



Greater Orlando Baptist Association

Our association is a family of churches.

An association provides pastors and other local church leaders with opportunities for fellowship. As fellowship is developed and experienced, church leaders realize that they (and their churches) are not alone in seeking to serve the Lord in their local setting.

An association is a link between churches and the denomination.

As association provides a two-way channel of communication from the churches to the denomination, and from the denomination to the churches.

Churches are an association's primary source of financing.

The expansion of associational missions and ministries depends on the commitment of the local churches to meet opportunities that are growing in number each year. If churches support an association adequately, the association can do the needed mission and ministry tasks.

Our association is the Baptist body closest to our churches and is thus best able to assist our churches in many ways-both in services to our churches and in pooling resources of our churches to meet ministry needs in our area!

An association trains church leaders.

An association helps train and develops church leaders and other members by involving them in leadership and service responsibilities. Also an association provides conferences, seminars, and workshops each year that are designed to train church leaders to do a more effective job in their positions of leadership. An association exists to supply information, resources, and training to equip lay leaders in local churches to develop leaders, and witness to the lost.

An association gives personal assistance to churches.

An association missionary and other staff members assist churches to more effectively do their work within the church body and to meet the needs of people in their respective communities.

Our association deserves the support of our church. If not us, who? If not now, when?

Why should our church support our association?

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Changing the Way You Think About Your Association!



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Our association is *our* association.

Churches (actually, messengers from churches) make up an association; our association is our churches acting cooperatively.

Associations were organized by representatives from churches in a defined area to enhance fellowship, resolve doctrinal and policy issues, and assist churches in accomplishing their mission. The mission of an association is an extension of the mission of the churches that make up the association. Therefore, our association assists our churches in proclaiming the gospel to the lost, discipling the saved, and ministering to persons in Christ's name.

An association faces the challenge of stimulating growth in local missions and international missions. It is not either/or, it is both/and.



Our association is our people participating in missions.

An association is a group of churches doing missions.

Churches can do collectively through the association what no one church can do by itself. An association involves churches in varied mission ministries. Churches can better serve the total geographical area cooperatively through the association. An association is a family of churches involved in special local missions and ministries such as (1) language or ethnic church planting, (2) church revitalization, development of young leaders and new leaders, and (3) developing community.

An association promotes teamwork.

An association gives churches an opportunity to work together on local projects, thus helping each other to accomplish common mission responsibilities. An association teaches and encourages churches to work cooperatively to carry out local mission projects.

An association is an open door to world mission outreach.

The world has come to us. Internationals visit and reside in our associations. An association plans strategies and assists churches in proclaiming the gospel to internationals and ministering to them in Christ's name.