

## Petitionary Guidelines

San Jacinto Baptist Association is composed of churches that have chosen to affiliate with other churches to foster fellowship and promote unity of faith and practices and to give and receive assistance in achieving their God given purpose.

A cooperating church is one that has applied to, been accepted by and in good fellowship with churches of San Jacinto Baptist Association. In good fellowship includes being in sound doctrine, being faithful in supporting the Association and its mission causes financially, and participating in its meetings and ministries.

The Purpose of San Jacinto Baptist Association is to promote the interests of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ within the bounds of the Association and to the ends of the earth, and to encourage the cooperating churches to contribute to Texas and Southern Baptist missionary, benevolent and educational causes and institutions.

Any church requesting fellowship with this Association should petition the Association by letter before October 1. By vote of the messengers at the annual meeting, all churches recommended for fellowship by the Credentials and Petitionary Committee will be placed in watch care by the Association for one year. Except for voting privileges, churches under watch care will have all membership privileges of the Association. The Credentials and Petitionary Committee may then recommend full fellowship at the next annual meeting to again be approved by the vote of the messengers.

A church desiring to petition the San Jacinto Baptist Association should complete the following:

1. In a Church Conference (Business) Meeting the members of the church shall adopt a motion unite and petition the San Jacinto Baptist Association for fellowship and privileges.
2. Send a letter of petition to the Credentials and Petitionary Letters Committee of the San Jacinto Baptist Association stating the date of the Church Conference (Business) Meeting the approval of the stated motion and a request to become a part of the Association.
3. Send a letter to the former association stating the actions of the church to petition San Jacinto Baptist Association.
4. Begin participating in the Association meetings, training and activities.
5. Demonstrate cooperation through contribution to the ministry of the Association.