# HOW CAN MY CHURCH BE A MEMBER OF CAROLINA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION?

- Your church will notify the Carolina Baptist Association (in writing) that they have voted to seek membership. The Association has a membership form available.
- The Membership Team will interview the church pastor and leadership.
- The Membership Team of the association will give a unanimous recommendation that the church come under watchcare for one year. A church may be accepted under watchcare by a simple majority vote at any quarterly associational meeting.
- While under watchcare, the church may participate as member churches with the exception that members of the church can not be elected to office and messengers must wait for full membership to vote.
- When the watchcare period is complete, the elected messengers for the applying church will request full membership. A church may be accepted into full membership upon a vote of two-thirds of the messengers present at a semi-annual fall or spring Carolina Baptist Association meeting.



### THE MINISTRIES OF CAROLINA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

- Ministry to Ministers
- New Churches and Ministry Starts
- NC Mountain State Fair Ministry
- Special Olympics
- Feed the Need (Summer Food Program)
- Prayer Ministry

Prayer Walking
Pastor's Support
Pastor's Wives Support
Bilingual Ministries
Prayer Conference
National Day of Prayer

- Bethlehem Toy Store Christmas in July
- JOY Singers
- Training for:

Sunday School
Discipleship
Evangelism
Family Enrichment
Youth Enrichment
Men's Ministry
Women's Ministry
Baptists on Mission
Women's Missionary Union
Vacation Bible School

- Scholarships for Children and Youth to Attend a Christian Camp
- Media Library
- Counseling

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### WHAT IS THE CAROLINA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION?

Fifty two autonomous Southern Baptist churches, mostly in the Henderson County area, have decided to work together in missions. These churches send messengers to meetings twice a year to set policies and elect officers. The association maintains facilities in the Baptist Resource Center at the corner of Hebron and Willow Street.

### The association employs three individuals:

Currie Tilley, Associational Mission Strategist Paula Janes, Finance/Office Manager Rebecca Moon, Missions and Ministry Coordinator

## HOW IS THE CAROLINA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION SUPPORTED FINANCIALLY?

Each cooperating church budgets what it wishes to give for associational missions. Five percent (5%) is suggested, but each church decides what it will give.

### HOW IS THE ASSOCIATION MANAGED?

The employed staff serves as executives under the Constitution and Bylaws for the elected leadership. The Mission Strategist is executive manager. The Leadership Team members serve as leadership for the staff. All policies and activities are subject to the voice of the semi-annual meeting in April and October, and the Executive Team meetings in January and July.



#### PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Carolina Baptist Association is a self-governing fellowship of autonomous Southern Baptist churches. Our purpose is to develop healthy churches and help them grow...

- Powerful through PRAYER
- Warmer through FELLOWSHIP
- Deeper through DISCIPLESHIP
- Stronger through WORSHIP
- Broader through MINISTRY
- Larger through EVANGELISM

Carolina Baptist Association works alongside ministries such as:

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- Interfaith Assistance Ministry
- Open Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center
- Fruitland Baptist Bible College
- Hendersonville Rescue Mission



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The Carolina Baptist Association seeks to help churches work together in anything the Lord leads them to do that can be done better in cooperation with other churches. It offers resources such as materials, services and equipment that churches do not need enough to acquire individually.

The Association provides fellowship and training for church leaders. Ministers (not just pastors) meet every Monday morning in the downstairs area of the Baptist Resource Center.

#### When you need help with:

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- Mission Ministries
- Church Development
- Family Life
- Women's Ministries
- Men's Ministries
- Sunday School
- Discipleship Training
- Prayer Ministries
- Church Media
- Vacation Bible School
- ...and any other church-related needs!