

Meeting 8

Who are Southern Baptists?



Your church is a special place. You learn about God at church. You worship and sing songs at church. You pray and read the Bible at church. Why do you like to go to church? What do you like to do at church? What do you think makes your church special?

Your church is special for many reasons. One thing that makes it special is that your church is a Southern Baptist Church.

Match It!

You are Southern Baptists because you have special beliefs. Draw a line from the Baptist belief to its meaning.

1. Salvation by grace
 2. The Bible is the only authority
 3. Believer's baptism
 4. Priesthood of all believers
 5. Separation of church and state
 6. Independence of the local church
- A. Every word of the Bible is true and is from God. You should only obey rules that agree with the Bible.
 - B. People are saved through Jesus' death and resurrection only, not by anything they have done.
 - C. The government should not tell a church how to worship God. The government should not collect taxes to pay for churches or preachers.
 - D. Only Christians, those who have trusted Jesus to be their Savior, can be baptized.
 - E. All Christians can pray and God will hear them. All Christians can read the Bible and God will help them understand it.
 - F. Each Baptist church can make its own choices and decisions. No other church or organization can tell it what to do or how to worship.

I'm a Christian Now!

CD item 34: Baptist History Activity Page for Older Children

Instructions: Print a copy of both pages for each child in Grades 4–6 and use as directed in Meeting 8.

Meeting 7

Who are Southern Baptists?



Many people worked to begin Baptist churches in America and around the world. Some of these early Baptists are listed below. Match the names of these early Baptists to the important things they did.

_____ 1. Roger Williams

_____ 2. James Ireland

_____ 3. John Leland

_____ 4. Ann and Adoniram Judson

A. left America to be missionaries in Burma, India

B. preached from his jail cell window and his enemies tried to kill him three times

C. built the first Baptist church in America on land he bought from Native Americans

D. worked with James Madison to include freedom of religion in the Bill of Rights



Read John 14:6 and print it on the lines below. Then tell why you think this verse is important to Baptists.

Who said the words in this verse? _____

Whose way should you follow? _____

Who saves people? _____

If you answered Jesus to these three, you are correct!



Thank You, God, for the brave Baptists who helped give Americans religious liberty. Help me to be brave and tell others about You and tell what it means to be a Southern Baptist.