



Application Church Ministry Assistance

All grants of money are made for the purpose of assisting the local church become more effective in reaching their community. This application must be completed and approved by the local church.

Ministry Assistance

The purpose of church ministry assistance is to enable the receiving church to become more effective in fulfilling their mission.

Guidelines for Procurement of Assistance

The applying church should approve the project request in a business meeting. You are encouraged to contact your associational Director of Missions to let him know about your request from the Missouri Baptist Convention.

Project requests should indicate a commitment on the part of the applying church to participate in a planning process which will include, but not be limited to, the proposed project and/or event.

Applying churches agree to support the Cooperative Program. Individual churches are encouraged to give at least ten percent of undesignated funds to the Cooperative Program and five percent to associational missions.

Checks for Church Ministry assistance will be disbursed by Financial Services, Missouri Baptist Convention, upon approval of the application by the Executive Team of the Missouri Baptist Convention Staff and the availability of funds.

Churches requiring details, in addition to the information contained herein, should write to Ministerial Services, Missouri Baptist Convention, 400 East High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101 or call 1.800.736.6227.

Glossary of Terms

Vital Church Project – Examples of vital church projects include, but are not limited to: (1) community surveys; (2) action campaigns; (3) church enlargement campaigns; (4) Vacation Bible School; etc. Further information on these and other church growth projects may be obtained by contacting the Sunday School Department, Missouri Baptist Convention, 400 East High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101 or call 1.800.736.6227.

Stewardship Project – Information on church budgets, annuity and insurance, as well as the various kinds of stewardship programs developed by the Southern Baptist Convention or Missouri Baptist Convention may be obtained by contacting the Stewardship Specialist, Missouri Baptist Convention.

Evangelism Project – Illustrations of such projects would be evangelism training, witness training events, community-wide crusades, etc. Further assistance in the area of evangelism projects may be secured by contacting the Evangelism Director, Missouri Baptist Convention.

NOTE: (Under normal circumstances, this fund is not for the purpose of paying off debt.)

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Church Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Association	

Section I: Application

We, the _____ Baptist Church of _____ (city/state) hereby make application for church ministry assistance.

Church Mailing Address:			
Church City/State/Zip:			
Church Telephone:	()	Church Email:	

Briefly describe the proposed project if monies are made available to the applying church:

Provide a cost breakdown estimate for proposed project:

List specific dates for the proposed projects:

Has the church received financial assistance previously from the Missouri Baptist Convention?

Yes _____ No _____ If so, when? _____

We are receiving support from the association or another church in the amount of (total per month) \$ _____

Amount of assistance requested \$ _____

Total estimated cost of the project \$ _____

REQUIRED SIGNATURE

The above request was adopted by our church on the _____ day of _____, 20_____

(Clerk's Signature)

ASISTANCE PLEDGED FROM OTHER SOURCES

Indicate the amount of assistance pledged from local sources and specify those sources:

Source _____	Amount \$ _____
Source _____	Amount \$ _____
Source _____	Amount \$ _____

Section II: Information

Pastor Data

Pastor's Name:			
Home Address:			
Work/Office Telephone:	()	Home Telephone:	()
Email:			
Previous Pastorate		City/State/Zip:	

CHURCH DATA

Resident Church Membership _____ Date of Organization _____

	Enrollment		Average Attendance	
Sunday School				
Youth Ministry				
Worship Service				

During the past year, did the applying church conduct (if Yes, what was the event)?:

• An Evangelism Project	
• Vital Church Project	
• Stewardship Project	
• Total Additions Last Year	

Does the applying church annually complete and return the ACP report? Yes _____ No _____

CHURCH BUDGET

• Current Balance in Church Checking Account:	\$
• Current Balance in Church Savings Account:	\$
• Current Amount of Church Debt:	\$

If church has an annual church budget, please attach a copy.

If copy of annual church budget is not attached, please complete the following budget information:

	Description	Weekly	Annual
• Missions			
Cooperative Program		\$	\$
Special Offerings		\$	\$
Associational Giving		\$	\$
• Pastor's Financial Support			
Salary		\$	\$
Other Allowances		\$	\$
• Education (include literature)		\$	\$
• General Promotion		\$	\$
• Evangelism		\$	\$
• Building and Equipment		\$	\$
• Debt Retirement		\$	\$
• New Building Fund		\$	\$
• TOTAL BUDGET		\$	\$

Section III: Endorsement

ASSOCIATIONAL INFORMATION

Is church affiliated with a Baptist Association? YES _____ NO _____

If you answered NO, proceed to Section IV.

If you answered YES, complete the following information:

Name of Association:	
Association Address:	
Director of Missions: (Print name here)	
(Director of Missions' Signature)	(Date)

Section IV: Follow Up Report

When the project is completed, our church will send a follow up report on the implementation of our plan?

YES _____ NO _____

Section V: Commitment

THE PASTOR'S STATEMENT

Our church will become involved in a planning process required for the receipt of church ministry assistance.

YES _____ NO _____

The above statements concerning the church data, budget information, and request for assistance has been reviewed and approved by the pastor. As the Pastor, I will attest to all of the above statements as being accurate. Should this request be granted, AS PASTOR, I will seek to fulfill my part of this agreement to the best of my ability for the purpose of building up the church in all its Kingdom work.

(Pastor's Signature)	(Date)

Send completed form to:
Ministerial Services
Missouri Baptist Convention
400 East High Street
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101
573.636.0400
800.736.6227

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