



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.

SBC MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES

GENERAL INFO

Cooperating churches	47,530
Total membership in the SBC network of churches	14,525,579
Weekly worship attendance in the SBC network	5,250,230
Total baptisms (reported by Southern Baptist churches)	235,748
Cooperating state conventions	41
Cooperating local associations	1,116

from 2019 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, 1/31/2021</i>	3,604
Unengaged Unreached People Groups <i>reported by IMB, 2019 Annual Statistical Profile</i>	3,056
Domestic missionaries <i>reported by NAMB in the 2020 SBC Annual</i>	3,057
New churches planted <i>reported by NAMB in the 2020 SBC Annual</i>	552
Existing churches joining with the SBC <i>reported by NAMB in the 2020 SBC Annual</i>	297

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	1,939
Distributed in 2019	\$7,362,271

from GuideStone Financial Resources ministry report in 2020 SBC Annual

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	1,826
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	4,000
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary	3,841
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary	4,765
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	5,538
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	3,848
TOTAL	23,818
Seminary Extension Division, Nashville	484

from 2018–2019 academic year as reported in 2020 SBC Annual

RACIAL/ETHNIC DIVERSITY

Dominant Ethnic Composition	Churches	Congregations*
Anglo churches	38,652	39,909
African American churches	3,366	3,902
Hispanic churches	2,259	3,481
Korean churches	753	897
Native American churches	388	429
Haitian churches	357	488
Chinese churches	206	266
Filipino churches	81	111
Multiethnic churches	187	312
20+ other ethnic and language groups	1,210	1,749

*Includes churches and church-type missions provided by NAMB Center for Missional Research from 2018 Annual Church Profile data

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH STATE CONVENTIONS



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.

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	50,998
Hours worked	817,641
Total contacts	45,772
Gospel presentations	4,167
Professions of faith	916
Meals served	2,289,315

from NAMB ministry report in 2020 SBC Annual

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	768
Total number of students involved	70,472
Total number of reported salvations through BCM	7,025

from National Collegiate Ministries 2018–2019 Annual Statistics

REGULAR CHURCH GIVING

Total reported undesignated receipts given in Southern Baptist churches in 2018–2019 <i>as reported by the churches on the 2019 Annual Church Profile, May 2020</i>	\$9,600,108,179.00
Total Cooperative Program dollars given by Southern Baptist churches in fiscal 2018–2019 <i>as reported to the Executive Committee by the cooperating state Baptist conventions, May 2020</i>	\$462,299,010.12
Cooperative Program Allocation Budget gifts received for SBC causes <i>as reported by the Executive Committee, October 2020</i>	\$192,900,851.18
Average percentage of undesignated receipts churches gave through the Cooperative Program in 2019 <i>as reported by the SBC Executive Committee, 2018–2019 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 2020</i>	\$159.5 million
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions—100% goes to support North American missionaries <i>updated by NAMB as of October 2020</i>	\$49.3 million
Global Hunger Relief—100% goes to fight hunger in North America and around the world <i>amount received through the SBC Executive Committee, 2018–2019 fiscal year; does not include direct gifts to IMB and NAMB for GHR</i>	\$2,364,114.00