

Statement of Affiliation with SOUTHERN BAPTISTS OF TEXAS CONVENTION

Date: _____

Church Name: _____

Church Founding Date: _____ Ethnicity: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

Association: _____

Church Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website: _____

We affirm that we are in agreement with the doctrinal position found in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention. [Article III]:

Constitution & Bylaws, Article IV Section 2-A. Method of Churches Becoming Affiliated

Any Baptist church in Texas desiring affiliation with the Convention shall complete an affiliation application affirming that it meets and intends to continue to meet the Affiliation Qualifications, and shall make an initial contribution to the Cooperative Program through the Convention. The application form and contribution must be received at the Convention office at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting in order to have the messengers seated that year.

Based upon our official church action, it is our desire to affiliate with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention.

Date of Church Action: _____

We desire: [] Unique Affiliation [] Dual Affiliation: _____

[] Initial contribution is \$ _____

(A church will be affiliated with the SBTC once their affiliation form with the initial contribution has been received in the office, reviewed and recommended by the Credentials Committee and approved by the Executive Board.)

Signature of church official: _____ Title: _____

Pastor's Name: _____ Email/Ph _____

For office use only:

File No: _____ Date Received: _____

Church Total: _____ Verified by: _____

SBC ID: _____ Initials: _____

Steps to Affiliation

- A church must return an “Affiliation Form” with an initial contribution to the SBTC office in order to begin the affiliation process. The Credentials Committee reviews the request from the church and makes a recommendation to the Executive Board. Once the Executive Board votes to accept the petitioning church, the church is in full standing.
- While awaiting final approval from the Executive Board, the church may contribute to the Cooperative Program through the SBTC and attend any function of the Convention.
- Upon approval by the Executive Board, church staff are eligible to apply for protection and matching benefits through our relationship with GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention.
- Affiliation requests must be received in the office with an initial contribution at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention in order for a church to be eligible to send voting messengers.
- Churches may either *uniquely* or *dually* affiliate. A church choosing to affiliate with only one state convention is considered *uniquely* affiliated. *Dual* affiliation allows a church to participate in two state conventions at the same time.