

# Seventeenth Century

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1609- John Smyth, an exile in Amsterdam, forms first modern-day English Baptist congregation.

1612 - Thomas Helwys returns to England and issues *The Mystery of Iniquity*.

1612 - Martyrdom of Baptist, Edward Wightman, by King James

1626 - English General Baptists associate and seek advice from Dutch Mennonites.

1638 - John Spilsbury and William Kiffin organize first Particular Baptist church in England.

1639- Dr. John Clarke organized first Baptist congregation in America

1641 - English Particular Baptists stress baptism by immersion.

1642- Baptists participate in public theological disputation in Southwark, London.

1644 - Association of London Baptists issue Confession of Faith.

1644 - Massachusetts Bay Colony law banishes all convicted Baptists.

1651 - Obadiah Holmes is publicly whipped in Boston for preaching.

1654 - General assembly of General Baptists holds first meeting in London.

1654- Henry Dunster, first president of Harvard, is fired due to anti-pedobaptist views.

1660- John Bunyan begins his first prison sentence.

1663- Dr. John Clarke writes and secures charter calling for full religious liberty in Rhode Island.

1665 - Elizabeth Gaunt, a Baptist, is last woman to be executed in England.

1670- General Six Principle Baptists hold first association meeting in America.

1679 - Edward Terrill, through his will, lays foundation for Bristol Baptist Academy.

1681 - First congregation in American South formed at Charleston, SC by exile from Maine.

1689 - Toleration achieved in England.

1689 - Baptists issue the Second London Confession.

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1707 - Philadelphia Baptist Association is formed.

1726 - Hollis brothers of London establish chair in divinity and Baptist scholarships at Harvard College.

1742 - Philadelphia Baptists publish first confession of faith in America.

1742 - Thomas Crosby completes first history of the Baptists.

1755- Great revival begins among Baptists in North Carolina under leadership of Shubal Stearns and Daniel Marshall.

1764- College of Rhode Island founded by American Baptists.

1774- Isaac Backus presents a memorial for religious liberty to Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

1778 - George Leile gathers first black congregation in Georgia.

1781 -Andrew Fuller publishes *The Gospel Worthy of All Acceptation*.

1769-70 - John Gill publishes *Body Of Doctrinal and Practical Divinity*.

1781 - Benjamin Randall of New Hampshire organizes the Freewill Baptist Connexion.

1783 - Separate and Regular Baptists in Virginia unite.

1792- First missionary society formed in Kettering, England.

1792 - William Carey is appointed to India.

1795 - New York Missionary Society appoints Elkanah Holmes to work with Iroquois Indians.

1787 - John Leland persuades James Madison to support a Bill of Rights guaranteeing religious liberty.

# Nineteenth Century

1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900
1800- Mary Webb of Boston forms the first Female Society for Missionary Purposes.	1813 - Luther Rice, Adoniram Judson, and Ann Hasseltine Judson convert to Baptist principles while on voyage to India.		1832 - Founding of American Baptist Home Mission Society.	1843 - First American Baptist hymnal published.		1857 - Formation of Swedish Conference in United States.		1879 - Southern Baptist Seminary Board dismisses Crawford H. Toy for heresy.		1896 - Isabel Crawford begins her work among the Kiowa Indians of Saddle Mountain, Oklahoma.
1800 - Cheshire, Massachusetts, Baptists send President Jefferson a mammoth cheese and congratulations upon his election.	1814- General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in United States for Foreign Missions organized.		1833 - New Hampshire Confession of Faith emphasizes local churches. 1834 - Johann G. Oncken gathers first modern Baptist church in Europe.	1844 - Last meeting of Triennial Convention. 1845- Southern Baptist convention founded in Augusta, Georgia.		1861 - Charleston, South Carolina, Association supports secession.		1880 - Organization of National Baptist Convention, USA. 1881 - Baptist Missionary Training School, first of its kind for any denomination, opens in Chicago to train women for mission work.		
1802 - Formation of Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society.	1817 - John Mason Peck and James E. Welch appointed missionaries to the Mississippi Valley.		1835 - First black association formed in Ohio. 1838 - Missionary Evan Jones, native preacher Jesse Bushyhead accompany Cherokee Nation on the Trail of Tears from North Carolina to Arkansas.	1845 - Baptist Association in New York votes to exclude William Miller for adventist views.		1865 - Shaw University founded in Raleigh, North Carolina, for former slaves. 1866 - Augustus H. Strong of Rochester, New York, publishes first edition of <i>Systematic Theology</i> .		1887 - Charles H. Spurgeon emphasizes opposition to liberalism in the Baptist Union; Down-Grade controversy begins.		
1802 - First issue of <i>Georgia Analytical Repository</i> , oldest Baptist periodical in the world.		1821 - First state convention organized in South Carolina.		1846- James R. Graves issues first of "Landmark" editorials.		1871 - Formation of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society (Boston) and the Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of the West (Chicago).		1891 - First railroad chapel car "Evangel" is commissioned.		
1807- William Staughton opens first Baptist theological school in his Philadelphia		1824 - Formation of the American Baptist Publication Society		1847 - Organization of Freewill Baptist Female Missionary Society.		1873 - Organization of Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society.		1894 - U.S. Northern and Southern Baptists agree on geographical boundaries for mission work.		
1808 - David Barrow of Kentucky publishes first abolitionist tract among Baptists.		1826 - Daniel Parker publishes his tract on the theory of the two seeds. 1826 - Death of Ann Hasseltine Judson; the story of her life is a major influence upon the 19th century missions movement.		1850 - American Bible Union formed to produce a Baptist version of the Bible		1877 - Formation of the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society (Chicago) and the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society (Boston).		1878 - More than 9,000 people baptized as the result of John Clough's work in India.		
		1829 - Baptists in Chautauqua, New York, vote to disfellowship Freemasons.		1851 - First Meeting of the German Baptist Conference in the United States.						
				1853 -John Mason Peck founds American Baptist Historical Society.						

# Twentieth Century

1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
	1907 - Northern Baptist Societies coalesce into the Northern Baptist Convention.		1930 - World Fundamental Missionary Fellowship			1961 - Formation of the World Conservative Baptist Mission to serve Independent, Fundamental Baptist Churches. (renamed Baptist World Mission, 1966.)			1991 - formation of progressive Cooperative Baptist Fellowship as a marker of conservative victory in the SBC	
	1911 - Freewill Baptists merge with Northern Baptists.		1932 - GARBC formed out of wreckage of BBU.	1942-1957 - rise of the New Evangelical movement outside Baptist circles but involving and impacting Baptist groups.					Conservative Resurgence.	
	1913 - Northern Baptists accept charter membership in Federal Council of Churches of Christ in United States.			1943 - Formation of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society within the NBC.			1968 - anti-war young protestors in SBC formed Baptist Students Concerned in Raleigh, NC.			<b>Issues facing Baptists into the 21st Century:</b>
	1915 - In rift with the National Baptists, Richard H. Boyd organizes National Baptist Convention of America.			1947 - Conservative Baptist Association formed.				1976 - Harold Lindsell publishes <i>The Battle for the Bible</i> , partly due to concerns regarding rising liberalism in the SBC and other evangelical groups.		1. Charismatic movement
	1920 - Curtis Lee Laws coined the term "Fundamentalism"				1950 - Birth of the Baptist Bible Fellowship out of the World Baptist Fellowship (split from J. Frank Norris).					2. Evolving Worship Styles
	1920 - Fundamental Baptist Fellowship first met in June in Buffalo, N.Y.					1955-1956 - bus boycott in Birmingham, following Rosa Parks' protest, led by liberal Baptists				3. Resurgent Calvinism
	1922 - Formation of the Baptist Bible Union					MLK, Jr. and Ralph Abernathy				4. Threats to religious liberty, especially due to Islamic violence and aggressive homosexual agendas.
								1979 - election of Adrian Rogers as president of SBC, opening salvo in the Conservative Resurgence.		<b>Issues facing independent fundamentalist Baptists:</b>
										1. Increasing pressure of the world on worship
										2. Increasing pressure of seemingly attractive conservative evangelicals (lack of historical awareness, valuing seeming evang. success)
										3. Weakening collective strength due to division over peripherals (like versions and legalism).
										And yet: we hope in God, and determine to serve faithfully till Jesus comes.