

## **Our Denominational Affiliation**

### **SOUTHERN BAPTIST**

Mt Carmel Baptist Church partners with three groups in denominational affiliation:

- Harvest Baptist Association (HBA)
- Tennessee Baptist Mission Board (TBMB)
- The Southern Baptist Convention (SBC)

### **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 continue to believe and uphold the great foundational truths of scripture and partner with the largest denomination in the world. We also have the privilege 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.