



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.

***Statistical records and data collection were dramatically affected by the COVID-19 global pandemic.*

SBC MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES

GENERAL INFO

Cooperating churches	47,592
Total membership in the SBC network of churches	14,089,947
Weekly worship attendance in the SBC network	4,439,797
Total baptisms (reported by Southern Baptist churches)	123,160
Cooperating state conventions	41
Cooperating local associations	1,114

from 2020 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 (imb.org/fast-facts)</i>	3,597
Unengaged Unreached People Groups <i>reported by IMB (imb.org/fast-facts)</i>	3,105
Domestic missionaries <i>reported by NAMB in the 2021 SBC Annual, *see p. 133</i>	2,218*
New churches planted <i>reported by NAMB in the 2021 SBC Annual</i>	588
Existing churches joining with the SBC <i>reported by NAMB in the 2021 SBC Annual</i>	143

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	1,870
Distributed in 2020	\$8,072,459

from GuideStone Financial Resources ministry report in 2021 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	1,921
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	4,374
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary	4,454
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary	5,215
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	5,569
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	3,907
TOTAL	25,530
Seminary Extension Division, Nashville	488

from 2019-2020 academic year as reported in 2021 SBC Annual

RACIAL/ETHNIC DIVERSITY

Dominant Ethnic Composition	Churches	Congregations*
Anglo churches	38,666	39,755
African American churches	3,396	3,891
Hispanic churches	2,318	3,390
Korean churches	761	896
Native American churches	398	431
Haitian churches	351	464
Chinese churches	225	275
Filipino churches	140	174
Multiethnic churches	224	375
20+ other ethnic and language groups	1,051	1,487

**Includes churches and church-type missions provided by NAMB Center for Missional Research from 2020 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	106,000
Hours worked	655,763
Gospel presentations	6,780
Professions of faith	872
Meals served	752,194

from NAMB ministry report in 2021 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	3,341
Number of others served	386,663
Spiritual decisions reported	1,812

from Baptist Coalition for Children and Families 2019 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 2019–2020 <i>as reported by the churches on the 2020 Annual Church Profile, April 2021</i>	\$9,531,225,749
Total Cooperative Program dollars given by Southern Baptist churches in fiscal 2019-2020 <i>as reported to the Executive Committee by the cooperating state Baptist conventions, May 2021</i>	\$455,553,027
Cooperative Program Allocation Budget gifts received for SBC causes <i>as reported by the Executive Committee via Baptist Press, October 2021</i>	\$192,271,436
Average percentage of undesignated receipts churches gave through the Cooperative Program in 2020 <i>as reported by the SBC Executive Committee, 2019-2020 fiscal year</i>	4.78 percent

DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL GIVING

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions—100% goes to support overseas missionaries <i>updated by IMB as of October 2021</i>	\$177.6 million
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions—100% goes to support North American missionaries <i>updated by NAMB as of October 2021</i>	\$66.5 million
Global Hunger Relief—100% goes to fight hunger in North America and around the world <i>amount received through the SBC Executive Committee, 2019-2020 fiscal year; does not include direct gifts to IMB and NAMB for GHR</i>	\$2,135,909