

BAPTIST BODIES

GENERAL STATEMENT

It is a distinct principle with Baptists that they acknowledge no human founder, recognize no human authority, and subscribe to no human creed. For all these things, Baptists of every name and order go back to the New Testament. And while no competent Baptist historian assumes to be able to trace a succession of Baptist churches through the ages, most of them are of one accord in believing that, if we could secure the records, there would be found heroic groups of believers in every age who upheld with their testimonies and, in many cases, with their lives, the great outstanding and distinctive principles of the Baptist churches of to-day.

As soon as the Reformation gave men opportunity to interpret the teachings of the Scriptures for themselves, and to embody their convictions in speech and act, persons holding Baptist doctrines immediately began to appear. In the first quarter of the sixteenth century, they were found in Germany and Switzerland, and were called Anabaptists (Re-baptizers), because they insisted that persons baptized in infancy must, upon profession of conversion, and in order to gain admission into church fellowship, be baptized again, although they do not appear to have insisted always on immersion. These early Anabaptists were in the main of high character, though in some instances they held doctrines which led to fanatical outbreaks which aroused no little prejudice against them.

Gradually, in spite of severe persecution, the Anabaptists grew in numbers. Some of them, driven from Germany, found refuge in the Low Countries and these were gathered, under the lead of Menno Simons, into the groups of Mennonites¹ who passed over into England, and doubtless played an important part in giving currency to Baptist principles. To their influence, in all probability, the English Baptists owe their first churches, established in Amsterdam in 1608 and in London in 1611. Glimpses of them appear in the days preceding the Commonwealth, and during the Cromwellian period they became more prominent. It was due to this Mennonite influence that the early Baptist churches in England were Arminian rather than Calvinistic in type, and were termed General Baptists, indicating belief in a universal atonement, in distinction from Particular Baptists, indicating a limited atonement. The first Calvinistic or Particular Baptist church was formed in London in 1638, its members seceding peaceably from an older Separatist congregation. In 1641 a further secession from the same Separatist church occurred, and the new group became convinced from study of the New Testament that the apostolic baptism was immersion. They sent one of their number to Holland, where he was immersed by a minister of the Collegiate church at Rhynsburg, where the practice of immersion had been introduced, and on his return the rest of the church were immersed. Gradually this practice was adopted by all the Baptist churches and became in the popular mind their distinguishing feature. The General and Particular Baptists were united in 1891.

The first Baptist church in America was probably established by Roger Williams, the "Apostle of Religious Liberty," in Providence, R. I., in 1639, although this honor is disputed by the First Baptist Church of Newport, R. I., organized, it is claimed, with John Clarke as its pastor, the same year or shortly after.

¹ See Mennonite Bodies, p. 842.

Roger Williams was a Separatist² minister who came to the Massachusetts Colony in 1631, and was banished from that colony because "he broached and divulged new and dangerous opinions against the authority of magistrates." Having established himself at Providence, he adopted essentially Baptist views and soon gathered a number of converts to this faith. As there was no Baptist church in existence in America at that time, he baptized Ezekiel Holliman, who thereupon baptized him. Williams then baptized 10 others, and this company of Baptist believers organized themselves into a church. John Clarke came from New Hampshire to Newport about the same time, and, apparently without any connection with the work of Williams, established a Baptist church in that town.

These early American Baptist churches belonged to the Particular, or Calvinistic, branch. Later, Arminian views became widely spread for a time, but ultimately the Calvinistic view of the atonement was generally accepted by the main body of Baptists in the Colonies. The divisions which now exist began to make their appearance at a relatively early date. In 1652 the church at Providence divided, one party organizing a church which marked the beginning of the General Six Principle Baptists. The Seventh Day Baptist body organized its first church at Newport in 1671. Arminianism practically disappeared from the Baptist churches of New England about the middle of the eighteenth century, but General Baptists were found in Virginia before 1714, and this branch gained a permanent foothold in the South. As a result of the revival movement, generally known as the New Light movement, which followed George Whitefield's visit to New England in 1740, the Separate Baptists came into existence and at one time were very numerous. The Free Baptists,³ in 1779, once more gave a general and widely accepted expression in New England to the Arminian view of the atonement.

Soon after the Revolutionary War, the question of the evangelization of the Negro race assumed importance, and a Colored Baptist church was organized in 1788. With the general revival movement at the close of the eighteenth and the beginning of the nineteenth centuries, to which the Free Baptists owed no small part of their growth, there developed, especially in the mountain sections of the Middle West and in the Southern States, a reaction toward a sterner Calvinism, which, combined with the natural Baptist emphasis upon individualism, produced a number of associations strictly, even rigidly, Calvinistic, some of them going to the extent of dualism, as in the doctrine of the Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestinarian Baptists.

About the same time, as missionary work became organized into societies, many of these associations opposed, not so much mission work itself, as its organization, through fear of a developing ecclesiasticism. These were variously termed "Old School," "Anti-Mission," "Hard Shell," and "Primitive" Baptists; but gradually the term "Primitive" became the most widely known and adopted. In contradistinction to these, the associations, or churches, which approved of missionary societies, came to be designated Missionary Baptists, though there was no definite denominational organization under that name.

The denominations mentioned, however, do not represent all who hold Baptist views, for during the revival period just referred to, the Disciples of Christ, or Churches of Christ, arose, who in practice are essentially Baptists, although they differ from the other bodies in some interpretations. With them also may be classed the Adventists, the Brethren (Dunker, Plymouth, and River), Mennonites, and certain other bodies. The Armenian and Eastern Orthodox Churches practice baptism by immersion, but do not limit it to those of mature years.

² See Congregational Churches, p. 453.

³ In 1926 the Free Baptist churches are included with those of the Northern Baptist Convention.

It thus appears that a survey of Baptist bodies should include not only those which make the term an integral part of their title, but some which are not ordinarily classed with them. It is also evident that among those who accept the name Baptists there are many differences, some of great importance. Seventh Day Baptists agree with other Baptists bodies except in regard to the Sabbath, but the distinction between Primitive Baptists and Free Will Baptists is much more marked than between Baptists and Disciples. Any presentation of the strength of Baptist denominations must take into account these divergencies.

By far the largest body of Baptists, not only in the United States but in the world, is that popularly known as "Baptist," though frequently referred to, and listed in the census of 1890, as "Regular Baptists." Other Baptist bodies prefix some descriptive adjective, such as "Primitive," "United," "General," "Free Will," etc., but this, which is virtually the parent body, commonly has no such qualification. Its churches, however, are ordinarily spoken of as "Northern," "Southern," and "Colored." This does not imply any divergence in doctrine or ecclesiastical order. All are one in these respects. It is rather a distinction adopted for administrative purposes, and based upon certain local or racial characteristics and conditions, the recognition of which implies no lack of fellowship or of unanimity of purpose. Should these distinctions cease to exist, there is nothing whatever to prevent the same unity in matters of administration which now exists in belief, fellowship, and ecclesiastical practice.

STATISTICS

The denominations grouped as Baptists in 1926, 1916, and 1906 are listed in the table below, with the principal statistics as reported for the three periods.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR BAPTIST BODIES, 1926, 1916, AND 1906

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR	Total number of churches	Number of members	VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR		SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
			Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Number of scholars
1926								
Total for the group.....	60,192	3,440,922	52,281	\$469,827,795	54,145	\$98,045,096	47,889	4,654,241
Baptists:								
Northern Baptist Convention.....	7,611	1,289,966	7,297	185,370,576	7,380	34,318,486	6,999	1,052,794
Southern Baptist Convention.....	23,374	3,524,378	21,128	173,456,965	22,338	42,904,563	19,882	2,345,630
Negro Baptists.....	22,081	3,196,623	19,833	103,465,759	20,209	19,475,981	18,755	1,121,362
General Six Principle Baptists.....	6	293	6	20,500	5	3,046	5	229
Seventh Day Baptists.....	67	7,264	58	668,200	65	132,068	57	4,033
Free Will Baptists.....	1,024	79,592	765	1,156,743	872	252,613	643	38,199
United American Free Will Baptists (Colored).....	166	13,396	142	308,425	158	67,773	144	5,077
Free Will Baptists (Bullockites).....	2	36	1	1,500	1	100	1	15
General Baptists.....	465	31,501	353	706,325	440	113,825	295	18,797
Separate Baptists.....	65	4,803	43	63,650	41	9,292	37	1,782
Regular Baptists.....	349	23,091	233	647,550	223	55,610	65	4,690
United Baptists.....	221	18,903	139	144,665	147	15,094	30	2,005
Duck River and Kindred Associations of Baptists (Baptist Church of Christ).....	98	7,340	75	51,175	46	5,262	14	795
Primitive Baptists.....	2,267	81,374	1,037	1,730,348	776	166,847	5	181
Colored Primitive Baptists.....	925	43,978	87	171,518	111	39,419	24	2,278
Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestinarian Baptists.....	27	304	24	19,350	20	473		
Independent Baptist Church of America.....	13	222	6	12,000	10	2,499	6	146
American Baptist Association.....	1,431	117,858	1,054	1,832,546	1,303	482,045	918	56,228

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR BAPTIST BODIES, 1926, 1916, AND 1906—Contd.

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR	Total number of churches	Number of members	VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR		SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
			Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Number of scholars
1916								
Total for the group	57,828	7,153,313	50,716	\$198,364,747	51,797	\$40,027,119	46,168	3,946,886
Baptists:								
Northern Baptist Convention.....	8,148	1,232,135	7,748	94,644,133	7,848	16,082,462	7,517	1,028,952
Southern Baptist Convention.....	23,580	2,708,870	19,268	58,348,373	21,078	15,063,743	17,555	1,665,996
National Baptist Convention.....	21,071	2,938,579	20,117	41,184,920	19,988	8,361,919	19,909	1,181,270
General Six Principle Baptists.....	10	456	10	25,850	6	2,483	6	278
Seventh Day Baptists.....	68	7,980	59	307,600	64	67,095	66	5,005
Free Baptists.....	171	12,570	159	670,720	153	123,363	141	11,642
Free Will Baptists.....	750	54,833	656	517,240	612	75,835	390	22,421
Colored Free Will Baptists.....	169	13,362	164	178,385	168	36,647	87	4,168
Free Will Baptists (Bullockites).....	12	184	6	3,450	3	275	1	12
General Baptists.....	517	33,466	390	421,837	424	64,698	305	18,545
Separate Baptists.....	46	4,254	40	47,565	33	9,468	30	1,711
Regular Baptists.....	401	21,521	189	141,480	143	11,855	50	2,587
United Baptists.....	254	22,097	82	52,147	69	4,837	16	701
Duck River and Kindred Associations of Baptists (Baptist Church of Christ).....	105	6,872	49	40,600	67	2,518	8	399
Primitive Baptists.....	2,142	80,311	1,580	1,601,807	964	96,270	-----	-----
Colored Primitive Baptists.....	336	15,144	164	154,690	170	22,881	87	3,201
Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestinarian Baptists.....	48	679	35	23,950	7	170	-----	-----
1906								
Total for the group	54,707	5,662,234	49,329	139,842,656	-----	-----	41,165	2,898,914
Baptists:								
Northern Baptist Convention.....	8,247	1,052,105	7,795	74,620,025	-----	-----	7,346	851,269
Southern Baptist Convention.....	21,075	2,009,471	18,672	34,723,882	-----	-----	14,371	1,014,690
National Baptist Convention.....	18,492	2,261,607	17,890	24,437,272	-----	-----	17,478	924,665
General Six Principle Baptists.....	16	685	13	19,450	-----	-----	9	414
Seventh Day Baptists.....	76	8,381	68	292,250	-----	-----	67	5,117
Free Baptists.....	1,338	81,359	1,092	2,974,130	-----	-----	1,059	65,101
Free Will Baptists.....	608	40,280	554	296,585	-----	-----	263	12,720
Free Will Baptists (Bullockites).....	15	298	8	6,900	-----	-----	1	25
General Baptists.....	518	30,097	380	252,019	-----	-----	230	11,658
Separate Baptists.....	73	5,180	59	66,980	-----	-----	45	1,962
United Baptists.....	190	13,698	75	36,715	-----	-----	21	1,360
Duck River and Kindred Associations of Baptists (Baptist Church of Christ).....	92	6,416	86	44,321	-----	-----	9	402
Primitive Baptists.....	2,878	102,311	1,953	1,674,810	-----	-----	-----	-----
Colored Primitive Baptists in America.....	787	35,076	501	296,539	-----	-----	166	6,224
Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestinarian Baptists.....	55	781	32	21,500	-----	-----	-----	-----
United American Free Will Baptists (Colored).....	247	14,489	151	79,278	-----	-----	100	3,307

Certain changes are to be noted. Under the "Negro Baptists," in 1926, are included the former National Baptist Convention, now the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., and the National Baptist Convention of America; the Lott Carey Missionary Baptists; and the colored Baptist churches that were formerly reported with the Northern Baptist Convention. The Free Baptists of 1916 are now a part of the Northern Convention. A new body has recently completed its organization, under the name Independent Baptist Church of America, and a new denomination has come out of the Southern Baptist Convention, called the American Baptist Association.

BAPTISTS

HISTORY

The history of the early Baptist churches in New England is one of constant struggle for existence. The Puritan government of Massachusetts was so bitter in its opposition that nearly a century after Roger Williams there were but 8 Baptist churches in that colony. Conditions elsewhere were similar, although farther south there was less persecution. Down to the middle of the eighteenth century it seemed probable that the General, or Arminian, wing would be dominant in New England at least, although in Philadelphia the controversy had resulted in a victory for the Calvinists. With The Great Awakening in 1740, and the labors of Whitefield, two significant changes appeared in Baptist church life. Calvinistic views began to predominate in the New England churches, and the bitter opposition to the Baptists disappeared. By 1784 the 8 churches in Massachusetts had increased to 73, and extension into the neighboring colonies had begun. With this growth, however, there developed a conflict similar to that found in the history of other denominations. The "New Lights," later known as "Separates," were heart and soul with Whitefield in his demands for a regenerated church membership; the "Old Lights," or "Regulars," earnestly opposed the introduction of hitherto unrecognized qualifications for the ministry or, indeed, for church membership. From New England the movement spread, becoming for a time especially strong in several Southern States. In the South the two parties eventually united in fellowship, and reorganized as United Baptists. In New England the conflict wore itself out, the Baptist churches being modified by both influences.

With the general emancipation from ecclesiastical rule that followed the Revolutionary War, all disabilities were removed from the Baptists in the different States, and the new Federal Constitution effaced the last vestige of religious inequality. Under the influence of the later preaching of Whitefield, the close of the eighteenth century was marked by a renewal of revival interest, and a new development of the Arminian type of Baptist churches. For some time the Free Baptists, or Free Will Baptists, as they were variously called, drew considerable strength from the Regular Baptists, but the latter soon became as strong as ever.

The next significant movement in the Baptist churches was that connected with the development of foreign missions. In 1792 the Baptists of England had organized a missionary society to send William Carey to India, and many of the Baptist churches in the United States had become interested in the movement and contributed toward its support. The first foreign missionary society in America was the American Board, organized in 1810, in which Congregational, Presbyterian, Reformed, and other churches united, and among its first missionaries were Adoniram Judson, his wife, and Luther Rice. Knowing that in India they were to meet Baptists, they made special study of Baptist doctrine, and before landing came to the conclusion that believers' baptism by immersion was the true method. Judson immediately sent word of their change of view, and Rice soon after returned to America to present the cause of Baptist missions, and succeeded in arousing much interest in the churches. To meet the new conditions it became evident that some organization was essential, and in 1814 The General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions was formed.

The missionary work of this organization, however, represented only a part of its scope or achievement. It was, indeed, the first step toward bringing the various local churches together and overcoming the disintegrating tendencies of extreme independence. Heretofore the Baptists alone had had no form of ecclesiastical organization. Now, through the necessities of administration, there was furnished just what was needed to combine the different units into a whole, and arouse what has come to be known as "denominational consciousness." For a time this convention undertook to care also for home missions, which had already been carried on in a somewhat desultory manner through a Domestic Missionary Society in Massachusetts and a similar one in New York. With the increasing migration westward and the rapid development of the States, both North and South, the tax upon the convention, in addition to its foreign missionary interests, became too great, and it was deemed advisable to organize a home missionary society, which was done in 1832. With the development of interest in publication, a tract society had been formed in 1824, which in 1840 was renamed the American Baptist Publication Society.

As the discussion in regard to slavery became acute, there arose the differences which resulted in three conventions—northern, southern, and national. The northern churches, Baptist as well as others, were strongly antislavery; the southern churches, Baptist as well as others, were, if not always proslavery, certainly not antislavery. A crisis was reached when the question was raised whether the General Missionary Convention (called also the Triennial Convention because it met once in three years) would appoint as a missionary a person who owned slaves. To this a very decided negative was returned, and since that involved a denial of what were considered constitutional rights, the southern churches withdrew in 1845 and formed the Southern Baptist Convention,⁴ whose purpose was to do for the southern Baptist churches just what the general convention had hitherto done for the entire Baptist denomination. It was not a new denomination; simply a new organization for the direction of the missionary and general evangelistic work of the churches of the Southern States.

The development of the National Baptist Convention, representing the Negro churches, was naturally slower, and when the census of Baptists for 1926 was taken numerous divisions made it necessary to use the new term "Negro Baptists," which for statistical purposes include all the various organizations known as the "National Baptist Convention, U. S. A.," the "National Baptist Convention of America," the "Lott-Carey Missionary Baptists," and the colored Baptist churches, that were formerly included in the Northern Baptist Convention.

DOCTRINE

Baptists agree with other evangelical bodies on many points of doctrine. Their cardinal principle is implicit obedience to the plain teachings of the Word of God. Under this principle, while maintaining with other evangelical bodies the great truths of the Christian religion, they hold: (1) That the churches are independent in their local affairs; (2) that there should be an entire separation of church and state; (3) that religious liberty or freedom in matters of religion is an inherent right of the human soul; (4) that a church is a body of regenerated people who have been baptized on profession of personal faith in Christ, and have associated themselves in the fellowship of the gospel; (5) that infant baptism is not only not taught in the Scriptures, but is fatal to the spirituality of the church; (6) that from the meaning of the word used in the Greek text of the

⁴ See p. 126.

Scriptures, the symbolism of the ordinance, and the practice of the early church; immersion in water is the only proper mode of baptism; (7) that the scriptural officers of a church are pastors and deacons; and (8) that the Lord's Supper is an ordinance of the church observed in commemoration of the sufferings and death of Christ.

The beliefs of Baptists have been incorporated in confessions of faith. Of these, the Philadelphia Confession, originally issued by the London Baptist churches in 1689 and adopted with some enlargements by the Philadelphia Association in 1742, and the New Hampshire Confession, adopted by the New Hampshire State Convention in 1832, are recognized as the most important. The Philadelphia Confession is strongly Calvinistic. The New Hampshire Confession modifies some of the statements of the earlier documents, and may be characterized as moderately Calvinistic. But while these confessions are recognized as fair expressions of the faith of Baptists, there is nothing binding in them, and they are not regarded as having any special authority. The final court of appeal for Baptists is the Word of God. Within limits, considerable differences in doctrine are allowed, and thus opportunity is given to modify beliefs as new light may break from or upon the "Word." Among Baptists heresy trials are rare.

ORGANIZATION

Baptist church polity is congregational or independent. Each church is sovereign so far as its own discipline and worship are concerned, calls or dismisses its own pastor, elects its own deacons or other officers, and attends to its own affairs. Admission to church membership is by vote of the church, usually after examination of the candidate by the church committee. There is no specific age limit, although the admission of very young children is discouraged. All members have equal voting rights in church matters, except that in some churches they are restricted to those over a certain age. The officers are the pastor and deacons, who, with such other persons as the church may elect, constitute a church committee, usually called the standing committee, and have general care of the affairs of the church, but no authority, except as it is specifically delegated to them by the church. Church property is held sometimes by a board of trustees, sometimes by the entire society, and sometimes by a special committee of the church.

For missionary and educational or other purposes, Baptist churches usually group themselves into associations. The oldest is the Philadelphia Association, organized in 1707, which stood alone until 1751, when the Charleston Association was formed in South Carolina. These associations meet annually and are composed of messengers sent by the churches. They elect their own officers, receive reports from the churches, and make recommendations with regard to work or other matters in which the churches are interested. They have, however, no authority to legislate for the churches, and no power to enforce any action they may take. Many of them conduct missionary or educational work in the fields covered by them.

Applicants for the ministry are licensed to preach by the church in which they hold membership. If after a period of service as licentiate, ordination is desired, a council of sister churches is called by the church in which membership is held, and on the recommendation of this council the church arranges for ordination. In both cases the right to license and the right to ordain are held by the individual church. Previous to ordination there is always an examination of the candidate on matters of religious experience, call to the ministry, and views on scriptural doctrine. During his ministry, a pastor is usually a member of the church which he serves, and is amenable to its discipline. When a question

of dismissal from the ministry arises, the individual church calls a council of sister churches for the examination of charges, and on the recommendation of this council, the church usually bases its decision.

Besides local associations, Baptists have also organized State conventions or State mission societies, State educational societies, city mission societies, etc. These larger bodies attend to missionary or educational work in the various States or districts, and are supported by the churches. In some States there are two or more of these general bodies. There are also general or national organizations for missionary, publication, or educational purposes. Like the local associations, none of these larger organizations has any authority over the individual churches.

WORK

The organized activities of the Baptist churches are, for the most part, conducted by societies whose membership includes individuals and delegates from churches or associations, membership in all cases being based on contributions. Until the separation of the northern and southern churches, the home missionary work was carried on chiefly by The American Baptist Publication Society, organized in 1824, and The American Baptist Home Mission Society, organized in 1832; and the foreign missionary work, by the General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions, organized in Philadelphia in 1814. Since the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention the publication society has continued its work throughout the different States, and has retained its distinctly national character. The American Baptist Home Mission Society, however, subsequently represented the northern churches only, as did also the foreign missionary society, which in 1846 changed its name to the American Baptist Missionary Union, and again in 1910, to the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society.

A general movement, manifest throughout the country, in church life as well as in business and public matters, is that for centralization of administration, in the interest of both economy and efficiency. The Baptist churches felt this, as did every other denomination, and began to consider whether their benevolent societies, hitherto in some respects distinct from each other, might not be brought into some form of general organization which, by removing possibilities of friction and securing cooperation, would make for greater efficiency. After considerable discussion a move in this direction was made in 1907, which has been carried out quite successfully and, it is expected, will work great good to both the activities of the churches and their general denominational life.

Educational work among the Baptists in the United States has made great strides in recent years, but the same general independence of ecclesiastical control is manifest in this department as in the government of the local churches, and is illustrated in the University of Chicago. The same is true of the management of Baptist philanthropic institutions. In some cases, however, the membership of the boards is limited to persons connected with Baptist churches.

In addition to the work done by the denominational societies, a large amount of missionary and educational work is carried on by individual churches, which is not included in any denominational statement.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

STATISTICS

Summary for the United States, with urban-rural classification.—A general summary of the statistics for the Southern Baptist Convention for the year 1926 is presented in Table 1, which shows also the distribution of these figures between urban and rural territory.

The membership of this denomination comprises those who have been received into the local churches upon voluntary confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and a willingness to carry out His will, in baptism and in an orderly church life.

TABLE 1.—SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR CHURCHES IN URBAN AND RURAL TERRITORY, 1926: SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

ITEM	Total	In urban territory ¹	In rural territory ¹	PER CENT OF TOTAL	
				Urban	Rural
Churches (local organizations)	23,374	1,859	21,515	8.0	92.0
Members	3,524,378	986,059	2,538,319	28.0	72.0
Average per church.....	151	530	118		
Membership by sex:					
Male.....	1,415,008	382,025	1,032,983	27.0	73.0
Female.....	1,861,637	524,754	1,336,883	28.2	71.8
Sex not reported.....	247,733	79,280	168,453	32.0	68.0
Males per 100 females.....	76.0	72.8	77.3		
Membership by age:					
Under 13 years.....	182,828	74,348	108,480	40.7	59.3
13 years and over.....	2,805,542	761,509	2,044,033	27.1	72.9
Age not reported.....	536,008	150,202	385,806	28.0	72.0
Per cent under 13 years ²	6.1	8.9	5.0		
Church edifices:					
Number.....	21,401	2,001	19,400	9.4	90.6
Value—Churches reporting.....	21,128	1,814	19,314	8.6	91.4
Amount reported.....	\$173,456,965	\$100,235,535	\$73,221,430	57.8	42.2
Average per church.....	\$8,210	\$55,257	\$3,791		
Debt—Churches reporting.....	2,730	926	1,804	33.9	66.1
Amount reported.....	\$22,986,982	\$17,918,434	\$5,068,548	78.0	22.0
Churches reporting "no debt" on church edifice.....	14,955	756	14,199	5.1	94.9
Parsonages:					
Value—Churches reporting.....	3,429	964	2,465	28.1	71.9
Amount reported.....	\$15,185,725	\$7,175,593	\$8,010,132	47.3	52.7
Debt—Churches reporting.....	855	320	535	37.4	62.6
Amount reported.....	\$1,724,355	\$1,092,720	\$631,635	63.4	36.6
Churches reporting "no debt" on parsonage.....	2,250	552	1,698	24.5	75.5
Expenditures during year:					
Churches reporting.....	22,338	1,855	20,483	8.3	91.7
Amount reported.....	\$42,904,563	\$23,723,050	\$19,181,513	55.3	44.7
Current expenses and improvements.....	\$32,886,565	\$17,810,161	\$15,076,404	54.2	45.8
Benevolences, missions, etc.....	\$9,761,615	\$5,853,153	\$3,908,462	60.0	40.0
Not classified.....	\$256,383	\$59,736	\$196,647	23.3	76.7
Average expenditure per church.....	\$1,921	\$12,789	\$936		
Sunday schools:					
Churches reporting.....	19,882	1,841	18,041	9.3	90.7
Officers and teachers.....	229,848	68,976	160,872	30.0	70.0
Scholars.....	2,345,630	807,669	1,537,961	34.4	65.6

¹ Urban territory includes all cities and other incorporated places which had 2,500 inhabitants or more in 1920, the date of the last Federal census; rural territory comprises the remainder of the country.

² Based on membership with age classification reported.

The data given for 1926 represent 23,374 active organizations of the Southern Baptist Convention, with 3,524,378 members. These figures are exclusive of five federated churches, each consisting of a Southern Baptist unit combined with a unit of some other denomination. These federated churches, whose Baptist units are more or less closely affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, reported a total membership of 430, of whom more than one-fifth were Southern Baptists.

The classification of membership by sex was reported by 21,925 churches and the classification by age was reported by 19,870 churches, including, however, only 11,007 which reported any members under 13 years of age.

Comparative data, 1890-1926.—Table 2 presents, in convenient form for comparison, a summary of the available statistics of this denomination for the censuses of 1926, 1916, 1906, and 1890.

TABLE 2.—COMPARATIVE SUMMARY, 1890 TO 1926: SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

ITEM	1926	1916 ¹	1906 ¹	1890 ¹
Churches (local organizations)	23,374	23,580	21,075	16,233
Increase ² over preceding census:				
Number.....	-206	2,505	4,837	.....
Per cent.....	-0.9	11.9	29.8	.....
Members	3,524,378	2,708,870	2,009,471	1,280,066
Increase over preceding census:				
Number.....	815,508	699,399	729,405	.....
Per cent.....	30.1	34.8	57.0	.....
Average membership per church.....	151	115	95	79
Church edifices:				
Number.....	21,401	19,770	18,878	13,502
Value—Churches reporting.....	21,128	19,268	18,672	.....
Amount reported.....	\$173,456,965	\$58,348,373	\$34,723,882	\$18,196,637
Average per church.....	\$8,210	\$3,028	\$1,860	.....
Debt—Churches reporting.....	2,730	1,638	1,215	.....
Amount reported.....	\$22,986,982	\$3,153,158	\$1,239,022	.....
Parsonages:				
Value—Churches reporting.....	3,429	1,820	1,271	.....
Amount reported.....	\$15,185,725	\$4,471,683	\$2,493,091	.....
Debt—Churches reporting.....	855	.....	.....	.....
Amount reported.....	\$1,724,355	.....	.....	.....
Expenditures during year:				
Churches reporting.....	22,338	21,078	.....	.....
Amount reported.....	\$42,904,563	\$15,063,743	.....	.....
Current expenses and improvements.....	\$32,886,565	\$10,969,069	.....	.....
Benevolences, missions, etc.....	\$9,761,615	\$3,968,970	.....	.....
Not classified.....	\$256,383	\$125,704	.....	.....
Average expenditure per church.....	\$1,921	\$715	.....	.....
Sunday schools:				
Churches reporting.....	19,882	17,555	14,371	.....
Officers and teachers.....	229,848	160,171	106,017	.....
Scholars.....	2,345,630	1,665,996	1,014,690	.....

¹ Statistics for 1916, 1906, and 1890 include figures for the churches organized since 1916 under the name of American Baptist Association.

² A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

State tables.—Tables 3, 4, 5, and 6 present the statistics for the Southern Baptist Convention by States. Table 3 gives for each State the number and membership of the churches classified according to their location in urban or rural territory and the total membership classified by sex. Table 4 gives for selected States the number and membership of the churches for the three censuses from 1906 to 1926, together with the membership for 1926 classified as under 13 years of age and 13 years of age and over. Table 5 shows the value

of church property and the debt on such property for 1926 alone. Table 6 presents, for 1926, the church expenditures, showing separately the amounts expended for current expenses and improvements, and for benevolences, etc., and also gives the data for Sunday schools. Separate presentation in Tables 5 and 6 is limited to those States in which three or more churches reported the principal items shown (values or expenditures), in order to avoid disclosing the financial statistics of any individual church. The States omitted from these tables can be determined by referring to the complete list which appears in Table 3.

Ecclesiastical divisions.—Table 7 presents, for each association in the Southern Baptist Convention, the more important statistical data shown by States in the earlier tables, including number of churches, membership, value of church edifices, debt on church edifices, expenditures, and Sunday schools.

TABLE 3.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES IN URBAN AND RURAL TERRITORY, AND TOTAL MEMBERSHIP BY SEX, BY STATES, 1926: SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION AND STATE	NUMBER OF CHURCHES			NUMBER OF MEMBERS			TOTAL MEMBERSHIP BY SEX			
	Total	Urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Sex not reported	Males per 100 females (1)
United States..	23,374	1,859	21,515	3,524,378	986,059	2,538,319	1,415,008	1,861,637	247,733	76.0
Middle Atlantic:										
Pennsylvania..	1		1	25		25	10	15		
E. North Central:										
Ohio.....	1		1	97		97	32	65		
Indiana.....	6	4	2	473	403	70	180	293		61.4
Illinois.....	546	57	489	59,382	17,362	42,020	23,786	34,033	1,563	69.9
W. North Central:										
Missouri.....	1,764	139	1,625	221,690	69,154	152,536	84,708	119,700	17,282	70.8
Kansas.....	5	1	4	532	67	465	244	288		84.7
South Atlantic:										
Maryland.....	95	45	50	17,911	13,816	4,095	7,009	10,429	473	67.2
Dist. Columbia..	2	2		1,981	1,981		1,046	935		111.9
Virginia.....	1,139	112	1,027	223,270	78,103	145,167	95,210	119,312	8,748	79.8
West Virginia..	13	7	6	3,563	3,350	213	1,429	2,084	50	68.6
North Carolina..	2,321	145	2,176	385,940	74,139	311,801	157,414	199,676	28,850	78.8
South Carolina..	1,170	89	1,081	217,104	44,820	172,284	91,012	111,766	14,326	81.4
Georgia.....	2,468	170	2,298	400,560	97,626	302,934	152,208	204,126	44,226	74.6
Florida.....	719	91	628	103,135	41,629	61,506	42,706	54,795	5,634	77.9
E. South Central:										
Kentucky.....	1,919	131	1,788	305,582	72,822	232,760	118,190	157,325	30,067	75.1
Tennessee.....	1,845	140	1,705	271,921	71,062	200,859	109,749	146,231	15,941	75.1
Alabama.....	2,083	109	1,974	271,992	61,266	210,726	112,665	145,815	13,512	77.3
Mississippi.....	1,515	57	1,458	211,370	33,586	177,784	90,441	110,170	10,759	82.1
W. South Central:										
Arkansas.....	860	73	787	103,346	34,612	68,734	41,214	57,721	4,411	71.4
Louisiana.....	766	66	700	117,220	31,502	85,718	47,798	63,090	6,332	75.8
Oklahoma.....	961	107	854	131,139	55,262	75,877	47,280	71,267	12,592	66.3
Texas.....	3,038	294	2,744	465,274	178,760	286,514	186,271	246,036	32,967	75.7
Mountain:										
New Mexico....	127	15	112	9,570	3,777	5,793	3,883	5,687		68.3
Arizona.....	10	5	5	1,301	960	341	523	778		67.2

¹ Ratio not shown where number of females is less than 100.

TABLE 4.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES, 1906 TO 1926, AND MEMBERSHIP BY AGE, 1926, BY STATES: SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

[Separate presentation is limited to States having 3 or more churches in either 1926, 1916, or 1906]

STATE	NUMBER OF CHURCHES			NUMBER OF MEMBERS			MEMBERSHIP BY AGE, 1926			
	1926	1916	1906	1926	1916	1906	Under 13 years	13 years and over	Age not reported	Per cent under 13 ¹
United States.....	23,374	23,580	21,075	3,524,378	2,708,870	2,009,471	182,828	2,805,542	536,008	6.1
Indiana.....	6			473			26	447		5.5
Illinois.....	546	604		59,382	62,822		2,116	50,663	6,603	4.0
Missouri.....	1,764	1,905	1,894	221,690	210,889	176,208	10,277	182,888	28,527	5.3
Kansas.....	5		1	532			17	470	45	3.5
Maryland.....	95	84	71	17,911	14,650	11,232	749	16,816	346	4.3
District of Columbia.....	2	5		1,981	2,767		24	1,381	576	1.7
Virginia.....	1,139	1,055	1,028	223,270	170,151	136,062	12,229	174,842	36,199	6.5
West Virginia.....	13	11	11	3,563	2,449	1,672	304	3,113	146	8.9
North Carolina.....	2,321	2,137	1,837	385,940	279,112	202,798	17,903	296,216	71,821	5.7
South Carolina.....	1,170	1,093	979	217,104	158,151	118,300	11,357	173,559	32,188	6.1
Georgia.....	2,468	2,408	2,157	400,560	305,055	232,688	13,809	308,760	77,991	4.3
Florida.....	719	683	548	103,135	57,732	34,646	6,067	86,182	10,886	6.6
Kentucky.....	1,919	1,835	1,701	305,532	252,554	211,552	10,941	239,684	54,957	4.4
Tennessee.....	1,845	1,718	1,615	271,921	202,867	159,838	11,856	222,970	37,095	5.0
Alabama.....	2,083	1,993	1,907	271,992	207,603	162,445	12,995	221,016	37,981	5.6
Mississippi.....	1,515	1,436	1,346	211,370	153,497	123,357	11,317	166,494	33,559	6.4
Arkansas.....	860	1,409	1,415	103,346	113,192	91,631	6,880	85,568	10,898	7.4
Louisiana.....	766	602	609	117,220	66,298	49,620	7,830	95,059	14,331	7.6
Oklahoma.....	961	1,108	854	131,139	87,028	49,978	9,310	103,252	18,577	8.3
Texas.....	3,038	3,358	3,098	465,274	355,251	247,306	36,013	366,881	62,380	8.9
New Mexico.....	127	135	4	9,570	6,721	61	691	7,977	902	8.0
Arizona.....	10			1,301			111	1,190		8.5
Other States.....	2	1		122	81		6	116		4.9

¹ Based on membership with age classification reported.

TABLE 5.—VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, AND CHURCH DEBT, BY STATES, 1926: SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

[Separate presentation is limited to States having 3 or more churches reporting value of edifices]

STATE	Total number of churches	Number of church edifices	VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES		VALUE OF PARSONAGES		DEBT ON PARSONAGES	
			Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount
United States.....	23,374	21,401	21,128	\$173,456,965	2,730	\$22,986,982	3,429	\$15,185,725	855	\$1,724,355
Indiana.....	6	5	5	24,700	2	2,800		(¹)		(¹)
Illinois.....	546	530	522	2,624,200	68	261,166	54	171,747	20	26,688
Missouri.....	1,764	1,678	1,663	13,712,624	164	961,793	185	612,920	59	80,274
Kansas.....	5	4	4	17,350	2	725				
Maryland.....	95	90	90	3,106,550	33	425,167	47	291,500	15	42,340
Virginia.....	1,139	1,110	1,088	13,681,843	184	1,839,879	366	1,896,080	76	183,764
West Virginia.....	13	12	12	292,500	4	76,768	6	54,000	3	19,973
North Carolina.....	2,321	2,194	2,190	18,755,681	311	2,803,901	343	1,938,225	109	260,394
South Carolina.....	1,170	1,116	1,108	9,834,626	140	960,200	245	1,158,043	53	109,156
Georgia.....	2,468	2,370	2,346	14,265,455	162	1,192,783	215	980,515	43	116,125
Florida.....	719	683	652	11,794,516	137	2,122,843	131	1,155,750	40	149,124
Kentucky.....	1,919	1,788	1,766	13,713,229	165	1,549,403	188	970,150	42	88,721
Tennessee.....	1,845	1,708	1,694	10,962,547	204	1,446,942	170	734,024	44	88,393
Alabama.....	2,083	1,966	1,935	10,164,943	160	1,282,641	215	915,000	56	113,048
Mississippi.....	1,515	1,371	1,366	7,561,789	126	969,248	199	779,823	44	65,290

¹ Amount included in figures shown for "Other States," to avoid disclosing the statistics of individual churches.

TABLE 5.—VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY AND CHURCH DEBT, BY STATES, 1926:
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—Continued

STATE	Total number of churches	Number of church edifices	VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES		VALUE OF PARSONAGES		DEBT ON PARSONAGES	
			Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount
Arkansas.....	860	690	687	\$4,941,439	125	\$693,097	119	\$402,750	40	\$48,025
Louisiana.....	766	694	679	4,508,014	93	702,020	100	412,121	29	77,779
Oklahoma.....	961	759	740	7,606,962	193	1,403,633	239	653,677	57	78,598
Texas.....	3,038	2,551	2,500	25,098,767	430	4,159,248	580	1,990,150	116	162,528
New Mexico.....	127	71	70	526,225	20	88,325	23	50,250	6	8,660
Arizona.....	10	7	7	47,600	4	11,800	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Other States ²	4	4	4	215,500	3	32,600	4	19,000	3	5,470

¹ Amount included in figures shown for "Other States," to avoid disclosing the statistics of individual churches.

² The figures for parsonages (value and debt) include data for 3 churches in Indiana and Arizona.

TABLE 6.—CHURCH EXPENDITURES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES, 1926:
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

[Separate presentation is limited to States having 3 or more churches reporting expenditures]

STATE	Total number of churches	EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR					SUNDAY SCHOOLS		
		Churches reporting	Total amount	For current expenses and improvements	For benevolences, missions, etc.	Not classified	Churches reporting	Officers and teachers	Scholars
United States.....	23,374	22,338	\$42,904,563	\$32,886,565	\$9,761,615	\$256,333	19,882	229,848	2,345,630
Indiana.....	6	6	8,384	7,706	678	—	6	70	570
Illinois.....	546	525	592,304	494,014	97,156	1,134	479	4,995	41,100
Missouri.....	1,764	1,655	2,744,356	2,190,073	544,102	10,181	1,517	17,343	159,954
Kansas.....	5	5	9,310	8,243	1,067	—	4	53	518
Maryland.....	95	92	703,939	544,066	159,873	—	89	1,642	14,752
Virginia.....	1,139	1,117	3,281,423	2,372,577	905,996	2,855	1,045	15,417	169,317
West Virginia.....	13	12	80,787	60,478	20,309	—	12	252	3,135
North Carolina.....	2,321	2,270	4,259,285	3,347,192	891,658	20,435	2,192	24,449	294,677
South Carolina.....	1,170	1,159	2,166,847	1,563,747	584,261	18,839	1,123	13,433	155,463
Georgia.....	2,468	2,371	3,020,019	2,324,571	685,020	10,428	2,032	20,508	207,969
Florida.....	719	699	2,611,800	2,144,513	460,581	6,706	567	7,491	75,593
Kentucky.....	1,919	1,809	3,084,800	2,289,306	737,956	57,538	1,599	17,747	180,690
Tennessee.....	1,845	1,749	2,611,013	1,934,367	666,009	10,637	1,537	16,155	171,994
Alabama.....	2,083	1,996	2,668,108	2,145,992	506,514	15,602	1,693	15,484	156,000
Mississippi.....	1,515	1,455	2,462,126	1,979,363	478,371	4,392	1,152	11,334	108,427
Arkansas.....	860	815	1,444,450	1,075,630	368,119	701	736	8,032	78,238
Louisiana.....	766	745	1,373,660	950,842	407,669	15,149	674	7,100	68,728
Oklahoma.....	961	890	2,385,550	1,950,344	399,677	35,529	848	11,243	107,685
Texas.....	3,038	2,837	7,118,858	5,294,285	1,779,016	45,557	2,476	35,804	339,047
New Mexico.....	127	117	195,517	149,993	44,824	700	89	1,018	8,530
Arizona.....	10	10	25,995	21,533	4,162	—	8	149	1,199
Other States.....	4	4	56,027	37,430	18,597	—	4	129	2,044

TABLE 7.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES, VALUE OF EDIFICES, DEBT, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS, 1926: SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

ASSOCIATION	Total number churches	Number of members	VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES		EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR		SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
			Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Number of scholars
Total.....	23, 374	3, 524, 378	21, 128	\$173, 456, 965	2, 730	\$22, 996, 982	22, 338	\$42, 904, 563	19, 882	2, 345, 630
Alabama:										
Alabama.....	9	731	8	\$7, 300			7	\$771	4	168
Baldwin County.....	20	1, 628	14	53, 250	2	\$5, 171	18	17, 082	18	1, 395
Bethel.....	27	3, 193	26	107, 950	1	70	26	21, 294	26	1, 777
Bethlehem.....	25	2, 942	24	108, 450	6	15, 635	25	21, 418	20	1, 274
Bibb County.....	33	3, 741	32	109, 185	4	11, 422	31	20, 938	30	2, 123
Bigbee.....	19	1, 565	18	56, 840			19	18, 060	16	1, 310
Birmingham.....	93	31, 705	85	2, 990, 027	33	749, 462	93	945, 384	90	24, 587
Blount County.....	49	4, 044	45	74, 725	3	375	49	10, 873	44	2, 837
Bullock-Centennial.....	14	1, 050	14	34, 450			14	8, 831	8	450
Butler County.....	33	3, 403	31	86, 005	1	225	31	23, 167	19	1, 288
Cahaba.....	30	3, 015	28	127, 007	3	21, 869	25	27, 982	25	1, 778
Calhoun County.....	51	8, 060	46	287, 850	5	3, 748	48	59, 145	46	5, 045
Carey.....	29	3, 733	28	92, 200			29	12, 202	25	1, 978
Cedar Bluff.....	18	1, 273	18	14, 575			18	8, 133	14	742
Central.....	17	1, 440	15	40, 450	1	600	17	6, 726	9	583
Cherokee.....	31	2, 477	30	43, 600	2	1, 475	31	7, 858	27	1, 636
Chilton County.....	32	3, 874	31	43, 000	2	300	31	9, 524	27	1, 781
Choctaw.....	23	1, 899	20	82, 350			22	10, 827	18	918
Clarke County.....	45	5, 249	42	95, 450	1	750	44	26, 706	36	2, 281
Clay County.....	15	1, 235	12	11, 200			15	2, 363	11	544
Clear Creek.....	39	3, 119	34	57, 850	1	450	38	10, 051	32	1, 921
Cleburne County.....	28	3, 024	28	26, 050	2	135	27	4, 688	18	1, 132
Coffee County.....	28	4, 970	27	118, 800	5	1, 715	26	28, 296	24	2, 572
Colbert County.....	15	2, 305	13	111, 500	2	3, 260	13	15, 138	10	1, 204
Columbia.....	41	6, 868	40	145, 125	1	32	40	46, 814	34	3, 885
Conecuh.....	28	2, 907	27	62, 450	2	1, 250	25	20, 276	23	1, 543
Coosa River.....	40	5, 997	40	205, 650	3	5, 300	39	42, 330	34	2, 821
Coosa Valley.....	15	1, 460	14	19, 250	1	800	13	7, 947	11	610
Crenshaw County.....	18	2, 056	18	48, 350	1	110	18	16, 335	13	736
Cullman County.....	64	7, 216	62	123, 050	1	100	62	23, 772	52	4, 022
Dale County.....	30	4, 406	30	56, 250	1	1, 000	29	17, 810	22	1, 493
De Kalb County.....	47	5, 362	41	96, 225	1	500	45	24, 784	39	3, 213
East Liberty.....	24	4, 104	22	124, 000	2	7, 000	23	25, 894	22	2, 051
Elmore County.....	29	3, 724	27	90, 850			29	23, 668	27	1, 983
Escambia County.....	23	2, 579	23	133, 400	4	10, 545	23	24, 423	21	1, 599
Etowah County.....	37	6, 590	35	294, 436	5	38, 560	36	73, 501	36	4, 485
Etowah.....	18	2, 458	17	59, 450			17	15, 102	13	929
Fayette County.....	18	1, 790	17	91, 650	1	17, 000	17	11, 567	11	776
Franklin County.....	15	1, 748	15	41, 025	1	25	14	11, 196	13	936
Geneva County.....	24	3, 485	24	95, 200			24	15, 686	20	1, 928
Holmes County.....	1	66	(¹)	(¹)				(¹)	1	48
Judson.....	21	3, 241	21	72, 525	5	1, 238	21	14, 196	15	1, 298
Lamar County.....	20	1, 581	18	31, 600	1	2, 500	19	13, 503	13	860
Lauderdale County.....	17	1, 930	15	76, 550	1	700	16	17, 963	11	1, 107
Liberty.....	1	35	(¹)	(¹)				(¹)		
Limestone County.....	17	1, 959	16	68, 750	2	475	17	11, 475	16	1, 225
Lookout Valley.....	4	273	4	3, 600				(¹)	2	59
Madison County.....										
Liberty.....	28	3, 390	26	93, 850	3	441	26	17, 598	22	1, 952
Marion County.....	13	1, 461	12	26, 550	2	6, 300	12	7, 234	11	880
Marshall County.....	48	6, 729	42	132, 496	3	7, 400	43	38, 374	42	4, 137
Mineral Springs.....	11	893	9	20, 100	1	500	11	4, 090	8	605
Mobile.....	29	6, 580	26	409, 650	6	55, 800	28	162, 922	29	5, 133
Montgomery.....	23	6, 729	22	541, 900	2	46, 000	22	81, 120	17	3, 619
Morgan County.....	37	5, 311	31	164, 500	3	540	34	62, 768	34	3, 607

¹ Amount included in the figures shown on the line designated "Combinations," to avoid disclosing the statistics of individual churches.

TABLE 7.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES, VALUE OF EDIFICES, DEBT, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS, 1926: SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—Continued

ASSOCIATION	Total number of churches	Number of members	VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES		EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR		SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
			Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Number of scholars
Alabama—Con.										
Mud Creek.....	21	2, 113	17	\$31, 900			21	\$4, 864	19	1, 449
Muscle Shoals.....	27	2, 710	25	38, 219	2	\$560	26	12, 863	17	1, 176
New Hope.....	2	90		(¹)				(¹)		
North River.....	50	5, 001	44	156, 225	3	15, 111	47	49, 604	43	3, 827
Pickens.....	30	2, 679	30	64, 400	1	5, 000	29	24, 595	19	1, 011
Pine Barren.....	19	1, 293	17	27, 350			19	17, 259	13	795
Pleasant Grove.....	15	1, 038	13	11, 350	1	200	14	2, 025	15	559
Randolph County.....	29	3, 933	28	77, 800	2	200	29	17, 300	28	2, 172
Russell County.....	15	2, 131	15	126, 500	5	18, 750	15	30, 220	14	1, 364
St. Clair County.....	25	2, 744	23	47, 765	1	240	25	8, 109	20	1, 197
Salem-Troy.....	32	3, 801	29	99, 875	1	45	27	25, 837	17	1, 641
Sand Mountain.....	18	1, 291	16	19, 250			17	4, 719	13	727
Sardis.....	17	1, 870	16	10, 925	1	500	16	3, 234	9	628
Selma.....	18	2, 694	18	200, 500	2	45, 100	16	59, 336	15	1, 853
Shady Grove.....	7	754	7	6, 100			7	1, 979	6	282
Shelby County.....	37	3, 492	34	75, 800			36	18, 942	31	2, 023
Sipsey.....	19	1, 390	19	19, 150			19	2, 620	11	509
Sulphur Springs.....	16	1, 398	16	16, 975	1	15	14	1, 656	13	682
Tallapoosa.....	27	2, 950	25	118, 500	2	8, 750	25	19, 982	17	1, 004
Tennessee River.....	31	3, 294	28	62, 045	3	2, 406	31	15, 249	29	1, 819
Tuscaloosa County.....	47	7, 527	43	430, 648	3	134, 500	47	83, 813	41	4, 550
Tuskegee.....	24	2, 736	23	165, 200	1	41	23	33, 036	21	1, 996
Unity.....	28	3, 545	27	101, 300			27	25, 318	25	2, 023
Washington County.....	27	2, 486	22	81, 700	1	400	27	9, 355	21	933
Zion.....	38	6, 429	36	217, 670	3	30, 055	35	46, 214	27	2, 310
Arizona:										
Gambrel Memorial.....	10	1, 301	7	47, 500	4	11, 800	10	25, 995	8	1, 199
Arkansas:										
Arkansas County.....	10	1, 347	8	65, 800	1	7, 500	10	22, 302	10	868
Arkansas Valley.....	15	2, 312	10	179, 000	4	28, 800	15	53, 754	13	1, 696
Bartholomew.....	55	6, 671	46	164, 825	4	16, 090	54	58, 418	45	3, 923
Benton County.....	15	1, 693	13	93, 200	2	800	15	21, 774	15	1, 305
Big Creek.....	10	470	7	6, 600			7	948	6	340
Black River.....	19	1, 652	16	72, 900	2	3, 750	19	24, 552	18	1, 468
Black River (Mo.).....	2	108		(¹)				(¹)	1	45
Buckner.....	34	2, 757	26	70, 650	4	7, 102	32	14, 449	30	1, 763
Caddo River.....	16	916	14	15, 400	1	1, 325	16	5, 912	13	901
Carey.....	19	1, 976	18	83, 500	2	14, 000	18	30, 535	17	1, 430
Caroline.....	29	3, 671	26	185, 028	4	26, 000	29	61, 817	28	2, 749
Carroll County.....	13	1, 518	10	35, 400	1	300	13	11, 618	13	958
Central.....	17	3, 016	16	233, 800	3	24, 500	16	53, 935	16	2, 676
Clear Creek.....	20	1, 905	13	62, 600	3	10, 039	18	14, 211	17	1, 585
Concord.....	36	5, 876	30	381, 140	5	67, 670	32	68, 409	32	4, 531
Crooked Creek.....	17	1, 107	11	18, 050			16	9, 172	14	1, 112
Current River.....	18	1, 608	16	32, 300	3	1, 650	17	10, 238	15	1, 237
Dardanelle.....	27	2, 375	25	59, 850	1	4, 000	26	20, 585	23	1, 855
Fellowship.....	4	532	3	5, 000			4	4, 093	3	356
Fourche Valley.....	10	609	7	7, 300			9	1, 984	9	447
Gainesville.....	15	1, 451	14	51, 881	4	7, 533	15	10, 891	14	1, 196
Greenbrier.....	30	3, 130	23	125, 800	2	28, 000	29	23, 849	26	2, 551
Greene County.....	23	2, 831	22	156, 565	2	19, 550	22	22, 491	22	2, 150
Harmony.....	14	4, 506	14	356, 800	7	76, 000	14	85, 043	13	3, 507
Hope.....	30	4, 855	22	203, 750	5	5, 150	28	118, 503	27	3, 132
Howard County.....	10	1, 128	7	44, 200	1	4, 000	9	15, 144	7	805
Independence.....	19	2, 038	18	131, 800	3	39, 700	18	20, 141	16	1, 328
Liberty.....	35	6, 121	32	578, 570	4	41, 650	33	178, 448	30	5, 073
Little Red River.....	14	1, 187	11	21, 800	1	400	13	7, 316	13	959
Little River.....	13	1, 486	11	50, 305	2	2, 068	13	16, 993	9	1, 154

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ASSOCIATION	Total number of churches	Number of members	VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES		EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR		SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
			Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Number of scholars
Arkansas—Con.										
Madison	11	316		(¹)			9	\$1,173	6	195
Mississippi County	15	1,976	10	\$136,200	5	\$35,640	14	39,756	13	2,044
Mount Zion	50	5,807	36	310,150	16	45,514	48	91,477	43	4,632
Quachita	11	1,018	10	28,250	1	700	11	7,960	9	756
Pulaski County	31	8,984	27	332,275	10	112,451	29	144,497	27	6,708
Red River	28	3,525	26	189,800	5	22,750	28	40,335	20	2,379
Rocky Bayou	9	535	7	8,100	1	300	8	2,905	7	388
Russellville	27	2,351	22	107,500	6	4,090	27	31,449	23	2,206
Searcy County	4	309		(¹)		(¹)		(¹)	4	264
Southwestern General Conference	1	26						(¹)	1	40
Stone County	14	910	4	5,250			11	1,442	10	465
Tri-County	18	1,642	15	102,800	7	27,500	16	35,895	13	1,239
Van Buren County	8	368	5	2,600			8	1,382	7	355
Washington County	14	1,927	8	140,000	1	1,700	13	26,643	11	1,510
White County	14	1,512	11	59,300			13	21,490	14	1,361
White River	15	1,224	12	11,600	1	875	15	6,884	10	633
Unassociated	1	64						(¹)	1	35
District of Columbia: Columbia	2	1,981		(¹)		(¹)		(¹)	2	1,957
Florida:										
Alachua	20	2,261	19	119,860	5	28,080	19	35,896	16	1,414
Beulah	23	2,110	23	128,200	1	35,000	23	53,375	15	1,219
Black Creek	16	1,067	16	21,670	2	1,320	16	7,697	11	581
Florida	30	3,946	29	239,600	5	24,800	30	48,118	24	2,548
Graves	16	1,522	11	20,800	1	150	15	6,482	9	615
Harmony	16	1,744	15	31,800			16	12,250	13	929
Holmes County	19	1,483	16	23,200	1	400	18	8,550	13	849
Indian River	12	1,799	11	227,700	6	40,800	11	76,491	11	1,612
Jackson County	34	3,139	32	44,809	2	570	32	11,937	25	1,707
Jacksonville	36	10,640	33	1,798,550	16	618,424	36	305,916	34	7,850
Lafayette	17	1,228	12	14,750	2	2,039	17	4,702	8	366
Lake County	17	2,095	16	283,950	6	56,600	17	61,100	15	1,982
Marion	34	2,716	34	232,300	4	35,750	33	65,798	26	1,693
Mercer	1	130		(¹)				(¹)	1	38
Miami	33	8,657	29	2,196,200	20	372,817	30	439,813	32	8,542
Middle Florida	31	3,016	29	180,750	1	22,000	28	31,154	15	1,100
New River	20	1,290	19	25,600			20	9,016	9	577
Okaloosa County	17	1,323	15	20,470			16	4,376	12	645
Pasco	9	844	7	41,800	1	900	9	16,211	9	617
Peace River	41	5,615	36	265,200	2	1,400	39	70,471	36	3,765
Pensacola Bay	22	3,240	22	134,120	4	20,950	22	35,849	22	2,357
Rocky Creek	6	431	6	5,600	1	100	6	1,056	2	50
Santa Fe River	19	2,744	15	216,050	3	56,050	19	75,448	16	1,958
Santa Rosa	15	1,221	13	25,100			14	12,255	12	794
St. Johns River	23	2,534	20	227,600	8	75,350	23	60,263	17	2,059
Seminole	24	4,400	19	446,000	8	66,726	24	142,116	21	3,884
South Florida	49	10,122	46	908,587	12	141,035	49	210,284	43	7,565
Southwest Florida	14	2,656	14	410,000	2	60,500	14	89,389	13	2,353
Southwestern	1	86		(¹)				(¹)	1	8
Suwannee	25	2,446	22	73,200			24	13,825	15	1,034
Tampa Bay	34	10,685	32	2,576,800	17	348,482	32	518,393	31	10,006
Wekiwa	17	3,483	14	673,500	3	62,000	17	117,727	16	3,464
West Florida	26	2,377	23	180,350	4	50,600	26	64,406	22	1,317
Zion	1	54		(¹)				(¹)	1	43
Unassociated	1	31		(¹)				(¹)	1	52

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ASSOCIATION	Total number of churches	Number of members	VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES		EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR		SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
			Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Number of scholars
Georgia:										
Appalachee	22	3,546	21	\$135,000			22	\$18,700	18	1,374
Atlanta	65	34,540	62	2,463,900	30	\$342,834	65	612,729	64	24,770
Baptist Union	16	1,204	14	14,480			16	7,412	11	411
Ben Hill Irwin	22	3,022	22	129,975	5	2,896	21	19,930	20	1,722
Bethel	43	5,552	43	234,650			41	49,503	35	3,292
Bowen	34	3,548	28	101,000	1	500	34	28,372	27	1,814
Campbell	18	2,243	18	30,850	1	50	17	7,126	14	907
Carrollton	33	5,720	32	137,050	1	26	31	20,971	27	2,446
Catoosa County	15	1,878	15	29,700	1	75	15	8,556	14	1,266
Centennial	24	3,076	24	125,450	2	1,000	23	23,621	17	1,783
Central	28	2,384	26	73,350			24	16,663	19	1,263
Central Western	10	1,114	8	6,200			8	1,335	3	192
Chattahoochee	40	11,765	40	214,050	1	275	39	40,756	38	4,643
Chattooga	20	2,451	19	72,700			19	12,827	19	1,434
Chestatee	20	1,646	16	11,575			16	1,571	11	563
Colquitt	30	4,641	30	145,250	1	6,000	30	33,508	25	2,866
Columbus	35	5,672	34	429,850	6	102,400	35	91,204	27	3,574
Concord	20	3,535	20	50,250	1	30	19	7,289	19	1,654
Consolation	28	3,775	27	125,400	1	185	28	18,059	28	2,295
Coosa	30	4,685	28	159,450	1	4,000	30	37,526	30	3,299
Coosawattie	9	767	5	2,900			4	670	8	304
Daniel	39	4,712	37	128,861	3	2,220	39	28,430	35	2,653
Dodge	33	3,960	31	81,150	1	3,000	33	22,090	26	1,637
Ebenezer	25	2,673	25	72,250	3	4,130	25	16,041	18	962
Ellijay	13	1,069	13	15,950			12	985	1	80
Emanuel	14	1,569	14	29,495	1	115	13	9,795	11	654
Enon	18	2,400	14	11,800			16	1,992	12	716
Fairburn	27	4,976	24	63,800	3	3,125	27	20,131	27	2,448
Flint River	48	7,472	48	261,500	2	7,200	48	77,014	44	4,188
Floyd County	35	6,940	34	130,800	2	1,750	35	43,787	32	4,174
Friendship	33	4,461	31	206,050	3	11,000	32	44,020	24	2,610
Georgia	53	8,830	51	283,150	2	18,500	51	53,569	51	5,499
Gilmer-Fannin	6	697	6	4,100			6	608	5	355
Good Samaritan	14	1,312	13	13,300			14	1,765	7	363
Gordon County	28	4,272	26	93,000	1	24,000	28	16,505	28	1,850
Habersham County	19	2,758	17	51,500	1	25	17	12,077	17	1,721
Haralson County	17	2,411	17	20,550			16	5,095	14	922
Harmony	3	247	3	2,500	1	35	3	79	1	23
Hebron	44	9,030	42	172,700	5	15,367	43	28,317	42	4,049
Hephzibah	42	9,961	40	549,650	8	100,717	40	106,449	38	6,427
Hiwassee	16	2,082	15	12,600			16	3,146	16	1,135
Hightower	57	10,940	57	76,300	3	200	55	10,190	43	3,231
Houston	31	4,858	31	217,100	3	22,510	31	38,421	27	2,830
Jasper	38	6,631	31	33,775	2	1,350	28	5,025	12	897
Kilpatrick	27	3,812	27	90,974	1	400	27	19,714	20	1,811
Kimbell	20	2,339	20	129,400			20	14,169	16	989
Laurens County	37	5,649	36	187,200			37	33,568	34	3,194
Lawrenceville	29	5,092	29	93,050	2	1,009	27	25,684	28	2,743
Liberty	19	3,008	19	22,600			18	2,995	17	1,305
Little River	19	2,383	19	55,225	1	27	19	9,610	16	4,096
Lookout Valley	7	327	6	4,750			6	1,056	6	308
Mallary	27	4,697	27	325,975	3	36,160	27	72,999	20	2,326
Mell	27	2,895	26	109,875	1	4,500	26	19,436	18	1,474
Mercer	22	3,103	22	113,850	1	165	22	32,618	20	1,889
Middle	39	6,008	38	183,350	4	5,635	38	40,065	37	2,890
Middle Cherokee	24	4,249	23	137,970	1	7,000	24	35,227	21	1,983
Miller	7	826	7	10,800			7	1,952	3	145
Morgan County	13	1,578	13	74,400			13	9,594	12	980
Morgantown	18	2,400	17	64,700	2	1,280	17	21,898	15	1,548
Mountaintown	15	1,160	13	18,500			11	1,154	11	451

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ASSOCIATION	of		VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES		EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR		SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
	Total number churches	Number of members	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Number of scholars
Georgia—Con.										
Mount Vernon.....	23	3,259	23	\$89,900	3	\$4,435	23	\$13,499	23	1,596
Mulberry.....	24	4,436	21	24,950			24	4,855	22	1,572
New Hope.....	26	2,450	21	16,440			17	1,230		
New Sunbury.....	26	8,025	25	851,200	3	201,030	25	159,907	20	4,405
New Union.....	8	655	8	7,500			8	1,122	5	264
Noonday.....	35	7,479	35	327,950	3	27,300	34	42,666	32	4,369
North Georgia.....	43	5,625	41	130,300	3	13,500	40	26,344	37	3,050
Notla River.....	21	2,058	20	13,025	1	50	21	2,800	20	932
Ocoll.....	2	327		(1)				(1)	2	100
Ogeechee River.....	23	2,843	23	83,325	1	150	23	22,710	21	1,866
Piedmont.....	47	4,974	45	212,250	1	450	44	53,179	37	3,031
Pine Mountain.....	28	2,807	28	80,900	3	565	27	16,382	20	1,286
Pleasant Grove.....	23	3,066	21	22,100	1	400	19	2,687	12	693
Pleasant Valley.....	13	2,251	13	20,950	1	70	11	1,350	4	325
Polk County.....	22	4,105	20	65,200			22	21,987	20	2,037
Pulaski-Bleckley.....	20	2,814	20	113,600	2	307	20	17,075	18	1,500
Rabun County.....	17	1,773	13	29,000			13	8,068	13	933
Randolph County.....	1	50		(1)				(1)		
Rehoboth.....	43	11,407	41	824,750	6	14,505	43	213,653	39	7,394
Roswell.....	14	1,423	11	21,800	1	114	12	1,910	12	762
Sarepta.....	63	12,554	62	666,750	4	110,007	62	74,250	59	6,972
Smyrna.....	29	3,070	29	71,510	1	50	29	21,720	26	1,835
South River.....	11	1,118	10	35,000	1	49	10	1,410	9	430
Southwestern.....	3	307		(1)			3	735	3	126
Stone Mountain.....	23	3,832	19	104,300			23	28,526	20	2,438
Summerhill.....	23	3,042	23	131,050			23	25,274	21	1,640
Tallapoosa.....	17	2,595	16	33,700	2	507	17	5,820	16	1,182
Tattnall-Evans.....	18	2,191	18	57,950			18	14,205	14	1,252
Taylor.....	16	2,161	15	67,000	1	5,000	16	13,756	12	1,070
Telfair.....	21	2,397	19	25,000	1	200	20	10,160	19	1,188
Tucker.....	27	3,719	26	100,000	1	75	26	19,287	26	2,224
Tugalo.....	38	8,148	38	133,960	1	165	38	21,458	36	3,532
Turner.....	24	2,248	23	31,000			23	7,663	15	887
Valdosta.....	34	4,235	29	217,550	3	21,265	33	58,511	23	2,382
Washington.....	33	5,085	32	175,340	1	600	33	41,789	28	2,523
West Liberty.....	1	118						(1)		
Western.....	54	10,334	52	614,650	3	60,050	54	114,878	42	5,327
White County.....	2	244		(1)		(1)		(1)	2	110
Unassociated.....	7	784	5	9,500	1	48	7	2,778	5	300
Illinois:										
Antioch.....	8	502	8	10,150			8	3,681	5	161
Bay Creek.....	6	497	6	17,900	1	400	5	2,334	4	251
Big Saline.....	18	1,382	18	28,300	1	25	18	5,500	10	508
Clear Creek.....	44	5,727	42	256,300	11	33,670	43	50,915	41	3,929
East St. Louis.....	17	2,819	15	250,500	11	66,455	17	60,146	15	3,456
Fairfield.....	36	3,833	33	123,400	1	400	34	19,912	27	1,883
Franklin.....	43	5,658	40	167,100	7	11,412	42	47,233	38	4,205
Kaskaskia.....	23	1,718	22	59,900	1	1,000	23	19,824	20	1,429
Louisville.....	19	1,333	18	75,200	1	700	18	11,649	18	1,022
Macoupin County.....	28	2,265	28	94,960	2	10,600	25	21,666	25	1,529
Mattoon.....	4	188	4	5,000			4	1,219	3	131
Mount Erie.....	24	1,901	22	49,500	1	1,200	23	13,164	20	1,248
Nine Mile.....	39	4,923	36	344,090	8	99,695	35	103,904	34	3,640
Olney.....	8	849	8	17,750			8	4,330	8	499
Palestine.....	16	1,307	16	59,500	2	4,444	16	17,086	15	999

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ASSOCIATION	of		VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES		EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR		SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
	Total number churches	Number of members	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Number of scholars
Illinois—Con.										
Rehoboth.....	39	2,920	37	\$80,950	4	\$1,365	39	\$17,828	36	1,614
Salem South.....	31	2,691	31	65,750	2	950	31	18,026	29	1,719
Saline County.....	26	4,656	26	365,650	1	2,500	26	46,410	24	3,082
Sandy Creek.....	38	4,117	35	83,100	1	400	37	16,233	37	1,996
Shelby.....	8	453	7	21,000			7	2,835	7	303
Union.....	25	2,340	24	80,400	6	11,825	24	26,437	23	1,610
Westfield.....	12	1,195	12	44,100	1	1,075	11	19,310	11	889
Williamson.....	33	6,040	33	322,700	6	13,050	30	62,312	28	4,952
Unassociated.....	1	68		(¹)				(¹)	1	45
Indiana:										
Fairfield.....	5	432	4	22,700	1	2,600	5	8,060	5	527
Palastine.....	1	41		(¹)		(¹)		(¹)	1	43
Kansas:										
North East.....	1	67						(¹)	1	128
Perry.....	1	285		(¹)		(¹)		(¹)	1	270
Spring River.....	3	180	3	5,350	1	125	3	1,912	2	120
Kentucky:										
Allen.....	25	2,926	24	75,050	1	239	24	11,219	18	1,334
Baptist.....	16	2,982	16	101,500	2	5,500	15	30,144	15	1,551
Barren River.....	46	5,695	44	74,400			43	9,340	29	1,883
Bell County.....	38	5,178	19	162,600	3	5,826	34	45,313	29	3,731
Bethel.....	19	3,402	19	173,900	1	2,000	19	34,305	17	1,955
Blackford.....	23	2,421	23	27,400			22	8,150	22	1,054
Blood River.....	38	5,235	35	146,600	1	170	37	52,216	34	3,497
Boones Creek.....	24	3,876	24	271,800	3	30,405	22	64,698	20	2,622
Booneville.....	28	2,533	19	24,100			21	4,224	15	1,379
Bracken.....	30	2,942	25	222,500	2	2,675	29	40,977	24	1,889
Breckenridge.....	15	2,229	15	69,465	1	12,000	15	21,494	14	1,055
Caldwell County.....	23	3,379	20	48,350			23	27,149	22	2,335
Campbell County.....	19	3,805	18	376,300	3	78,500	18	78,757	18	3,402
Central.....	10	3,105	10	295,535	1	20,000	10	31,851	10	1,451
Christian County.....	25	4,399	25	235,700	3	11,912	24	57,283	24	2,749
Crittenden.....	21	2,850	20	69,900	1	200	21	20,291	19	1,427
Davies-McLean.....	46	9,298	46	606,600	9	166,856	44	108,655	44	6,390
East Lynn.....	13	2,186	13	36,950	1	600	13	5,383	12	682
East Union.....	20	3,089	15	29,400			17	12,543	16	1,778
Edmonson.....	15	1,631	13	17,300			11	3,088	10	584
Elkhorn No. 1.....	18	7,197	17	657,789	5	106,000	18	166,089	17	4,589
Elkhorn No. 2.....	17	5,903	17	509,800	5	53,200	17	123,019	17	3,321
Enterprise-Regular.....	22	1,379	21	96,400	2	2,011	20	17,063	17	1,841
Franklin.....	15	4,727	15	98,500	1	600	15	35,044	15	1,868
Freedom.....	13	918	13	19,000			12	4,861	11	670
Gasper River.....	23	3,125	22	46,560	3	427	22	7,536	21	1,252
Goose Creek.....	12	800	7	4,500			9	636	5	388
Goshen.....	18	1,910	17	56,800	1	12,000	18	26,198	15	1,388
Graves County.....	30	5,784	30	146,875			30	40,793	27	4,019
Green River.....	18	1,667	8	20,550			12	1,330	6	250
Greenup.....	36	3,536	35	347,740	10	73,287	33	65,903	33	4,000
Greenville.....	8	482	7	6,000	1	141	7	1,705	2	120
Henry County.....	13	2,279	12	130,000	2	12,500	13	25,243	13	1,297
Irvine.....	13	1,318	10	16,650	2	350	11	1,431	11	611
Jackson County.....	14	1,070	13	15,000	1	260	13	300	9	454
Laurel River.....	33	4,144	31	105,100	2	5,025	30	12,442	28	2,675
Liberty.....	36	4,837	36	125,600			33	32,868	23	2,057
Lincoln County.....	16	2,151	14	37,600			15	7,817	14	1,176
Little Bethel.....	30	4,011	30	131,300	5	18,950	29	28,943	21	2,222
Little River.....	27	3,614	27	65,660			27	19,217	22	1,354

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ASSOCIATION	of		VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES		EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR		SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
	Total number of churches	Number of members	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Number of scholars
Kentucky—Con.										
Logan	22	2,704	22	\$31,800	1	\$23	22	\$8,671	22	1,419
Long Run	59	24,089	57	2,364,500	27	492,000	59	652,148	58	19,900
Lynn	32	5,596	32	56,050			31	11,560	22	1,727
Lynn Camp	26	2,312	25	28,800	1	200	26	4,443	22	1,640
McCreary County	17	1,457	15	21,950	1	1,500	13	6,792	10	841
Mountain	18	1,351	3	2,500			16	571	7	397
Mount Zion	30	4,786	30	412,040	5	46,450	30	41,451	25	3,024
Muhlenberg	40	6,647	40	198,960	3	6,799	40	36,742	37	3,729
Nelson	25	5,051	24	260,150	4	11,300	25	65,691	22	2,483
North Bend	28	7,231	28	707,000	8	132,700	28	135,412	26	5,789
North Concord	31	3,790	24	118,300	3	10,387	30	17,523	21	1,764
Ohio County	39	5,861	38	105,990			36	28,727	30	2,501
Ohio River	39	4,296	36	91,600			38	24,499	36	2,380
Ohio Valley	42	7,311	39	319,440	4	1,925	42	75,658	40	4,804
Old Bethel	7	869	7	44,500			7	11,134	7	652
Owen County	30	4,954	30	204,850	2	4,000	30	42,122	26	2,304
Pulaski County	39	5,553	38	193,250	3	24,600	36	37,246	37	4,055
Rock Castle	19	2,581	18	25,950			18	7,966	15	1,205
Russell County	17	1,108	16	22,300			16	3,781	15	887
Russells Creek	38	5,360	37	193,050			36	32,792	30	2,639
Salem	26	2,676	25	64,400			24	16,229	17	1,553
Severns Valley	21	4,027	20	138,050	1	190	20	39,673	18	2,304
Shelby County	23	6,281	23	201,300	2	18,900	23	48,235	23	2,718
Simpson	12	2,386	12	53,250			12	16,752	12	1,057
South Concord	16	2,282	16	14,400			9	801	12	629
South District	28	6,987	28	259,000			28	49,653	27	4,141
South Kentucky	12	1,270	10	17,300			12	3,825	10	545
South Union	19	2,184	18	12,500	3	215	16	1,106	12	764
Stewart County	3	316	3	3,000			3	459	2	65
Sulphur Fork	18	2,984	18	105,100	1	4,300	18	21,411	16	1,398
Tates Creek	25	4,403	25	217,050	3	18,570	23	23,150	24	2,171
Ten Mile	13	2,521	13	52,500			13	13,368	13	1,092
Three Forks	23	2,175	15	117,700	4	12,100	18	29,943	17	2,201
Union	18	2,221	18	124,500			18	24,711	16	1,322
Upper Cumberland	25	3,261	10	209,800	4	50,350	20	50,708	21	2,937
Warren	28	5,508	28	339,700	1	800	27	41,519	24	3,050
Wayne County	17	2,576	15	56,175	1	30	15	13,952	14	1,490
West Kentucky	38	4,945	36	211,300	4	33,010	36	51,096	32	3,021
West Union	31	6,208	31	388,000	4	31,390	30	74,853	28	4,329
Whites Run	12	2,431	12	52,550	1	1,000	12	23,319	11	998
Wiseman	5	666	4	4,900	1	30	5	960	1	45
Unassociated	2	354	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	2	330
Louisiana:										
Acadia	23	2,463	18	81,955	8	14,584	23	34,064	23	1,669
Amite River	16	2,025	15	16,800			16	7,033	10	591
Ascension	7	601	7	18,300	1	2,000	6	6,548	7	485
Bartholomew	1	22	(¹)	(¹)			(¹)	(¹)	1	72
Bayou-Macon	23	2,883	15	46,500	4	6,075	23	38,697	23	1,811
Beauregard	24	3,363	21	65,150	5	5,245	24	22,450	22	1,843
Bethlehem	15	1,447	15	18,300			15	6,565	12	810
Bienville	23	3,956	23	85,300			23	31,734	20	2,047
Big Creek	34	5,509	31	87,460			33	38,637	31	2,727
Bossier Parish	8	1,044	7	21,738			8	9,501	6	624
Caddo	31	9,731	28	1,008,800	11	216,981	30	268,562	27	7,431
Carey	17	2,954	16	120,300	6	4,526	17	48,422	16	2,140
Concord	30	4,465	25	59,500	5	4,200	29	41,205	25	2,586
Deer Creek	41	5,233	31	144,545	6	8,337	39	41,745	39	3,331
East Louisiana	21	3,619	18	23,611			20	12,038	20	1,542

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ASSOCIATION	Total number of churches	Number of members	VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES		EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR		SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
			Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Number of scholars
Louisiana—Con.										
Everett.....	26	2,616	23	\$29,200	2	\$24	26	\$12,439	16	1,034
Grand Cane.....	24	3,809	23	160,450	5	46,005	23	63,948	24	2,299
Jackson Parish.....	17	1,472	15	26,200			17	7,667	14	940
Judson.....	14	3,847	13	146,600	1	12,000	14	57,058	12	2,548
Liberty.....	16	2,552	15	225,545	2	60,210	14	46,957	11	1,748
Louisiana.....	28	4,936	25	356,100	5	66,975	26	70,309	26	2,810
Magees Creek.....	6	1,134	6	6,500			6	3,493	5	420
Moorehouse-Ouachita.....	18	4,766	16	263,550	3	25,100	17	59,238	18	2,768
Mount Olive.....	23	4,142	21	50,350	3	930	23	31,653	21	1,913
Natchitoches.....	20	2,178	19	33,500	2	365	20	17,065	16	1,132
New Orleans.....	15	4,331	15	691,150	6	182,400	15	128,954	14	3,024
North Sabine.....	25	3,115	23	47,275	2	400	23	11,231	24	1,669
Ouachita.....	44	4,542	37	91,570	4	4,875	44	49,464	36	2,710
Red River.....	11	2,032	10	66,750	1	13,000	9	20,063	9	946
Sabine.....	28	2,851	25	26,865			27	12,893	24	1,484
Shady Grove.....	14	1,337	12	12,600			13	4,223	12	757
St. Tammany.....	12	1,237	12	30,950	2	368	12	11,213	12	961
Tangipahoa.....	13	2,771	12	87,200	3	20,500	13	28,793	13	1,822
Texas German Conference.....	1	44		(¹)		(¹)		(¹)	1	30
Vernon.....	38	4,457	32	38,300			37	24,150	29	2,196
Washington Parish.....	22	4,152	21	87,100	2	6,320	22	40,066	21	2,585
Webster Parish.....	17	2,681	14	125,700	2	450	16	27,264	16	1,906
Winn Parish.....	19	2,817	17	104,200	1	100	19	34,013	18	1,316
Unassociated.....	1	86		(¹)				(¹)		
Maryland:										
Eastern.....	33	4,618	30	797,050	11	110,127	31	98,379	30	3,814
Middle.....	33	5,127	31	1,172,500	13	185,450	32	409,838	31	4,593
Western.....	30	8,191	30	1,144,500	10	130,190	30	196,352	29	6,392
Mississippi:										
Alcorn.....	24	3,293	21	135,450	1	400	21	26,104	19	1,552
Benton County.....	11	1,386	10	9,500			11	3,083	4	290
Bolivar.....	15	2,056	13	120,900	5	12,600	14	33,875	14	1,498
Calhoun.....	35	3,776	30	47,875	1	3,177	35	16,389	27	1,983
Carroll County.....	16	1,926	15	24,700	1	300	16	11,835	12	647
Chickasaw.....	17	2,217	17	80,200	1	15,000	17	18,586	16	1,240
Choctaw County.....	22	2,495	20	37,000			19	8,159	15	942
Clarke County.....	18	2,131	17	41,050			18	20,732	17	1,225
Coldwater.....	11	928	9	22,550			11	10,844	8	529
Columbus.....	15	2,865	14	202,400			15	65,659	9	2,349
Copiah.....	30	5,816	29	213,400	2	53,000	29	147,358	29	3,236
Covington.....	19	3,169	16	31,100			18	17,748	19	1,769
Deer Creek.....	15	2,178	14	254,000	3	15,000	15	58,922	13	1,553
Franklin.....	26	3,529	21	111,800			26	24,663	19	1,175
George County.....	6	1,421	4	13,048	1	1,918	5	7,878	5	689
Greene County.....	21	1,846	19	25,645	4	601	21	12,490	15	957
Grenada County.....	11	1,600	10	64,000	1	7,000	10	15,826	8	912
Hancock County.....	10	788	8	10,400	2	138	10	7,515	8	403
Harrison.....	11	2,289	9	420,400	2	43,500	11	41,299	10	1,772
Hinds County.....	20	7,774	20	852,800	6	198,300	20	537,827	19	5,234
Holmes County.....	18	1,846	18	75,175	2	1,670	17	26,568	14	1,420
Itawamba County.....	14	1,215	12	11,950	1	1,100	13	2,428	6	406
Jackson County.....	14	1,260	12	66,000	1	150	12	27,286	9	806
Jasper County.....	22	2,043	18	40,550			20	14,790	18	1,218
Jefferson Davis.....	16	2,811	15	51,700	4	13,525	16	19,639	15	1,250

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ASSOCIATION	Total number of churches	Number of members	VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES		EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR		SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
			Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Number of scholars
Mississippi—Con.										
Jones County	39	5,907	36	\$247,600	5	\$20,400	37	\$64,579	28	3,079
Judson	24	2,579	22	25,550			21	4,646	15	764
Kemper County	14	911	12	12,900			13	6,674	4	227
Kosciusko	35	3,805	32	86,650	3	6,850	33	29,388	23	1,885
Lafayette County	20	2,516	17	43,500			19	15,174	13	1,067
Lauderdale	31	6,007	30	484,450	5	96,850	30	105,155	27	4,403
Lawrence County	20	3,296	19	38,000			20	16,547	17	1,376
Leake County	26	2,022	21	25,200	1	2,000	25	17,805	18	1,084
Lebanon	34	6,313	31	292,650	6	32,097	34	92,659	29	4,424
Lee County	24	4,284	23	131,400	3	1,610	23	35,337	21	2,571
Leflore County	8	1,602	8	215,000	3	40,540	8	42,318	8	1,244
Liberty	13	1,170	11	12,225			13	3,150	9	333
Lincoln	33	6,136	32	106,250	1	100	33	33,637	31	2,654
Madison County	11	1,438	11	104,000	3	11,400	9	33,742	7	810
Marion County	19	3,687	17	57,500	1	500	19	24,250	18	1,880
Marshall County	14	1,638	14	65,650	1	10,500	14	13,256	12	835
Mississippi	25	4,040	23	66,125			24	28,046	21	1,675
Monroe County	15	1,947	13	195,150	2	35,200	13	16,038	7	397
Montgomery	18	2,213	17	30,200	1	375	18	20,448	10	941
Mount Pisgah	30	2,388	27	26,550			28	4,443	21	1,143
Neshoba County	23	2,332	16	64,050	1	20,000	20	44,490	15	1,267
New Choctaw	8	252	6	2,150	1	150	8	587	7	132
Newton County	13	2,277	12	56,850	1	6,000	13	32,358	13	1,508
Noxubee County	9	911	9	42,050			8	14,110	5	551
Oktibbeha	26	2,500	22	24,850			22	5,446	10	493
Oktibbeha County	17	1,930	16	95,075	1	10,000	17	17,479	12	1,075
Panola	17	1,948	17	76,500	2	7,600	16	17,294	15	1,227
Pearl River County	21	3,517	18	68,550			20	26,981	16	1,813
Pearl Valley	14	900	7	4,050	2	180	13	1,777	5	270
Perry County	16	1,685	14	29,736	3	2,050	16	14,924	13	1,006
Pike County	21	5,741	21	267,000	4	94,350	21	58,278	20	3,607
Pontotoc County	26	3,893	22	60,850			26	13,802	21	1,827
Prentiss County	15	2,306	13	67,400	3	4,700	14	16,626	10	1,235
Quitman	8	1,010	6	111,000	3	26,750	8	16,670	7	757
Rankin County	30	3,405	29	49,000			30	18,274	27	1,641
Riverside	11	1,261	10	193,500	7	54,150	11	48,326	11	1,071
Scott County	22	2,581	21	62,300	2	4,900	22	21,644	16	1,142
Simpson County	38	6,203	36	111,700	3	25,250	37	34,022	32	2,417
Smith County	37	5,008	35	51,650	1	275	36	14,904	29	2,086
Sunflower	22	2,829	15	143,400	1	4,000	19	40,333	18	1,815
Tallahatchie County	19	2,317	14	68,300	1	75	18	22,303	13	1,184
Tate County	12	2,994	12	90,600			11	25,689	11	837
Tippah County	23	3,699	22	71,900	1	100	23	20,209	15	1,954
Tishomingo	15	1,639	13	22,600	1	650	15	9,839	13	818
Trinity	8	715	8	7,500			8	2,357	5	391
Union	14	1,062	14	35,900	1	5,000	14	10,528	12	508
Union County	26	4,411	26	117,650	4	34,420	26	23,026	15	1,424
Walthall County	12	2,951	11	40,300	1	1,200	12	20,853	11	1,378
Wayne County	18	1,663	13	21,035	1	575	17	9,823	11	724
Winston County	25	3,146	22	50,400	2	170	25	21,358	20	1,344
Yalobusha County	20	2,528	20	75,700	2	3,150	20	23,494	14	1,204
Yazoo County	17	2,187	17	108,250	4	37,752	16	18,890	11	839
Zion	22	3,012	22	39,850			19	10,637	12	1,026
Missouri:										
Audrain	16	2,399	15	116,200			16	26,907	15	1,613
Barry County	30	2,456	28	40,500			26	8,464	23	1,361
Barton County	11	804	11	34,300	1	1,200	11	6,815	11	785
Bear Creek	19	1,415	19	51,900	1	3,000	18	25,914	13	604
Benton County	13	839	13	28,900	1	150	11	8,143	11	624

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ASSOCIATION	of		VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES		EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR		SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
	Total number churches	Number of members	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Number of scholars
Missouri—Con.										
Bethel.....	25	4,493	25	\$354,428	3	\$38,150	25	\$67,785	24	4,491
Black River.....	20	1,959	18	106,550	2	1,350	20	22,811	18	1,812
Blue River.....	35	5,665	34	326,436	4	14,285	35	82,867	34	4,968
Bourbois.....	9	484	7	7,800			5	757	3	129
Butler.....	25	2,414	25	129,250			23	24,641	23	2,024
Caldwell-Ray.....	21	2,310	19	137,200	4	5,400	18	48,338	17	1,723
Callaway County.....	20	2,625	20	143,800	1	400	19	23,050	18	1,315
Camden.....	21	1,637	18	20,850			19	3,739	14	623
Cane Creek.....	16	1,272	14	49,800			15	12,577	15	1,055
Cape Girardeau.....	20	2,763	19	189,175	3	112,700	20	44,784	16	1,903
Cedar County.....	17	1,107	16	17,700			16	2,930	12	444
Charleston.....	22	2,799	20	177,850	5	22,875	21	45,544	18	2,455
Christian County.....	25	2,403	21	84,100	3	10,700	24	11,115	24	1,322
Clay County.....	16	2,785	16	268,000			16	36,154	15	1,811
Clinton County.....	9	1,223	9	56,800	1	575	9	9,188	9	670
Concord.....	35	5,694	35	302,550	3	29,500	34	48,709	34	3,513
County Line.....	10	752	8	9,300			8	1,324	4	473
Cuivre.....	20	1,994	18	56,400			20	12,747	14	843
Dade County.....	17	1,299	15	23,980	1	105	16	6,911	13	749
Dallas County.....	15	1,587	11	20,100			13	5,519	13	814
Daviness County.....	18	1,955	17	75,100			17	15,135	17	1,502
Dixon.....	14	1,593	13	25,965	1	100	14	8,920	14	1,108
Dry Fork.....	16	1,684	14	62,550	2	266	14	7,724	11	570
Eleven Points River.....	15	979	15	25,100			13	3,578	10	709
Franklin.....	21	3,847	21	201,600	4	17,075	21	43,774	19	2,743
Franklin County.....	21	1,577	21	47,800	2	11,200	20	12,055	18	1,075
Gentry County.....	17	1,902	17	87,700			17	15,083	16	1,183
Greene County.....	44	8,432	42	383,700	6	44,425	43	97,396	42	6,085
Harmony.....	22	3,563	21	231,700	2	21,030	20	36,067	21	2,689
Howell County.....	21	1,365	18	40,750	1	1,000	16	6,475	14	905
Jefferson County.....	20	2,184	19	122,550	2	40,200	19	31,401	14	1,198
Johnson County.....	22	2,982	22	142,700	1	4,500	20	31,017	17	1,667
Kansas City.....	31	12,898	29	1,657,750	22	198,496	31	444,731	31	13,350
Laclede County.....	18	1,587	18	50,900			18	12,544	17	1,122
Lafayette County.....	17	2,317	14	120,800			16	28,456	15	1,904
Lamine.....	21	2,352	21	106,200	1	2,500	20	19,419	19	1,680
Lawrence County.....	25	3,391	24	140,375	1	1,300	24	25,460	24	2,538
Linn County.....	20	2,844	19	159,900	2	2,000	17	22,709	17	1,931
Little Bonne Femme.....	19	3,068	19	109,900			19	51,155	17	3,208
Livingston.....	16	2,240	16	63,200	1	250	15	16,692	15	1,860
Macon.....	20	2,539	20	140,600	1	2,500	19	24,920	20	1,824
Meramec.....	12	604	9	28,215			12	5,243	10	492
Miller County.....	22	2,454	22	64,000	1	1,800	20	12,590	16	1,246
Missouri Valley.....	22	2,611	21	120,400	1	1,200	22	28,813	20	2,097
Monroe.....	14	1,260	14	95,600	1	800	12	10,878	11	513
Mount Moriah.....	9	949	9	25,100			9	4,372	7	476
Mount Pleasant.....	32	4,507	30	267,850	5	6,900	29	42,973	27	2,612
Mount Salem.....	13	800	13	30,825	1	200	13	7,993	10	375
Mount Zion.....	23	2,333	22	119,500	3	1,400	23	24,197	19	1,413
Nevada.....	19	2,257	19	94,100	2	3,100	19	28,642	19	1,748
New Madrid.....	21	2,504	18	103,000	7	11,300	21	27,092	21	2,173
North Central.....	14	938	14	31,400	1	400	12	4,056	14	622
Northeastern.....	1	30						(1)		
North Grand River.....	30	3,895	30	232,500	2	2,500	26	29,504	28	2,431
North Missouri.....	10	562	9	21,150	1	150	7	2,961	7	350
Northwest Missouri.....	16	1,692	16	113,200	1	280	14	18,270	12	1,309
Old Path.....	22	1,779	19	20,100			21	4,112	18	833
Phelps County.....	13	947	10	32,600	1	2,750	11	9,425	13	807
Platte County.....	8	1,118	8	32,700			8	7,282	8	795
Pleasant Grove.....	20	1,838	20	67,230			18	11,666	16	860

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ASSOCIATION	of		VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES		EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR		SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
	Total number churches	Number of members	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Number of scholars
Missouri—Con.										
Polk County.....	36	5,218	34	\$115,260	1	\$11,000	36	\$39,780	36	2,541
Pulaski County.....	20	1,797	18	33,300	1	1,000	18	7,923	19	1,329
Reynolds County.....	20	1,692	15	30,600			19	6,786	16	958
St. Clair County.....	21	1,760	16	28,100			21	12,873	20	1,140
St. Francois.....	19	2,173	19	34,000			19	10,646	16	1,255
St. Joseph.....	39	7,097	38	547,260	7	32,050	38	143,113	37	5,690
St. Louis.....	35	14,095	34	3,157,000	16	181,100	34	378,068	34	13,554
Saline.....	21	3,357	21	161,600	1	400	20	47,686	20	2,546
Salt River.....	25	3,023	25	150,450	2	600	24	25,068	22	1,979
Shannon County.....	13	547	9	8,600	1	8	10	1,217	8	370
Shoal Creek.....	34	3,330	33	78,800	1	200	32	21,677	30	2,256
Southwestern Gen- eral Conference.....	1	51		(1)				(1)	1	75
Spring River.....	31	5,028	31	330,000	6	54,480	31	72,633	31	4,357
Stoddard County.....	14	1,193	13	81,500	2	7,000	13	11,227	12	1,033
Stone County.....	15	684	11	10,550			14	2,866	8	443
Tebo.....	21	3,286	21	140,100	1	10,000	20	23,206	19	2,058
Texas County.....	32	2,288	31	49,350	4	308	25	9,517	16	946
Washington County.....	16	859	13	19,600	1	1,500	14	2,981	7	499
Wayne County.....	21	1,475	20	26,900	1	500	18	3,775	14	832
Webster.....	22	1,855	21	65,125	1	7,000	19	12,583	19	1,320
West Fork.....	7	350	7	12,350			7	1,609	6	257
Wright County.....	23	2,276	23	43,100	3	535	23	18,332	23	1,456
Wyaconda.....	29	4,196	29	189,200	4	8,000	28	54,171	26	2,629
Unassociated.....	3	425	3	146,700	2	26,100		(1)	2	314
New Mexico:										
Central.....	21	2,097	13	147,500	7	42,450	21	49,044	17	2,224
Lincoln.....	7	303	6	15,825	1	100	6	4,415	6	313
Northeastern.....	15	948	9	39,000	2	1,575	12	17,527	8	724
Pecos Valley.....	8	1,119	8	136,500	3	1,200	8	27,490	8	1,437
Portales.....	32	2,738	12	49,950	3	7,100	29	33,511	18	1,697
Southeastern.....	14	358	4	4,750			12	2,578	9	334
Southwestern.....	13	1,090	8	85,600	2	28,700	13	37,254	9	869
Spanish.....	5	221		(1)		(1)	5	1,272	5	214
Tucumcari.....	12	696	8	39,600	1	7,000	11	22,426	9	718
North Carolina:										
Alexander.....	33	4,874	32	64,819	6	2,385	33	12,107	29	2,527
Alleghany.....	9	519	9	11,200			9	1,777	7	420
Anson.....	12	1,383	12	22,500	1	400	12	5,634	11	961
Ashe.....	37	3,033	36	48,350	1	100	36	11,847	30	2,186
Avery.....	22	2,394	21	37,805	1	48	22	6,252	21	1,694
Beulah.....	21	2,516	21	80,200	2	3,000	21	16,591	19	2,073
Bladen.....	27	2,906	27	84,100	1	200	27	18,903	23	2,103
Briar Creek.....	31	4,350	31	73,300	2	560	30	8,426	28	2,710
Brunswick.....	19	1,643	18	26,100			19	8,762	17	1,581
Brushy Mountain.....	26	4,165	26	137,600			23	19,101	24	2,371
Buncombe.....	53	9,194	49	1,326,370	12	470,684	51	484,378	51	7,938
Caldwell.....	40	5,875	36	307,600	8	85,900	39	66,706	37	4,038
Cape Fear-Columbus.....	37	5,829	37	96,250	3	890	36	42,450	37	4,059
Carolina.....	51	6,586	47	222,331	6	2,445	49	51,797	46	4,404
Catawba River.....	21	2,838	21	128,500	5	23,750	20	42,789	20	2,899
Central.....	33	7,939	32	307,250	6	38,900	33	141,112	33	5,966
Chowan.....	64	12,271	62	505,200	12	50,890	63	155,647	61	9,035
Dock.....	12	1,000	10	7,650	2	46	10	1,903	11	756
Eastern.....	38	5,875	32	134,200	2	3,500	38	54,506	32	3,142
Elkin.....	12	1,954	12	26,600	1	1,500	11	2,260	12	1,264
Flat River.....	32	7,302	32	170,400	2	1,200	32	49,100	32	5,122
French Broad.....	34	4,615	31	109,700	4	1,665	34	25,983	32	3,368
Gaston.....	34	9,585	30	842,100	11	87,250	33	176,719	31	11,209
Green River.....	49	6,861	49	232,450	5	5,815	47	52,281	45	4,561
Haywood.....	30	4,067	28	163,300	4	2,325	30	31,646	28	2,773

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ASSOCIATION	Total number of churches	Number of members	VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES		EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR		SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
			Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Number of scholars
North Carolina—Con.										
Johnston	45	6,165	45	\$281,975	3	\$1,400	45	\$51,817	44	5,196
Kings Mountain	41	9,812	40	497,800	10	27,950	40	85,202	41	9,623
Liberty	26	4,964	25	278,450	5	12,165	26	56,408	25	4,836
Little River	22	5,542	22	219,682	2	10,800	22	36,892	22	4,652
Macon County	31	4,109	28	93,300	1	3,600	29	10,136	29	2,065
Mecklenburg-Ca-										
barrus	35	10,403	35	1,281,000	10	333,450	34	202,870	34	9,172
Mitchell	27	4,054	27	65,600	1	15	27	18,911	26	2,671
Montgomery	29	2,843	27	85,350	5	1,903	28	20,101	26	1,953
Mount Zion	52	14,617	52	1,057,700	13	213,897	52	293,536	51	11,697
Neuse-Atlantic	59	7,158	56	411,050	2	2,045	56	91,414	52	5,907
New Found.	20	1,632	16	21,930			20	3,967	20	1,273
New South River	50	7,288	46	294,700	6	26,925	49	56,954	50	5,902
Pee Dee	28	4,935	27	287,800	6	29,900	26	61,073	28	4,217
Piedmont	42	10,050	40	667,200	9	119,391	41	161,021	36	9,430
Pilot Mountain	71	13,470	70	1,768,150	17	565,506	71	233,771	69	12,652
Portsmouth	1	50		(¹)				(¹)	1	82
Raleigh	34	8,773	33	561,910	9	104,300	34	137,817	33	7,929
Roanoke	68	11,952	66	876,700	15	62,765	68	213,625	64	11,365
Robeson	58	9,973	54	377,055	3	2,100	57	88,782	58	8,654
Sandy Creek	58	15,238	55	271,216	4	44,377	58	59,884	54	5,608
Sandy Run	50	10,344	47	379,400	8	43,327	50	72,406	48	7,472
South Fork	39	5,589	39	336,075	7	42,725	37	67,381	36	5,631
South Mountain	20	1,853	18	32,700	1	35	20	7,168	18	1,341
South Yadkin	48	8,333	45	522,500	10	62,505	47	124,674	46	8,285
Stanley	37	5,525	35	235,800	6	12,062	37	37,936	36	5,006
Stone Mountain	26	2,799	25	43,200	2	190	24	3,790	24	1,670
Stony Fork	15	1,458	15	28,700	2	350	15	2,480	13	952
Surry	44	4,960	43	224,400	5	21,445	44	28,507	43	4,192
Tar River	63	11,615	61	465,900	10	37,005	63	102,296	62	8,236
Tennessee River	49	5,327	38	65,438	1	75	45	12,695	45	2,848
Three Forks	35	4,514	35	106,925	2	1,755	35	16,703	34	3,100
Transylvania	24	2,840	20	69,900	2	420	22	21,166	21	1,837
Tuckasegee	37	4,176	24	78,100	4	511	33	12,653	35	2,617
Union	43	7,603	41	252,650	7	39,034	43	44,926	43	4,942
West Chowan	58	14,422	58	443,850	14	84,000	58	160,984	58	8,667
West Liberty	26	2,293	21	18,600	1	700	25	5,480	24	1,142
Western North Car-										
olina	32	4,365	27	136,200	3	29,050	32	23,079	31	2,547
Wilmington	38	7,020	35	592,350	5	82,100	37	116,746	36	4,910
Yadkin	30	4,688	29	71,700	1	500	30	13,653	30	3,227
Yancey	31	3,477	26	70,650	1	150	29	9,921	27	1,863
Unassociated	2	137		(¹)		(¹)		(¹)	2	148
Ohio:										
Bracken	1	97		(¹)				(¹)	1	40
Oklahoma:										
Atoka	19	1,209	12	34,550	1	500	16	10,154	16	1,094
Banner	34	4,935	21	223,500	5	58,800	30	67,676	27	3,730
Beckham	12	2,270	10	48,700	5	2,750	12	27,797	11	1,698
Bryan County	43	4,251	29	121,650	5	3,050	41	41,511	37	3,717
Caddo	19	2,506	17	73,900	3	6,600	19	37,872	18	2,023
Central	11	1,874	11	114,200	3	25,450	11	32,904	10	1,371
Cherokee Indian	27	1,735	17	13,175	3	158	20	3,010	23	1,051
Chickasaw	18	2,707	12	212,550	5	33,575	18	40,473	15	2,088
Chickasaw (Indian)	10	223	9	8,150	3	440	10	1,840	9	188
Choctaw and Chick-										
asaw	28	389	24	19,319			19	2,238	24	343

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ASSOCIATION	Total number of churches	Number of members	VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES		EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR		SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
			Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Number of scholars
Oklahoma—Con.										
Comanche-Cotton	20	3,766	19	\$127,700	4	\$17,200	20	\$50,765	20	3,012
Concord	30	4,266	26	217,850	9	24,710	29	70,477	26	3,140
Delaware	47	10,259	44	1,416,600	25	535,490	46	454,072	46	9,512
Enon	28	3,926	19	269,900	8	35,600	26	118,709	24	3,057
Frisco	23	2,082	13	97,500	2	30,500	20	18,434	18	2,038
Greer County	8	1,498	7	119,500	1	180	7	23,201	7	1,014
Harmon County	18	1,826	13	44,700	2	935	18	18,189	14	1,219
Haskell County	16	1,268	14	26,500	2	500	13	10,816	14	1,179
Jackson County	16	2,969	14	144,600	3	28,900	16	51,002	15	2,448
Jefferson	6	873	6	44,000	2	5,500	5	18,824	5	873
Leflore-Latimer	59	5,062	36	146,450	8	4,924	56	41,970	53	4,009
Lincoln County	13	1,364	12	30,105	1	575	13	15,539	13	1,166
McCurtain County	16	1,295	9	79,000	3	12,900	13	15,910	12	1,392
McIntosh	15	1,630	9	30,500	1	4,000	14	12,984	13	1,309
Mayes County	10	1,058	8	22,400	4	1,486	9	8,317	9	716
Mullens	18	3,212	15	149,700	4	12,100	18	51,901	17	2,794
Muskogee	37	8,455	27	570,100	9	106,440	34	140,118	33	6,779
Muskogee and Wichita Indian										
Seminole	18	690	14	16,172	2	275	14	4,449	15	664
North Canadian	34	4,059	24	237,650	7	74,437	33	67,839	29	3,476
Northeastern	31	3,602	24	159,650	5	7,122	28	73,256	27	3,424
Northwestern	24	1,668	20	111,900			24	32,064	22	1,685
Oklahoma County	21	9,608	18	795,700	10	125,600	21	208,786	21	6,661
Oklahoma Indian	8	1,180	5	13,035			7	7,007	6	1,079
Ouachita	1	35		(¹)				(¹)		
Panhandle	18	1,221	14	45,000	1	1,000	16	20,615	15	1,244
Pawnee Creek	26	7,059	21	549,200	12	66,826	25	185,576	25	5,815
Perry	27	5,300	27	488,500	8	89,600	27	143,185	25	4,751
Pittsburg County	24	3,008	17	166,500	8	35,145	22	32,513	19	2,264
Pottawatomie County	26	5,385	23	122,350	6	9,465	25	67,584	25	3,812
Roger Mills	17	814	7	17,455	1	600	13	14,612	9	637
Salt Fork Valley	17	1,946	16	101,376	4	6,300	17	40,056	17	1,897
Sequoyah	13	1,728	12	61,200	1	1,200	11	12,984	12	1,118
Southwestern Ger- man Conference	7	451	7	22,000	1	1,000	7	9,595	7	507
Tillman County	20	3,232	20	136,550	5	28,800	20	49,973	19	2,471
Union	25	3,116	16	154,800	1	3,000	23	28,113	24	3,178
Unassociated	3	79		(¹)			3	600	2	42
South Carolina:										
Abbeville	31	5,593	29	390,700	4	18,730	31	68,122	27	4,217
Aiken	30	4,632	25	139,900	2	250	30	33,250	26	2,946
Barnwell	37	6,610	34	282,250	6	87,000	37	74,029	35	3,460
Beaverdam	52	7,163	49	201,500	6	26,608	50	42,829	50	4,861
Broad River	51	10,056	48	321,400	4	3,787	51	73,394	50	7,444
Carolina	33	2,895	31	33,500	2	180	33	8,611	31	2,491
Charleston	36	6,395	34	700,850	4	170,400	36	112,170	33	4,922
Chester	20	3,413	19	280,500	5	11,400	20	44,276	19	2,639
Chesterfield	41	5,720	38	112,220	6	10,260	41	35,972	41	4,685
Colleton	27	3,599	27	52,600	1	800	27	15,948	25	1,729
Edgefield	20	3,331	20	104,500	1	500	20	20,941	20	1,826
Edisto	18	2,611	17	90,250	4	4,000	18	12,796	16	1,655
Fairfield	42	8,079	41	601,950	9	74,346	40	114,418	38	6,066
Florence	17	4,159	17	242,500	3	3,700	17	54,110	17	3,179
Greenville	50	16,897	45	927,547	12	134,797	49	196,804	49	13,035
Kershaw	28	3,997	28	139,832	4	12,732	28	40,760	28	2,712
Laurens	34	5,712	32	260,475	3	45,100	34	55,990	33	3,898
Lexington	25	3,317	24	76,800	2	8,800	25	21,129	25	2,377
Marion	12	2,742	12	81,500	1	1,000	12	24,305	12	2,365
Morrah	28	5,417	28	204,700	6	46,150	28	84,091	27	3,771

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ASSOCIATION	of		VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES		EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR		SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
	Total number churches	Number of members	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Number of scholars
South Carolina—Con.										
North Greenville.....	45	9,669	38	\$245,250	6	\$37,671	44	\$57,313	42	6,205
North Spartanburg.....	32	8,474	29	326,500	5	35,034	32	66,061	32	6,436
Orangeburg.....	33	6,120	32	426,100	6	40,100	33	81,813	33	4,178
Pee Dee.....	31	4,319	31	266,450	1	2,300	31	44,452	31	3,413
Pickens.....	12	2,220	11	43,900	1	5,500	12	7,620	10	1,128
Piedmont.....	31	5,595	26	178,545	4	7,040	31	25,730	30	4,036
Reedy River.....	14	1,635	14	148,200	1	20,000	14	48,966	14	1,841
Ridge.....	20	4,497	20	118,200			20	32,977	20	2,921
Robeson County.....	3	444	3	7,500			3	1,294	2	173
Saluda.....	50	15,411	47	412,600	3	5,500	50	142,041	50	10,506
Sandy Run.....	1	309	(1)	(1)					1	190
Santee.....	27	4,802	27	247,900	4	8,500	25	63,081	27	3,127
Sauldam.....	4	520	4	5,500			4	2,192	3	240
Savannah River.....	42	5,102	41	243,200	3	8,700	42	67,946	37	2,987
Southeast.....	35	4,118	32	238,200	4	28,125	33	52,180	33	2,895
Spartan.....	36	10,624	34	601,400	7	24,340	36	114,174	36	8,563
Twelve Mile River.....	21	2,865	19	22,150			21	4,717	20	1,460
Union County.....	24	4,505	24	287,827	1	1,800	24	47,959	24	3,600
Waccamaw.....	34	4,201	34	102,440			33	26,868	34	3,610
Welsh Neck.....	25	5,536	25	396,500	4	29,500	25	86,280	25	4,429
York.....	18	3,800	18	265,790	5	45,550	18	58,561	17	3,247
Tennessee:										
Barren River.....	1	22	(1)	(1)		(1)		(1)		
Beech River.....	46	3,977	43	81,100	2	700	46	12,989	22	1,346
Beulah.....	39	5,079	36	179,200	2	257	35	57,973	32	2,674
Big Emery.....	36	5,602	33	147,250	7	18,800	35	36,694	34	3,725
Big Hatchie.....	25	4,668	25	233,050	6	9,500	24	49,949	24	2,959
Bledsoe.....	17	2,519	17	80,150	4	12,000	16	35,829	15	1,462
Blood River.....	3	551	(1)	(1)			3	1,610	3	262
Campbell County.....	39	4,758	30	53,950	2	178	36	20,788	31	2,893
Chilhowee.....	42	6,971	41	233,575	5	17,050	42	43,064	41	4,960
Clinton.....	39	5,710	37	96,900	1	1,700	38	22,280	34	2,884
Coldwater.....	1	51	(1)	(1)				(1)	1	49
Concord.....	23	3,455	23	235,400	1	56,000	23	27,136	22	2,289
Crockett County.....	12	1,710	12	80,395	3	9,630	12	19,147	12	1,085
Cumberland.....	21	2,857	20	191,800	1	29	21	33,064	20	1,713
Cumberland Gap.....	49	5,447	47	3,400			42	8,127	35	2,284
Duck River.....	39	4,357	37	195,950	4	4,050	36	35,467	34	2,584
Dyer County.....	16	2,071	14	81,250	1	25	15	27,004	15	1,426
East Tennessee.....	32	3,827	29	80,900	1	75	30	17,833	31	2,213
East Union.....	3	948	(1)	(1)			3	15,483	3	856
Enon.....	18	2,902	18	28,100			18	3,924	6	371
Fayette County.....	12	931	11	25,100	1	1,350	12	6,007	10	459
Freedom.....	1	30	(1)	(1)				(1)		
French Broad.....	1	73	(1)	(1)				(1)	1	35
Gibson County.....	43	7,874	42	376,500	3	13,300	43	89,915	41	4,362
Giles County.....	12	1,302	12	23,000			12	4,760	12	780
Grainger County.....	30	3,940	29	68,100	1	60	30	13,254	27	2,127
Hardeman County.....	28	3,507	28	101,600	4	2,112	26	18,043	17	1,267
Hiwassee.....	13	1,280	10	14,000			6	2,028	11	539
Holston.....	55	8,537	52	368,890	8	58,275	54	90,518	52	7,022
Holston Valley.....	34	3,574	29	66,000	1	2,000	33	11,348	32	2,071
Indian Creek.....	18	1,127	12	10,350			16	2,345	11	532
Jefferson County.....	23	3,324	21	117,500	2	2,350	23	25,255	23	2,122
Judson.....	14	805	13	13,550			13	2,110	5	262
Knox County.....	61	20,146	61	1,755,100	23	377,475	61	469,749	60	17,500
Lauderdale.....	7	1,061	6	40,000			7	5,569	7	746

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ASSOCIATION	Total number of churches	Number of members	VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES		EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR		SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
			Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Number of scholars
Tennessee—Con.										
Lawrence County	21	2,513	17	\$34,858	3	\$970	20	\$10,375	19	1,642
Lebanon	3	496	3	32,450	2	5,500	3	6,443	3	475
Madison County	27	5,843	26	319,650	6	28,435	27	88,519	25	4,001
Maury County	20	1,684	20	77,900	1	100	19	19,257	15	1,108
McMinn County	44	6,868	44	199,350	6	30,769	42	47,592	38	4,234
McNairy County	20	1,665	16	29,700	1	95	20	4,400	14	953
Midland	20	2,072	18	22,400			20	3,073	18	919
Mulberry Gap	48	6,684	40	38,850			41	6,030	34	1,872
Nashville	31	11,506	30	1,097,500	14	267,880	31	268,427	31	10,636
New River	41	3,322	26	28,374	3	825	32	5,984	29	1,924
New Salem	24	3,021	22	84,800	2	3,270	23	14,700	18	1,771
Nolochucky	34	4,652	34	172,300	3	5,650	34	28,624	34	3,938
Northern	29	2,935	23	26,900	1	750	26	9,622	19	1,166
Ocoee	63	14,145	58	784,675	22	144,800	58	277,150	59	11,522
Polk County	29	3,052	28	43,775	3	6,616	28	9,128	27	2,055
Providence	30	3,402	30	71,900	3	718	28	15,992	29	2,459
Riverside	22	1,593	17	21,750			19	3,007	13	745
Robertson	22	4,594	22	181,100	1	200	22	42,093	22	2,541
Salem	24	3,534	24	57,500			24	12,409	24	1,572
Sequatchie Valley	13	1,384	13	43,200	3	6,050	13	10,987	11	1,097
Sevier	48	7,378	45	146,500	3	21,100	48	31,815	45	3,482
Shelby County	42	14,362	41	1,346,650	21	266,062	41	301,574	41	14,750
Southwestern District	35	3,777	31	50,100	3	5,250	31	10,266	12	905
South Union	4	304	4	2,500			3	134	2	100
Stewart County	19	1,190	14	14,600	1	700	19	4,375	11	417
Stone	22	2,286	15	61,960	2	19,400	21	11,744	16	1,569
Sweetwater	48	6,735	44	137,650	2	2,100	45	24,097	46	3,869
Tennessee River	1	33					(1)		1	36
Tennessee Valley	23	1,803	21	30,650	1	770	19	5,910	18	1,214
Union	8	854	8	10,900			8	2,966	8	478
Unity	4	248		(1)			3	610	2	120
Walnut Grove	6	796	5	4,225			4	366	4	355
Watauga	40	6,075	36	117,350	4	597	38	18,805	36	3,192
Weakley County	39	4,700	38	143,750	3	21,500	39	31,214	27	2,051
Western District	27	3,546	27	190,570			26	27,228	21	1,178
William Carey	18	1,873	17	65,800	3	4,620	16	15,820	17	1,293
Wilson County	22	3,764	22	129,450	1	15,000	22	26,905	21	1,992
Wiseman	20	2,119	18	20,300	2	275	19	3,597	3	204
Unassociated	1	30		(1)			(1)			
Texas:										
Alvarado	37	6,118	34	218,000	2	4,620	36	59,627	32	3,929
Angelina	25	3,447	23	134,500	2	30,066	21	38,158	17	1,996
Archer County	6	650	5	13,125	2	1,021	5	9,313	4	466
Austin	18	4,708	18	554,500	6	97,390	16	81,797	16	3,775
Bastrop County	12	1,521	10	140,675	5	30,185	11	24,199	9	919
Baylor County	13	1,282	6	48,000			10	13,443	8	808
Bell County	46	6,683	42	239,100	7	11,000	37	68,103	36	4,965
Big Springs	21	2,143	12	114,500	1	3,000	21	31,480	18	1,854
Blanco	38	3,089	31	155,600	2	5,350	34	34,546	26	1,989
Brady	27	2,671	20	63,300			23	24,442	18	1,516
Brazos County	14	2,210	13	102,500	4	17,623	14	37,080	12	1,708
Brown County	29	5,031	28	195,050	2	30,000	26	59,210	25	3,170
Brownfield	30	3,251	15	89,750	8	11,025	28	36,964	20	1,965
Burleson-Lee	21	1,888	16	41,700			20	19,797	15	1,414
Burnet-Llano	12	1,262	11	32,300	1	136	11	10,774	8	801

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ASSOCIATION	Total number of churches	Number of members	VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES		EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR		SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
			Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Number of scholars
Texas—Con.										
Callahan County	16	2,307	14	\$55,100	1	\$750	15	\$25,450	15	1,606
Canadian	11	1,100	7	64,700			9	23,314	8	862
Central	13	1,708	11	46,600	2	1,900	13	15,419	8	773
Cherokee County	19	2,165	15	89,400	2	1,040	16	30,042	12	1,407
Cisco	48	6,787	42	462,150	5	28,440	47	164,718	42	5,380
Clay County	20	2,253	16	69,700			18	19,799	17	1,764
Coleman County	28	3,082	19	197,700	2	26,750	25	30,324	17	2,077
Collin County	56	9,210	55	430,514	7	21,091	54	99,334	51	6,902
Colorado	22	2,502	19	151,300	5	7,950	19	85,525	17	1,702
Comanche	29	3,325	27	70,378	3	1,475	27	49,526	24	2,179
Concho Valley	29	3,849	17	131,800	2	3,100	27	53,641	17	2,703
Cooke County	26	3,063	24	245,300	2	6,500	23	35,947	20	2,612
Corpus Christi	21	3,777	15	218,000	4	15,500	18	76,351	15	2,597
Corsicana	18	4,768	16	294,150	5	68,700	18	84,474	17	3,404
Cottle-King	7	722	4	27,250	1	54	7	8,795	4	396
Creath	29	3,132	28	93,650	1	10,000	27	35,032	23	1,769
Dallas County	46	22,634	44	2,215,355	18	798,890	42	525,303	44	21,645
Del Rio-Uvalde	23	2,346	19	205,350	9	60,860	20	49,542	18	1,627
Delta County	19	2,243	16	41,127	2	1,073	18	15,729	15	1,358
Denton County	33	5,476	27	192,350	4	25,635	31	59,209	28	3,970
Dickens County	20	1,910	13	65,600	3	950	18	16,184	15	1,309
Ellis County	13	3,862	12	223,100	4	22,300	12	51,338	11	2,841
El Paso	16	4,141	12	413,500	5	139,930	15	117,790	12	2,750
Enon	30	3,493	28	76,750	2	7,065	27	23,957	14	1,231
Erath County	44	5,317	35	235,830	2	191	40	63,605	30	2,526
Falls County	26	3,191	26	85,900	1	324	25	29,913	25	2,198
Fannin County	44	5,574	40	220,700	3	3,050	41	43,651	37	4,211
Fisher County	20	2,273	16	51,000	2	3,285	20	25,973	16	1,436
Floyd County	25	3,064	15	68,000	1	450	24	38,147	22	2,708
Freestone-Leon	17	1,612	13	74,500	2	3,150	14	17,423	15	1,313
Gambrell	18	1,959	16	85,900	1	500	18	24,904	18	1,400
Gonzales County	22	2,549	18	89,450	4	1,990	20	29,760	19	1,540
Grayson County	45	9,398	39	511,020	10	37,418	40	116,358	38	6,961
Guadalupe	30	3,092	20	111,200	5	6,355	29	39,400	20	2,129
Hamilton	20	1,850	16	95,700	1	8,000	19	15,872	18	1,315
Hardin County	6	929	6	15,500			6	8,040	6	452
Harmony	18	1,715	15	76,200	2	6,325	16	13,375	14	1,211
Haskell County	29	3,907	22	131,350	5	10,075	25	48,778	25	2,873
Henderson County	20	2,236	17	118,950	2	1,575	18	16,294	19	1,627
Hill County	26	4,658	21	240,300	4	25,377	26	50,176	25	3,679
Hunt County	48	8,798	46	310,400	8	33,982	46	113,975	46	6,987
Jack County	15	1,095	12	28,600			15	10,273	12	790
Jones County	35	4,286	31	161,249	4	5,140	33	55,087	32	3,473
Kaufman-Rockwall	23	3,543	18	94,625	2	541	22	37,898	22	2,649
Lamar County	43	5,016	32	187,525	4	2,950	39	47,814	35	3,426
Lamesa	23	2,351	10	39,050	5	6,520	21	19,906	15	1,584
Lampasas	21	1,966	17	44,650	2	700	19	14,804	15	1,014
Leon River	28	3,664	21	79,775	1	150	26	21,290	20	2,107
Limestone	31	4,829	29	275,025	8	35,375	29	60,752	29	3,580
Lower Rio Grand Valley	24	3,963	18	323,750	12	99,419	24	114,501	21	3,998
Lubbock	20	4,043	14	119,000	2	30,000	20	51,374	16	2,976
Medina River	14	1,480	13	53,200	1	500	13	20,161	12	1,145
Meridian	26	2,464	21	53,050			23	18,493	22	1,804
Milam County	26	2,850	24	93,500	1	800	21	27,414	19	1,648
Mills County	16	1,289	11	26,650	1	64	15	11,870	13	846
Mitchell Scurry	27	3,599	17	99,700	3	13,250	26	37,189	21	2,469
Montague	28	2,035	21	79,900	1	1,905	23	18,900	17	1,656
Neches River	40	4,113	32	133,580	3	9,500	36	27,845	25	1,962
New Bethel	22	1,710	15	22,500	2	166	22	6,202	9	453
North Fork	27	2,670	17	98,900	3	10,915	27	45,344	22	2,220

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ASSOCIATION	of		VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES		EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR		SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
	Total number of churches	Number of members	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Number of scholars
Texas—Con.										
Palo Duro.....	16	4,665	15	\$450,250	5	\$49,100	16	\$129,571	15	4,182
Palo Pinto County..	18	2,361	15	185,000	3	23,950	15	25,432	14	1,568
Paluxy.....	20	1,583	15	34,225	1	300	19	7,152	18	1,211
Panhandle.....	22	3,044	10	120,000	1	1,100	20	40,295	15	1,764
Panola County.....	10	1,015	10	33,500	1	296	10	12,891	10	597
Parker County.....	36	3,921	31	111,200	2	4,270	35	25,781	28	2,015
Pecos Valley.....	9	739	7	72,000	2	7,000	8	10,628	6	505
Pedernales.....	14	514	7	7,300			12	2,433	8	272
Pittsburg.....	40	6,119	37	322,100	7	35,077	40	76,403	34	3,332
Red Fork.....	22	3,734	9	113,500	2	222	22	50,952	19	2,676
Red River County..	18	1,881	14	53,900			14	13,625	13	1,104
Rehoboth.....	53	5,966	44	193,800	4	1,725	45	50,907	41	3,848
Rio Grande.....	31	2,778	20	109,150	4	4,700	29	47,386	27	2,110
Robertson County..	20	2,686	16	107,850	1	985	16	19,489	15	1,480
Runnels County....	32	4,212	26	159,482	3	4,210	32	64,137	27	3,120
Rusk County.....	17	1,862	16	62,475			17	13,030	15	1,050
Sabine Neches.....	15	1,438	10	40,700	1	100	14	14,753	12	1,031
Salem.....	19	2,345	17	31,800	1	400	16	5,414	10	638
Saline.....	17	2,571	15	90,150	4	11,500	14	27,740	12	1,737
San Antonio.....	36	10,815	33	673,500	19	221,400	36	199,932	35	8,178
San Marcos.....	22	3,241	21	249,450	5	69,200	20	66,062	20	2,594
San Saba.....	11	882	10	60,400	2	2,560	11	9,356	7	557
Shelby Doches.....	29	3,736	26	90,965	1	500	29	31,800	25	2,507
Smith County.....	40	5,847	39	216,915	3	2,520	35	54,065	34	3,934
Soda Lake.....	21	3,771	21	128,800			21	41,454	20	2,888
Southeast Texas....	45	11,459	37	783,425	12	228,330	42	225,321	40	8,903
Staked Plains.....	32	4,697	18	237,100	7	75,486	29	133,302	23	3,377
Stonewall County..	14	1,066	9	17,300			13	11,730	7	526
Sweetwater.....	38	8,717	34	439,360	7	52,516	38	147,441	36	6,396
Tarrant County....	60	15,686	60	1,229,630	17	342,050	59	473,854	58	13,468
Texarkana.....	22	3,512	18	217,500	8	16,493	22	61,709	22	2,783
Texas German Con- ference.....	10	624	10	49,000	1	2,000	10	13,067	9	687
Throckmorton.....	5	693	5	37,797			5	7,660	5	405
Tierra Blanca.....	21	2,449	7	97,700	1	300	20	34,685	14	1,743
Trans-Canadian....	11	810	6	66,500	1	12,000	10	16,591	9	964
Tyron-Evergreen....	29	2,907	25	90,790	4	18,750	28	33,653	27	1,979
Union.....	59	17,283	55	1,792,400	21	621,050	58	386,342	55	14,880
Unity.....	9	1,253	9	65,750	1	560	9	35,298	9	820
Van Zandt County..	20	2,510	17	75,700			19	26,712	18	1,829
Waco.....	55	15,326	49	864,000	16	73,486	53	239,407	51	11,594
Walker County....	15	1,443	11	123,950	1	75,000	15	24,896	10	965
Wichita.....	14	5,979	14	793,600	10	93,150	14	188,287	14	6,651
Wilbarger-Foard..	19	3,199	17	281,800	3	65,200	19	161,431	18	2,363
Williamson.....	23	2,838	21	162,850	5	35,925	23	55,201	21	1,734
Wise County.....	34	3,402	31	93,700	1	3,200	34	40,853	28	2,593
Young County.....	20	2,406	18	90,250			20	34,587	19	2,082
Unassociated.....	7	9,632	7	1,010,700	3	151,325	7	147,706	5	6,902
Virginia:										
Accomac.....	30	4,552	29	392,500	5	38,950	30	95,751	28	3,750
Albemarle.....	25	5,354	25	343,000	2	81,700	25	61,733	24	4,032
Appomattox.....	46	8,141	46	330,450	6	16,400	46	74,309	45	6,022
Ashe.....	1	35	(¹)							
Augusta.....	40	6,845	38	377,800	5	10,102	40	90,988	36	5,279
Blackwater.....	31	7,974	30	343,500	8	18,800	31	103,333	31	6,233
Blue Ridge.....	39	3,531	35	214,700	6	9,100	36	38,019	33	2,759
Clinch Valley.....	23	2,365	21	314,300	6	72,800	20	42,777	19	2,495
Concord.....	46	8,145	45	333,050	7	32,890	46	70,174	45	5,576
Cumberland Gap....	2	189	(¹)				(¹)		2	105

¹ Amount included in the figures shown on the line designated "Combinations," to avoid disclosing the statistics of individual churches.

TABLE 7.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES, VALUE OF EDIFICES, DEBT, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS, 1926: SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—Continued

ASSOCIATION	of		VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES		EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR		SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
	Total number churches	Number of members	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Number of scholars
Virginia—Con.										
Dan River.....	30	6,701	29	\$228,100	1	\$650	30	\$55,370	30	3,251
Dover.....	65	27,134	63	2,372,929	20	463,950	65	746,853	64	23,701
Flat River.....	1	86		(¹)				(¹)		
Goshen.....	47	9,920	47	281,400	2	9,600	47	71,787	44	5,848
Hermon.....	25	4,862	24	123,000	1	600	25	30,610	24	2,959
James River.....	28	3,442	28	68,200	1	469	28	18,676	25	1,602
Lebanon.....	52	5,472	45	340,250	5	1,330	49	46,789	46	4,877
Middle District.....	38	7,486	38	474,000	7	81,000	38	122,483	37	7,451
Mulberry Gap.....	2	219		(¹)				(¹)	1	73
New Lebanon.....	42	2,920	32	159,500	6	26,946	39	28,447	27	2,270
New River.....	25	2,173	24	47,750	3	745	24	11,489	20	1,601
Peninsula.....	27	7,439	27	537,750	11	102,675	26	129,898	27	6,618
Petersburg.....	34	6,833	33	607,280	10	130,745	33	112,322	32	5,330
Piedmont.....	36	5,393	35	149,000	4	3,850	35	32,018	31	2,643
Pittsylvania.....	43	9,839	42	422,500	3	16,600	43	109,314	42	8,203
Portsmouth.....	42	17,897	41	1,659,774	22	241,410	42	373,151	42	14,296
Potomac.....	61	8,303	58	603,625	10	54,300	61	176,866	55	6,463
Powell River.....	23	2,122	21	32,500	1	1,309	19	8,867	17	1,193
Rappahannock.....	62	12,689	62	429,400	3	1,800	62	122,957	62	8,090
Shenandoah.....	18	2,456	18	206,500	3	30,100	18	31,888	16	1,773
Shiloh.....	39	5,620	39	154,100	1	1,500	39	43,079	37	2,938
Strawberry.....	54	11,619	50	1,095,500	10	180,900	53	182,727	49	9,416
Tar River.....	1	69		(¹)				(¹)	1	71
Valley.....	61	15,945	57	1,031,490	15	208,667	61	247,773	53	12,399
West Virginia:										
New Lebanon.....	6	1,646	5	125,000	2	38,158	5	43,482	5	1,450
Shenandoah.....	6	1,245	6	107,500	1	26,000	6	28,330	6	1,185
Valley.....	1	672		(¹)				(¹)	1	500
Combinations ²			55	499,550	12	74,895	54	110,652		

¹ Amount included in the figures shown on the line designated "Combinations," to avoid disclosing the statistics of individual churches.

² The figures for value and expenditures represent data for associations in Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

HISTORY, DOCTRINE, AND ORGANIZATION ¹

DENOMINATIONAL HISTORY

At the time of the formation of the Triennial Convention in 1814 ² the Baptist population was chiefly in New England and the middle and southern Seaboard States, and the center of executive administration was located first at Philadelphia and subsequently at Boston. With the growth of migration to the South and Southwest, the number of churches in those sections of the country greatly increased, and it became difficult to associate in a single advisory council more than a small percentage of the Baptist churches in the United States, especially as means of transportation were deficient and expensive. At the same time the question of slavery occasioned much discussion between the two sections, which was brought to a focus by the impression in the Southern States that the foreign

¹ This statement, which is substantially the same as that published in Part II of the Report on Religious Bodies, 1916, has been revised by Dr. E. P. Aldredge, A. M., D. D., secretary of the Department Survey, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and approved by him in its present form.

² See Baptists, p. 81.

mission society of the denomination, which had its headquarters in Boston, was so thoroughly antislavery that it would not accept a slaveholder as a missionary. A letter addressed direct to that organization by the Alabama State Convention, asking for information, brought a courteous reply to the effect that while the board refused to recognize the claim of anyone, slaveholder or nonslaveholder, to appointment, "one thing was certain, they could never be a party to any arrangement which would imply approbation of slavery."

This decision led to formal withdrawal of the various Southern State conventions and auxiliary foreign mission societies and to the organization at Augusta, Ga., in May, 1845, of the Southern Baptist Convention. About 300 churches were represented by delegates from Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, and Kentucky, the largest number of Baptist churches in the South at that period being in Virginia. In all the discussions and in the final act of organization, there was very little bitterness, the prevalent conviction being that those of kindred thought would work more effectively together, and that, in view of the sharp differences between the two sections, it was wiser that separate organizations should exist. The specific purpose of the convention, as plainly set forth, was to carry out the benevolent purposes of those composing it; to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of the denomination for the propagation of the gospel; and to cooperate for the promotion of foreign and domestic missions and other important objects, while respecting the independence and equal rights of the local churches.

Previous to the Civil War the convention met biennially; since that time, for the most part, it has met annually. At first, its efforts were largely given over to foreign missions, under the direction of the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va., and to home ("domestic") missions, under the direction of the Home Mission Board located first at Marion, Ala., and later at Atlanta, Ga., although a number of the cooperating State Conventions were fostering schools and colleges of various types. The Home Mission Board, from the first, moreover, gave its most earnest consideration and its largest help to the mission work carried on in the several States, notably in the States where Baptists were weak. From 1845 onward, therefore, the Southern Baptist Convention fostered foreign missions, home missions, and State missions.

In 1859 the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, now at Louisville, Ky., began work; in addition to this seminary the Southern Baptist Convention now owns and controls the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Fort Worth, Tex., and the Baptist Bible Institute, at New Orleans, La. In 1863 the first Sunday School Board was launched, but in 1873, owing to the great financial panic of the times, its work was turned over to the Home Mission Board; in 1891 the present Sunday School Board was established at Nashville, Tenn.

In 1888 the Woman's Missionary Union was organized at Richmond, Va.; in 1896 the work of the Baptist Young People's Union was officially launched; in 1900 and 1918 this work was placed under the auspices of the Sunday School Board; in 1918 the Board of Ministerial Relief and Annuity was established, with headquarters at Dallas, Tex.; in 1920 the Board of Education was established at Birmingham, Ala. This board was changed to the Southern Baptist Education Commission in 1928.

Hospital work of the convention began with the building of a great tuberculosis hospital at El Paso, Tex., in 1919, and a general hospital at New Orleans, La., in 1924, although State conventions had previously supported their own hospitals. During this period, also, the Laymen's Mission Movement, with headquarters at Knoxville, Tenn. In 1927 the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, with greatly enlarged powers, was located at Nashville, Tenn.

Up to 1860 the missionary work of the convention was carried forward with marked enthusiasm and success. Every department of denominational life was quickened by the increased sense of responsibility and the increased confidence that sprang from direct control. Parallel with this was the growth in numbers and liberality of the denomination, which was strengthened by the standing conflict with the antimissionary spirit rife throughout the South, and manifest more particularly among the Primitive or "Hardshell," the United, and the Regular Baptists. The denomination suffered severely during the Civil War, but since that time has shown great prosperity.

As was inevitable, emancipation brought about great changes in racial conditions, and, whereas before the war the Negro Baptists were, in large part, identified with the white churches, after the war they formed their own churches, associations, and State conventions, and, later, the National Baptist Convention.⁵ The first Negro association to be formed under the new régime was one in Louisiana in 1865, and it was soon followed by others in North Carolina, Alabama, Virginia, Arkansas, and Kentucky. An indication of the development of the Southern Convention is found in the fact that, whereas in 1845 the membership of the churches identified with it was 352,950, of whom 222,950 were white and 130,000 Negro, the report for 1890 showed a membership of 1,280,066, consisting of whites alone.

With the entrance of the United States into the World War the Southern Baptist Convention took up religious work for the Army and Navy most heartily and effectively. It was represented on the General Committee on Chaplains of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, though not a constituent member of that body, and contributed liberally toward the work of the Red Cross, Young Men's Christian Association, and kindred organizations.

DOCTRINE AND ORGANIZATION

In doctrine the Southern Baptist churches are in harmony with those of the North, although in general they are more strictly Calvinistic, and the New Hampshire Confession of Faith is more firmly held than in the Northern churches. In polity, likewise, there is no essential difference. The Northern and Southern churches interchange membership and ministry on terms of perfect equality, and their separation is purely administrative in character, not doctrinal or ecclesiastical.

WORK

The work of the Southern Baptist churches is carried on through five denominational boards, having charge, respectively, of home missions, foreign missions, Sunday school work, educational institutions, and ministerial relief.

The home mission work, under the care of the Home Mission Board, covers the entire territory of the South, and also Cuba, Isle of Pines, and the Panama Canal Zone. In addition it goes into southern Illinois, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Missouri, cooperating with the Baptist State executive boards in the various State conventions. It does cooperative work with the Negro Baptists in the South, conducts missionary operations among the foreigners, maintains work among the Indians in Oklahoma and other Southern States, and operates 36 mountain mission schools in the southern Appalachian and Ozark highlands, with an attendance of nearly 6,000. A department of evangelism has a staff of 25 trained evangelists and gospel singers, who participate both in the city and rural campaigns and in other activities. A church extension department has a building loan fund of \$1,350,000, and the erection of church buildings is annually aided

⁵ See Negro Baptists, p. 136.

by gifts and loans to the extent of about \$100,000. An educational and publicity department conducts a large propaganda for the instruction of the denomination in the principles and activities of home missions. In 1926 the total number of persons employed in the work of the board was 963, the number of churches aided by them was 989, and the receipts for all purposes were \$1,011,345. To this should be added about \$600,000 raised annually by the State mission boards for work in their several States, making a grand total of \$1,611,345. The board holds as assets properties and invested gifts amounting to approximately \$3,275,000, most of which is church and mission school property, the remainder being the invested funds.

The foreign missionary work of the Southern Baptist churches has always held a prominent place in their church life. The Foreign Mission Board maintains work in 17 nations, including China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil, Argentine, Chile, Europe, the Near East, etc. The report for 1926 shows 513 American missionaries, 2,787 native helpers, and 1,139 organized churches with 137,734 members. The educational work of the board was represented by 560 schools with 22,615 students. Of these, 16 were theological institutions, 5 were colleges, and 5 normal training schools. The board has 24 hospitals and dispensaries. The total number of patients treated during 1926 was 50,007. Including the hospitals, schools, and 231 buildings owned by the board for purposes of worship, the total value of the property owned is estimated at \$2,250,000; and the receipts of the board for the year were \$1,584,311. There are publishing houses at Mexico City, Mexico, Canton, China, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The result of the work is apparent in the fact that during the year 12,085 natives were received into the churches on confession of faith.

The Women's Missionary Union, with headquarters at Birmingham, Ala., cooperates with all the boards of the denomination, contributing largely to their financial support. These contributions in 1926 amounted to \$2,805,545.

In close sympathy with the home mission work is that of the Sunday School Board, which is both missionary and educational in character. Pecuniary assistance is given by it to the State boards, for the employment of Sunday school missionaries and instructors, the expense being met from the proceeds of the business done in the publishing department at Nashville, Tenn. Nine great departments of work are carried on by the Sunday School Board, in addition to 14 kinds of cooperative work with the other boards and agencies of the convention. Besides doing a large book publishing business of its own, this board also maintains joint ownership of 14 Baptist book stores in as many States of the South. A corps of trained specialists is maintained who traverse the territory of the convention, holding normal institutes for training Sunday school teachers and instructing in efficient methods. Lectureships on Sunday school methods are sustained in the Louisville Theological Seminary, and the first chair of Sunday school pedagogy was established by this board in that institution. Free tract distribution, Bible distribution, and other colportage work are also provided for by the board. In 1926, this board expended \$476,316 in denominational work and had total cash receipts amounting to \$1,889,066.

The educational institutions under the auspices of the Southern Baptists include 3 theological seminaries, 2 training schools, 31 standard colleges and universities, 31 junior colleges, and 45 preparatory schools. Of these 112 educational institutions, the 3 theological schools are under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention; the 2 training schools are fostered by the Woman's Missionary Union, while all the other schools are directed by the various State conventions. The theological seminary at Louisville in 1926 reported 11 professors,

405 male and 80 female students, an endowment of \$1,900,000, and buildings valued at \$2,000,000. The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Tex., also under the control of the Southern Baptist Convention, had 22 professors, 299 male and 281 female students, an endowment of \$450,000, and buildings valued at \$1,915,000. The women in these institutions are preparing for missionary and social settlement work. In the 107 colleges, junior colleges, and preparatory schools there were, in 1926, a total of 2,055 teachers and 37,804 students, of whom 1,719 were students for the ministry. In addition, there were 34 mountain mission schools, with 181 teachers and 5,303 students, and with property valued at \$611,650. The total value of the land and buildings owned by these institutions is estimated at \$38,890,086, and there are endowments to the amount of \$18,854,721.

The denomination maintains 25 hospitals, two of which are under the control of the Southern Baptist Convention, while the others are under the State conventions. These hospitals during the year treated about 77,057 patients. There are also 19 orphanages and 2 homes for the aged. The value of property of all these institutions is estimated at \$20,000,000.

The number of young people's societies is reported as 19,773, with a membership of 498,386, an increase of 15,062 societies and 322,846 members since 1916.

The religious journals of the Southern Baptists are represented by 19 weekly, 4 monthly or semimonthly, and 2 quarterly publications.

Beginning the work of caring for the old ministers and their dependents in 1918, the Board of Ministerial Relief was able to report the following in 1926: Number of ministers cared for, 552; widows cared for, 443; dependent children cared for, 150; amount expended for relief, \$133,228; and amount paid on annuity claims, \$22,965.