



**South Carolina
Baptist Convention**

Covenant Application Checklist

Name of Planter _____

Name of Church _____

Please use this checklist to ensure you have completed all the required items for funding assistance.

Assessments (Pre-assessment, PLACE, Lifeway)

Complete Application:

Vision Summary (needs to be attached)

Ministry Plan

Intercessory Prayer Team

Resume

Financial Plan

Signatures__ Planter__ Spouse

Associational Endorsement

Sponsor Church Endorsement (must complete background check)

References (5)

Affiliation to SCBC

If you have any questions please contact our office 803.765.0030 Ext. 4200 or email morechurches@scbaptist.org.



New Church Covenant Proposal and Request for Financial Assistance

Name of Planter (first, last): _____

Name of New Church: _____

Address of New Church: _____

City, State & Zip of New Church: _____ Date: _____

Cell: # _____ Email: _____

*Are you legally eligible for employment in the United States? ___ Yes ___ No
(If offered employment, you will be required to provide documentation to verify eligibility).

New Church Vision

Attach a summary describing the type of church you envision planting. Include in the summary the mission, vision, values, and strategy. If you have created a full proposal (recommended but not required), you do not have to create a summary. Please include your proposal when you return the South Carolina Baptist Convention (SCBC) Covenant Proposal.

Baptist Faith and Message Statement

Most Southern Baptists hold certain doctrinal beliefs in common. An overview of those beliefs can be found in the current Baptist Faith and Message. Click here for [Baptist Faith and Message](#).

Have you read the current Baptist Faith and Message? ___Yes ___No

Are you in basic agreement with the current Baptist Faith and Message? ___Yes ___No

Please include any primary supporting church documents that include doctrine or a confession of faith.

Are there any significant differences between your beliefs and the beliefs outlined in the current Baptist Faith and Message?

Concerns or Comments:

❑ **Criminal Background Check**

Your Sponsor church will need to complete a background check for the planter of the new church.

Planter: Please request your sponsor church to complete this step. Once the background check is completed they will need to fill out the background check section under the Letter of intent and endorsement.

❑ **Satisfactory References**

Please send a reference form to 5 people who will testify to your character, commitment to the Lord, and calling to ministry. They will need to email or fax the form back to us. (See reference form).

❑ **Ministry Plan** (Including Evangelistic Training and Strategy Statements)

God has given us a vision to plant evangelistic new churches in South Carolina.

How do you plan to train people in your new church for evangelism?

What types of mission activities do you plan for your church to cultivate relationships and create opportunities with non-Christians?

How many hours per week do you (personally) plan to spend meeting people who are prospects for evangelism and church membership?

New Congregation Ethnicity: ___ African American ___ Anglo
 ___ Hispanic ___ Korean
 ___ Lao ___ Multicultural
 ___ Multiethnic _____ Other

□ Commitment to support a new church in the first 3 years

God has given us a vision to multiply churches.

Will you be willing to support a new church in the first 3 years? ___ Yes ___ No

□ Affiliation with the South Carolina Baptist Convention

Affiliation with the SCBC is not required, but is suggested. As part of the SCBC, your church will fall under our 501c3 umbrella. You can find more information at <http://www.scbaptist.org/new-church-affiliation-request/>

□ Intercessory prayer team of 6 people

Church planting is spiritual warfare. *Please list those who are committed to pray for you and contact information. We want to thank them, send them free material to encourage their prayer lives, and encourage them to pray for you.*

Name	Address City, State , Zip	Email (Required)

□ **Personal Growth & Development**

Learning is a life-long proposition for the church planter after God's heart. We at the Church Planting Group are committed to provide enrichment that will be worth your investment of time. The following are opportunities available for continuing education.

- Abide Training for Church Planters
- Coaching
- State Church Planter Network Meetings
- Regional Network Meetings
- Churches Planting Churches
- Reproducing Small Group Training

Are you committed to be involved in personal growth & development? ___ Yes ___ No

Are you committed to developing other church planting leaders? ___ Yes ___ No

Are you willing to help an existing church reach their city? ___ Yes ___ No

□ **Cooperative Program and Associational Missions Investments**

Cooperative Program and local associational investments represent the values of God's Kingdom and cooperation. Southern Baptist Churches in South Carolina give an average of 7% to the Cooperative Program and 3% to the local association from the undesignated local church offerings. New churches are asked to give 7% to the Cooperative Program and 3% to the local association as part of their covenant agreement.

Have you read the corresponding material about the Cooperative Program? ___ Yes ___ No

Are you willing to commit to giving 7% to the Cooperative Program and 3% to your local association? ___ Yes ___ No

□ Financial Plan

Establish estimated budget needs and sources of income other than the SCBC for the first 12 months.

Total

Church Offerings	
Supporting Churches	
Other Donations	
Association	
Total	

□ Accountability

Accountability and communication are crucial to this covenant.

Monthly Ministry Reports

Monthly Ministry Reports are submitted to the SCBC, your association, and Sponsoring churches. If funding is approved, checks will be released automatically and will arrive the week of the 15th each month, for the previous month. (Example: The August Check would arrive during the week of September 15th). **Failure to submit three consecutive reports can result in termination of support.** Submit all reports on-line via the www.sctracking.org reporting system.

Covenant Renewal

Each year a meeting with the Director of Missions, the Sponsoring church pastor, and the planter will be held to evaluate the progress of the new church and the partnership. Upon mutual agreement of satisfactory progress, the covenant will be renewed for the next phase.

□ Your Commitment

The following proposal contains our commitment and vision to begin a new church through the financial assistance of Southern Baptists and the South Carolina Baptist Convention. I understand that monthly support money, training, and coaching are a result of the Cooperative Program, Annie Armstrong (NAMB) and Janie Chapman offerings of visionary Southern Baptists in South Carolina. Our goal is to plant a church that will glorify God, reach people for Christ, and help plant more churches to impact the Kingdom.

Church Planter _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Spouse's Signature _____

Empowering Kingdom Growth through New Churches

(This section is to be completed by Primary Sponsor Church)

Primary Sponsoring church Endorsement and letter of intent to be a multiplying church.

The greatest resource for planting churches, other than God himself, is the existing church. Our core value is that churches plant churches (Acts 13:1-3). The Sponsoring Church must be affiliated with the SCBC.

We, _____
(Name of Sponsor church)

of _____ do publicly
(sponsor church mailing address- monthly check will be mailed to Sponsor Church)

acknowledge that, by God's grace, it is our intent to involve ourselves in planting.

To be effective as a **multiplying church**, our church intends to participate in a new church through:

- Encouraging the planter and his family
- Intercessory Prayer Teams
- Ministry Support Teams (servant evangelism, door-to-door, childcare, etc.)
- Coaching from the pastor and staff
- Financial contributions for the new church. All contributions go directly to the church planting project.

Background Check: The Sponsor church needs to complete a Criminal background check for the new church planter and fill out the information below:

Name of church planter _____ Date of completion: _____

Background check clear: Yes No (Choose one)

Note: Background checks should be complete no more than 6 months in advance from the time application is submitted to the SCBC. Please keep the background check for your records, do not send it to the SCBC.

Primary Sponsor Pastor name

Primary Sponsor Pastor Signature

Primary Pastor Email

Date

Name of new church

Name of New Planter

**If you do not have a location or new church to partner with please contact your local association to discuss current options.*

□ **Associational Endorsement**

(This section is to be completed the Association)

An associational blessing or endorsement is critical to the future of your work and our work across the state. The undersigned Director of Missions is committed to support you as you follow God’s calling in your life. The association will pray for, encourage, and support you in any way possible.

Association _____ Date _____

Complete Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Director of Missions Signature _____

Other Sponsor Churches:

(Please include Church Name, Pastor, City & State)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Please allow 30 days for processing once we have received all the required items.

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