

Southern Baptist Entities and Related Organizations

NOTE: Of these entities, all but LifeWay Christian Resources and the national office of the Woman's Missionary Union receive direct funding from the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptists' plan of unified giving from the churches, through the State Conventions to denominational causes.

Last year, over \$178 million supported the work of these entities through the Cooperative Program.



Annuity Board
Dallas, TX (1918)



Baptist World Alliance
McLean, VA (1905)*



Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission
Nashville, TN (1913)



Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary
Mill Valley, CA (1944)



International Mission Board
Richmond, VA (1845)



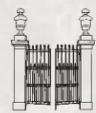
LifeWay Christian Resources
Nashville, TN (1891)



Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Kansas City, MO (1957)



*Related organizations



New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
New Orleans, LA (1917)



North American Mission Board
Alpharetta, GA (1997, originally founded in 1845 as the Home Mission Board)



Seminary Extension
Nashville, TN (1951)



Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee
Nashville, TN (1917)



Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Wake Forest, NC (1951)



The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Louisville, KY (1859)



Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Fort Worth, TX (1908)



Woman's Missionary Union
Birmingham, AL (1888)*

The Gospel

The fact that Jesus died for our sin, was buried and then rose from the grave is foundational for Southern Baptists. He lives today and stands ready to give abundant and eternal life to all those who repent of sin and place their faith in Him. Southern Baptists invite everyone to receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Statistics

• Southern Baptists are starting an average of four churches or church-type missions a day. Some churches, of course, close, but overall there is a significant increase in churches from year to year. There are now 41,099 Southern Baptist churches.



• Last year, 419,342 people were baptized in

Southern Baptist churches in the U.S., and 363,703 were baptized in SBC related churches overseas. This averages one baptism every 40 seconds.



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Meet Southern Baptists



You become a Southern Baptist by uniting with a Southern Baptist church, one in friendly cooperation with the general Southern Baptist enterprise of reaching the world for Christ. Typically church membership is a matter of accepting Jesus as your Saviour and Lord and experiencing believer's baptism by immersion.

Southern Baptists have prepared a statement of generally held convictions called **The Baptist Faith and Message**. It serves as a guide to understanding who they are. Copies are available at Southern Baptist churches. Here is a brief, partial summary:

Salvation

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification.

God's Purpose of Grace

Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. ... All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end.

The Church

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel ... and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. ... The New Testament speaks also of the church as the Body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages, believers from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation.

Baptism & the Lord's Supper

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water. ... It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Saviour, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus.

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members ... memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

The Lord's Day

The first day of the week is the Lord's Day. ... It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should include exercises of worship and spiritual devotion. ...

Last Things

God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. ... Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly ... the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell. ... The righteous ... will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.

Evangelism & Missions

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. ... to seek constantly to win

the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a Christian lifestyle, and by other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ.

Education

In Jesus Christ abide all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. All sound learning is, therefore, a part of our Christian heritage. ... the cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is co-ordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence. ... there should be a proper balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. ... The freedom of a teacher in a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the pre-eminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists.

Stewardship

God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a holy trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in their possessions. They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions.

Cooperation

Christ's people should ... organize such associations and conventions as may best secure cooperation for the great objects of the Kingdom of God. Such organizations have no authority over one another or over the churches. ... Cooperation is desirable between the various Christian denominations. ...

The Christian & the Social Order

All Christians are under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in our own lives and in human society. ... In the spirit of Christ, Christians should oppose racism, every form of greed, selfishness, and vice, and all forms of sexual immorality. ...

Religious Liberty

Church and state should be separate. The state owes to every church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends. ... A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal. ...

Family

God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. ... Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. ... The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. ... Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord.

