



THE GREAT COMMISSION FUND

“What is the Great Commission Fund?”

There are two ways that Central Baptist Church gives to missions: budgeted missions giving and non-budgeted. We promote four non-budgeted missions offerings a year: Annie Armstrong (North American missions), Dixie Jackson (Arkansas missions), Gideons (international Bible publication/distribution), and Lottie Moon (international missions).



On November 16, 2014, Central Baptist voted to take our four non-budgeted missions offerings and do two things: (1) create a fifth offering that we will call “Central Baptist Missions” (which is a scholarship fund to assist CBC members to go on CBC mission trips) and (2) combine these five offerings into one large fund called “The Great Commission Fund.”



That means we now support these five non-budgeted missions offerings by giving to one centralized fund. In other words, we now give to Lottie Moon *through* The Great Commission Fund. We now give to Annie Armstrong *through* the Great Commission Fund. Etc.

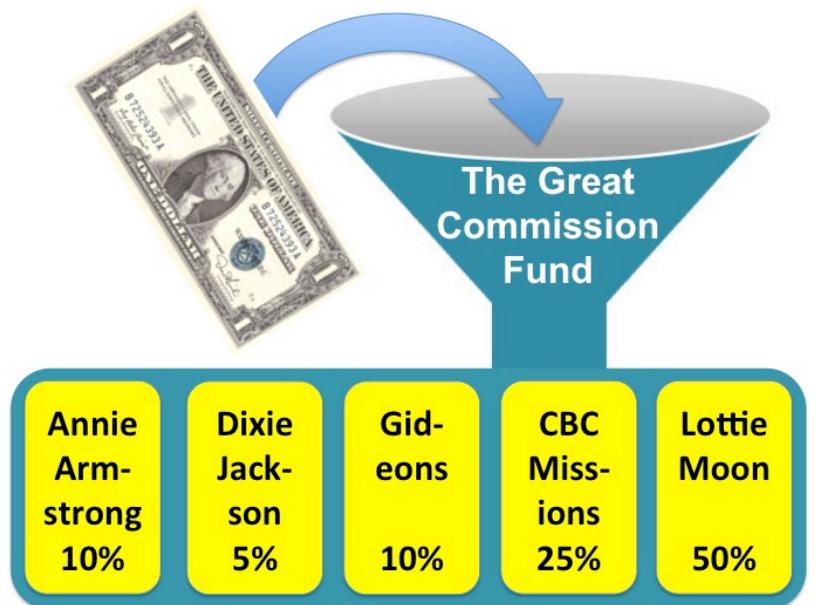
Why are we doing this?

- We believe this will help us give more money to these missions offerings by creating a single rallying point to promote and gather around.
- It simplifies our non-budgeted missions giving by consolidating five offerings into one fund.
- It insures that each of these important offerings will be given to regardless of how effectively they are promoted. In other words, it keeps any of them from slipping through the cracks.
- It allows us to have a more simplified year-long fund to promote that is not tied to particular seasons. For instance, we will still talk about Annie Armstrong at Easter, but now we will be promoting Annie Armstrong (and the other offerings) *all throughout the year* as we promote The Great Commission Offering.



How will The Great Commission Fund give to the five offerings?

At the end of every year, we will look at what Central Baptist Church has given to The Great Commission Fund and write checks to the individual offerings along the percentile lines shown in the image to the right.



Central Baptist Church has committed itself to being “An authentic family around the whole gospel for the glory of God

and the reaching of the nations.” These are our “4 Canons.” The 4th Canon – “and the reaching of the nations” – represents the inevitable result of the three before it. *If we truly become an authentic family around the whole gospel for the glory of God, we will desire that all people everywhere come to know Jesus!* The Great Commission Fund is one way that we do that. We give so that more may know the love of Christ and so that the light of the gospel of Christ can be seen and known and embraced by more and more folks the world over!

Let’s all give to The Great Commission Fund!

Pastor Wyman

Frequently Asked Questions About The Great Commission Fund

1. What if I want to give an amount to one of the individual offerings? Can I? If I designate an amount just to one of the offerings, will it all go to that offering or will it be divided along The Great Commission Fund lines?

If you write a check to Central Baptist Church and designate it for a particular offering (i.e., Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, etc.), 100% of what you designate will go to the individual offering to which you designate it. We would never take a designated amount and divide it against the giver’s wishes. *That being said, the church has voted to embrace The Great Commission Fund, so this will be the method of giving that we will promote and to which we will encourage all of you to give.*

2. Will all of the money in The Great Commission Fund be distributed at the end of the year?

At the end of each year the balance in The Great Commission Fund will be divided by the five set percentages. Checks will be written and sent to the different entities for Annie Armstrong, Dixie Jackson, Gideons, and Lottie Moon. The only exception is the Central Baptist Missions Offering for scholarships for CBC mission trips. As stated above, 25% of The Great Commission Fund will be placed into the CBC Missions account to be used the next year. However, the amount that we pay out of that offering will obviously depend upon how many requests we receive the following year from CBC members. It is almost certain that this particular offering will have money left over in it at the end of the year. In that case, the unused funds will simply carry over to the next year and will grow until it is distributed.

3. How did we arrive at the percentages?

The primary factor in determining the percentages was whether the individual offering was local, national, or international. We weighted international missions much higher because those offerings are attempting to reach a much larger group of people.