

Reaching Texas, Touching the World

20

YEARS
of MINISTRY



A WORD FROM OUR

Executive Director

Twenty years later

STILL STANDING FOR
OUR PRINCIPLES



The Southern Baptists of Texas Convention now consists of over 2,600 churches. We are a growing fellowship made up of churches committed to cooperative missions. Your church is the headquarters for our state convention and we are pledged to assist you as you seek to fulfill our Lord's Great Commission.

A convention of like-minded churches can do a lot to encourage one another. We are like-minded because we agree on what constitutes biblical doctrine as expressed in the Baptist Faith & Message (2000). The convention's fellowship is based on mutual accountability. That fellowship is easily seen during statewide meetings, which become times of prayer, worship and relationship building. Churches also encourage one another by sharing expertise and resources, and even examples of effective ministry.

In every imaginable way, we are stronger together. No church can fulfill the Great Commission by itself. But in cooperation we can do it as God gives the increase. Beyond Texas we count the over 46,000 churches and various convention entities of the Southern Baptist Convention as valued ministry partners to assist our Texas churches to take the gospel to the very ends of the earth.

From your community to the remotest places, we are together on mission to Reach Texas and Touch the World!

Jim Richards

WE ARE *Confessional*

The SBTC is a confessional fellowship. The current Baptist Faith and Message (2000) is our statement of faith. Affiliated churches and ministries express their agreement by affirming the BFM2000. This provides a set of parameters. Every affiliated church or ministry is assured they are connecting with a group of like-minded believers.

WE ARE *Cooperative*

The SBTC gives the highest percentage (55%) among state conventions out of budgeted receipts to the ministries of the Southern Baptist Convention. The SBTC supports SBC agencies and ministries in North America and around the world. The SBTC invests the Texas budget allocation (45%) to assist in church planting, evangelistic efforts and strengthening existing churches. Colleges and family ministries also receive funding.

WE ARE *Responsive*

The SBTC Disaster Relief Ministry has aided in disasters from Hurricane Katrina in 2005 to Hurricane Harvey of 2017. They were the first to respond to Harvey and of the last to leave. The Disaster Relief Ministry's purpose is to prepare, equip, train and mobilize churches and volunteers to fulfill the Great Commission by meeting real needs and sharing the hope of Jesus Christ to those whose lives have been impacted by disasters.

WE ARE *Committed*

The SBTC is committed to provide ministry assistance to the local church. Whether it is small groups, Sunday School, Women's Ministry, Ethics and Religious Liberty, Student Camps, Pastoral Care or over 100 different local church ministries the SBTC staff is dedicated to help the church be gospel centered.

THEN

120 CHURCHES  \$903,500  1 SBTC MINISTRY STAFF

50% THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

 CHURCH PLANTING BUDGET: \$75,000



1ST CHURCH PLANT: 43 IN 1999

NOW

2,600 DIVERSE CHURCHES  27 SBTC MINISTRY STAFF

55% THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

 \$29 MILLION BUDGET

 CHURCH PLANTING BUDGET: \$1,300,000



2017: CHURCH PLANTS 116 // TOTAL PLANTS: 646

THEN STUDENT CAMPS STARTED IN 2010 WITH 616 ATTENDEES

NOW **2,771** ATTENDEES

958 TOTAL PROFESSIONS OF FAITH SINCE FIRST CAMP

2002 YEAR COLLEGIATE MINISTRY STARTED

29 MISSIONARIES IN 2017

130 PROFESSIONS OF FAITH IN 2017

Core Values

BIBLICALLY BASED

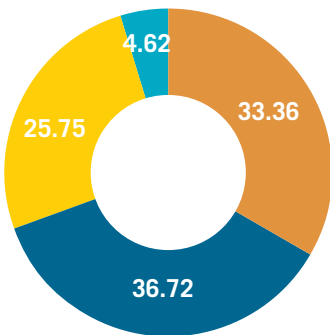
- Affirmation of a minimal set of doctrinal beliefs
- Biblical inerrancy is the foundational element
- Churches working together in mutual accountability

KINGDOM FOCUSED

- A focus on missions and evangelism in budgeting and staffing priorities
- Networking and using volunteers and paid consultants to keep bureaucracy to a minimum
- Striving to resource the needs of SBTC churches rather than to direct their ministries

MISSIONALLY DRIVEN

- Partnership with the Southern Baptist Convention through the traditional Cooperative Program
- Utilizing the resources of the SBC agencies to maximize the ministry effectiveness of SBTC



LEADERSHIP

Church Ministries
Pastor/Church Relations
Hispanic Ministries
Church Revitalization

IN STATE SPECIAL ALLOCATION

SBTC contribution for church/association
staff retirement & protection

SUPPORTING

Operations & Finance
Ministry Relationships
Communications

MISSIONAL

Missions
Evangelism
Church Planting

OUR Mission

THE SBTC EXISTS TO

*facilitate, extend and enlarge
the Great Commission ministries
of the Southern Baptist Convention
and Southern Baptist churches
and associations of Texas,*

**UPON THE AUTHORITY OF
GOD'S INERRANT WORD**

to the glory of God the father,

UNDER THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST,

*and by the empowerment
of the Holy Spirit.*

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