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**The Baptist Encyclopaedia** Mercer  
University Press

These Things We Believe, A Layman's  
Look at the Baptist Faith and Message is  
an alliterative outline of the foundational  
tenets of Southern Baptists. Its intended  
purpose is that it may be used by  
pastors and laypersons to supplement  
their teaching not only the new believer,  
but to strengthen Christians of any age

to live and share their faith in a world  
that challenges their foundational  
beliefs. Written in outline form, it gives  
the teacher flexibility to incorporate  
personal examples and experiences to  
enhance teaching and learning whether  
it is to new members, those in a Sunday  
morning Bible study or other learning  
situations. S.V. (Steve) Dedmon earned  
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Aeronautical University (ERAU) and his  
Juris Doctor from Nova Southeastern  
University. He is a professor at ERAU  
where he teaches a variety of aviation

law related courses. As an attorney, he is member of the Florida and United States Supreme Court Bars as well as past chair and current member of the Florida Bar Aviation Law committee. Since accepting Christ, he has been a member of various Southern Baptist churches where he has taught at the high school, singles, and adult levels, as well as serving in deacon and counseling ministries. He has been married for thirty-five years to his wife, Suzanne, and they have two children. When not writing and teaching, he is an avid tennis player and aviation enthusiast and is the owner of two aircraft, one that was a primary trainer in World War II. He and Suzanne reside in Fleming Island, Florida.

**A Parliamentary Guide for Church Leaders** B&H Publishing Group

The themes set forth in Romans 12, where believers are called to present themselves to God as living sacrifices, drive the conversation in this book (Romans 12:1). As we will see, this is not a call to a physical altar in a temple or building. Rather, we are summoned to the altar of God's presence through the finished work of Christ on our behalf. Therefore, the Christian life is presenting ourselves to Him every moment, of every day, all the days of our life. This is what I am calling, "Life on the altar," and it is the life believers are called to live. If you are a Christian who wants to align, or realign, your life commitments with the purposes of God, this book is for you. But it is also for those who have not tasted the goodness of God's grace found in Christ. The message of this

book is extended to you as well. My prayer is that you would come to Christ with the open arms of faith and join us as we seek to live for Him.

**Uneasy in Babylon** Penn State Press  
Definitive guide to Southern Baptist practices written by James Sullivan, former Baptist Sunday School Board president.

**Baptist Biography** B&H Publishing Group

Companion to the The Baptist Heritage, this book provides documents that will enrich the study of Baptist history.

Life on the Altar McFarland

The issue of slavery contributed to the separation of Baptists in the South from their northern brethren, but that isn't the only topic on which they took a stand. Roger C. Richards, a scholar of religion,

explores how Baptists came to influence the South, from the formation of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845 to the group's convention meeting of 2012. From the very beginning, Southern Baptists committed themselves to taking the Gospel to all people in all countries. In this textbook, you'll learn how Baptists financed mission efforts; reorganized denominational structures; set policies at annual meetings; developed educational institutions; and changed over three major periods. Baptists overcame numerous struggles to come to the colonies, and they played an important role in fighting for America's independence. They've also faced challenges from within, and three major controversies contributed to the formation of the Southern Baptist

Convention. Designed for college and seminary students who want to learn about the events and people who shaped the Southern Baptist Convention into the denomination it is today, *History of Southern Baptists* provides key insights.

**Southern Baptist Handbook** Ayer Company Pub

In this volume, representatives of several North American Baptist seminaries and a Baptist university make the exegetical and theological case for a Baptist polity. Right polity, they argue, is congregationalism, elder leadership, diaconal service, regenerate church membership, church discipline, and a Baptist approach to the ordinances.

The People Called Baptists Oxford

University Press, USA

The Sacred Trust represents the first such volume on SBC presidents in over a generation, and the first one to feature leaders from the Conservative Resurgence.

**Mobilizing a Great Commission Church for Harvest** B & H Publishing Group

Southern Baptists have a unique and colorful story. Birthed in the time of slavery controversy, their theology on this and human rights issues has changed as cultural and societal developments occurred. One thing that never changed, however, was their zeal for evangelism. They eventually grew to become the largest Protestant denomination in the United States. Later, a major controversy in the late twentieth

century pitted conservative Baptists against moderates. Both sides, however, wrote histories of the controversy from their own perspectives. These histories were significant for understanding how each side interpreted the events. These pages attempt to fill a missing gap. Readers will hear the Southern Baptist story from both sides. Understand from this how Southern Baptists work, think, grow, argue, and have changed over time. They have weathered the ups and downs of history to reveal an ever-growing heritage.

The Baptist Story B&H Publishing Group  
The Puritans hounded the Baptists out of Massachusetts Bay Colony. Four hundred years later, Baptists are the second-largest religious group in America, and their influence matches their numbers.

Yet the historical legacy, and the inherently fractured nature of their faith, makes Baptists ever wary of threats from within as well as without. Kidd and Hankins, both practicing Baptists, weave the threads of Baptist history alongside those of American history to show how one religious denomination was transformed from persecuted minority into a leading actor on the national stage, with profound implications for American society and culture.

### **The Southern Baptist Convention**

Women Deacons and Deaconesses  
Written by the chief parliamentarian of the Southern Baptist Convention, A Parliamentary Guide for Church Leaders has become a standard reference work in the field of church administration for ministers, seminary students, church

leaders, convention officers and delegates/messengers. Dr. McCarty draws on over thirty years of experience as a pastor and a professional parliamentarian to make the essential rules of procedure understandable for ordinary people seeking to effectively participate in meetings of their church, denominational convention, or other business gatherings. For the past quarter century, twelve presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention have relied on the author's expertise to guide them through the annual sessions of the largest deliberative assembly in the world. Now, this silver anniversary edition brings users into the twenty-first century with additional notes on special considerations for multi-site churches and an entire chapter on conflict

resolution.

*The Call of the South* B&H Publishing Group

The definitive account of how conservative Southern Baptists came to dominate the nation's largest Protestant denomination In 1979 a group of conservative members of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) initiated a campaign to reshape the denomination's seminaries and organizations by installing new conservative leaders who made belief in the inerrancy of the Bible a condition of service. They succeeded. This book is a definitive account of that takeover. Barry Hankins argues that the conservatives sought control of the SBC not or not only to secure the denomination's orthodoxy but to mobilize Southern Baptists for a war



against secular culture. The best explanation of the beliefs and behavior of Southern Baptist conservatives, Hankins concludes, lies in their adoption of the culture war model of American society. Believing that "American culture has turned hostile to traditional forms of faith," they sought to deploy the Southern Baptist Convention in a "full-scale culture war" against secularism in the United States. Hankins traces the roots of this movement to the ideas of such post-WWII northern evangelicals as Carl F. H. Henry and Francis Schaeffer. Henry and Schaeffer viewed America's secular culture as hostile to Christianity and called on evangelicals to develop a robust Christian opposition to secular culture. As the nation's largest Protestant denomination, SBC positions

on divisive cultural issues like abortion have remade the American political landscape, most notably in the reversal of *Roe v. Wade*. Hankins also argues, however, that Southern Baptist conservatives sought more than orthodox adherence to Biblical inerrancy. They also sought an identity that was authentically Baptist and Southern. Hankin's excellent and prescient work will fascinate readers interested in contemporary American religion, culture, and public policy, as well as in the American South.

Relations Between Northern and Southern Baptists B&H Publishing Group  
Divided opinion on the topic of this book has caused controversy in Baptist history and life. Most Baptist individuals and churches have strongly opposed women

deacons. Some Baptist associations have even disfellowshipped churches that have approved women deacons. And women in general have been suppressed by many recent actions of the Southern Baptist Convention, thereby affecting women deacons. However, thousands of Baptist churches include women in their deacon bodies and find that they make invaluable contributions. The book presents arguments on both sides of the topic, but lands squarely in support of women deacons.

History of Southern Baptists Challenge Press

The Baptist Story is a narrative history spanning over four centuries of a diverse group of people living among distinct cultures on separate continents while finding their identity in Christ and

expressing their faith as Baptists. Baptist historians Anthony Chute, Nathan Finn, and Michael Haykin highlight the Baptist transition from a despised sect to a movement of global influence. Each chapter includes stories of people who made this history so fascinating. Although the emphasis is on the English-speaking world, The Baptist Story integrates stories of non-English-speaking Baptists, ethnic minorities, women, and minority theological traditions, all within the context of historic, orthodox Christianity. This volume provides more than just the essential events and necessary names to convey the grand history. It also addresses questions that students of Baptist history frequently ask, includes prayers and hymns of those who

experienced hope and heartbreak, and directs the reader's attention to the mission of the church as a whole. Written with an irenic tone and illustrated with photographs in every chapter, *The Baptist Story* is ideally suited for graduate and undergraduate courses, as well as group study in the local church. (Pictures are not available in the eBook version).  
KTAV Publishing House, Inc.  
With 16.3 million members and 44,000 churches, the Southern Baptist Convention is the largest Baptist group in the world, and the largest Protestant denomination in the United States. Unlike the so-called mainstream Protestant denominations, Southern Baptists have remained stubbornly conservative, refusing to adapt their

beliefs and practices to modernity's individualist and populist values. Instead, they have held fast to traditional orthodoxy in such fundamental areas as biblical inspiration, creation, conversion, and miracles. Gregory Wills argues that Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has played a fundamental role in the persistence of conservatism, not entirely intentionally. Tracing the history of the seminary from the beginning to the present, Wills shows how its foundational commitment to preserving orthodoxy was implanted in denominational memory in ways that strengthened the denomination's conservatism and limited the seminary's ability to stray from it. In a set of circumstances in which the seminary played a central part, Southern Baptists'

populist values bolstered traditional orthodoxy rather than diminishing it. In the end, says Wills, their populism privileged orthodoxy over individualism. The story of Southern Seminary is fundamental to understanding Southern Baptist controversy and identity. Wills's study sheds important new light on the denomination that has played - and continues to play - such a central role in our national history.

Annual of the Southern Baptist Convention Wipf and Stock Publishers  
 Women Deacons and  
 Deaconesses Mercer University Press  
*The Executive Committee* B&H  
 Publishing Group

Tom Nettles believes that Southern Baptist churches are still in the midst of reformation-reformation that began with

the conservative resurgence but continues today. It continues because reformation requires much more than the recovery of biblical authority.

Reformation must penetrate deep; it requires time, patience, sacrifice, and honest self-criticism. Modern day reformers must enact a serious reengagement with doctrinal and practical ideas of the past, for failure to do so may result in an aborted reformation.

*A Sourcebook for Baptist Heritage*  
 CrossBooks Publishing

*Mobilizing a Great Commission Church for Harvest* addresses practical aspects of evangelism in the local church, with the voices and views of nineteen current Southern Baptist professors of evangelism. They address important

topics to local church evangelism, such as "Invitations with integrity" and "Preparing for Spiritual Warfare." Key leaders and professors write in their areas of expertise. For examples, Alvin Reid writes on "Mobilizing Students," David Wheeler on "Servant Evangelism," Josef Solc on "Sports Evangelism," and Darrell Robinson on "The Evangelist." In addition, the book begins and ends with two different applications of Matthew's Great Commission. Mobilizing a Great Commission Church for Harvest is a gold mine of information for both pastor and deacon, as it is for students considering the importance of evangelism to local church ministry. It is fresh, new, and true--as all of its authors teach at SBC-affiliated schools and are grounded in the Bible as the inerrant Word of God!

### **The Religious Herald** B&H Publishing Group

The Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) offers access to a collection of Internet resources relating to the SBC. The resources include information about SBC missions, prayer, annual meetings, news, and discussions about current issues.

### **Southern Baptists** University of Alabama Press

The Baptist Way is an introduction to the principles that distinguish Baptists from other Christians. In some cases these ideas were once peculiarly Baptists, though they are now more widely held among other groups. For Stan Norman, healthy Baptist churches intentionally and diligently adhere to their Baptist distinctives.

Baptist Foundations Oxford University Press

Who are independent Baptists? What is an independent Baptist church? When did they begin? What is the difference

between independent Baptist churches and other Baptist churches? These are all valid questions that deserve an answer. That is the purpose of this book.

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