

Our hope is that this fund will help and encourage local church members who are striving to serve the Lord through missions.

The John & Paul Barnett Fund for Missions

If you would like to support the mission efforts of NCBN churches and church members through the scholarships and grants of the Barnett Fund you can do so in a couple of ways:

1) Via check: Mail a personal or church check to the North Central Baptist Network (PO Box 1148, Shelbyville, KY 40066) with "Barnett Missions Fund" on the memo line.

2) Via online giving: Go to www.ncbnetwork.org/take-action and click on the "Give" button. Or scan the QR code below for direct access to the giving page. Choose "John & Paul Barnett Missions Fund" from the options.



Applicants for a Domestic Mission Trip Scholarship must meet these criteria:

- Be a member of an NCBN church for at least 12 months prior to the date of their application;
- Submit a completed application by April 15 or November 15, whichever is approximately 3 months or more out from the trip departure date;
- Be at least 13 years old, or have completed the 7th grade;
- Demonstrate a commitment to the spread of the Gospel in the world;
- Submit an essay (300-350 words) explaining why he or she wishes to participate in this trip;
- Express a need for financial assistance;
- Complete questionnaire upon return if awarded.

Note: Scholarship awards will not exceed 50% of the total cost of the trip.

NCBN churches that are seeking to begin new missions or ministries in their communities can apply for a **One-time Church Start-up Missions Grant**. These grants have a maximum award of \$1000.

NCBN churches that have experienced damaged to their facilities due to tornado, fire, flooding, etc.. can apply for an **Emergency Church Relief Grant**. These grants have a maximum award of \$2500.

Download a Scholarship or Grant Application at: ncbnetwork.org/scholarships or use the QR codes below:



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Encouraging NCBN churches to engage in missions!



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John and Paul Barnett

Paul Barnett was born June 27, 1954, to Mr. and Mrs. John Barnett of Bagdad. He graduated from Shelby County High School in 1972 and went on to get a degree from Georgetown College, majoring in history. He married the former Linda Harris and they had two children, Kent and Bradley. Paul died November 14, 1992. Paul became a Christian at Bagdad Baptist Church. In his short life Paul served at Bagdad Baptist and later at First Baptist in Shelbyville in many capacities including that of Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, with Royal Ambassadors, and as a Sunday School Superintendent. He also was active with the Shelby Baptist Association serving on the Personnel Committee, the Finance Committee, as Moderator, Parliamentarian, and also Assistant Moderator. He represented the SBA as Executive Board Member to the Kentucky Baptist Convention as well.

*LET US WORK TOGETHER TO
GLORIFY GOD.
-PAUL BARNETT-*

And let us consider how to stir one another up to love and good works.
-Hebrews 10:24

Reflecting in 1993 on Paul's walk with the Lord, his wife, Linda, shared that Paul "always told me service in church-related activities should be done willingly and cheerfully, not from a feeling of guilt." Paul believed it was important, as a Christian, to set a good example and he strived to do so in his daily walk. He was often seen as the "peacemaker" at meetings and it was his hope that people could put aside their personal feelings and work together toward glorifying God.

After Paul's death it was decided to name the Annual Associational Offering after him in honor of the spirit of Christian service he exemplified. Paul's father, John, a farmer and a U of K graduate was also active in Bagdad Baptist Church and also served as a Moderator for the SBA. After John died on June 23, 1999, it was decided to honor both generations by renaming the Associational Offering the "John and Paul Barnett Offering."

How the Fund is being used

In the past, the John and Paul Barnett Offering has been used to support various Shelby Baptist Association ministries and to encourage members of SBA churches to engage in missions. This was primarily done in the form of grants to individuals to help with the costs of short-term mission trips. Funds have been used for grants to help with missions as close as Whitney Young Institute in Simpsonville as well as faraway places such as Hong Kong, Kenya, Romania, Honduras, and New Jersey.

Note: Scholarships and grants from the Barnett Fund for Missions are now being awarded by the North Central Baptist Network, a merger of Oldham-Trimble, Henry Co., and Shelby Baptist Associations.

The Great Commission Team of the North Central Baptist Network is currently focusing the use of these mission funds in three ways:

- 1) Encouraging and helping NCBN church members by awarding Domestic Mission Trip Scholarships;
- 2) Helping NCBN churches by providing One-Time Church Missions Start-up Grants; and
- 3) Helping NCBN churches by providing Emergency Church Relief Grants for severe emergencies related to facility damage from tornado, flood, fire, etc..