

Connect with SBBMA

Welcome to SBBMA Membership

Please mail your completed membership form and check payable to SBBMA to:

Southern Baptist Bivocational Ministers Association
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SBBMA networks with state conventions.

Are you participating in your state convention's bivocational program?

Yes _____ No _____

FACTS & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What defines a bivocational church? A church whose pastor and other staff ministers receive part of their income from other sources—other vocations, retirement income, spouse's employment, etc.

Fact: "Other vocations" follow a rich diversity of skills, experiences, and circumstances.

How many churches are bivocational? Of the 37,000 churches reporting, almost 30,000 of the SBC's approximately 44,000 churches have a SS attendance of fewer than 125; most of these are bivocational.

Fact: State conventions and associations are strong supporters of bivocational ministers and churches. Partnerships with other groups champion this "doing whatever it takes" ministry.

Is bivocational work supported financially by Cooperative Program gifts?

No, the Association seeks to develop its own support and expansion of services through small membership fees and donations from churches, individuals, and organizations.

Fact: The Association is led by an elected national coordinator, officers, consultants, group leaders, and many other volunteers to pursue its ministries.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST BIVOCATIONAL MINISTERS ASSOCIATION

Connecting and Encouraging Bivocational Ministers



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Southern Baptist Bivocational Ministers Association

"Doing Whatever It Takes"



An organization designed specifically for the support of bivocational and smaller membership churches, ministers, and families in Christ's Kingdom service.

Visit Our Website: www.sbbma.org

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Membership

SBBMA PURPOSES

- To provide affirmation and encouragement for its members.
- To establish ministry teams to meet the needs of “bivo” families.
- To connect “bivo” ministers to ministry opportunities and vocational resources.
- To provide opportunities for professional and personal growth.
- To encourage young men and women to prepare for a second vocation.
- To provide means of recognition of bivocationalists for outstanding ministry.
- To network with state and regional fellowships and councils.
- To affirm our friends and partners in support of bivocational ministry.
- To encourage mentoring relationships between “bivos” and fully supported ministers.



The SBBMA carries out its work through annual meetings, semiannual Ministry Coordinating Council meetings, and participation in state and regional-sponsored bivocational celebrations.

Why would someone want to join SBBMA?

Benefits:

- Quarterly newsletter
- Information about educational opportunities
- Leadership training
- Regional conferences and celebrations
- Opportunities for affirmation and encouragement to one another
- Opportunities for professional and personal growth
- Regional Bivocational Resource Centers
- Network with other bivocational ministers in ministry service opportunities
- Communication through website: www.sbbma.org

Why would a church want to join as a Supporting Church?

Provide support for your pastor or staff. Assist SBBMA in carrying out its purposes. Involvement in building God’s kingdom through the large majority of SBC churches that depend on bivocational leaders.

“The mission of the Association is doing whatever it takes to encourage, promote and serve bivocational and smaller membership churches, ministers, and families in Christ’s kingdom service within local congregations and communities, the Southern Baptist family, and the larger Christian movement.”

Association Membership

Regular membership—open to all SBC bivocational and smaller membership church staff ministers and spouses for full participation and responsibility.

Support membership—(nonvoting) for those who register for celebrations, leadership training, and ministries. This includes churches, associations, and state conventions who wish to financially assist in the work of SBBMA.

Affiliate membership—open to interested bivocational ministers of other denominations. (See attached registration form, also on website: www.sbbma.org. For fuller explanation of membership, see Constitution on website.)



Partnerships:

- State Convention Consultants for Bivocational Work
- Regional Resource Centers for Bivocational Ministries
- Regional Consultants
- P.A.L.S.—Partners Assisting the Lord’s Servants (Spouses)
- Educators for Bivocational Ministries
- Ministry Groups and Teams
- Bivo Builders

SBBMA Membership Form

Membership dues are payable annually. You will be sent a notice at the end of the year for the following year’s dues. New member dues received after July 15 will give you membership through the next year.

Annual Dues:

Minister: \$25____ Spouse: \$10_____

Supporting Church: \$100_____;

Assoc._____; State Conv._____

Minister:_____

Spouse:_____

Home Address:_____

City:_____ State:____ Zip:_____

E-Mail:_____ Home Phone:_____

Cell:_____

Home Church:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ State:____ Zip:_____

Your Staff Position:_____



Supporting Church, Association or State Convention Name: _____

Address:_____

City:_____ State:____ Zip:_____

E-Mail:_____



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