

Dallas Baptist Association

Serving
DALLAS AND ROCKWALL
Counties



2025 Impact Report

ASSISTING OUR CHURCHES IN FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION

From Our Executive Director



Dear Friends,

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is paramount at Dallas Baptist Association. Our unique role in bringing the Gospel to Dallas and Rockwall counties is to come alongside churches in a relationship that strengthens the church, starts a new work, cares for the pastor, or helps find ways for churches to reach their communities. The following report highlights some of the incredible ways God has been at work through Dallas Baptist Association this past year.

The relationships our DBA staff have with our churches and the collaboration that happens between churches are where so much of the work happens. It is in walking alongside that we can connect churches with resources and people they may never have known about. I tell pastors, if you are walking through something, call us first. We may not have every answer, but we often know who to call or how to find the resource you're looking for. We never want a pastor or a church to feel like they are walking alone. We exist for and by the churches. The job of the association is to assist churches as they, in their unique ways, fulfill the Great Commission.

Thank you for your support, for praying with us, and for your giving that makes possible what we do together!

Dr. Ryan Jespersen
Executive Director



DALLAS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Ministry Highlights

2025

Pastor Care

Pastor to Pastor

Pastors' networks have successfully gathered over the past months, creating spaces for encouragement, prayer, and strategic collaboration. These meetings have fostered deeper relationships among church leaders, opened opportunities for shared ministry, and sparked fresh vision for serving their communities. With strong momentum, both networks are now actively planning their next meeting to continue building unity and multiplying kingdom impact.



Abide/Refresh Retreat



Abide/Refresh was a mid-year one-day retreat crafted to wholistically support our pastors and leaders in refreshing areas of their lives. They designed their day in a way that was impactful for them to leave refreshed, re-centered, and ready to walk boldly in God's Call.

Pastor Care

Pastors/Leaders Gatherings



Dallas Baptist Association hosts prayer gatherings, executive board meetings and other times of fellowship throughout the year. These are times to be refreshed, equipped, and encouraged. Pastors and ministry leaders from across Dallas and Rockwall counties gather for a time of practical training, inspiring messages, and meaningful connection. We gather together to strengthen one another for Kingdom impact.



Leadership Training

Sunday School/Discipleship

DBA's Leadership Conference equips pastors, staff, and ministry leaders with practical tools and encouragement to serve their churches and communities. Through engaging sessions for birth through senior adult leaders, inspiring speakers, and opportunities to connect with other leaders, this conference is designed to strengthen and refresh those called to lead in today's church.



Vacation Bible School

Each year, DBA's VBS Training equips hundreds of leaders with fresh ideas, practical tools, and encouragement to make Vacation Bible School a powerful Gospel opportunity. Churches left inspired, prepared, and excited to reach kids and families.



Leadership Training

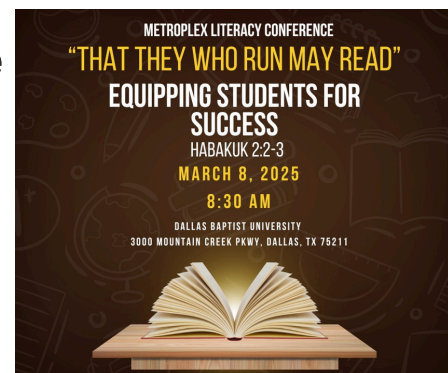
Lifechangers

Lifechangers is a 10-week internship opportunity for young adults ages 18 to 25. Lifechanger interns serve Dallas Baptist Association churches in a variety of community and family ministry opportunities.



Metroplex Literacy Conference

The Metroplex Literacy Conference is an annual gathering of faith-based and community English language and adult literacy programs throughout the DFW Metroplex.



Leadership Training

Summer Book Study

This summer, leaders across Dallas Baptist Association gathered for a book study on Gospel Fluency by Jeff Vanderstelt. Together, we explored what it means to speak the truths of Jesus into the everyday stuff of life—not just on Sundays. Vanderstelt challenged us to see ourselves as called to grow fluent in the gospel so it naturally shapes our conversations, relationships, and responses to life’s challenges. A major highlight was seeing church leaders gather together to discuss and learn how to apply the truly Good News of Jesus across all areas of life and how to share the Gospel with others in meaningful ways. If you would like to learn more about the Gospel Fluency book, scan the QR code to read a review by Scott Coleman, our Associate Director.



Group X

Group X is a cohort of pastors designed to equip and journey alongside fellow Kingdom-minded church leaders to help make externally-minded disciples who impact their communities. Group X met once a month for eating, learning, discussion, and application for a particular ministry setting.



Leadership Training

Pastores y Lideres del DBA Instituto



Una reunión mensual de pastores y líderes con un tiempo de adoración, un devocional edificante y una convivencia llena de ánimo.

A monthly gathering of pastors and leaders featuring a time of worship, an uplifting devotional, and encouraging fellowship.



Community Engagement

Crossover Dallas

Volunteers from churches across the nation gathered to serve alongside more than 80 churches who were hosting events and visiting homes throughout the week to meet and encourage their neighbors. Crossover Dallas, driven by DBA churches, was done in partnership with North American Mission Board, Texas Baptists, Southern Baptists of Texas, and neighboring associations.



- Student rally at FBC Rockwall
- Pivot Church block party at an apartment complex in Pleasant Grove
- Comedy show at North Garland Baptist Fellowship
- Block parties throughout DFW
- Drive through prayer at several church facilities
- "Harvest" Sundays
- Churches helping churches
- Reaching people with the gospel of Jesus.



Community Engagement

Dallas Cup Hospitality Center

The Dallas Cup Hospitality Center, hosted by FBC Richardson, received over 2,000 visits from youth soccer players and coaches from around the world. Teams came from countries like South Africa, El Salvador, Japan, Mexico, Germany, Trinidad and Tobago, and more. Thanks to the generosity of our DBA churches and volunteers, we provided meals and Bibles for every athlete, and hundreds of decisions of faith were made!



Community Event Trailer

A community event trailer is accessible to active DBA churches. "Active" DBA churches have a current pattern of financial support of the association, and they have a current Annual Church Profile on file with their state convention.



Community Engagement

Discover Pleasant Grove



DBA pastors from all across Pleasant Grove gathered with DBA staff to share how God is at work in this area. Groups discussed the different ways that they have noticed God at work, areas that might not look like God's kingdom, and things that would be helpful as they continue to minister to the community. At a second gathering, requested resources were shared and time was spent discussing and collaborating around the previously identified areas of church/school partnerships, food security, mental health, and outreach. We are so excited to see how God has, is, and will continue to use these churches to impact their community.

Community Engagement

Community Development



DBA's Community Development team is available to help lead community assessments, offer trainings in community development, and provide consults to churches. This year, the team was invited to present at the Pleasant Grove Ministerial Alliance to talk about different types of poverty and ways to assist. If you would like to join DBA's Community Development team or utilize their services, email CST@dba.net.

MLK Days of Service



On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, our churches served their communities in a variety of ways such as serving meals, delivering food, and hosting several donation drives. Communities were impacted by these tangible acts as congregations served many vulnerable neighbors. To post a project, request a grant, or partner with another church for this year's MLK Days of Service visit dba.net/daysofservice.

Discipleship

Story of God



God's Stories and the Holy Spirit

In October 2024, our pastor encouraged us to attend a weekend workshop led by the DBA staff and Caesar Kalinowski. There we were introduced to Story of God Training—a simple, discussion-based approach to discipleship. We were struck by how relational and non-confrontational it was, and began praying about how to use it with friends who weren't attending church.

By early 2025, we invited three unchurched couples, along with one Christian neighbor couple, to meet in our home on Sunday evenings. To our joy, every couple accepted without hesitation—clear evidence that the Holy Spirit was already at work. Over 13 gatherings, we shared God's stories, listened to each other's life experiences, and watched relationships deepen. Several participants began new rhythms of prayer, Bible reading, and connection with other believers.

The support and resources we received from the DBA Storying Cohort through this process were invaluable, giving us encouragement and practical help as we moved forward. What began as a 10-week journey has now grown into an ongoing monthly gathering, where God's stories continue to shape lives.

Gary and Frances Reed
Windsor Park Baptist Church Members

Bible Drill

DBA's Bible Drill event gives children and students the opportunity to grow in their knowledge of God's Word while building confidence in using their Bibles. Through fun, engaging drills, participants memorize scripture, learn key passages, and practice applying God's truth to everyday life. These events not only strengthen biblical literacy but also encourage lasting community.

Discipleship

Portable Baptistry



New Horizon Missionary Baptist Church
SEVEN BAPTISMS

As the Gospel is shared through DBA churches, we know the next step of obedience is baptism. We also recognize that many churches may not have a place or way to baptize. For those times, DBA offers two portable baptism options—one large and one small. If your church would like to borrow one (free for DBA churches), simply scan the QR code to reserve either one.



Mt. Lebanon Camp



Mt. Lebanon is in a season of remarkable growth! Beyond the number of campers and retreat guests, the camp is seeing hundreds of children and teenagers making professions of faith in Christ and many other significant decisions. This summer dozens of students indicated they sensed a call to vocational ministry and missions. On the final evening of summer camp, 127 students were baptized by their pastor and youth minister!

Pray for the season ahead for Mt. Lebanon. We believe a season of expansion and renovation is drawing near. With a charge from the Pattons who donated the land for the camp 80 years ago this month, we want to step into his vision for the generations to come:

Ed Walker
Mt. Lebanon Executive Director

"One old timer called me on the telephone, said that he was a lifetime Baptist, and wanted to know what the Baptists were going to do with all that land. I told him 'use it or keep it as they liked' but my thinking was that In time they would use every acre of it to the glory of the Lord, and I believe it."

- T. W. Patton, in a letter dated November 17, 1964

2025

Total campers - 12,426

Total meals served - 141 family style meals; 137,830 plates

Total bed nights - 49,834

Mt. Lebanon Camp



Welcome New Churches and New Church Plants

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

- **Agape Road Church** - Benson Msando, pastor
- **Better Life Church** - James Kollie, pastor
- **Cultivate Church** - Jamael Graves, pastor



NEW WATCHCARE CHURCHES

- **Dallas Emmanuel Mission Church** - Pa Tem, pastor
- **First Grace Community Church** - John Khokhar, pastor
- **Greater People Baptist Church** - Cedrick Jackson, pastor

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STRENGTHENING CHURCHES 214-319-1152

Churches are strengthened when members of the body are living out their calling to be on mission with Jesus. DBA's church strengthening team helps churches deepen their understanding of what it means to love God and love their neighbors where they live, work and play.



STARTING A NEW CHURCH 214-319-1163

We pray daily for God to send workers into the mission fields of Dallas. Our urban area is diverse in kinds of people and therefore in kinds of churches we believe God wants to raise up: large and small, traditional or "house church," and in every language and culture! If you sense God leading you to explore starting a church in the Dallas area, we'd consider it an joy and a potential answered prayer to speak with you.

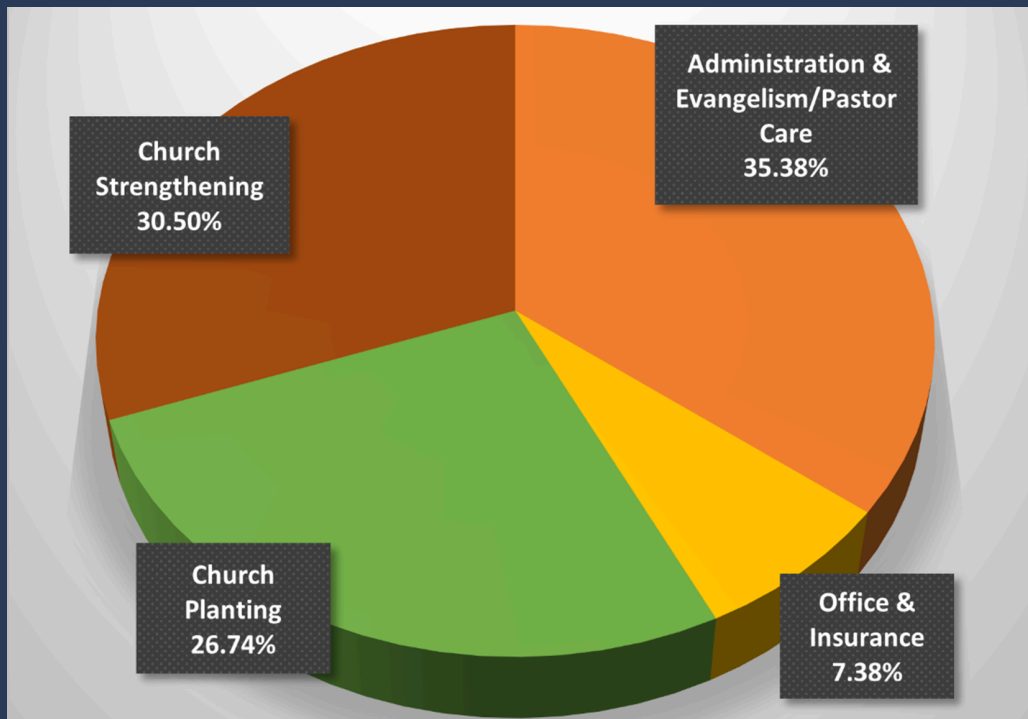


CARING FOR PASTORS AND CONNECTING TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS 214-319-1159

Some missiologists estimate that 75 percent of the residents of the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex do not have an evangelical faith in Christ. Join us at DBA as we pray to the Lord to send out workers to our harvest field and as we encourage and care for the pastors who are faithfully leading in it.



Budget 2026



Personnel costs are included in each team's percentage.

Church Planting Team
(26.74%) \$284,785

Church Strengthening Team
(30.50%) \$324,803

Administration, Evangelism, &
Pastor Care Team
(35.38%) \$376,812

Office Building &
Insurance
(7.38%) \$78,600

Get Involved

Join Us

Come be a part of the exciting things God is doing through Dallas Baptist Association!

Pray for your fellow associational churches. Email dom@dba.net to receive the weekly list of prayer emphasis churches.

PRAY

GIVE

Give to help tangibly support the cooperative work of DBA.
www.dba.net/give



Join us at an upcoming event to connect and collaborate.



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Thank You



As we reflect on the past year, we celebrate how God has worked through His people and churches across Dallas and Rockwall counties. Every story, every partnership, and every step of obedience points to His faithfulness and the power of the Gospel. The work is not finished, but we move forward—together—committed to reaching the lost, strengthening churches, and advancing the Kingdom of God in our city and beyond.

Please contact us if we can be of service. Dallas Baptist Association exists to serve, connect, and encourage churches so that every person in Dallas and beyond may hear and respond to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Dallas Baptist Association Churches and Church Plants

DBA churches worship, serve, and share the Gospel in almost every neighborhood of Dallas and Rockwall counties.

After a recent survey, we believe that DBA has 79 international churches; using 53 languages in worship, with members from 60 countries who speak 118 different languages in their homes.

