

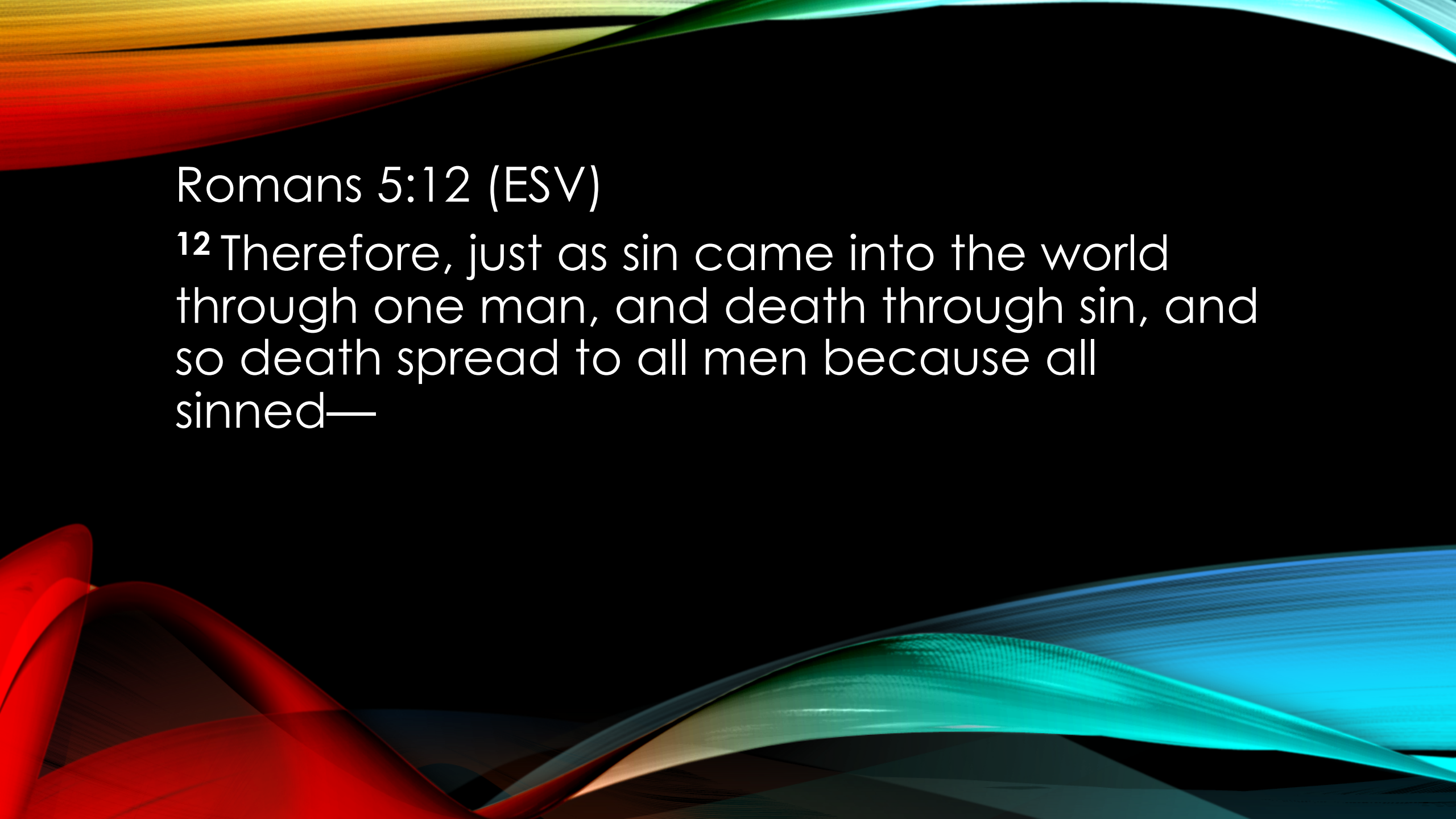


BACKGROUND AND  
FAQ'S CONCERNING  
SBC

ANTIOCH BAPTIST 2021

# A GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN

**Revelation 7:9** (ESV) After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,



Romans 5:12 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

# SAMPLE ACTIONS OF THE SBC:

-May 1814—Baptists formed to advance missionary work;

-May 1845—split over dispute over slavery & mission policy

(Parallels the history of America--denominations, society, corporations, military, school, etc.)

-1947/48 Social Service Committee Concerning Race Relations

-1961-Resolution on Race Relations

-1995-Resolution on Racial Reconciliation (Apologized & Asked Forgiveness for Slavery)

-1996-Resolution on the Arson of African American Churches

# BASIC INFORMATION ON SBC

The Southern Baptist Convention is the **biggest Protestant denomination in the United States**, accounting for 5.3% of the U.S. adult population, according to Pew Research Center's 2014 Religious Landscape Study.

America's second-largest Protestant group, the mainline United Methodist Church, accounts for 3.6% of U.S. adults. Southern Baptists make up about a fifth of all U.S. evangelical Protestants (21%). (06/2019 Pew Research)

# BASIC INFORMATION ON SBC

When the first Religious Landscape Study was conducted in 2007, Southern Baptists accounted for 6.7% of the U.S. adult population (compared with 5.3% in 2014).

And according to the SBC's official membership tally, there were 14.8 million members of all ages in 2018, down about 1% from a year ago – part of a longer pattern of decline.

(06/2019 Pew Research)

# BASIC INFORMATION ON SBC

Together, these congregations teach that the Bible contains no errors and that personal acceptance of Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation.

Southern Baptists also practice baptism by immersion in water.

As of 2018, there were 47,456 Southern Baptist churches spread across 41 state conventions, according to the denomination. But Southern Baptists remain heavily concentrated in the South. (06/2019 Pew Research)

# BASIC INFORMATION ON SBC

according to the [2014 Religious Landscape Study](#).

Although the denomination is more [racially and ethnically diverse](#) than the largest mainline Methodist or Lutheran churches (both are more than 90% white), it is less diverse than the rest of the evangelical Protestant tradition (73% white, 6% black, 13% Latino) and U.S.

Protestants overall (69% white, 18% black, 8% Latino). (06/2019 Pew Research)



# PURPOSE OF THE SBC

... eliciting, combining, and directing the energies of the Baptist denomination of Christians, for the propagation of the gospel, any law, usage, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding. (Charter of the Southern Baptist Convention, December 27, 1845)

# MISSION STATEMENT OF THE SBC

As a convention of churches, our missional vision is to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every person in the world and to make disciples of all the nations. –

(Adopted by the messengers to the 2010 Southern Baptist Convention in Orlando, Florida on June 15, 2010 in response to the Report of the Great Commission Task Force)

# VISION OF THE SBC

- Being fully committed to the proposition that Jesus Christ is the only hope for the world, and believing Southern Baptists are yearning for spiritual renewal and Christ-centered living, and recognizing the challenge of Jesus to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, we, the undersigned Southern Baptist denominational leaders, covenant with each other and every willing Southern Baptist, under God,
- To make the kingdom of God the priority in our own personal lives.
- To dedicate the energies and resources of the ministries we lead to seeking first the King and His kingdom.
- To cooperate with each other and the family of Southern Baptists as we pursue kingdom principles and practices.

# VISION OF THE SBC

- To give ourselves to servant leadership that will assist and enable local churches in their ministry.
- To pray that a new passion for Jesus breaks out among our people, our families, and our churches from which God can forge a spiritual movement marked by holy living, sacrificial service, and global witness.
- To this end we affirm Empowering Kingdom Growth as a call for Southern Baptists to seek first the King and His kingdom. – (Adopted by the messengers to the 2002 Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Missouri on June 11, 2002, in “A Covenant between Southern Baptist Denominational Leadership and the Churches”)

# ENTITIES OF THE SBC

North American Mission Board (NAMB)

International Mission Board (IMB)

LifeWay (Christian Resources)

Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission

Seminaries (TSBTS, SWBTS, NOBTS, SEBTS, MWBTS, GTS)

Guidestone

# ENTITIES OF THE SBC

## North American Mission Board (NAMB)

- Church Planting (63% 2019, 68% 2020 non-Anglo).
- Disaster Relief
- Church Planter Development
- approx. 5,000 missionaries

## International Mission Board (IMB)

- Missionaries
- approx. 4,000 missionaries

# ANTIOCH

- Affiliated w/SBC over 30 yrs.
  - Resources
  - Development/Training
  - Directed to Baptist General Association of Virginia
- VBMB-(Virginia Baptist Mission Board)
  - Provided Loans to Antioch
  - Provided Loan Forgiveness
  - Pastoral Support
  - Mission Engagement
  - Training & Development of staff/members
  - Fellowship of Churches
  - Assistance to other Churches

# ANTIOCH

-Missional Engagement to include:

-International Missions

-Slovakia/Austria/Italy

-Canada

-Russia

-Africa (Kenya, Benin, Senegal, Uganda, etc.)

-Brazil

-Antigua

-Haiti



# ANTIOCH

- Body of Christ
- Engaged in synergy (Church Planting, Evangelism, Missions, Disaster Relief)
- Racial Reconciliation
- Picture of Heaven (Rev. 7:9)
- Making the Convention Better for Everyone
- Has come a mighty long way
- Not unlike other denominations (issues/problems)
- Impacting the World, Reaching the World for Christ
- Antioch is cutting edge for positive change
- Antioch is at the Table

# ANTIOCH

- SBC does well—Great Commission (Church Planting, Evangelism, Missions, Disaster Relief)
- SBC Needs Help in these areas:
  - Racial Issues—
  - Political Issues--
  - Perception—
  - Leadership Diversity--

# ANTIOCH

- Pastor Ausberry
- President of the NAAF (2019-2021)
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP, SBC (2019-2021)
  
- Rev. Bernard Snowden
  - Served Board of the ERLC
  - 10 years
  
- Rev. Herb Brisbane
  - Served on Board of the IMB
  
- Rev. Melvin Jones
  - Served as Moderator
  - North Stars Association

*In 1995 the SBC “unwaveringly denounced racism, in all its forms, as deplorable sin,” and affirmed “every human life as sacred...of equal and immeasurable worth, and made in God’s image, regardless of race or ethnicity.”*

*K. Marshall Williams, Sr.*




*“In 1995, on the 150th anniversary of the founding of the SBC, the denomination publicly repudiated its roots in the defense of slavery.”*



*A new generation of Southern Baptists—*

*—responsibility to beg God for his abundant mercy and steadfast love in transforming the convention of missionary churches and its people, removing racism stain as a sign to the world of the power of the gospel of Christ.*

- 
- —cannot change the past, but we must learn from it.
  - —cannot confront the dead with their heresies
  - —cannot avoid the reckoning we must make and the repentance that must be our own
  - —confess in every generation the sin in which this convention was conceived and the sin that remains
  - —working relentlessly to see racists within our convention redeemed from the powerful effects of this sin.

# REFLECTIONS

- PRAY
- Seek God's Will
- God has had ABC affiliated w/SBC
- World Missions
- Church Planting
- Relationships
- Positive Changes
- Address Issues as they arise
- Vision of the future 2050



# REFLECTIONS CHURCH PLANTS

White (212) 38%  
Hispanic (79) 14%  
Multiethnic (85) 15%  
African American (45) 8%  
Korean (18) 3%  
Other Asian (28) 5%  
Native American (2)

# REFLECTIONS

To bring more tangible expressions of the gospel to cities and communities across North America, Send Network is engaging in a church planting pilot partnership with the National African American Fellowship (NAAF).

The overarching strategic intent is to establish a new paradigm for the planting of predominantly African American Southern Baptist churches. To be launched in Fall 2021, this movement of church plants will broaden the reach of Send Network in underrepresented communities, empower new church leaders to lead their church to become a multiplying church, and will be a catalyst for seeing God's Kingdom continue to grow across North America.

## -How we handle conflicts/issues as a Body?

- Love one another, even when we might disagree;
- Operate as caring Brothers and Sisters in Christ;
- Pray for one another;
- Seek God's will;
- Guard each other's name and reputation;
- Desire the best for each other in God's will; and
- Always be forgiving of one another.



**John 13:34**

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

## **Colossians 3:13**

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

## **Luke 17:3**

So watch yourselves. "If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them.

## 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: **19** that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. **20** We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. **21** God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

# FAQ'S:

## How long has Antioch been affiliated with the SBC?

-Antioch has been affiliated with the SBC for over 3 decades.

-Antioch became affiliated with the SBC through the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) under the leadership of founding pastor, John Q. Gibbs.

-Sovereignty & providential hand of God?

# FAQ'S:

## How has Antioch benefited through the association with the BGAV and the SBC?

- through training and development of it's members (training materials, workshops, etc.)
- introduction and emphasis on missions and church planting.
- assistance to strengthen other churches.
- loans to aid in purchasing land and begin Sanctuary construction
- stipend for pastor Gibbs as he planted Antioch
- developed relationships with churches throughout VA and across the Nation
- forefront of racial reconciliation
- develop understanding and fellowship in the body of Christ



# FAQ'S:

## How has Antioch benefited through the association with the BGAV and the SBC?

- Antioch members have served on commissions and boards in the BGAV & with entities of the SBC.
- Antioch is a very positive and credible influence within the SBC
- Great Commission participation (Missions: Austria, Slovakia, Africa, Brazil, Russia, Mexico, Canada, etc.)

# FAQ'S:

## How does Antioch benefit by associating with the SBC?

- Great Commission fulfillment (Matt. 28:19-20)
- participate in supporting world missions, some 4.5K
- participate in church planting, some 5k missionaries
- participate supporting approx. 3,800 chaplains
- participate in Disaster Relief
- help shape policies & direction of the SBC (speak into)
- relationships with many people groups
- build relationships w/our brothers & sisters
- 50% discount in seminary tuition/scholarship (any member)
- serve on commissions and boards

# FAQ'S:

## How does Antioch benefit by associating with the SBC? (continued)

- Church planting initiative (pending)
- NAMB/SEND Network
- plant more AA churches
- more souls saved
- NAMB/SEND Network pledged \$2.5 - \$3.0 million dollars for 6 churches
- develop church planters
- plant churches that plant churches (Kingdom Vision)

# FAQ'S:

## What is the purpose of the SBC?

... eliciting, combining, and directing the energies of the Baptist denomination of Christians, for the propagation of the gospel, any law, usage, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding. (Charter of the Southern Baptist Convention, December 27, 1845)

# FAQ'S:

## What is the mission of the SBC?

As a convention of churches, our missional vision is to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every person in the world and to make disciples of all the nations. –

(Adopted by the messengers to the 2010 Southern Baptist Convention in Orlando, Florida on June 15, 2010 in response to the Report of the Great Commission Task Force)

# FAQ'S:

## Isn't the SBC a racist organization?

No, the SBC is not a racist organization, if it were a racist organization, Antioch would not have been associated with the SBC for over 3 decades.

The SBC, like America, has a racist past.

The SBC leadership has worked to repent and apologize for its racist past. To include in 1995 the messengers approved a resolution apologizing for and asking forgiveness for its racist past, to include the hurt and harm it caused.

Does not mean the SBC does not err from time to time in overcoming their past. (not unlike America and certain American institutions, organizations, military, companies, educational institutions, etc.)

God has brought the SBC a mighty long way from where it started.

# FAQ'S:

## Why has it become a major issue at Antioch after 3 decades?

- January 2021 two SBC pastors called Vice President Kamala Harris a "Jezebel."
- This transgression brought the SBC racist past to the forefront and some members began to question Antioch's continued affiliation with the SBC.
- This transgression linked with the perception of SBC in politics, social policy, etc.

# FAQ'S:

## Is the SBC an arm of the Republican Party?

- No, the SBC is not an arm of the Republican party or any political party.
- some 45% voted not to allow VP Mike Pence speak at the 2018 Convention.
- Pastor Ausberry made a motion at the 2018 Convention to not allow any political elected persons to speak during the SBC (other than welcome by the host city Mayor, etc.). Since 2018 there has not been a politically elected official to speak/address at the Convention.



# FAQ'S:

## Is the SBC an arm of the Republican Party?

- No, the SBC is not an arm of the Republican party or any political party.
- some 45% voted not to allow VP Mike Pence speak at the 2018 Convention.
- Pastor Ausberry made a motion at the 2018 Convention to not allow any political elected persons to speak during the SBC (other than welcome by the host city Mayor, etc.). Since 2018 there has not been a politically elected official to speak/address at the Convention.

# FAQ'S:

## How many predominately African American Churches In the SBC?

There are approximately 4,700 predominately AA churches affiliated with the SBC.

# FAQ'S:

## Have some AA churches left the SBC?

Yes, a number of AA churches have left the SBC.

--Charlie Dates—complete

--Ralph West—partial (active with Texas State Convention)

--W. Seth Martin—complete

--John Onwuchekwa—complete

--during this time some AA churches have joined

--several AA new church plants

# FAQ'S:

## Women roles in the Church?

- for Antioch a biblical issue, not an SBC issue,
- 1 Timothy 2:11-14
- 1 Timothy 2 (Corporate Worship)
- 1 Corinthians 11:3

# FAQ'S:

## What is an evangelical?

in general, one who

- holds a high regard for the Bible and obedience to it;
- focuses on Jesus's crucifixion and its saving effects; and
- lives must be changed through a "born-again" experience.