

B A P T I S T   S T A N D A R D  
**BudgetMAX**

*Who knew your church could provide the Baptist Standard for every family and reduce your budget at the same time?*

In this day of tight budgets and increased operating costs, churches are forced to find ways to do more on smaller budgets. Every church, no matter what size, funds budget items that are common to every other church. In addition to water, gas, and electricity, every church spends money to buy materials and services that keep its ministry to the community alive.

The Baptist Standard now offers a program to maximize use of the Standard and favorably impact your church budget. If your church will provide the Standard to every home in your membership, your church will join a buying cooperative that provides substantial savings on supplies and services you are now purchasing.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## ***What's the cost?***

The cost of subscriptions to the Baptist Standard is the only cost to your church. The church subscription rate is \$11.25 per annual subscription, or 22.5 cents per copy. Through an agreement with Church Services & Supplies, Inc. and other vendors, your church will benefit from the preferred purchasing power of the largest organizations.

## ***Why is the Baptist Standard offering this service?***

When church budgets get tight, finance committees must make decisions based on anticipated tithes and offerings. When income declines, something has to be cut, and many times that is the Standard. This service reflects our effort to move to your side of the desk, offering a way to make a substantial difference in your budget and provide the Standard too.

## ***If we provide the Standard to the families in our church, are there other ways we can save money?***

One of the best buys a church can make is to use the Standard's newsletter service. By providing the Standard to every family, your church has a prepaid conduit into every home. Our newsletter service will save your church in the postage, printing, and production of your newsletter. Your price is based on the number of newsletters you send, the format, and the frequency you send it. And on top of that, your church will qualify for our lowest subscription rate of \$11.

## ***How does my church qualify?***

To qualify, your church must provide the Standard to every family (or at least 75 percent of your reported average Sunday School attendance) in your church.

## ***How will this program affect our church budget?***

By saving money on services and supplies your church buys already on a regular basis, resources can be re-allocated to ministry items in your budget. Your church will experience the buying power of hundreds of similar non-profit organizations. So, you will pay less for many supplies and services you already purchase.

***How will my church save money?***

Your church will save money on virtually every supply and service you purchase during the year. The range is from office supplies to sound systems, coffee service to health insurance, janitorial supplies to office computers.

***Can you guarantee we will save money?***

Based on the experience of hundreds of churches using Church Services & Supplies, Inc. over several years, churches of every size can benefit from this program. The savings to your church will vary with how much you use the program and your specific purchasing needs.

***Why not skip the Standard and join Church Services & Supplies directly?***

We want to create a classic win-win relationship between the Standard and every Texas Baptist church, no matter what size. By offering CSSI membership along with our own list of vendors to churches FREE FOR ONE YEAR, we can make a range of important services available to every church.

***How long is the membership?***

The Standard will give the first year of membership free to qualifying churches. After the first year, your church can continue membership in the cooperative by paying the annual membership fee of \$75. The subscriptions to the Standard will continue whether or not your church chooses to be a member of the Church Services & Supplies, Inc.

***Will the benefits include savings on electrical power?***

Because of the recent deregulation in electrical service in Texas, both churches and individuals can benefit from the competition between providers of electrical service. Churches and individuals in most areas of Texas can experience substantial reductions in current electrical rates. To get more information, click on the electrical service icon on the Standard's webpage at **[www.baptiststandard.com](http://www.baptiststandard.com)** or call for information at (800) 749-4610, ext. 15 to get a free quote with no obligations.

# Vendor Categories

Office supplies  
Janitorial supplies  
Coffee supplies  
Lighting supplies  
Church school supplies

Health insurance  
Property & casualty insurance

Credit union services for church staff  
Banking services

Computer systems  
Computer networking  
Computer software  
Computer repair  
Calendar software  
Website design & services

Roofing  
Air conditioning–new & repair  
Flooring

Housekeeping services  
Pest control  
Locksmith & security systems  
Electrical service  
Digital pagers

Office equipment  
Church & school furniture

Church staff conferences  
Vendor workshops  
Golf tournaments

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