

# A FAMILY TOGETHER

FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL

**ENGAGEJAX**

141<sup>st</sup> Annual Celebration





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**BOB BUMGARNER**

Lead Missional Strategist

# WELCOME

It is bigger than regathering. ...  
It is better than meeting budget. ...  
It is beyond the ability of any one church. ...

What is it? The daily commitment to live by our values. Values are the “why” behind what we do as individuals and organizations. Values energize our actions. The core values of the Jacksonville Baptist Association are MISSION, DIVERSITY and RELATIONSHIPS. When these three ordinary words are brought together they describe our love for each other, the gospel and our communities.

In John’s gospel account Jesus makes it clear that love for each other—the kind He has for us—is the mark of those closest to Him.

In John 13:34-35 Jesus says, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

After clarifying the kind of love He expects us to have for each other, Jesus prays for the mission unity that this kind of love produces in a group of ministry leaders.

Jesus adds in John 17:20-21: “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

Three words. One goal. That we would live as a diverse family of churches together on mission for Jesus.



While none of us expected or wanted this Covid experience, I believe JBA is right where God wants us. We are at the cultural intersection where our values of mission, diversity and relationships can propel us as a diverse family of churches into the middle of a broken, confused and hurting city with more than 1,000,000 of our neighbors. These people need to:

- Hear the gospel from someone they call friend.
- See what we are for, not what we are against.
- Know that God is already present and at work wherever people find themselves.
- Be presented a clear picture that they can experience the abundant life offered through Jesus.
- Be offered the good news that means there really is forgiveness, healing and hope available to all who ask.

There’s never been a more critical time for JBA ministry leaders to model these values for our communities. Living out these values will enable us to:

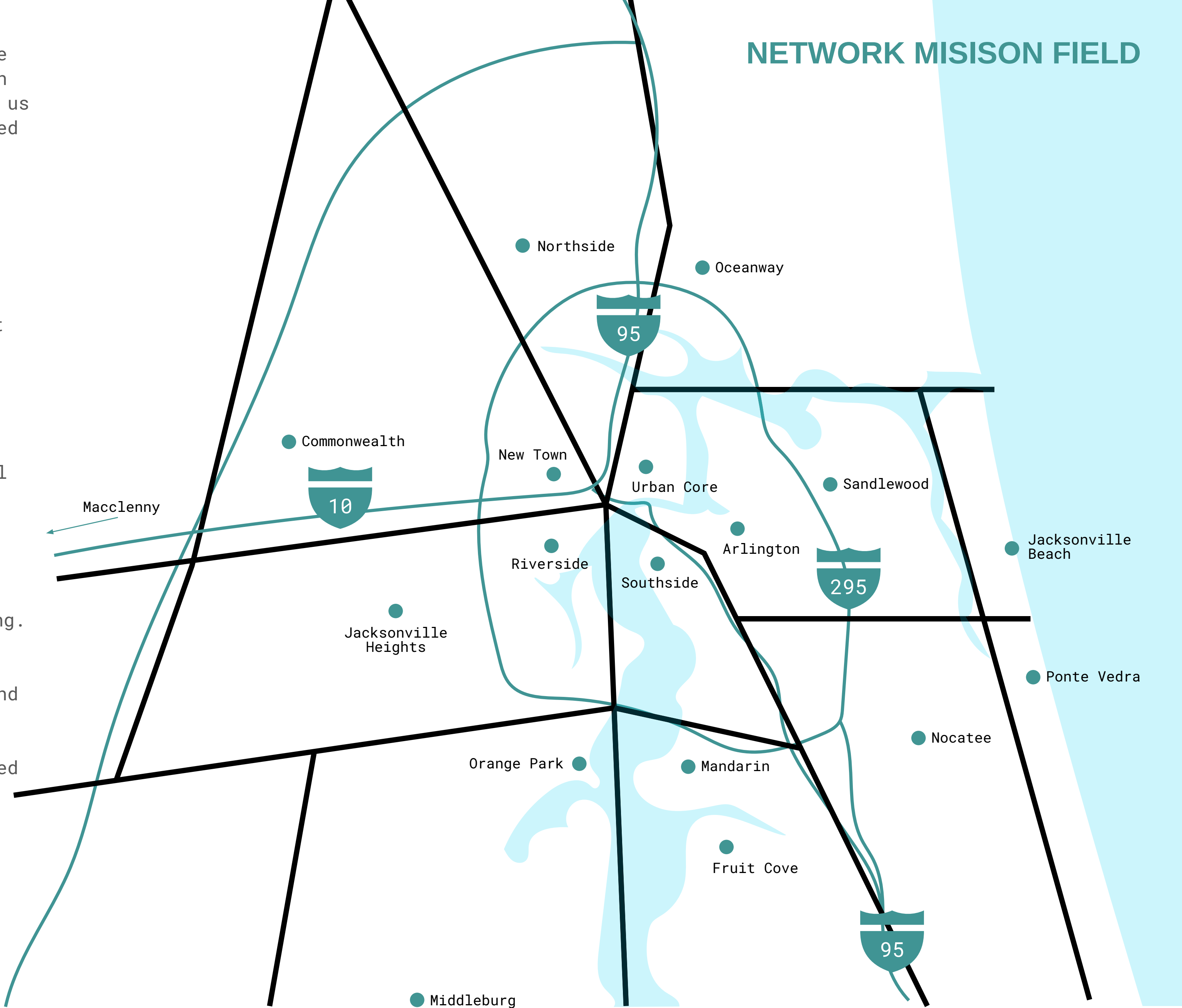
- Plant new churches **Powered By The Gospel**, not our relevance.
- Strengthen existing churches by **Prioritizing Growing People**, not programs.
- **Mobilize Disciples Locally** where our neighbors live and are hurting.

He has called some of us, as the Apostle Paul said in Ephesians, “...to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God’s Son, growing into maturity with a stature measured by Christ’s fullness”... **Let us be found faithful in our moment.**

Local Matters,

BOB BUMGARNER  
LEAD MISSIONAL STRATEGIST

## NETWORK MISISON FIELD



# TEAM REPORTS

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## PASTOR JIMBO STEWART

Equip Team Champion / Redemption Church

# EQUIP

## TEAM REPORT

2020 has been a challenging year for ministry but as a team of pastors and ministry leaders, the Equip Team remains committed to strengthening churches through coaching, training and resources. In addition to church consultations, leadership coaching and pastor search team training, here are several outcomes we are celebrating from the past year:

The Pastor's Advance Group, led by Albert Byrd, has continued to be a strong church revitalization group meeting both virtually and in person many times in 2020.

We hosted several engaging virtual zoominars: Les McKeown with Predictable Success, Tom McGehee with Wavechanger, and Mark Hallock on his book Pathways to Partnership, and Dr. Rick Marks led through the Eight Components of Trust in five sessions.

Five emerging worship leaders received the Walter L. Brown Music Scholarship.

The Equip Team also continues to offer micro-loan assistance to churches who have financial need to further their ministry.

If you have a passion to equip churches and leaders, we would love to have you engage with this team. It is our privilege to walk alongside other busy pastors and leaders and encourage them towards a faith-filled vision of the future!



## PASTOR DAVID TARKINGTON

Expand Team Champion / First Baptist Church of Orange Park

# EXPAND

## TEAM REPORT

The Expand Team continues to seek new ways to leading legacy churches into the journey of church planting through partnerships, prayer, and the sending of new church planters. With the pandemic changing many of the traditional ways of meeting for worship, at least initially, many of our church plants have found themselves positioned well to engage groups with online gatherings and in-home study and worship groups.

As our partnership with the North American Mission Board and the Send Network continues, we are getting leaders trained and certified to lead other church planters and potential planters through assessments and follow-up cohorts.

We are excited to see that church planting is still occurring in the Jacksonville area and anticipate even more as we reintroduce our “Discovering Church Planting” on-ramp followed by assessment weekends and long-term partnerships through cohorts. We embrace the theme that “local matters” and are excited to see legacy churches come alongside in support of new church plants so that no region in our diverse and unique communities will be without a gospel witness and local church.

We are celebrating the launch of Dream Church, Refuge Church, and TheCity.Church campuses, as well as new churches coming into our network such as Love Gave Church.





## PASTOR JONATHAN WILSON

Engage Team Champion / Fruit Cove Baptist Church

# ENGAGE

## TEAM REPORT

The Engage Team is focused on helping JBA churches make and mobilize disciples. One of the main ways our team sees that taking place is by coming alongside churches to encourage them in areas of missional discipleship.

We continue to see great things taking place in the context of collaborative huddles where several churches in the same region of the city come together for the sake of the gospel. Currently a group of churches in the South Central Jax Corridor are praying together about an evangelism initiative to reach people with the gospel in that area of our city.

The Engage Team has developed a Church Engage Team Guide that is available for any church. Our desire is that JBA churches would consider forming their own church Engage Team. A church Engage Team is a team specifically tasked with leading a church to engage people far from God with the gospel. The team is tasked to champion local mission activity and ministry in their community and to catalyze movement in the people of their church toward the mission field.

The SWARM Gospel Conversations Facilitators Field Manual has been completed and recruitment for facilitators will begin in January.

Our Evangelism Summit was reformatted to a Zoom summit with two days set aside, one in September and the other in October. Ross Ramsey of FBC Allen, TX was our guest leader. The Spring Evangelism Summit has been set for Saturday, March 13.

One other new initiative, Mission Bootcamp, looks to resume in the Spring. Mission Bootcamp is an active teambuilding experience designed to equip church mission teams using a process that accentuates and reinforces biblical teachings in an experiential education environment. Any church or mission team can contact Mike Reed in the JBA office about booking a Mission Bootcamp experience.



# LEADERSHIP SLATE

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# WE EXIST TO ENGAGE THE MISSION FORCE WITH THE MISSION FIELD BOTH HERE IN JAX AND BEYOND.

\*Names in **Bold** are presented for approval by our JBA Churches.

## ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

Moderator	<b>Mark Seagle, Mandarin Baptist Church</b>
Vice-Moderator	<b>Angel Santiago, Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church</b>
Clerk	Jeff Litton, JBA Staff
Treasurer	Albert Byrd, Holiday Hill Baptist Church
Budget/Stewardship Chairman	Chris Coram, North Jacksonville Baptist Church

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Budget/Stewardship Chairman	Chris Coram, North Jacksonville Baptist Church
Engage Team Champion	Jonathan Wilson, Fruit Cove Baptist Church
Equip Team Champion	JimBo Stewart, Redemption Church
Expand Team Champion	<b>David Tarkington, First Baptist Church of Orange Park</b>
At-large Member	<b>Dan Santiago, Covenant Christian Church</b>
At-large Member	<b>Jackie Hatcher, Chets Creek Church</b>
At-large Member	<b>Todd Jones, First Baptist Middleburg</b>

## NOMINATING TEAM

Tammy Benedict 21	Deermeadows Baptist Church
Orvin Feliciano 21	Jones Road Baptist Church
Boyd Betts 22	The District Church
Will Cooper 22	Coastal Baptist Church
Mike Ragland 22	Crown Point Baptist Church
<b>Hwan Kim 23</b>	<b>Jacksonville Korean Central Baptist Church</b>
<b>Sithon Nuon 23</b>	<b>Cambodian Chets Creek Church S Campus</b>
<b>Kenny Roberts 23</b>	<b>MissionWay Church</b>



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BUDGET/STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Chris Coram, Chairman	21	North Jacksonville Baptist Church
Troy Dixon	21	Normandy Park Baptist Church
Chris Pruitt	21	Hillcrest Baptist Church
Matt Dobson	22	Mandarin Baptist Church
Gary Poplin	22	St. Augustine Road Baptist Church
Josh Glymph	23	<b>Refuge Church</b>
Trey Kirwin	23	<b>The District Church</b>
Tanya McAvoy	23	<b>Neptune Baptist Church</b>
Clayton Waugh	23	<b>Chets Creek Church</b>

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS POOL OF CANDIDATES

Tobitha Smith - Mercy Hill Church, Greensboro (non-JBA)  
Dave Swartz - Trinity New Life Church, Trinity, FL (non-JBA)  
Janell Swartz - Trinity New Life Church, Trinity, FL (non-JBA)  
Greg Wren - Heckscher Drive Baptist Church  
Cheryl Wren - Heckscher Drive Baptist Church  
Mark Yarbrough - First Baptist Church Plant City (non-JBA)  
Lori Yarbrough - First Baptist Church Plant City (non-JBA)  
Jennifer Davis - Mandarin Baptist Church  
Mary Jean Baker - Heckscher Drive Baptist Church  
Ben Cannon - Mandarin Baptist Church

CHURCHES PRESENTED FOR MEMBERSHIP

**Love Gave Baptist Church**, Pastor Donald Lewis  
**River City Baptist Church**, Pastor Bryan Samms  
**Tabernacle Baptist Institutional Church**, Pastor Michael Edwards





# BUDGET

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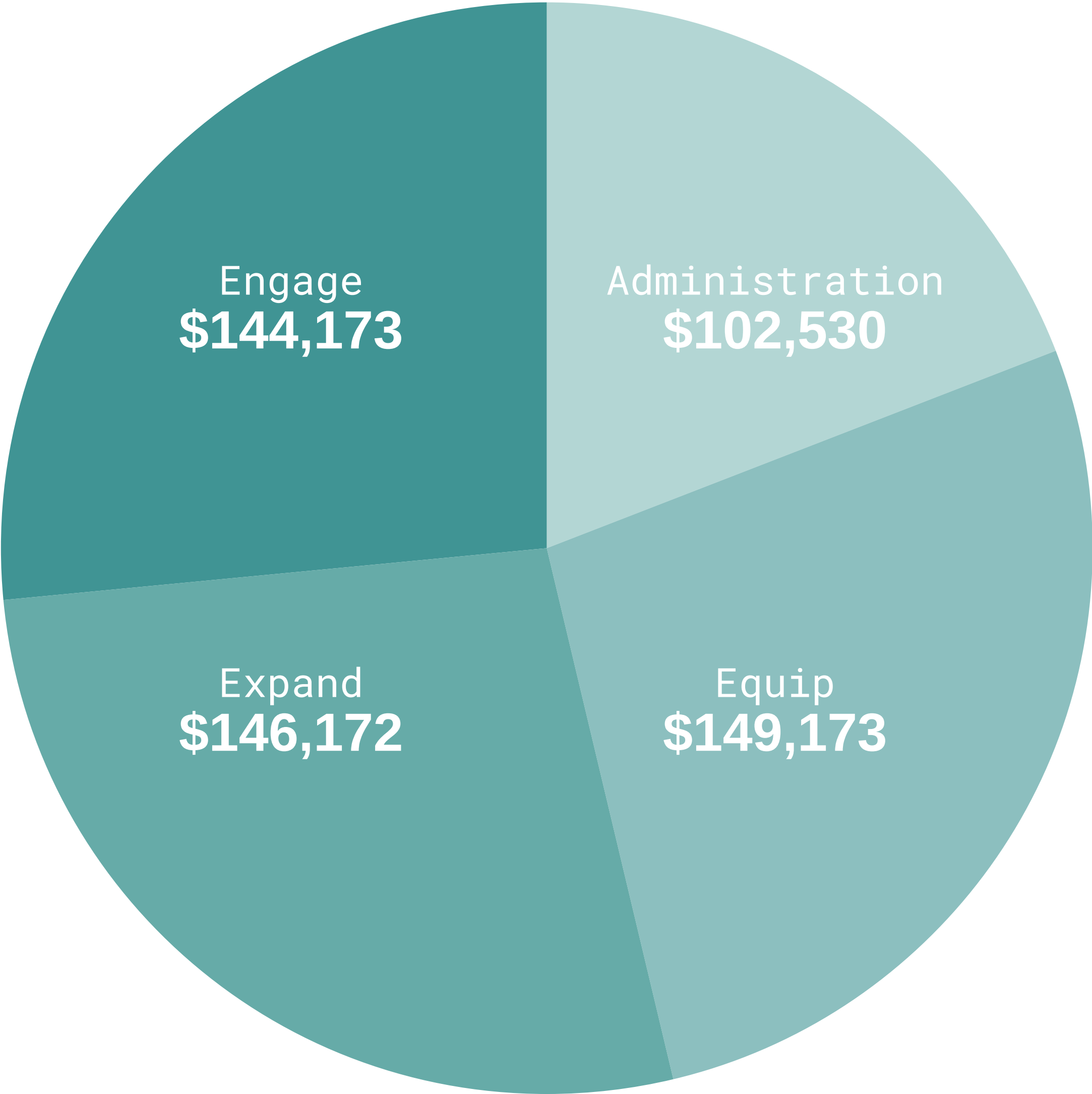


# BUDGET FOR 2021

Our JBA budget represents generous giving from Associational member churches in addition to their gifts through the Cooperative Program.

TOTAL:  
**\$542,048**

2020: \$637,765





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