

What is Our Denominational Affiliation?

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Welsh Baptist Church voluntarily affiliates with the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). We participate with the SBC through three levels of participation:

- **Locally** — The Western Baptist Association
- **Regionally** — The Mid-Atlantic Baptist Network
- **Nationally** — The Southern Baptist Convention

Why Not Just be an Independent Church?

We are, in essence, an independent church! Every SBC church is completely autonomous. We are not subject to the hierarchical control of any ecclesiastical or denominational body. Each church is self-governed and determines its own affairs. For example:

- Every SBC church chooses its own pastor.
- Every SBC church owns its own buildings and assets.
- Every SBC church determines its own programs and policy.

What are the Advantages of Affiliating with the SBC?

Affiliation with the SBC allows our church to participate in the largest missionary organization in the world. Through the SBC “Cooperative Program” we help support over 7,500 missionaries in 104 countries around the world. While we support the SBC in missions, we do not send delegates to the annual convention.