

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EVALUATION SURVEY

Survey Results with comments, April 2010. The number of responses are beside the questions. Comments follow.

ONE DAY SESSION

1) Reasons I attend Central Baptist Association Sessions:

- a. Worship and preaching 35
- b. Lectures and teaching 34
- c. Fellowship 33
- d. I am a member of a CBA Ministry or Auxiliary 35
- e. Other (explain):

It's always good to come together and praise God

Old member: before my church was sending delegates with Rev. Morrison

2) The One Day Session format includes lectures, preaching and a business period. I think the format:

- a. completely serves my needs 21
- b. somewhat serves my needs 20
- c. does not serve my needs 2

Comment: (1) can be improved

3) I would like to see the following changes in the format:

- a. more attendance/participation
- b. to include some time for breakout for ministries to allow us to gather addresses and names of contact people in the various churches that attend the One Day Session.
- c. less meeting and more teaching
- d. more teaching on 21st century issues; health, technology
- e. have more seminars and lectures
- f. laymen's hour to be at night - not afternoon

- g. more workshops and a general change in format
- h. more youth
- i. more training
- j. more training on CBA Usher Ministry; there is no schedule, needs to be more organized
- k. this is my first time. As of now; no changes
- l. more teaching and lectures
- m. none
- n. no recommendations
- o. breakout sessions for ministries
- p. none at this time
- q. I would like to see more information on monthly or weekly basis
- r. deal with more emphasis on the business and/or ministry work and goals of the Association as a whole
- s. more of working together
- t. more time to meet

4) How many One Day Sessions do you attend per year?

- a. One
- b. Two
- c. Three

5) I would attend more often if:

- a. Health and weather permitting
- b. there were more
- c. conflict with schedule
- d. I did not have to work. Put on the evenings

- e. I could not only afford, but had the opportunity

- f. My first time, but I plan to attend regularly
- g. Sometimes I work weekends
- h. Didn't work on those days
- i. I will attend more often since I am involved
- j. More goal oriented. Long range planning and how to reach our goals
- k. I wasn't so busy at other services
- l. Churches should be notified of the dates of these sessions
- j. I know now when they are scheduled every month so I will attend more.

6.) I am willing to invite others to the One Day Sessions

- a. Yes 46
- b. no 1
- c. yes, if:
 - Would invite more if the sessions were geared more to teaching
 - So others can know what CBA is about.
 - Notified far enough in advance.
 - If we have money to pay for the day. Some churches do not pay for members to attend.

7.) Other comments:

- a. Relevant issues of today, training, youth involvement
- b. More events at Camp Central
- c. I really enjoy coming to the One Day Sessions
- d. I go to serve the Lord. God is a good God.

1.) Reasons I attend the Annual Session

- a. Worship and preaching 34
- b. Lectures and teaching 33
- c. Fellowship 35
- d. I am a member of a CBA Ministry or Auxiliary 31

Other.

2.) The format includes worship, preaching, teaching, ministry meetings and sessions a business period as well as a banquet. I think the format:

- a. completely serves my needs 22
- b. somewhat serves my needs 11
- c. does not serve my needs 2

3.) I would like to see the following changes in the Annual Session

- a. Again, more participation and consistent attendance
- b. Laymen address moved to Wednesday evening versus the afternoon.

We have some young men who aren't able to take off work in these economic times to attend! Therefore it is our believe that moving it to the evening as it once was will open the door for more attendance by men.

- c. banquet needs to be affordable
- d. more teaching
- e. after the banquet, no late night preaching.
- f. banquet on Friday, Holy Communion served on Wednesday
- g. more youth involvement, use of Camp Central
- h. more fellowship
- i. youth to attend entire annual session instead of going home early.
- j. more teaching and lectures
- k. breakouts to talk about things that concern the Association.
- l. some of the sessions that could take place in the evening; the late night is not that well attended.
- m. less preaching, more teaching

n. try to get more churches to join

o. more teaching, training

4.) How many days do you attend the Annual Session

a. 5 11

b. 4 6

c. 3 7

d. 2 or less 14

5.) I would attend more days if:

a. Secular job affords me more time off

b. My attendance is based on my vacation allotment from work. I can't afford to take off without pay to attend all the days of the CBA, PBSC and the various retreats and conferences that are scheduled.

c. There were more days

d. better organized, better attendance

e. no excuse at all

f. conflict with the work schedule

g. I did not have to work in the evenings

h. first time

i. time permits

j. I had more time after work

6.) I am willing to invite others to the Annual Session:

a. Yes 36

b. No 1

c. Yes, if:

- Transportation

7.) Other comments:

- a. If we are to grow as an Association, I believe that we have to schedule things in the evening that promote fellowship and open the door for people to attend. We have to present things other than preaching to nurture attendance by those that want to attend but cannot because we don't offer what will draw them.
- b. I just love the idea of Christians coming together.
- c. We need to be taught Baptist Doctrine and polity. How to be true Christians.
- d. Are we willing to move forward or stay in the same place?
We need more involvement in the planning and financial management of the Association.
- e. Maybe we would have more things at Camp Central.

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