVANCE

205 attendees from 63 churches

AMPLIFY

78 attendees from 9 colleges and universities

NUMBER
OF
PASTORAL
BLESSING
EVENTS

26

**BLESSING
PASTORS:**

HEALTHY
PASTORS =
HEALTHY
CHURCHES

17

Guest House
usage for respite
in 2025

Activating a disciple-making culture...

25% of BRN churches will be missionally engaged in their communities, tracking gospel conversations, and participating in discipleship pathways, evidenced by year-over-year increases in baptisms.

According to our data collected through the BRN's 2024 Annual Church Profile,* there were 1,569 baptisms recorded. **That's one baptism for every 16.4 members!**



**Stay tuned for 2025 statistics, which are still being processed.*

11 BRN churches now use

dife

emphasizing disciple-making and leadership development as a lifestyle

MISSION HOUSES USAGE*

HARRISBURG HOUSE:
33 groups & 28 individuals/
families, plus 7 team stays

PITTSBURGH-WARREN HOUSE:
15 groups &
11 individuals/families

**The two mission houses are available for mission teams and volunteers.*



BRN NEXT GEN MINISTRY:

Number of College Students Engaged: 1,785 (over 200 of those students were international students)

Number of BRN Collegiate Missionaries/Missionary Units: 6 (4 campus-based and 2 church-based)

Number of Distinct Campuses Being Reached: 10

Number of Students Actively Sharing Their Faith with Their Peers on Campus: 71

Number of First-Time Professions of Faith: 23

Number of Students Actively Being Disciplined: 149

Number of Student Leaders Discipling Others: 48

Number of Students Participating in Christian Leadership Development: 85

Number of Collegians on Short-term Mission Opportunities: 48

Number of Attendees at Amplify Conference/Retreat: 78

Note: These collegiate statistics follow the academic year, rather than the annual year.

Woven Women

- Continued virtual peer cohorts (Leadership Collectives)
- Co-led breakout at BRN's Accelerate Conference

**OVER
200**

- Disciplined & supported over 200 women's ministry leaders
- Sent out 12 monthly newsletters
- Offered our first event in South Jersey, Arise-Breathe

Pennsylvania has 650,996 students on over 325 campuses while South Jersey has over 87,000 students on approx. 15 campuses.

univstats.com

Read about the Amplify Conference!



BRN's 2025 Large-Scale
Outreach Opportunity for
Churches



Church Hubs: 6

Involved Churches: 48

Mission Projects: 54

Volunteers: 775

Volunteer Hours: 10,000+

People Served: 8,500+

Gospel Conversations: 1,500+

Recorded Salvations: 30+



Read about the Serve Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Tour



With no hurricane in the U.S., 2025 was a relatively quiet year for disasters. Yet, there are BRN Disaster Relief highlights for 2025:

112 volunteers received training in basic DR, Feeding, Chain Saw, Flood Recovery, Shower/Laundry, and Leadership

23 volunteers have been deployed to 2 in-state responses and 2 out-of-state responses. Welch, WV (flooding), Westernport, MD (flooding), York, PA (flooding), and Susquehanna, PA (chainsaw).

3 churches have entered the Ready Church certification process.

5 trailers and vehicles have been deployed to the same responses.

- A Shower/Laundry unit, the Rapid Response Kitchen, and both Western Shelters have been utilized to support various ministry efforts of 3 different churches. Also, Disaster Relief feeding volunteers, the Rapid Response Kitchen, and three Shower/Laundry trailers were deployed in support of Serve Wilkes-Barre/Scranton.
- On May 1-3, BRN Disaster Relief hosted the first Region 3 Blue Hat Training in the BRN Training Center. We had 40 participants from four state conventions.



Explore more!



The PASJ fleet currently includes:

2 Mobile Kitchens, **8** Recovery Units (Flood, Chainsaw, Temporary Roofing), **3** Shower/Laundry Units, **1** Command/Communication Unit, **1** Pressure Wash Trailer, **1** Fuel Trailer, **1** Water Purification Unit, **2** Western Shelters, **2** Support Trailers, a 12-passenger van, and a pickup truck.

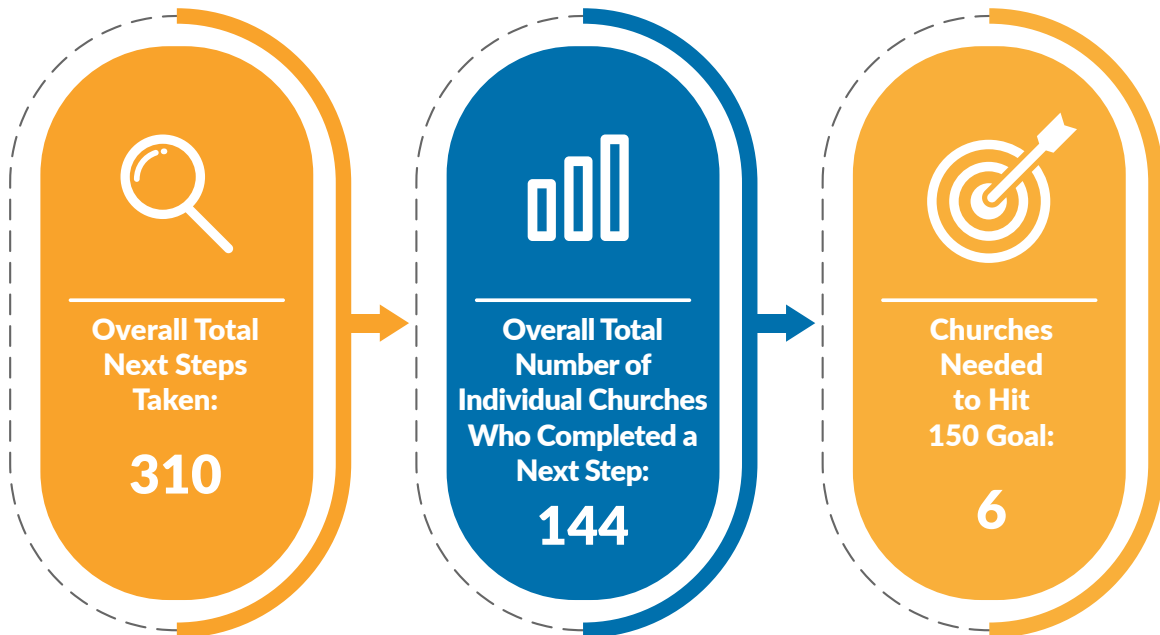
BRN DISASTER RELIEF & RESPONSE CENTER

On May 30, Winfield Baptist Church hosted the Building Our Future Banquet to raise building funds for the proposed BRN Disaster Relief & Response Center. Going into the evening, we received \$147,000. As a result of the Banquet, our balance soared to \$300,000. As of the writing of this report, our balance stands at \$435,000! Praise the Lord!!! The goal for the Building Fund is \$500,000. Beyond that, our goal is to raise \$1 million for the Disaster Relief Legacy Fund to support the ministry well into the future. Groundbreaking for the Center is targeted to take place in late summer of 2026!

With an eye toward multiplication...

we will have celebrated 150 churches that have taken their next step and 25% of churches that have achieved their next level in church health.

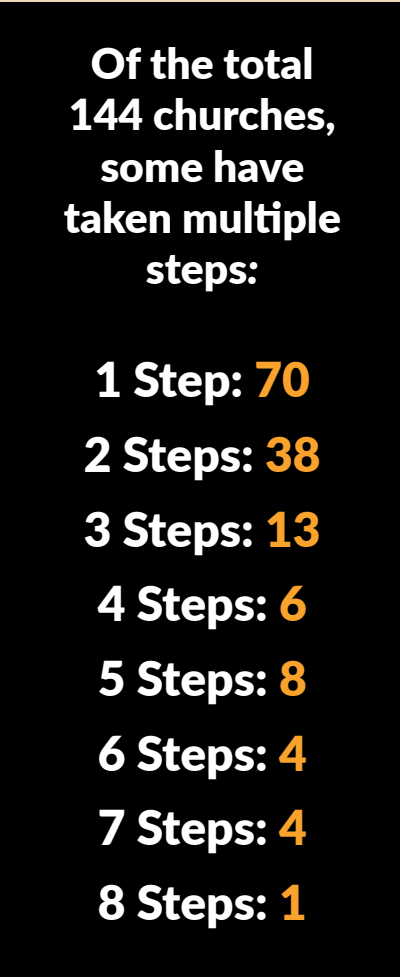
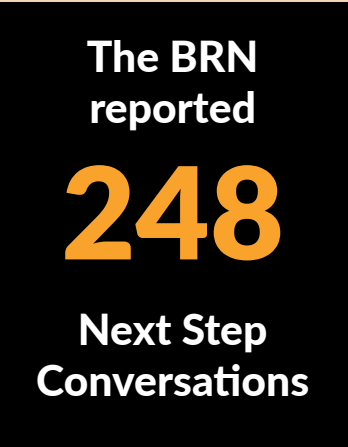
The BRN is committed to helping churches take their next step in ministry, whatever that step may be, and, ultimately, to help them achieve their next level in ministry.



WHAT NEXT STEPS DOES THE BRN MEASURE?

Any effort that the church has never done or hasn't done in a long time, such as:

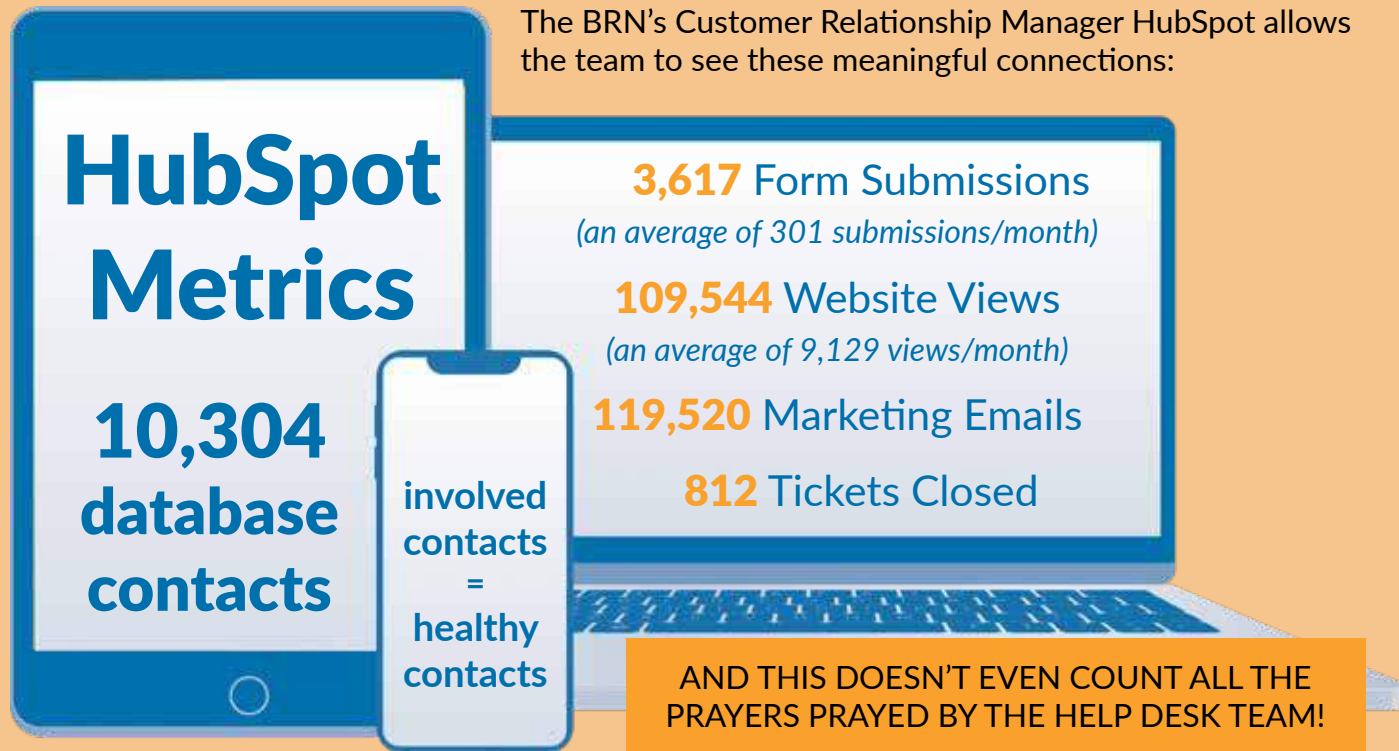
- First-time exegesis of church's community
- First-time mission trip, VBS, or other outreach
- Getting involved in assessments, cohorts
- Addition of small groups/Sunday school classes
- Addition of new leaders, ministries, or new church
- First-time attendance at a BRN conference/event
- First-time or increased cooperative financial gift



Striving for meaningful connections...

the Baptist Resource Network's Hub and Communications teams work tirelessly behind the scenes to excellently care for and inform network churches of opportunities, resources, and celebrations.

The BRN's Customer Relationship Manager HubSpot allows the team to see these meaningful connections:



COMMUNICATION TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

COMMUNICATION NEWSLETTERS

- Produced 52 editions of BRN United, 1,942 subscribers -- includes 11 Special Editions
- Produced 12 editions of Woven Women, 32 subscribers
- Produced 11 editions of #RenewPASJ, 350 subscribers
- Introduced The Call-Out, the quarterly newsletter for disaster relief leaders and volunteers, 557 subscribers

ALSO PRODUCED MEDIA FOR SIX MAJOR EVENTS:

- » Accelerate Conference
- » Advance Conference
- » Battle Belongs to the Lord Retreat
- » Disaster Relief Fund-Raising Banquet
- » Serve Wilkes-Barre/Scranton



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here*



Produced/edited 188 videos:

Weekly Executive Director
Monthly Top Five
Event Promos/Recaps
Conference Bumpers/Replays
Testimonials/Explainers
and more!

Social Connections:

FACEBOOK:

Audience: 1,462 (up 12.4%)
Posts: 1,175; Shares: 553
Engagement: 22,231 (up 9.9%)
Impressions: 180,445

INSTAGRAM:

Audience: 641 (up 12.4%)
Posts: 463; Shares: 685
Impressions: 38,245

X (formerly Twitter):

Audience: 287
Posts: 463
Clicks: 842

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