

FAST FACTS ABOUT THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) is a fellowship of over 47,000 Baptist churches scattered across the United States and its territories. These congregations, comprised of numerous racial, ethnic, language, and socioeconomic people groups, are called "cooperating churches." They have organized themselves to accomplish a specific set of missions and ministry initiatives, all for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people everywhere.

Cooperating churches	47,456
Total membership in the SBC network of churches	14,813,234
Weekly worship attendance in the SBC network	5,297,788
Total baptisms (reported by Southern Baptist churches)	246,442
Cooperating state conventions	41
Cooperating local associations	1,126

from 2018 Annual Church Profile report

MISSION BOARD REPORTS

The International Mission Board (IMB) and North American Mission Board (NAMB) assist churches in evangelizing, discipling, and planting reproducing churches in our nation and around the world in fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Overseas missionaries <i>reported by IMB, 8/30/2019</i>	3,714
Unengaged Unreached People Groups <i>reported by IMB, 9/4/2019</i>	3,176
Domestic missionaries <i>reported by NAMB in the 2019 Book of Reports</i>	5,097
New churches planted <i>reported by NAMB in the 2019 Book of Reports</i>	624
Existing churches joining with the SBC <i>reported by NAMB in the 2019 Book of Reports</i>	254

SEMINARY STUDENTS TRAINED

The Convention operates six seminaries and a Seminary Extension program to train its ministers and Christian workers.

Gateway Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention	1,801
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	3,525
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary	3,724
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary	4,254
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	5,497
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	4,007
TOTAL	22,808
Seminary Extension Division, Nashville	611

from 2017-2018 academic year as reported in 2019 Book of Reports

MISSION:DIGNITY

Mission:Dignity, a ministry of GuideStone Financial Resources, provides financial assistance to retired ministers, denominational workers, their spouses, and widows.

Individuals or couples receiving financial assistance	1,699
Distributed in 2018	\$7,191,544

from GuideStone Financial Resources ministry report in 2019 Book of Reports

RACIAL/ETHNIC DIVERSITY

Dominant Ethnic Composition	Churches	Congregations*	Dominant Ethnic Composition	Churches	Congregations*
Anglo churches	38,940	40,400	Haitian churches	379	529
African American churches	3,341	3,929	Chinese churches	210	269
Hispanic churches	2,222	3,506	Filipino churches	142	188
Korean churches	760	907	Multi-ethnic churches	181	299
Native American churches	391	435	20+ other ethnic and language groups	982	1,460

*Includes churches and church-type missions provided by NAMB Center for Missional Research from 2017 Annual Church Profile data

REGULAR CHURCH GIVING

Total reported undesignated receipts given in Southern Baptist churches in 2017-2018 <i>as reported by the churches on the 2018 Annual Church Profile, May 2019</i>	\$9,601,534,950.00
Total Cooperative Program dollars given by Southern Baptist churches in fiscal 2017-2018 <i>as reported to the Executive Committee by the cooperating state Baptist conventions, April 2019</i>	\$463,076,368.00
Cooperative Program Allocation Budget gifts received for SBC causes <i>as reported by the Executive Committee, October 2018</i>	\$197,044,828.14
Average percentage of undesignated receipts churches gave through the Cooperative Program in 2018 <i>as reported by the SBC Executive Committee, 2017-2018 fiscal year</i>	4.82 percent

DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL GIVING

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions—100% goes to support overseas missionaries <i>updated by IMB as of October 2018</i>	\$158,890,638.47
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions—100% goes to support North American missionaries <i>updated by NAMB as of October 2018</i>	\$61,185,207.25
Global Hunger Relief—100% goes to fight hunger in North America and around the world <i>amount received through the SBC Executive Committee, 2017-2018 fiscal year; does not include direct gifts to IMB and NAMB for GHR</i>	\$2,647,087.00

This information is updated six to eight times a year based on information received from entities and the SBC Executive Committee. Last updated 9/12/19.



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Cooperative Program is Southern Baptists' unified plan of giving through which cooperating Southern Baptist churches give a percentage of their undesignated receipts in support of their respective state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention missions and ministries.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH STATE CONVENTIONS

DISASTER RELIEF

The North American Mission Board and state convention partners organize Southern Baptists' response to disasters. They contribute manpower, ministry, and financial help during floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, earthquakes, and urban disasters.

Volunteer days	103,356
Hours worked	817,641
Total contacts	75,666
Gospel presentations	3,986
Professions of faith	549
Meals served	2,289,315

from NAMB ministry report in 2019 Book of Reports

CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

The Baptist Coalition for Children and Families represents twenty-two ministries established by state Baptist conventions to serve at-risk children and their families through residential care, counseling, foster care enlistment, and adoption assistance.

Number of children in residential care	7,449
Number of others served	243,195
Spiritual decisions reported	1,328

from Baptist Coalition for Children and Families 2018 data

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRIES

LifeWay Christian Resources and state conventions collaborate to make disciples on college campuses across the nation through Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM).

Number of Baptist Collegiate Ministries	778
Total number of students involved	74,738
Total number of reported salvations through BCM	10,576

from National Collegiate Ministries 2017-2018 Annual Statistics