

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.

PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS

STATISTICS

Summary for the United States, with urban-rural classification.—A general summary of the statistics for the Primitive Baptists 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 consists of those persons who have been enrolled in the local churches upon profession of faith and baptism by immersion.

TABLE 1.—SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR CHURCHES IN URBAN AND RURAL TERRITORY, 1926: PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS

| ITEM | Total | In urban territory ¹ | In rural territory ¹ | PER CENT OF TOTAL ² | |
|---|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | | | | Urban | Rural |
| Churches (local organizations) | 2,267 | 298 | 1,969 | 13.1 | 86.9 |
| Members | 81,374 | 11,248 | 70,126 | 13.8 | 86.2 |
| Average per church..... | 36 | 38 | 36 | | |
| Membership by sex: | | | | | |
| Male..... | 17,060 | 2,346 | 14,714 | 13.8 | 86.2 |
| Female..... | 30,608 | 4,100 | 26,508 | 13.4 | 86.6 |
| Sex not reported..... | 33,706 | 4,802 | 28,904 | 14.2 | 85.8 |
| Males per 100 females..... | 55.7 | 57.2 | 55.5 | | |
| Membership by age: | | | | | |
| Under 13 years..... | 75 | 14 | 61 | | |
| 13 years and over..... | 42,283 | 5,506 | 36,777 | 13.0 | 87.0 |
| Age not reported..... | 39,016 | 5,728 | 33,288 | 14.7 | 85.3 |
| Per cent under 13 years ³ | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | | |
| Church edifices: | | | | | |
| Number..... | 1,057 | 137 | 920 | 13.0 | 87.0 |
| Value—Churches reporting..... | 1,037 | 134 | 903 | 12.9 | 87.1 |
| Amount reported..... | \$1,730,348 | \$406,700 | \$1,323,648 | 23.5 | 76.5 |
| Average per church..... | \$1,669 | \$3,035 | \$1,466 | | |
| Debt—Churches reporting..... | 67 | 25 | 42 | | |
| Amount reported..... | \$25,734 | \$14,604 | \$11,130 | 56.7 | 43.3 |
| Churches reporting "no debt" on church edifice..... | 745 | 93 | 652 | 12.5 | 87.5 |
| Parsonages: | | | | | |
| Value—Churches reporting..... | 6 | 4 | 2 | | |
| Amount reported..... | \$13,313 | \$8,313 | \$5,000 | 62.4 | 37.6 |
| Expenditures during year: | | | | | |
| Churches reporting..... | 776 | 115 | 661 | 14.8 | 85.2 |
| Amount reported..... | \$106,847 | \$43,633 | \$123,214 | 26.2 | 73.8 |
| Current expenses and improvements..... | \$140,678 | \$38,207 | \$102,471 | 27.2 | 72.8 |
| Benevolences, missions, etc..... | \$16,945 | \$3,196 | \$13,749 | 18.9 | 81.1 |
| Not classified..... | \$9,224 | \$2,230 | \$6,994 | 24.2 | 75.8 |
| Average expenditure per church..... | \$215 | \$379 | \$186 | | |
| Sunday schools: | | | | | |
| Churches reporting..... | 5 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Officers and teachers..... | 25 | 10 | 15 | | |
| Scholars..... | 181 | 24 | 157 | 13.3 | 86.7 |

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 Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

³ Based on membership with age classification reported.

The data given for 1926 represent 2,267 active Primitive Baptist churches, with 81,374 members. The classification of membership by sex was reported by 1,317 churches and the classification by age was reported by 1,128 churches, including, however, only 34 which reported any members under 13 years of age. There was no debt on the parsonages reported.

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: PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS

| ITEM | 1926 | 1916 | 1906 | 1890 ¹ |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Churches (local organizations) | 2,267 | 2,142 | 2,878 | 2,784 |
| Increase ² over preceding census: | | | | |
| Number..... | 125 | -736 | 94 | |
| Per cent..... | 5.8 | -25.6 | 3.4 | |
| Members | 81,374 | 80,311 | 102,311 | 98,109 |
| Increase ² over preceding census: | | | | |
| Number..... | 1,063 | -22,000 | 4,202 | |
| Per cent..... | 1.3 | -21.5 | 4.3 | |
| Average membership per church..... | 36 | 37 | 36 | 35 |
| Church edifices: | | | | |
| Number..... | 1,057 | 1,697 | 2,003 | 2,444 |
| Value—Churches reporting..... | 1,037 | 1,580 | 1,953 | |
| Amount reported..... | \$1,730,348 | \$1,601,807 | \$1,674,810 | \$1,456,124 |
| Average per church..... | \$1,669 | \$1,014 | \$858 | |
| Debt—Churches reporting..... | 67 | 45 | 68 | |
| Amount reported..... | \$25,734 | \$12,053 | \$16,207 | |
| Parsonages: | | | | |
| Value—Churches reporting..... | 6 | 7 | 16 | |
| Amount reported..... | \$13,313 | \$14,900 | \$38,295 | |
| Expenditures during year: | | | | |
| Churches reporting..... | 776 | 964 | | |
| Amount reported..... | \$166,847 | \$96,270 | | |
| Current expenses and improvements..... | \$140,678 | \$92,329 | | |
| Benevolences, missions, etc..... | \$16,945 | \$3,941 | | |
| Not classified..... | \$9,224 | | | |
| Average expenditure per church..... | \$215 | \$100 | | |
| Sunday schools: | | | | |
| Churches reporting..... | 5 | | | |
| Officers and teachers..... | 25 | | | |
| Scholars..... | 181 | | | |

¹ Statistics for 1890 are exclusive of Colored Primitive Baptists.
² A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

State tables.—Tables 3, 4, 5, and 6 present the statistics for the Primitive Baptists 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 of the Primitive Baptists, 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 8.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES IN URBAN AND RURAL TERRITORY, AND TOTAL MEMBERSHIP BY SEX, BY STATES, 1926: PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS

| 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 | 2,267 | 298 | 1,969 | 81,374 | 11,248 | 70,126 | 17,060 | 30,608 | 33,706 | 55.7 |
| New England: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maine | 4 | 1 | 3 | 53 | 14 | 39 | | | 53 | |
| Massachusetts | 1 | 1 | | 5 | 5 | | 1 | 4 | | |
| Middle Atlantic: | | | | | | | | | | |
| New York | 15 | 4 | 11 | 211 | 72 | 139 | 29 | 114 | 68 | 25.4 |
| New Jersey | 3 | | 3 | 89 | | 89 | 3 | 13 | 73 | |
| Pennsylvania | 8 | 3 | 5 | 116 | 50 | 66 | 17 | 50 | 49 | |
| East North Central: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ohio | 50 | 12 | 38 | 1,204 | 216 | 988 | 262 | 537 | 405 | 48.8 |
| Indiana | 74 | 13 | 61 | 3,962 | 468 | 3,494 | 1,009 | 1,833 | 1,120 | 55.0 |
| Illinois | 62 | 12 | 50 | 2,300 | 540 | 1,760 | 395 | 859 | 1,046 | 46.0 |
| Michigan | 2 | | 2 | 28 | | 28 | 7 | 10 | 11 | |
| West North Central: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Iowa | 11 | 4 | 7 | 388 | 168 | 220 | 143 | 216 | 29 | 66.2 |
| Missouri | 71 | 9 | 62 | 2,858 | 494 | 2,364 | 652 | 1,159 | 1,047 | 56.3 |
| Nebraska | 5 | 1 | 4 | 170 | 28 | 142 | 67 | 103 | | 65.0 |
| Kansas | 5 | 2 | 3 | 126 | 46 | 80 | 30 | 60 | 36 | |
| South Atlantic: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Delaware | 6 | | 6 | 70 | | 70 | 1 | 7 | 62 | |
| Maryland | 13 | 2 | 11 | 223 | 65 | 158 | 30 | 87 | 106 | |
| District of Columbia | 1 | 1 | | 63 | | 63 | 17 | 46 | | |
| Virginia | 214 | 8 | 206 | 9,745 | 342 | 9,403 | 1,929 | 4,108 | 3,708 | 47.0 |
| West Virginia | 52 | 5 | 47 | 1,343 | 135 | 1,208 | 310 | 559 | 474 | 55.5 |
| North Carolina | 295 | 35 | 260 | 9,963 | 1,234 | 8,729 | 1,770 | 3,540 | 4,653 | 50.0 |
| South Carolina | 18 | 1 | 17 | 490 | 16 | 474 | 127 | 217 | 146 | 58.5 |
| Georgia | 401 | 66 | 335 | 15,317 | 2,787 | 12,530 | 2,777 | 5,027 | 7,513 | 55.2 |
| Florida | 73 | 7 | 66 | 2,224 | 282 | 1,942 | 446 | 595 | 1,183 | 75.0 |
| East South Central: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kentucky | 114 | 12 | 102 | 4,365 | 562 | 3,803 | 936 | 1,476 | 1,953 | 63.4 |
| Tennessee | 158 | 29 | 129 | 7,007 | 1,384 | 5,623 | 1,788 | 3,220 | 1,999 | 55.5 |
| Alabama | 201 | 14 | 187 | 6,483 | 481 | 6,002 | 1,510 | 2,349 | 2,624 | 64.3 |
| Mississippi | 101 | 13 | 88 | 3,485 | 508 | 2,977 | 936 | 1,457 | 1,092 | 64.2 |
| West South Central: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arkansas | 91 | 12 | 79 | 1,979 | 217 | 1,762 | 429 | 712 | 838 | 60.3 |
| Louisiana | 18 | 3 | 15 | 546 | 89 | 457 | 108 | 214 | 224 | 50.5 |
| Oklahoma | 41 | 5 | 36 | 1,390 | 161 | 1,229 | 291 | 408 | 691 | 71.3 |
| Texas | 154 | 22 | 132 | 5,087 | 800 | 4,287 | 1,015 | 1,601 | 2,471 | 63.4 |
| Mountain: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Idaho | 1 | | 1 | 32 | | 32 | | | 32 | |
| Colorado | 2 | | 2 | 23 | | 23 | 11 | 12 | | |
| New Mexico | 2 | 1 | 1 | 29 | 21 | 8 | 14 | 15 | | |

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: PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS

[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 | 2,267 | 2,142 | 2,878 | 81,374 | 80,311 | 102,311 | 75 | 42,283 | 39,016 | 0.2 |
| Maine | 4 | 4 | 2 | 53 | 57 | 68 | | | 53 | |
| New York | 15 | 23 | 20 | 211 | 385 | 435 | | 92 | 119 | |
| New Jersey | 3 | 7 | 4 | 89 | 225 | 89 | | | 89 | |
| Pennsylvania | 8 | 10 | 20 | 116 | 115 | 397 | | 57 | 59 | |
| Ohio | 50 | 46 | 57 | 1,204 | 1,308 | 1,588 | 1 | 714 | 489 | 0.1 |
| Indiana | 74 | 95 | 147 | 3,962 | 5,432 | 8,132 | 3 | 2,651 | 1,308 | 0.1 |
| Illinois | 62 | 53 | 118 | 2,300 | 2,621 | 5,163 | 1 | 1,082 | 1,217 | 0.1 |
| Iowa | 11 | 10 | 25 | 388 | 344 | 657 | | 282 | 106 | |
| Missouri | 71 | 59 | 114 | 2,858 | 2,636 | 4,040 | 1 | 1,730 | 1,127 | 0.1 |
| Nebraska | 5 | 6 | 5 | 170 | 158 | 118 | 3 | 167 | | 1.8 |
| Kansas | 5 | 6 | 12 | 126 | | 207 | | 58 | 68 | |
| Delaware | 6 | 2 | 7 | 70 | 61 | 227 | | 8 | 62 | |
| Maryland | 13 | 9 | 12 | 223 | 201 | 251 | 9 | 68 | 146 | |
| Virginia | 214 | 198 | 232 | 9,745 | 9,314 | 9,642 | 1 | 6,063 | 3,681 | (?) |
| West Virginia | 52 | 14 | 58 | 1,343 | 673 | 2,019 | | 854 | 489 | |
| North Carolina | 295 | 279 | 272 | 9,963 | 10,481 | 10,207 | | 4,590 | 5,373 | |
| South Carolina | 18 | 11 | 16 | 490 | 430 | 606 | | 344 | 146 | |
| Georgia | 401 | 420 | 439 | 15,317 | 15,871 | 16,157 | 29 | 6,080 | 9,208 | 0.5 |
| Florida | 73 | 60 | 60 | 2,224 | 1,898 | 1,781 | | 985 | 1,239 | |
| Kentucky | 114 | 55 | 159 | 4,365 | 2,250 | 5,442 | | 2,357 | 2,008 | |
| Tennessee | 158 | 208 | 244 | 7,007 | 8,925 | 10,204 | 6 | 4,197 | 2,804 | 0.1 |
| Alabama | 201 | 242 | 303 | 6,483 | 7,652 | 9,772 | 17 | 3,606 | 2,860 | 0.5 |
| Mississippi | 101 | 101 | 115 | 3,485 | 3,401 | 3,416 | 1 | 2,206 | 1,278 | (?) |
| Arkansas | 91 | 97 | 108 | 1,979 | 2,247 | 2,591 | | 795 | 1,184 | |
| Louisiana | 18 | 12 | 38 | 546 | 398 | 781 | | 312 | 234 | |
| Oklahoma | 41 | 27 | 28 | 1,390 | 662 | 587 | 1 | 601 | 788 | 0.2 |
| Texas | 154 | 88 | 236 | 5,087 | 2,543 | 7,095 | 1 | 2,253 | 2,833 | (?) |
| Washington | | 5 | 8 | | 106 | 193 | | | | |
| Oregon | | 2 | 10 | | 31 | 157 | | | | |
| Other States | 9 | 6 | 9 | 180 | 111 | 153 | 1 | 131 | 48 | 0.3 |

¹ Based on membership with age classification reported; not shown where base is less than 100.
² Less than one-tenth of 1 per cent.

**TABLE 5.—VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, AND CHURCH DEBT, BY STATES, 1926:
PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS**

[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 | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| | | | Churches reporting | Amount | Churches reporting | Amount | Churches reporting | Amount |
| United States | 2,267 | 1,057 | 1,037 | \$1,730,348 | 67 | \$25,734 | 6 | \$13,313 |
| New York..... | 15 | 8 | 7 | 23,800 | | | | |
| Pennsylvania..... | 8 | 3 | 3 | 6,200 | | | | |
| Ohio..... | 50 | 29 | 27 | 57,250 | | | | |
| Indiana..... | 74 | 47 | 47 | 146,810 | 3 | 3,425 | | (1) |
| Illinois..... | 62 | 33 | 30 | 51,600 | 1 | 100 | | (1) |
| Iowa..... | 11 | 10 | 8 | 25,000 | 1 | 300 | | |
| Missouri..... | 71 | 47 | 46 | 91,050 | 4 | 1,692 | | |
| Nebraska..... | 5 | 5 | 5 | 13,500 | | | | |
| Kansas..... | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5,500 | | | | |
| Maryland..... | 13 | 7 | 7 | 46,000 | | | | |
| Virginia..... | 214 | 113 | 112 | 194,080 | 6 | 1,305 | | (1) |
| West Virginia..... | 52 | 23 | 23 | 52,675 | 5 | 1,761 | | |
| North Carolina..... | 295 | 128 | 123 | 233,240 | 9 | 2,035 | | (1) |
| South Carolina..... | 18 | 8 | 8 | 4,200 | | | | |
| Georgia..... | 401 | 158 | 156 | 217,010 | 9 | 1,505 | | (1) |
| Florida..... | 73 | 28 | 28 | 28,700 | 2 | 1,360 | | |
| Kentucky..... | 114 | 59 | 59 | 84,100 | 3 | 1,060 | | |
| Tennessee..... | 158 | 91 | 91 | 150,989 | 7 | 6,807 | | |
| Alabama..... | 201 | 102 | 102 | 103,369 | 4 | 1,201 | | |
| Mississippi..... | 101 | 49 | 48 | 39,925 | 5 | 1,312 | | |
| Arkansas..... | 91 | 31 | 31 | 39,100 | 3 | 137 | | |
| Louisiana..... | 18 | 7 | 7 | 5,050 | | | | |
| Oklahoma..... | 41 | 8 | 8 | 16,000 | 3 | 1,458 | | |
| Texas..... | 154 | 54 | 52 | 67,800 | 1 | 171 | | (1) |
| Other States ² | 22 | 5 | 5 | 27,400 | 1 | 105 | 6 | 13,313 |

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

² The figures for value of parsonages include data for 6 churches in Indiana, Illinois, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, and Texas.

**TABLE 6.—CHURCH EXPENDITURES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES, 1926:
PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS**

[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 | 2,267 | 776 | \$166,847 | \$140,678 | \$16,945 | \$9,224 | 5 | 25 | 181 |
| New York..... | 15 | 9 | 3,823 | 3,823 | | | | | |
| Ohio..... | 50 | 26 | 4,592 | 3,715 | 127 | 750 | | | |
| Indiana..... | 74 | 42 | 11,183 | 9,147 | 1,052 | 984 | | | |
| Illinois..... | 62 | 19 | 2,632 | 2,372 | 260 | | | | |
| Iowa..... | 11 | 9 | 1,809 | 1,512 | 147 | 150 | | | |
| Missouri..... | 71 | 39 | 9,025 | 7,747 | 478 | 800 | | | |
| Nebraska..... | 5 | 5 | 1,050 | 525 | 325 | 200 | | | |
| Kansas..... | 5 | 3 | 222 | 219 | 3 | | 1 | 6 | 12 |

TABLE 6.—CHURCH EXPENDITURES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES, 1926: PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS—Continued

| 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 |
| Maryland..... | 13 | 7 | \$2,353 | \$2,339 | \$14 | | | | |
| Virginia..... | 214 | 71 | 8,593 | 7,597 | 746 | \$250 | | | |
| West Virginia..... | 52 | 23 | 3,470 | 3,079 | 391 | | | | |
| North Carolina..... | 295 | 85 | 16,366 | 14,622 | 1,453 | 291 | | | |
| South Carolina..... | 18 | 3 | 32 | 32 | | | | | |
| Georgia..... | 401 | 125 | 35,992 | 32,351 | 2,831 | 810 | | | |
| Florida..... | 73 | 19 | 9,555 | 5,976 | 3,479 | 100 | | | |
| Kentucky..... | 114 | 39 | 3,983 | 3,071 | 810 | 102 | | | |
| Tennessee..... | 158 | 58 | 11,988 | 10,311 | 772 | 905 | 1 | 72 | |
| Alabama..... | 201 | 70 | 11,505 | 9,154 | 1,241 | 1,110 | 2 | 85 | |
| Mississippi..... | 101 | 32 | 10,431 | 9,548 | 541 | 342 | 1 | 12 | |
| Arkansas..... | 91 | 22 | 2,524 | 1,961 | 423 | 140 | | | |
| Louisiana..... | 18 | 6 | 1,573 | 1,528 | 45 | | | | |
| Oklahoma..... | 41 | 16 | 2,552 | 987 | 450 | 1,115 | | | |
| Texas..... | 154 | 41 | 8,518 | 6,072 | 1,271 | 1,175 | | | |
| Other States..... | 30 | 7 | 3,076 | 2,990 | 86 | | | | |

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

| 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 |
| Total..... | 2,267 | 81,374 | 1,037 | \$1,730,348 | 67 | \$25,734 | 776 | \$166,847 | 5 | 181 |
| Alabama: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Antioch..... | 17 | 804 | 10 | 8,050 | 1 | 325 | 8 | 972 | | |
| Beulah..... | 6 | 225 | 6 | 5,400 | | | 4 | 529 | | |
| Buttahatchie..... | 4 | 68 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | (1) | | |
| Cane Creek..... | 5 | 113 | 3 | 1,400 | | | | (1) | | |
| Choctawhatchee..... | 10 | 411 | 7 | 4,800 | | | 4 | 594 | | |
| Ebenezer..... | 8 | 274 | 3 | 5,000 | | | | (1) | | |
| Elk River..... | 1 | 27 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Fellowship..... | 20 | 457 | 6 | 15,000 | | | | (1) | | |
| Flint River..... | 4 | 191 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Forked Deer..... | 1 | 41 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Fountain Creek..... | 1 | 20 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Hillabee..... | 10 | 383 | 7 | 4,294 | | | 4 | 380 | | |
| Hopewell..... | 9 | 170 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Indian Creek..... | 1 | 74 | | | | | | (1) | 1 | 43 |
| Little Vine..... | 14 | 340 | 5 | 2,850 | | | 3 | 343 | | |
| Lower Wetumpka..... | 9 | 366 | 5 | 2,900 | | | 3 | 400 | | |
| Mount Zion..... | 24 | 724 | 11 | 8,325 | | | 8 | 625 | | |
| Mud Creek..... | 6 | 283 | 5 | 4,650 | | | 4 | 215 | | |
| New Hope..... | 3 | 68 | | | | | | (1) | | |
| Patsaliga..... | 12 | 247 | 7 | 4,350 | | | 5 | 370 | | |

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: PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS—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 |
| Alabama—Continued. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pilgrims Rest | 3 | 75 | | | | | | | | |
| Sand Mountain | 4 | 100 | 4 | \$2,750 | | | | (1) | | |
| Second Creek | 4 | 151 | | (1) | | (1) | 3 | \$565 | | |
| Sequachie Valley | 2 | 35 | | | | | | | | |
| Sipsey River | 2 | 17 | | | | | | (1) | | |
| Sucarnoochee | 1 | 8 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Tombigbee | 1 | 22 | | (1) | | | | | | |
| Upatol | 1 | 102 | | | | | | | | |
| Wetumpka | 10 | 343 | 3 | 12,200 | 1 | \$200 | 3 | 2,898 | | |
| Unassociated | 8 | 344 | 7 | 9,050 | | | 5 | 1,265 | 1 | 42 |
| Arkansas: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harmony | 2 | 54 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Little Zion | 4 | 107 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Mountain Springs | 11 | 208 | 4 | 16,600 | | | 4 | 640 | | |
| New Hope | 21 | 377 | 5 | 5,900 | 1 | 75 | 6 | 963 | | |
| North Ouachita | 8 | 144 | | (1) | | | | | | |
| Point Remove | 3 | 56 | | (1) | | (1) | | (1) | | |
| Rich Mountain | 7 | 288 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Salem | 9 | 260 | 6 | 6,050 | 1 | 50 | 3 | 420 | | |
| South Arkansas | 18 | 222 | 9 | 6,550 | | | 4 | 190 | | |
| South Ouachita | 3 | 48 | | | | | | | | |
| Sugar Creek | 2 | 92 | | | | | | | | |
| Washington | 2 | 96 | | | | | | | | |
| Unassociated | 1 | 18 | | | | | | | | |
| Colorado: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Unassociated | 2 | 23 | | | | | | (1) | | |
| Delaware: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Delaware Association | 4 | 25 | | | | | | | | |
| Salisbury of Maryland | 2 | 45 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| District of Columbia: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ketocton | 1 | 63 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Florida: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alahabee River | 1 | 31 | | | | | | | | |
| Antioch | 4 | 122 | 3 | 1,600 | | | | (1) | | |
| Baltimore | 1 | 8 | | | | | | | | |
| Chipola | 2 | 44 | | (1) | | | | | | |
| Middle Florida | 2 | 53 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Mount Enon | 21 | 627 | 10 | 9,000 | 1 | 60 | 7 | 1,100 | | |
| Original Flint | 1 | 11 | | | | | | | | |
| Pilgrims Rest | 5 | 150 | | | | | | | | |
| Primitive Baptists Union | 1 | 28 | | (1) | | | | | | |
| St. Marys River | 4 | 68 | | | | | | | | |
| San Pedro | 10 | 290 | 5 | 4,250 | | | 4 | 150 | | |
| Suwannee | 20 | 748 | 6 | 11,100 | 1 | 1,300 | 4 | 5,010 | | |
| Unassociated | 1 | 44 | | | | | | | | |
| Georgia: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alahabee | 35 | 1,151 | 12 | 6,660 | 2 | 120 | 9 | 765 | | |
| Antioch | 2 | 78 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Bethel | 17 | 846 | 8 | 13,350 | | | 8 | 2,801 | | |
| Blue Ridge | 2 | 76 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Blue River | 1 | 97 | | | | | | | | |
| Cane Creek | 1 | 30 | | | | | | | | |
| Ebenezer | 16 | 477 | 7 | 6,700 | | | 5 | 363 | | |
| Echeconnee | 26 | 1,089 | 14 | 31,200 | 2 | 250 | 12 | 12,172 | | |
| Euharlee | 12 | 295 | 7 | 7,050 | 1 | 50 | 6 | 705 | | |
| Fellowship | 6 | 236 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Flint River | 10 | 264 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Harmony | 4 | 157 | 4 | 7,400 | | | | (1) | | |
| Little River | 7 | 362 | 4 | 4,600 | | | | (1) | | |
| Lotts Creek | 19 | 1,034 | 11 | 14,200 | | | 13 | 3,100 | | |
| Lower Canoochee | 10 | 614 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |

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TABLE 7.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES, VALUE OF EDIFICES, DEBT, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY ASSOCIATIONS, 1926: PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS—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 |
| Georgia—Continued. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Marietta | 8 | 191 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Mount Olive | 5 | 228 | 3 | \$4,300 | | | (1) | | | |
| Mount Pleasant | 11 | 202 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| New Beulah | 3 | 84 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| New Hope | 14 | 371 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Ochlocknee | 9 | 497 | 5 | 12,500 | 1 | \$200 | 7 | \$1,718 | | |
| Ocmulgee | 9 | 249 | 4 | 5,200 | | | 3 | 839 | | |
| Oconee | 13 | 424 | 3 | 6,500 | | | (1) | | | |
| Old Lower Ochlocknee | 5 | 204 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Original Flint River | 8 | 340 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Original Upper Canoochee | 16 | 554 | 10 | 11,700 | | | 9 | 1,207 | | |
| Primitive Baptists Union | 26 | 925 | 6 | 3,450 | | | 4 | 42 | | |
| Primitive Western | 5 | 109 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Primitive Western Union | 6 | 321 | 4 | 6,500 | 1 | 235 | 4 | 1,640 | | |
| Pulaski | 21 | 549 | 8 | 5,350 | | | 4 | 339 | | |
| St. Marys River | 3 | 47 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Salem | 5 | 193 | (1) | (1) | | | 3 | 223 | | |
| Towaliga | 9 | 372 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Upatoi | 11 | 419 | 4 | 5,250 | | | 3 | 225 | | |
| Upper Canoochee | 16 | 1,210 | 8 | 17,200 | | | 8 | 2,797 | | |
| Yellow River | 26 | 735 | 9 | 12,800 | | | 3 | 620 | | |
| Unassociated | 4 | 287 | 4 | 10,200 | 1 | 500 | 3 | 2,214 | | |
| Idaho: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hiwassee | 1 | 32 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Illinois: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel | 6 | 230 | 4 | 9,000 | | | (1) | | | |
| Central | 4 | 117 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Concord | 5 | 91 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Kaskaskia | 4 | 68 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Little Wabash | 5 | 231 | 5 | 5,000 | | | 3 | 355 | | |
| Muddy River | 7 | 311 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Okaw | 3 | 73 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Salem | 4 | 116 | 3 | 11,000 | | | 3 | 488 | | |
| Skillet Fork | 10 | 640 | 5 | 7,400 | 1 | 100 | (1) | | | |
| Spoon River | 4 | 66 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Wabash | 5 | 168 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Unassociated | 5 | 189 | 5 | 10,000 | | | (1) | | | |
| Indiana: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blue River | 11 | 742 | 9 | 15,410 | 1 | 25 | 7 | 1,009 | | |
| Conns Creek | 4 | 120 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Danville | 8 | 305 | 5 | 16,500 | | | 4 | 879 | | |
| Little Zion | 4 | 225 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Mount Salem | 4 | 85 | 3 | 7,900 | 1 | 2,000 | (1) | | | |
| Mississnewa | 4 | 228 | (1) | (1) | | | 3 | 1,073 | | |
| Patoka | 9 | 981 | 6 | 25,000 | 1 | 1,400 | 6 | 2,725 | | |
| Salem | 9 | 619 | 4 | 12,000 | | | 5 | 1,065 | | |
| Tates Creek | 1 | 7 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| White River | 6 | 237 | 5 | 8,500 | | | 3 | 850 | | |
| White Water | 9 | 293 | 6 | 16,500 | | | 5 | 934 | | |
| Unassociated | 5 | 220 | 5 | 31,500 | | | 4 | 900 | | |
| Iowa: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Des Moines River | 3 | 71 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Hazel Creek | 1 | 8 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Missouri Valley | 2 | 141 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Western | 3 | 104 | (1) | (1) | | | 3 | 443 | | |
| Unassociated | 2 | 64 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Kansas: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pleasant Valley | 1 | 14 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | 1 | 12 |
| Turkey Creek | 3 | 83 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Unassociated | 1 | 29 | (1) | (1) | | | (1) | | | |

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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 |
| Kentucky: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Burning Spring | 16 | 854 | 8 | \$5,700 | | | 4 | \$240 | | |
| Cypress Creek | 2 | 88 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Greenfield | 5 | 274 | 3 | 8,300 | | | 3 | 775 | | |
| Highland | 7 | 340 | 7 | 10,300 | | | 6 | 1,049 | | |
| Little River | 2 | 27 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Mates Creek | 11 | 311 | 3 | 3,000 | | | 3 | 124 | | |
| North District | 5 | 209 | 4 | 7,250 | | | | (1) | | |
| Powells Valley | 6 | 246 | 4 | 12,250 | 1 | \$100 | | (1) | | |
| Red Bird | 8 | 168 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Red River | 10 | 306 | 5 | 6,500 | 1 | 800 | 3 | 33 | | |
| Rock Springs | 14 | 518 | 3 | 3,400 | 1 | 160 | 5 | 244 | | |
| Soldier Creek | 8 | 415 | 4 | 2,800 | | | | (1) | | |
| Spencer | 4 | 122 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Tates Creek | 5 | 250 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Union | 4 | 94 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Unassociated | 7 | 143 | 6 | 12,800 | | | | (1) | | |
| Louisiana: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bythnia | 4 | 68 | (1) | (1) | | | 3 | 173 | | |
| Little Hope | 1 | 36 | | | | | | (1) | | |
| Louisiana | 8 | 312 | 4 | 3,900 | | | | (1) | | |
| New Hope | 1 | 31 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| South Ouachita | 3 | 87 | | | | | | (1) | | |
| Unassociated | 1 | 12 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Maine: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maine | 3 | 33 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Unassociated | 1 | 20 | | | | | | (1) | | |
| Maryland: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baltimore | 3 | 46 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Ketocton | 2 | 43 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Salisbury | 7 | 128 | 3 | 18,500 | | | 3 | 800 | | |
| Unassociated | 1 | 6 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Massachusetts: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Massachusetts | 1 | 5 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Michigan: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mount Salem | 1 | 17 | | | | | | (1) | | |
| Sandusky | 1 | 11 | | | | | | (1) | | |
| Mississippi: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Amite | 10 | 306 | 3 | 1,600 | 1 | 157 | 3 | 684 | | |
| Bethany | 14 | 531 | 6 | 3,750 | | | | (1) | | |
| Buttahatchie | 1 | 8 | | | | | | (1) | | |
| Good Hope | 13 | 368 | 5 | 5,350 | 1 | 600 | 4 | 4,566 | | |
| Hopewell | 9 | 347 | 6 | 4,000 | | | 4 | 550 | | |
| Indian Creek | 1 | 18 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | 1 | 12 |
| Little Black | 6 | 140 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Little Vine | 2 | 36 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Mississippi River | 4 | 117 | | | | | | (1) | | |
| New Hope | 10 | 402 | 7 | 6,700 | 1 | 30 | 5 | 321 | | |
| Primitive | 7 | 192 | 3 | 1,850 | | | | (1) | | |
| Regular Baptist | 5 | 308 | 3 | 3,750 | | | | (1) | | |
| South Mississippi | 6 | 180 | 4 | 2,225 | 2 | 525 | 4 | 985 | | |
| Tallahatchie | 4 | 145 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Tombigbee | 8 | 363 | 5 | 5,900 | | | 5 | 2,154 | | |
| Unassociated | 1 | 24 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Missouri: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Center Creek | 5 | 110 | 4 | 4,800 | 1 | 330 | 4 | 750 | | |
| Cuivre-Siloam | 5 | 54 | 4 | 3,900 | | | 3 | 700 | | |
| Fishing River | 10 | 572 | 5 | 14,000 | 1 | 100 | 4 | 880 | | |
| Harmony | 4 | 99 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Hazel Creek | 3 | 92 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Little Piney | 3 | 127 | (1) | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Mount Zion | 8 | 229 | 6 | 16,100 | | | 4 | 1,235 | | |
| Nodaway | 4 | 171 | 3 | 15,700 | 1 | 1,000 | | (1) | | |
| Ozark | 8 | 285 | 6 | 6,100 | | | 6 | 1,242 | | |
| Salem | 4 | 460 | 4 | 8,200 | | | 4 | 860 | | |

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| ASSOCIATION | Total number of churches | | VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES | | DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES | | EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR | | SUNDAY SCHOOLS | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------|-------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Number of churches | Number of members | Churches reporting | Amount | Churches reporting | Amount | Churches reporting | Amount | Churches reporting | Number of scholars |
| Missouri—Con. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sipsey River | 1 | 30 | | (1) | | (1) | | (1) | | |
| Sugar Creek | 1 | 23 | | | | | | | | |
| Two Rivers | 6 | 149 | 3 | \$3,800 | | | | (1) | | |
| Yellow Creek | 9 | 457 | 4 | 7,150 | | | 3 | \$360 | | |
| Nebraska: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Missouri Valley | 3 | 123 | 3 | 7,500 | | | 3 | 700 | | |
| Unassociated | 2 | 47 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| New Jersey: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Delaware River | 3 | 89 | | (1) | | | | | | |
| New Mexico: | | | | | | | | | | |
| West Texas | 2 | 29 | | (1) | | (1) | | (1) | | |
| New York: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lexington-Roxbury | 7 | 87 | 3 | 12,000 | | | 4 | 695 | | |
| Warwick | 5 | 78 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Unassociated | 3 | 46 | | (1) | | | 3 | 304 | | |
| North Carolina: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Abbotts Creek | 14 | 268 | 7 | 9,200 | | | | (1) | | |
| Bear Creek | 26 | 592 | 14 | 15,940 | 3 | \$550 | 11 | 2,428 | | |
| Black Creek | 23 | 1,163 | 8 | 15,100 | 1 | 800 | 8 | 3,501 | | |
| Carolina | 4 | 78 | | | | | | (1) | | |
| Contentnea | 21 | 739 | 10 | 15,700 | 1 | 85 | 7 | 880 | | |
| Correspondence | 1 | 7 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Fishers River | 23 | 918 | 14 | 19,100 | 2 | 250 | 10 | 987 | | |
| Kehukee | 34 | 1,135 | 12 | 20,100 | | | 10 | 1,229 | | |
| Little River | 24 | 805 | 7 | 26,000 | 2 | 350 | 5 | 2,145 | | |
| Loving River | 2 | 15 | | (1) | | | | | | |
| Lower County Line | 16 | 598 | 8 | 35,000 | | | 4 | 2,550 | | |
| Mayo | 19 | 713 | 4 | 7,850 | | | | (1) | | |
| Mill Branch | 3 | 98 | | (1) | | | | | | |
| Mountain | 6 | 442 | 3 | 5,500 | | | | (1) | | |
| Reorganized Silver Creek | 6 | 120 | 4 | 9,500 | | | 3 | 410 | | |
| Roaring River | 9 | 229 | 4 | 2,400 | | | | (1) | | |
| Salem | 10 | 395 | 3 | 16,700 | | | 4 | 394 | | |
| Sandy Ridge | 1 | 8 | | | | | | | | |
| Senter | 9 | 363 | 6 | 14,700 | | | 3 | 142 | | |
| St. Clairs Bottom | 1 | 50 | | | | | | | | |
| Seven Mile | 10 | 315 | 5 | 4,900 | | | 3 | 97 | | |
| Upper County Line | 9 | 160 | 3 | 5,600 | | | 4 | 650 | | |
| White Oak | 13 | 472 | 6 | 6,400 | | | | (1) | | |
| Zion | 3 | 99 | | | | | | | | |
| Unassociated | 8 | 181 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Ohio: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Miami | 6 | 130 | | (1) | | | 3 | 504 | | |
| Muskingum | 15 | 304 | 10 | 18,500 | | | 8 | 888 | | |
| Owl Creek | 4 | 135 | 3 | 6,500 | | | | (1) | | |
| Sandusky | 5 | 219 | 3 | 6,500 | | | | (1) | | |
| Scioto | 11 | 267 | 7 | 18,000 | | | 4 | 1,120 | | |
| Tates Creek | 1 | 7 | | | | | | (1) | | |
| Union | 5 | 55 | | | | | 4 | 750 | | |
| White Water | 2 | 61 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Unassociated | 1 | 26 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Oklahoma: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Center Creek | 2 | 91 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Enterprise | 12 | 403 | | (1) | | (1) | 3 | 430 | | |
| New Hope | 1 | 14 | | | | | | | | |
| Panhandle and Okla- | | | | | | | | | | |
| homa | 2 | 134 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Rich Mountain | 2 | 54 | | | | | | | | |
| Salem | 5 | 112 | | | | | | (1) | | |
| Turkey Creek | 1 | 43 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Union | 2 | 85 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Washita | 4 | 151 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Western | 9 | 285 | | (1) | | (1) | 4 | 563 | | |
| Unassociated | 1 | 18 | | | | | | | | |

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------|-------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Churches reporting | Amount | Churches reporting | Amount | Churches reporting | Amount | Churches reporting | Number of scholars |
| Pennsylvania: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Delaware..... | 2 | 44 | | | | | | | | |
| Juniata..... | 1 | 5 | | | | | | | | |
| Unassociated..... | 5 | 67 | 3 | \$6,200 | | | | (1) | | |
| South Carolina: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carolina..... | 3 | 36 | | | | | | | | |
| Mill Branch..... | 4 | 118 | 4 | 2,600 | | | | | | |
| Prince William..... | 10 | 322 | 3 | 1,100 | | | 3 | \$32 | | |
| Unassociated..... | 1 | 14 | | (1) | | | | | | |
| Tennessee: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Big Sandy..... | 8 | 303 | 6 | 5,374 | | | 5 | 1,695 | | |
| Blue Ridge..... | 1 | 8 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Buffalo River..... | 11 | 391 | 5 | 5,300 | | | | (1) | | |
| Collins River..... | 3 | 101 | | | | | | | | |
| Cumberland..... | 8 | 406 | 6 | 25,000 | | | 4 | 1,945 | | |
| Elk River..... | 8 | 369 | 3 | 4,000 | | | | (1) | | |
| Fellowship..... | 2 | 23 | | | | | | | | |
| Flint River..... | 1 | 24 | | (1) | | | | | | |
| Forked Deer..... | 5 | 188 | 4 | 5,000 | 1 | \$117 | | (1) | | |
| Fountain Creek..... | 2 | 49 | | | | | | | | |
| Friendship..... | 1 | 56 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Greenfield..... | 8 | 544 | 3 | 14,500 | 2 | 340 | 3 | 793 | | |
| Hiwassee..... | 8 | 583 | 3 | 3,500 | | | | (1) | | |
| Indian Creek..... | 1 | 57 | | | | | | (1) | 1 | 72 |
| Little River..... | 3 | 39 | | | | | | | | |
| Mallard Creek..... | 1 | 31 | | | | | | | | |
| Mississippi River..... | 7 | 200 | 5 | 6,665 | | | | (1) | | |
| Obion..... | 6 | 265 | 5 | 5,100 | | | 3 | 300 | | |
| Powells Valley..... | 12 | 836 | 10 | 18,200 | 1 | 900 | 7 | 1,625 | | |
| Predestinarian..... | 9 | 270 | 5 | 4,000 | | | | (1) | | |
| Red River..... | 3 | 64 | | (1) | | | | | | |
| Regular Baptist..... | 2 | 139 | | (1) | | | | | | |
| Round Lick..... | 10 | 469 | 5 | 4,800 | | | 6 | 370 | | |
| Second Creek..... | 1 | 40 | | (1) | | | | | | |
| Sequachie Valley..... | 7 | 170 | 3 | 10,200 | 1 | 2,100 | | (1) | | |
| Stony Creek..... | 2 | 27 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Tennessee and Nola- chucky..... | 9 | 448 | 6 | 8,600 | | | 5 | 1,430 | | |
| Washington..... | 1 | 18 | | | | | | | | |
| West Tennessee..... | 15 | 612 | 12 | 15,850 | | | 8 | 500 | | |
| Unassociated..... | 3 | 277 | 3 | 9,700 | 2 | 3,350 | | (1) | | |
| Texas: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel..... | 1 | 13 | | | | | | | | |
| Chambers Creek..... | 4 | 129 | | | | | | | | |
| Duffan..... | 7 | 182 | | | | | | (1) | | |
| East Providence..... | 5 | 196 | | (1) | | | | | | |
| Enon..... | 3 | 120 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Friendship..... | 8 | 312 | 4 | 3,600 | | | | (1) | | |
| Good Hope..... | 1 | 14 | | | | | | | | |
| Little Flock..... | 10 | 237 | 6 | 4,800 | | | 5 | 730 | | |
| Little Hope..... | 9 | 149 | | (1) | | | 3 | 359 | | |
| Mount Olive..... | 2 | 78 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Mount Zion..... | 3 | 83 | | (1) | | | | (1) | | |
| Neches River..... | 1 | 20 | | | | | | (1) | | |
| New Hope..... | 6 | 109 | | | | | | | | |
| Old Harmony..... | 7 | 285 | | | | | | | | |
| Panhandle and Okla- homa..... | 5 | 170 | | | | | | (1) | | |
| Pilot Grove..... | 5 | 181 | | (1) | | | | | | |
| Primitive Baptist..... | 13 | 339 | 7 | 9,450 | | | 4 | 695 | | |
| Salem..... | 3 | 129 | | | | | | | | |

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------|-------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Churches reporting | Amount | Churches reporting | Amount | Churches reporting | Amount | Churches reporting | Number of scholars |
| Texas—Continued. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southwest Texas | 12 | 398 | 6 | \$7,050 | | | 4 | \$635 | | |
| Sulphur Fork | 9 | 252 | 3 | 4,000 | | | (1) | | | |
| Unity | 8 | 381 | 3 | 3,600 | 1 | \$171 | 3 | 900 | | |
| Village Creek | 4 | 281 | 3 | 10,300 | | | 3 | 1,195 | | |
| West Providence | 8 | 280 | 5 | 7,000 | | | 4 | 1,290 | | |
| West Texas | 10 | 408 | 3 | 3,800 | | | (1) | | | |
| Western Oklahoma | 2 | 117 | | | | | | | | |
| Unassociated | 8 | 224 | | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Virginia: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ebenezer | 9 | 502 | 9 | 27,700 | 1 | 198 | 8 | 1,504 | | |
| Kehuckee | 1 | 16 | | | | | | | | |
| Ketocton | 12 | 392 | 7 | 11,000 | | | 6 | 1,129 | | |
| Lower County Line | 1 | 13 | | | | | | | | |
| Mates Creek | 1 | 19 | | | | | | | | |
| Mayo | 10 | 403 | 5 | 9,300 | | | 4 | 347 | | |
| Mountain | 10 | 555 | 4 | 11,500 | | | 3 | 270 | | |
| New River | 29 | 2,061 | 20 | 32,830 | 1 | 86 | 10 | 2,581 | | |
| Pattersons Creek | 1 | 28 | | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Piedmont | 5 | 70 | 5 | 4,300 | 2 | 121 | 5 | 415 | | |
| Pig River | 23 | 911 | 7 | 7,900 | | | 3 | 107 | | |
| St. Clairs Bottom | 4 | 172 | 3 | 6,800 | | | 3 | 55 | | |
| Salisbury | 1 | 6 | | | | | | | | |
| Senter | 3 | 212 | | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Smiths River | 19 | 1,174 | 11 | 13,950 | | | 8 | 231 | | |
| Staunton River | 13 | 342 | 5 | 13,400 | | | (1) | | | |
| Stony Creek | 5 | 162 | | | | | | | | |
| Three Forks of Powell River | 12 | 378 | 3 | 4,000 | | | (1) | | | |
| Union | 1 | 39 | | | | | | | | |
| Upper County Line | 1 | 7 | | | | | | | | |
| Washington | 35 | 1,660 | 17 | 24,800 | 2 | 900 | 7 | 556 | | |
| Zion | 8 | 232 | 4 | 4,300 | | | 3 | 134 | | |
| Unassociated | 10 | 391 | 9 | 17,000 | | | 6 | 950 | | |
| West Virginia: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Elkhorn | 7 | 86 | | | | | (1) | | | |
| Indian Creek | 20 | 764 | 13 | 26,175 | 2 | 1,075 | 10 | 2,092 | | |
| Juniata | 4 | 87 | | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Mates Creek | 2 | 47 | | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Mount Zion | 1 | 7 | | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| New Liberty | 5 | 124 | | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Pattersons Creek | 2 | 38 | | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Pocatalico | 6 | 107 | | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Tygart's Valley | 5 | 83 | | (1) | | | (1) | | | |
| Combinations ¹ | | | 160 | 277,950 | 13 | 3,649 | 203 | 41,750 | | |

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² The figures for value and expenditures represent data for associations in Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

HISTORY, DOCTRINE, AND ORGANIZATION¹

DENOMINATIONAL HISTORY

With the development of organized church life shown in the formation of benevolent and particularly of missionary societies, of Sunday schools and similar organizations, during the early part of the nineteenth century, there developed also considerable opposition to such new ideas. The more independent church associations were based on the principle that the Scriptures are the sole and sufficient authority for everything connected with the religious life. The position taken was, in brief, that there were no missionary societies in the apostles' days, and therefore there should be none to-day. Apart from this, however, there seemed to many to be inherent in these societies a centralization of authority which was not at all in accord with the spirit of the gospel. Sunday schools also were considered unauthorized of God, as was everything connected with church life that was not included in the clearly presented statement of the New Testament writers. These views appeared particularly in some of the Baptist bodies, and occasioned what became known as the "antimission movement."

Apparently the first definite announcement of this position was made by the Kehukee Baptist Association of North Carolina, formed in 1765, at its meeting with the Kehukee Church in Halifax County in 1827, although similar views were expressed by a Georgia association in 1826. The Kehukee Association unanimously condemned all "modern, money-based, so-called benevolent societies," as contrary to the teaching and practice of Christ and His apostles, and, furthermore, announced that it could no longer fellowship with churches which indorsed such societies. In 1832 a similar course was adopted by the Country Line Association, at its session with Deep Creek Church in Alamance (then Orange) County, N. C., and by a "Convention of the Middle States" at Black Rock Church, Baltimore County, Md. Other Baptist associations in the North, South, East, and West, during the next 10 years, took similar action. In 1835 the Chemung Association, including churches in New York and Pennsylvania, adopted a resolution declaring that as a number of associations with which it had been in correspondence had "departed from the simplicity of the doctrine and practice of the gospel of Christ, * * * uniting themselves with the world and what are falsely called benevolent societies founded upon a money basis," and preaching a gospel "differing from the gospel of Christ," it would not continue in fellowship with them, and urged all Baptists who could not approve the new ideas to come out and be separate from those holding them.

The various Primitive Baptist associations have never organized as a denomination and have no State conventions or general bodies of any kind. For the purpose of self-interpretation, each association adopted the custom of printing in its annual minutes a statement of its articles of faith, constitution, and rules of order. This presentation was examined carefully by every other association, and, if it was approved, fellowship was accorded by sending to its meetings messengers or letters reporting on the general state of the churches. Any association that did not meet with approval was simply dropped from fellowship. The result was that, while there are certain links binding the different associations together, they are easily broken, and the lack of any central body or even of any uniform statement of belief, serves to prevent united action. Another factor in the situation has been the difficulty of intercommunication in many parts of the South. As groups of associations developed in North and South Carolina and Georgia, they drew together, as did those in western Tennessee,

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northern Mississippi and Alabama, and Missouri, while those in Texas had little intercourse with any of the others. Occasional fraternal visits were made through all of these sections, and a quasi union or fellowship was kept up, but this has not been sufficient to secure what might be called denominational individuality or growth. This is apparent in the variety of names, some friendly and some derisive, which have been applied to them, such as "Primitive," "Old School," "Regular," "Anti-Mission," and "Hard Shell." In general, the term "Primitive" has been the one most widely used and accepted.

DOCTRINE

In matters of doctrine the Primitive Baptists are strongly Calvinistic. Some of their minutes have 11 articles of faith, some less, some more. They declare that by Adam's fall or transgression all his posterity became sinners in the sight of God; that the corruption of human nature is total; that man can not, by his own free will and ability, reinstate himself in the favor of God; that God elected or chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world; that sinners are justified only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them; that the saints will all be preserved and will persevere in grace unto heavenly glory, and that not one of them will be finally lost; that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the gospel in the church to the end of time; that the institutions of the day (church societies) are the inventions of men, and are not to be fellowshipped; that Christ will come a second time, in person or bodily presence to the world, and will raise all the dead, judge the human race, send the wicked to everlasting punishment, and welcome the righteous to everlasting happiness. They also hold uncompromisingly to the full verbal inspiration of the Old and New Testament Scriptures.

Some Primitive Baptists maintain, as formulated in the London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, that God eternally decreed or predestinated all things, yet in such a manner that He does not compel anyone to sin, and that He does not approve or fellowship sin. The great majority of them, however, maintain that, while God foreknew all things, and while He foreordained to suffer, or not prevent, sin, His active and efficient predestination is limited to the eternal salvation of all His people, and everything necessary thereunto; and all Primitive Baptists believe that every sane human being is accountable for all his thoughts, words, and actions.

Immersion of believers is the only form of baptism which they acknowledge, and they insist that this is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper. They hold that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances unless he has been called of God, come under the laying on of hands by a presbytery, and is in fellowship with the church of which he is a member; and that he has no right to permit any clergyman who has not these qualifications to assist in the administering of these ordinances. In some sections the Primitive Baptists believe that washing the saints' feet should be practiced in the church, usually in connection with the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. Of late years a group of churches in Georgia have used organs in public worship, but most of the churches are earnestly opposed to the use of instrumental music of any kind in church services. Sunday schools and secret societies are unauthorized. These are claimed not to be in accordance with the teachings of the Bible.

ORGANIZATION

In polity the Primitive Baptists are congregational in that they believe that each church should govern itself according to the laws of Christ as found in the New Testament, and that no minister, association, or convention has any authority. They believe that if, in the view of its sister churches, a church departs in

doctrine or order from the New Testament standard, it should be labored with, and if it can not be reclaimed, fellowship should be withdrawn from it. Admission to the church takes place after careful examination by the pastor and church officers, and by vote of the church. Ministers are ordained by the laying on of the hands of pastors and elders called by the church of which the candidate is a member. No theological training is required. The gifts of the candidate are first tested by association with pastors in evangelistic work, and he is then recommended for ordination. There is no opposition to education, the position being that the Lord is able to call an educated man to preach His gospel when it is His will to do so, and that it is the duty of the minister to study, and especially to study the Scriptures, but they hold that lack of literary attainments does not prevent one whom the Lord has called from being able to preach the gospel.

WORK

Notwithstanding the strong opposition to missionary societies, the Primitive Baptists are by no means opposed to evangelistic effort, and preachers, both regular pastors and others who are in a position to do so, travel much and preach the gospel without charge, going where they feel that the Spirit of God leads them, and where the way is opened in His providence. The members and friends whom they freely serve freely contribute to their support. Although opposed to Sunday schools, they believe in giving their children religious training and instruction.