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**: 2,35,748
- **Cooperating state conventions**: 41
- **Cooperating local associations**: 1,116

#### MISSION BOARD REPORTS

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- **Overseas missionaries**: 3,604
- **Unengaged Unreached People Groups**: 3,056
- **Domestic missionaries**: 3,057
- **New churches planted**: 552
- **Existing churches joining with the SBC**: 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

#### 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

#### RACIAL/ETHNIC DIVERSITY

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 enrollment, and adoption assistance.

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

#### CHILDREN’S AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

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#### 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

#### REGULAR CHURCH GIVING

- **Total reported undesignated receipts given in Southern Baptist churches in 2018–2019**: $9,600,108,179.00
- **Total Cooperative Program dollars given by Southern Baptist churches in fiscal 2018–2019**: $462,299,010.12
- **Cooperative Program Allocation Budget gifts received for SBC causes**: $192,900,851.18
- **Average percentage of undesignated receipts churches gave through the Cooperative Program in 2019**: 4.82 percent

#### DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL GIVING

- **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions**: $159.5 million
- **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions**: $49.3 million
- **Global Hunger Relief**: $2,364,114.00

### 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**: 5,338
- **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary**: 3,848

**TOTAL**: 23,818

**Seminary Extension Division, Nashville**: 484

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

**from Baptist Coalition for Children and Families 2018 data**

**from NAMB ministry report in 2020 SBC Annual**

**from GuideStone Financial Resources ministry report in 2020 SBC Annual**

**from National Collegiate Ministries 2018–2019 Annual Statistics**

**reported by NAMB in the 2020 SBC Annual**

**reported by IMB, 1/31/2021**

**updated by NAMB as of October 2020**

**as reported by the churches on the 2019 Annual Church Profile, May 2020**

**as reported to the Executive Committee by the cooperating state Baptist conventions, May 2020**

**as reported by the Executive Committee, October 2020**

**reported by IMB as of October 2020**

**reported by IMB, 1/31/2021**

**updated by IMB as of October 2020**

**reported by IMB as of October 2020**

**from Baptist Coalition for Children and Families 2018 data**

**reported by NAMB in the 2020 SBC Annual**

**reported by IMB, 2019 Annual Statistical Profile**

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