

POLICY FOR RECEIVING CHURCHES INTO SCREVEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. A formal application for affiliation will be provided by the Association and completed by the church.
2. Upon receipt of the application, the Church Relations Committee will meet with the applicant and explain these policies for receiving churches into the association,
 - A. The association shall provide, and the church shall participate in an orientation dealing with polity, doctrine, and missions programs of the Southern Baptist Convention, the South Carolina Baptist Convention, and the Screven Baptist Association.
 - B. A church shall be deemed of like faith and order if it accepts the “Baptist Faith and Message, 2000 edition” as an appropriate summary of expression of its doctrine.

Member churches are expected to give financial support through the Cooperative Program, to the special Southern Baptist offerings for mission causes, and to the missions programs of the association.

- C. Upon approval of the application by the Church Relations Committee and the Executive Committee, the church shall be considered under watch care until received into full fellowship.
- D. During the watch are period, the church shall make monthly reports to the association on a form provided by the South Carolina Baptist Convention.
- E. Any church formed as the result of a division in an existing church shall have, as its first requirement, reconciliation with the existing church to the satisfaction of both parties and the Church Relations Committee.