

## WELCOME TO CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

The process for affiliating with Central Association of Southern Baptists is a rather painless one.

1) First of all, you will need to send a letter requesting fellowship with the association to the Director of Missions at 1855 W. Greenway Road, Suite 115 PMB 161, Phoenix, AZ 85023. The Director is Bruce Ford.

2) The next step is to fill out the Application for Fellowship you will receive from the Director. Please answer each question as completely as possible. If you have any questions, please call 602.841.1400 and we will help you with the process.

3) Your application will be given to the Administrative Team who will review it and make a formal recommendation to the association at the annual meeting in October. In the period of time from receiving your application until the formal vote in October, the church will be under “watchcare.” What that means is that the church will be able to participate in all associational ministries, but will not be able to vote until they are received into the association at the annual meeting.

4) During the affiliation process, the associational staff would welcome opportunities to come to your church and share with the membership how the association can partner with your church. Central Association resources our churches in three areas: church planting, church strengthening, and leadership development.

5) Our only purpose is to assist you in carrying out God’s very special and unique vision for your congregation. We truly believe that we can do together that which we cannot do alone. As you participate with us, we will be better able to make an eternal impact on our city for the cause of Christ.

Welcome to Central Association.

APPLICATION FOR FELLOWSHIP  
WITH  
CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

We, the members of \_\_\_\_\_ located at \_\_\_\_\_, desire to apply for fellowship in Central Association of Southern Baptists. Our church approved this action in business session on \_\_\_\_\_. (Please attach a copy of the business meeting minutes to this application.)

Please share the following information so that the association may become more familiar with your church and work:

Date church began as a mission: \_\_\_\_\_

Where started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date constituted as a church: \_\_\_\_\_

Founding pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Present pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Present church membership: Resident members \_\_\_\_\_  
Nonresident members \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \_\_\_\_\_

Present Bible Study enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_; 1 year ago: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Bible Study attendance: \_\_\_\_\_; 1 year ago: \_\_\_\_\_

AM Worship Service attendance: \_\_\_\_\_; 1 year ago: \_\_\_\_\_

PM Worship Service attendance: \_\_\_\_\_; 1 year ago: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer every question:

1. Please explain the reasons your church is requesting affiliation and participation with Central Association of Southern Baptists. (Attach additional page(s) if necessary.)

2. Does your church have a unified budget, copies of which are available to members at business meetings? (Please check the response most applicable)

Yes, our church has a unified budget, a copy of which is attached.

We are currently developing a unified budget. See attached copy.

We plan to have a unified budget by\_\_\_\_\_

We have no interest in developing a unified budget.

3. Does your church have bylaws governing its operation? (Please check the response most applicable)

Yes, our church has bylaws, a copy is attached.

We are now developing bylaws for our church. See attached copy.

We plan to have bylaws for our church developed by\_\_\_\_\_

We have no plan to develop bylaws for our church.

4. Is your church incorporated as a religious non-profit corporation with the State of Arizona? (Please check the response most applicable to your church)

Yes, we are incorporated. See attached copy.

We are not yet incorporated, but have begun the incorporation process.

We have not yet begun the incorporation process. We anticipate becoming incorporated by \_\_\_\_\_

We have no interest in becoming incorporated.

5. Is your church affiliated with/cooperating with any other convention or association?

YES \_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_

If yes, we are participating with \_\_\_\_\_

6. If you answered "YES" to question #5, please describe your extent of participation in fellowship and finances. Use the space below for your answer, and attach additional page(s) as necessary.

7. According to our Constitution, to be in good standing with the association, a church must do three things: (1) complete and send in an Annual Church Profile, (2) attend associational meetings during the year, and (3) contribute to the ongoing ministry of the association. What percentage of your undesignated receipts will you be contributing to Central Association? \_\_\_\_\_