

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS **DAY OF PRAYER**

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Today has been designated as a special day of prayer for our local associations. These associations play a crucial role in how we work together in ministry. We hope that this day serves as a meaningful reminder of the important work being carried out by your local association – and that you will join us in praying for its leaders as they support and serve our local churches.



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BAPTISTS**

I like to think of an association as a family of church families, and I really try to stress that in our ministry. In a family relationship, of course, there's some stress, but there's a whole lot more benefits because God ordained and instituted the family. And so in the family relationship, there are opportunities to collaborate with one another. There are opportunities to encourage one another. There are opportunities to do work with one another.

RUSSELL MORD

GOLDEN TRIANGLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

WHAT IS A BAPTIST ASSOCIATION?

Baptist associations serve as cooperative networks of local Baptist churches that work together for mutual support, accountability, and shared ministry efforts. While each local Baptist church remains autonomous, Baptist associations help unify and strengthen their work through various roles, including:

1. Pastoral Support and Church Health
2. Local and Global Cooperative Missions and Church Planting
3. Training and Education
4. Resource Sharing
5. Fellowship and Unity

The phrase 'we're always better together' is beyond just a phraseology; it's a reality. We are better together, regardless of what versions of the Bible that we choose, regardless of when we choose to worship. As we make the gospel the main thing, and as we come together, we find that all of a sudden, instead of having an army that we can mobilize of 100 to 200, that sooner or later it becomes in the thousands. An army of a thousand reaching one geographical spot together can do much for the kingdom of God in a way that we can't do on our own.

BRADLEY BAKER

UNION COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION