

Many SBC Churches tithe to missions. Many give at least seven percent to the [Cooperative Program](#) and at least three percent to the local Association. The local impact of the new changes in the SBC cooperative agreements can be resolved by MBA churches giving a minimum 3% or their missions tithe to the MBA.

i. *Why support associational Missions?*

1. *Because Serving Together is Biblical.* Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 says that “Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion, but woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up” (NKJV). In the New Testament we see the early churches cooperating in many ways including Acts 11:1-18, Acts 15:1-35, Gal. 2:1-10, 1 Cor. 16:1-4, and 2 Cor. 9:1-5

2. *Because Serving Together Is Historically Proven.* The first cooperative entities for Baptists were local associations of churches. The earliest Baptist associations began in Europe by the mid 1600’s and Associations were the only form of denominational life for more than 100 years. **Churches realized that associations could be helpful with doctrine, direction, encouragement, and greater impact.**

3. *Because Mobile County Has More Than 208,000 Lost People.* Research indicates that 33 percent (133,000) of the 410,000 people living in Mobile are not affiliated with any church, cult or denomination. We know that the number of lost people in denominations and false religions [in Mobile] easily can reach another 85,000 people. We must work together to respond to that huge challenge.



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