



standing together for
truth and freedom in Christ

IT'S UP TO YOU!
**Who is the best partner
for your church?
BGCT or SBTC?**

ADVOCACY

- **BGCT: Christian Life Commission**
 - Educates churches about ethical issues
 - Advocates for justice in Texas & federal governments
- **2015-2016 Public Policy Priorities:**
 - **Alcohol and Addiction**
 - **Criminal Justice**
 - Promote quality public **Education** for all Texas children
 - **Energy and Environment**
 - Oppose **Gambling Expansion**
 - **Health Care**
 - **Human Trafficking and Immigration**
 - **Hunger and Nutrition**
 - End **Predatory Lending**
 - Protect **Religious Liberty** for all people
- **SBTC: No public advocacy agency**

CHAPLAINCY

- **BGCT:** Sponsors & endorses over 700 chaplains now serving in diverse places
- **SBTC:** Neither sponsors nor endorses any chaplains

CHURCH STARTING

- **BGCT:** Sept. 2012 to April 2013 (**7 months**), helped to start **134** new churches
- **SBTC:** Sept. 2012 to Sept. 2013 (**12 months**), "involved in the start of at least **forty** new congregations" (2013 SBTC Book of Reports)

EDUCATION

- **BGCT:** Partners in providing Christian-based education to over **27,000** students in 10 institutions, plus two seminaries
- **SBTC:** Supports education to approx. **900** students in two institutions

FREEDOM (LOCAL CHURCH AUTONOMY)

- **BGCT:** Each church gives as God leads, either to Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, or both
- **SBTC:** Each church **required** to give to Southern Baptist Convention alone
- **BGCT:** Each church allocates its Cooperative Program gifts between Texas and national
- **SBTC:** Each church **required** to give a specified percentage to national SBC.

HEALTH CARE

- **BGCT:** Six hospital systems that, in 2012, provided care to over 250,000 patients and treated over 3.4 million outpatients
- **SBTC:** Supports no hospitals

POVERTY & HUNGER INITIATIVES

- **BGCT:** In 2013, raised \$953,000 through the **Texas Baptist World Hunger Offering**; 100% goes to support hunger relief & development ministries in Texas and around the world
- **SBTC:** Does not collect monies specifically for hunger or poverty ministry

**So do the two conventions
have anything in common?**

- **Both** support the *Baptist Faith & Message* statement about the Bible.
- **Both** support the missions and causes of the Southern Baptist Convention.
- **Both** uphold, promote, and teach that the biblical view is that marriage is to be between one man and one woman.
- **Both** have expressed that the biblical view is that homosexual practices are sinful.

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