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Coinciding with the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Baptist movement, this book explores and assesses the cultural sources of Baptist beliefs and practices. Although the Baptist movement has been embraced, enriched, and revised by numerous cultural heritages, it has focused on a small group of Anglo exiles in Amsterdam in constructing its history and identity. Robert E. Johnson seeks to recapture the varied cultural and theological sources of Baptist tradition and to give voice to the divergent global elements of the movement that have previously been excluded or marginalized. With an international communion of more than 110 million persons in more than 225,000 congregations, Baptists constitute the world's largest aggregate of evangelical Protestants. This work offers insight into the diversity, breadth, and complexity of the cultural influences that continue to shape Baptist identity today.

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Acknowledgments

I began my faith pilgrimage in a relatively small Baptist church in the eastern United States, a religious context quite misunderstood and often belittled in today's Western culture (and usually with justifiable cause). Little did I know during my formative years the importance this seemingly insignificant faith community would have in shaping my character over the long term. Not only did I gain my earliest spiritual and theological formation through that church; I also formed my very first peer friendships, learned important lessons about communicating across generational barriers, gave my first public addresses amid the plaudits of encouraging community leaders, grew into an awareness of my social justice responsibilities, and began to develop my own sense of vocation. Moreover, growing up in that church community confronted me with my need to embrace a more enduring set of values than the ones to which I initially had been attracted. That fellowship of saints helped me begin the exploration of who I am as an individual in community and taught me to value education, hard work, and a larger perspective of the world. It was not then, nor is it today, an elite or politically powerful congregation, but I am obliged to that community of the faithful for the foundations it gave me for life.

Because hundreds of other churches like that one had valued education and had united in 1830 to establish a college, I was able to continue my intellectual and spiritual journey of formation at a widely known East Coast university. There my horizons were further broadened, my curiosity was sharpened and deepened, and my desire to serve God and humanity was heightened. The vision of still other churches and church leaders enabled me to do graduate studies, providing me with the knowledge, skills, and credentials needed to enter my life's vocation of scholarship and education. I owe an incredible debt to both a wonderful ecclesiastical heritage and to more people than I will ever know personally, many of whom were and are not Baptists.

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ABA	American Baptist Association (United States)
ABC	American Baptist Convention (American Baptist, United States)
ABC-USA	American Baptist Churches in the USA
ABES	American Baptist Education Society (United States)
ABFMS	American Baptist Free Mission Society (United States)
ABHMS	American Baptist Home Mission Society (United States)
ABMS	African Baptist Missionary Society (United States)
ABMU	American Baptist Missionary Union (United States)
ABPS	American Baptist Publication Society (United States)
AIC	African Indigenous Churches (Africa)
AUCECB	All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (Russia)
BBFI	Baptist Bible Fellowship International
BEM	Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry
BGC	Baptist General Conference (United States)
BGAV	Baptist General Association of Virginia (United States)
BGCT	Baptist General Convention of Texas (United States)
BMA	Baptist Missionary Association (United States)
BMS	Baptist Missionary Society (England)
BUS	Baptist Union of Scotland (United Kingdom)
BWA	Baptist World Alliance (global)
BWM	Baptist World Mission (Conservative Baptists, United States)
BZM	Baptist Zenana Mission (India)
CBA	Conservative Baptist Association of America (United States)
CBB	Brazilian Baptist Convention (Convenção Batista Brasileira)
CBF	Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (United States)

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CBFMS	Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society (United States)
CBM	Canadian Baptist Ministries (Canada)
CBM	Convención Bautista Mexicana (Texas, United States)
CBNB	National Baptists (Convenção Batista Nacional do Brasil)
CCT	Church of Christ of Thailand (Thailand)
CEREA	Centre de Regroupement Africain (Congo)
CNBM	National Convention of Mexico (Mexico)
FBFA	Fundamentalist Baptist Fellowship of America (United States)
HBCT	Hispanic Baptist Convention of Texas (United States)
HMB	Home Mission Board (Southern Baptist, United States)
FCBC	Free Christian Baptist Conference (Canada)
FMBNBC	Foreign Mission Board (National Baptist, Inc., United States)
FMBSBC	Foreign Mission Board (Southern Baptist, United States)
FWBES	Free Will Baptist Education Society (United States)
GARB	General Association of Regular Baptists (United States)
GCSDBC	General Conference of Seventh Day Baptist Churches (United States)
IBFI	Independent Baptist Fellowship International (United States)
IM	International Ministries (ABC-USA)
JBU	Jamaica Baptist Union (Caribbean)
JBMS	Jamaican Baptist Missionary Society (Caribbean)
JLJ	Jacob, Lathrop, Jessey Separatist Church (London)
NAFWB	National Association of Free Will Baptists (United States)
NBC	Northern Baptist Convention (American Baptist, United States)
NBCA	National Baptist Convention of America (United States)
NABC	North American Baptist Conference (United States and Canada)
NBCUSA	National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. (United States)
NCWW	National Committee on Woman's Work (United States)
NM	National Ministries (ABC-USA)
OFWB	Original Free Will Baptists (United States)
PNBC	Progressive National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.
SBC	Southern Baptist Convention (United States)
UCBRF	Union of Christians-Baptists of the Russian Federation

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UEFCC	Union of Evangelical Free Church Congregations (Germany)
WBF	World Baptist Fellowship (United States)
WBFMS	Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society (United States)
WBHMS	Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society (United States)
WEIU	Woman's Educational and Industrial Union (United States)
WMU	Woman's Missionary Union (United States)

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		1550	1575	1600	1610	1620
EUROPE	Cultural Traditioning Sources	Elizabeth I (Eng., reigned 1558–1603) James I (Eng.) (1603–1625)				
	Baptist Traditioning Sources	Separatists (Eng.)				
NORTH AMERICA	Cultural Traditioning Sources	Indian Nations French rule Great Lakes & Mississippi Valley ca. 1534–1713 Spanish rule SW regions of USA 1609–1854 Ponce de León claims Florida for Spain 1513 Jamestown Colony 1607 First African slaves arrive 1619				
	Baptist Traditioning Sources					
ASIA	Cultural Traditioning Sources	Major cultures include Afanasievo (Siberia); Ainu (Japan); Angkor (Cambodia/Thai); Champa (Vietnam); Chengbeixi (China); Ottoman (Middle East); Paekche (Korea); Phu Lon (Mekong River); Phung Nguyen (Vietnam); Qijia (Mongolia); Qinglian'gang (China); Sa Huynh (China); Shilla (Korea) Soan (Pakistan/India); Son Vi (Vietnam); Indus (India/Pakistan)				
	Baptist Traditioning Sources					
AFRICA	Cultural Traditioning Sources	Kingdoms of Axum 5th cent. BCE–12th cent. CE; Zimbabwe 500–1700; Ghana 800–1077; Mali 1200–1500; Mandinka 1235–1645; Songhay 1400–1591 Portuguese colonial trade begins early 1500s Slave trade begins in 1520s				
	Baptist Traditioning Sources					
LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN	Cultural Traditioning Sources	Native cultures include Cañans (Ecuador); Caral Supe (Peru); Norte Chico (Peru coast); Chavin (Peru); Chibchas (Colombia); Amazon (Brazil); Moche (Peru) Mayan civiliz. Mexico c. 600 BCE; New Mayan Empire c. 900–c. 1191; Aztecs est. Mexico City 1327; Cortéz conquers Aztecs 1519; Pachacutec est. Incas in Peru 1438; Pizarro conquers Incas 1533; African slaves to Hispanolia 1501				
	Baptist Traditioning Sources					
OCEANIA	Cultural Traditioning Sources	Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures prior to 56,000 BCE Cultures of Polynesia, Micronesia, & Melanesia New Zealand Maori Culture 500–1300				
	Baptist Traditioning Sources					

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	1630	1640	1650	1660
EUROPE	Charles I (Eng.) (1625–1649) Mark Lucar leaves JLJ Church over Parish Baptism 1633 (Eng.)	First Particular Baptist Church 1630s (Eng.) First Welsh Baptists 1630s	Cromwellian Commonwealth First London Confession 1644 Seventh Day Baptists 1653 (Eng.)	First Scottish & Irish Baptists, 1650s Dorothy Hazzard, Bristol 1660s (Eng.)
NORTH AMERICA	Plymouth, MA, Colony 1620 (USA) Roger Williams arrives in Boston 1631 (USA)	First Baptist Providence, RI, 1638 (USA) Williams' <i>Bloody Tenent of Persecution</i> 1644 (USA)	Newport, RI, Baptist 1641 (USA) Obediah Holmes whipped on Boston Common 1651 (USA) John Clarke's <i>Ill Neues from New England</i> 1652 (USA)	First Baptist Church Boston 1667 (USA) Swansee Baptist Church 1667 (USA)
ASIA	Portuguese arrive in Goa 1510, Canton 1517, & Japan 1540s	Dutch gain foothold in Taiwan 1640	Qing Dynasty 1644 (China)	British in Bombay 1661 Dutch expelled from Taiwan 1662
AFRICA	Char Bouba War 1634–1654	Persian Shahdom gains control of East African Coast	Kanem-Bornu conquered by Songhay Empire 1651–1658	Songhay Empire conquers the Mossi 1670s
LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN	Cabral claims Brazil for Portugal 1500 Santa Fe, NM, founded 1605 (USA)	British colonize Bermuda 1612, Barbados 1625, Antigua 1632, Bahamas 1640, & Jamaica 1655	French colonize Dominica 1832, Martinique 1635, & Tortuga 1659	Dutch colonize Suriname 1667
OCEANIA		Explorer Abel Tasman visits Australia 1642 New Zealand 1642, & Fiji 1643		

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	1670	1680	1690	1700
EUROPE	Royal Restoration (1660)		Bristol Baptist College org. 1679	The Particular Baptist Fund org. 1717
	Venner Rebellion 1661 (Eng.)	Grantham's <i>Christianismus Primitivus</i> 1678		Delaune's <i>A Plea for the Non-Conformists</i> 1683
	Conventicle Act 1664 (Eng.)		Act of Toleration 1689	
NORTH AMERICA	Seventh Day Baptist, Newport, RI, 1671 (USA)	Kittery, ME, Baptist Church 1681	Cohansey Baptist Church org. 1690 (USA)	WelshTract Baptist Church, Delaware 1703 (USA)
		Cold Spring Baptist Church 1684 (USA)	First Baptist Charleston, SC, 1696 (?)	
ASIA	Moghul Empire 1526–1858		Treaty of Nerchinsk between Russia & China 1689	
			China conquers Mongolia 1691	
AFRICA				Dutch est. Cape Town 1689 (S. Africa)
LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN	Henry Morgan governor of Jamaica 1673–1688		Nijmegen Treaty: Spain cedes Western Hispaniola 1699 (modern Haiti) to France 1697	Scottish attempt to colonize Darien (Panama)
OCEANIA				

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	1710	1720	1730	1740
EUROPE	Salters' Hall Meeting 1719	Skepp's <i>Divine Energy</i> introduces High Calvinist Tradition 1722	English General Baptists of the Gen. Association and Gen. Assembly reunite on basis of Six Principles in Hebrews 6:1–2	Brine to Cripplegate Baptist, London, strong advocate of High Calvinism 1730
NORTH AMERICA	Philadelphia Baptist Association 1707 (USA)	Baptist Church in Great Valley formed 1711	Paul Palmer est. General Baptist Churches in NC 1729–1742 (USA)	First Great Awakening begins 1735 George White field in Colonies 1740 First Separate Baptist Church 1743 (USA)
ASIA		End of Safavid Dynasty 1722 (Persia) Chinese gain control over Tibet 1724		Nadir Shah raid Delhi 1739
AFRICA	Sherbo People United 1717 (Sierra Leone)	Lomé Kingdom est. 1721 (Togo)	Kansar Kingdom est. 1724 (Guinea) Douala Kingdom est. 1727 (Cameroon)	Ibo Kingdom est. 1732 (Nigeria) Yaoundé Kingdom 1741 (Cameroon)
LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN	Montevideo est. 1717	Viceroyalty of Santa Fe de Bogata est. 1717	Coffee introduced to Brazil 1727	
OCEANIA				

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	1750	1760	1770	1780
EUROPE	Ann Dutton 1740s (Eng.)	Keiss Church org. (Scot.) 1750	Gill's <i>A Body of Doctrinal Divinity</i> 1770 (Eng.) New Connection of General Baptist org. 1770	Andrew Fuller to Ketterly Baptist Church 1783 (Eng.) Fuller's <i>The Gospel Worthy of All Acceptation</i> 1785
NORTH AMERICA	Indian Baptist Church, RI 1750 (USA) Charleston Baptist Assoc. 1751 (USA) Russian rule extend to NW region USA 1742–1841	Sandy Creek Baptist Church 1755 (USA) Acadians expelled 1755 (Can.) Isaac Eaton's Academy 1756	Ebenezer Moulton to Nova Scotia 1760 (Can.) Horton Baptist 1765 (Can.) Kehuckee Assoc. 1765 (USA) Warren Assoc. 1767 (USA)	Black Baptists Henry Cowan [South] Robert Steven [North] (USA), & David George (USA, Can.) Silver Bluff Church 1773 (USA) Loyalist Migrations 1783–1798 (Can.)
ASIA	British victory at Plassey 1757	Konbaung Dynasty makes Rangoon capital of Burma 1755		Chinese gain control of Xinjiang 1768
AFRICA	Igbira Kingdom est. 1743 (Nigeria) Tiv Kingdom est. 1748 (Nigeria)	Baoule Kingdom est. 1750 (Ivory Coast)		First settlement of freed slaves in Sierra Leone 1787
LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN		Brazil Capital removed from Salvador to Rio de Janeiro 1763 Jesuits expelled from Spanish America 1767	First Spanish mission in California at San Diego est. 1769 Viceroyalty of La Plata est. 1776	Frank Spence, Bahaman Baptists 1780
OCEANIA	Spain claims Hawaiian Islands 1751			First English settlement in Australia 1788

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	1790	1800	1810	1820
EUROPE	Strict Baptists begin to form Baptist Missionary Society 1792 (Eng.)	Careys to India 1793	Haldane Revivals (Scot.)	Baptist Union 1813 (Eng.) Baptist Irish Soc. 1813
NORTH AMERICA	First African, Savannah 1779 (USA) Free Will Baptists 1780 (USA) United Baptist Churches of Christ in Virginia 1787 (USA)	Second Awakening 1795–1830 (USA) Gen. Conf. of Seventh Day Baptists 1802 (USA) Harding, Chipman, & Dimock (Can.)	Nova Scotia & New Brunswick Assoc. 1800 Horton Academy 1828 (Can.)	Ann & Adoniram Judson 1813 (USA) Triennial Conven. 1814 (USA) Free Baptist Church Nova Scotia 1821 (Can.)
ASIA	Qajar Dynasty est. 1795 (Persia)	First Baptists in India 1793	First Baptists in Indonesia 1813–1857 Krishna Pal, first Baptist of India 1800	Judsons in Burma 1813
AFRICA	David George, Sierra Leone Baptists, 1792 British seize Cape Colony 1806	Lott Carey, Liberian Baptists, 1822		Baptist immigrants to Grahamstown 1823 (S. Africa)
LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN	George Leile, First Jamaican Baptists 1791 Amos Williams, Bahamas 1788	Bethel Baptist, Bahamas 1790	BMS in Jamaica 1814	Baptists in Trinidad 1816 Baptists in Haiti 1823
OCEANIA	Whale hunters est. settlements in New Zealand 1790s		Unification of Hawaii 1795	

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	1830	1840	1850	1860
EUROPE	Britain outlaws slavery 1833 Johann G. Oncken becomes Baptist 1834 (Ger.) First Danish Baptists 1830s	Union of Assoc. Churches Baptized Christians in Germany & Denmark, 1849 Swedish Baptists, A.P. Foster 1848	Memel Baptist Church 1841 (Lith.) Frederik Nilsson exiled from Sweden 1851 Finland Baptists 1856	C.H. Spurgeon, Metropolitan Tabernacle (Eng.) Dublin Revival 1859 Norwegian Baptists 1860
NORTH AMERICA	Primitive Baptist Churches (USA) Landmark Baptists (USA) General Baptists in Midwest 1824 (USA) Richard Preston to Nova Scotia 1816	Trail of Tears 1838 Amherstburg Assoc. 1841 (Can.) Free Baptists 1841 (Can.) American Indian Mission 1842 (USA)	Southern Baptist Conven. 1845 (USA) N. American Baptist Conf. 1851 (USA) Baptist General Conf. America 1856 (USA)	African Baptist Assoc. 1853 (Can.) First Chinese Baptist Sacramento, 1860 (USA) Grant's Indian "Peace Policy" 1869 (USA)
ASIA	Assam Baptists 1830s (Ind.) Telugu Baptists 1836 (Ind.) Maitrichit Chinese Baptist Church, Bangkok 1837	Burmese Bible 1840 Karen Baptist 1852 (Myan.) First Chinese Baptists 1840s	Elizabeth Sale, Zenana Mission 1854 (India) Baptist Assoc. of Assam 1851 (Ind.)	Meghalaya Bapt. 1860s (Ind.) Myanmar Baptist Conv. 1865
AFRICA		Baptists on Island Fernando Po, 1841	Telugu Baptist presence (India) in S. Africa Cameroon Baptist Church 1849 Nigerian Baptist 1853	German Baptist immigrants to S. Africa 1858–1861 Carl Gutsche sent by German Mission to S. Africa 1867
LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN	Sharper Morris, Turks & Caicos 1830	Jamaican Baptist Mission Soc. 1842 Baptists in Dominican Republic 1843	Jamaican Baptist Union 1849 Calabar Theological College 1843 (Jamaica)	Baptists in Mexico 1864
OCEANIA	John McKaeg 1832 (Austr.)	Tasmania Baptists 1835 (Austr.) Bathurst St. Sydney 1836 (Austr.)	First Aboriginal Baptist 1848 (Austr.) Baptists in Nelson, NZ, 1851	Austr. Baptist Mission Soc. 1863 Baptist Unions Victoria 1862, S. Austr. 1863, & New S. Wales 1868 (Austr.)

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	1870	1880	1890	1900
EUROPE	Baptists in St. Petersburg 1855, Poland 1860s, Ukraine 1864 Baptist Union Wales, 1866 Scottish Baptist Union 1869	Marianne Hearn, hymn writer (Eng.) Tbilisi Baptist Church 1880 (Georgia) Bulgarian Baptists 1880	Union of Baptist Churches of Russia 1887 Austria-Hungary Assoc. of Baptists 1885	Merger of General & Particular Baptists 1891 (Eng.) Baptist Union Ireland 1895 Estonian Baptist Union 1896
NORTH AMERICA	Lucinda Williams, Dallas 1868 Hannah Morris 1870 (Can.) General Assoc. of General Baptists 1870 (USA) Women's Baptist Foreign Mission Soc. 1871 (USA)	Bacone College 1880 (USA) First Chinese Baptist San Francisco 1880 (USA)	Baptist Convention Manitoba & Northwest Terr. 1884 (Can.) Primera Iglesia Bautista Mexicana, San Antonio 1887 (USA)	Baptist Convention Ontario & Quebec 1888 (Can.) WMU of SBC 1888 National Baptist Convention 1895 (USA)
ASIA	Naga Baptists 1870s (Ind.) First Baptists in Japan 1873 First Baptist Tokyo 1876		Garo Baptist Conv. 1890 (Bang.) Samacesam of Telugu Baptist Churches 1897	Baptist Church of Mizoram 1903
AFRICA	Ogbomosho Baptist 1874 (Nig.) Xhosa Baptist 1876 (S. Africa) Baptist Union S. Africa 1877 Baptists in Democ. Republic of Congo 1878	ABMU assumes Livingstone Miss. work 1884 (Congo) Afrikaanse Baptiste Kerk 1886 (S. Africa)	Congo Pentecost 1886 First Congo Baptist Church 1887 Coloured Baptists, 1888 (S. Africa)	S. African Baptist Mission Soc. 1892 Baptists in Malawi 1892 Baptist in Zambia 1905
LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN	Baptists in Brazil, 1871	Baptists in Argentina 1881 First Baptist Church, Bahia 1882 Cuban Baptists 1886	Baptists in Chile 1892 German Baptists in Brazil 1893	Bahamas Baptist Union 1892 Convention of the Baptist Churches of Puerto Rico 1902
OCEANIA	Canterbury Assoc., NZ, 1873 Baptist Union Queensland, 1877 (Austr.)	Baptist Union New Zealand 1882 Baptist Union Tasmania 1884	Maori Baptists 1880s New Zealand Baptist Mission Soc. 1885	Whitley College, Melbourne 1891 J.H. Cole Perth Baptists 1895 (Austr.) Baptist Union West. Austr. 1896

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	1910	1920	1930	1940
EUROPE	Finnish Baptist Union 1904 Baptist World Alliance 1905 Union of Bulgarian Baptist Churches 1908 Federation of Evangelical Baptists 1911 (Fra)	Baptist Union of Romania 1919 Baptist Unity of Brethren 1919 (Czch.) Baptist Union of Hungary 1920	Convenção Baptist Portuguesa 1920 Union of Christian Baptists 1922 (Pol.) Lithuanian Baptist Union 1923	Bund der Baptisten-Gemeinden 1924 (Swit.) Unión Evangélica Bautista Española 1929
NORTH AMERICA	Lott-Carey Convention 1897 (USA) First Japanese Baptists Seattle, 1899 (USA) Northern Baptist Convention 1907 (USA) Convención Bautista Mexicana 1910 Matthews Controv. 1910 (Can.)	National Baptist Conv. of America 1915 American Baptist Assoc. 1924 (USA) Iowa Indian Baptist Church 1924 Baptist Faith & Message 1925 (SBC)	Fundamentalist Baptist Fellowship 1920 & 1965 (USA) National Assoc. of Free Will Baptists 1932 (USA) World Baptist Fellowship 1932	Baptist Federation of Canada 1944 Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society 1943 Conservative Baptist Churches 1947
ASIA	Assam Baptist Convention 1914 (Ind.)	Bangladesh Baptist Fellowship 1920 Conv. Philippines Baptist Chur. 1935 Ceylon Baptist Council 1935	Bengal Baptist Union 1935 (Ind.) Nagaland Baptist Council 1937 (Ind.) Baptist Convention of Hong Kong 1938	Japanese Baptist Convention 1947 Baptist Union of North India 1948 Korean Baptist Convention 1949
AFRICA	Seventh Day Baptists, S. Africa 1906 Baptists in Ghana 1918 Nigerian Baptist Conv. 1919 Églises Baptistes de la République Centrafricaine 1920	Baptists in Zimbabwe 1920 Baptists in Mazambique 1921	Baptists in Ivory Coast 1927 Union of Baptist Churches Burundi 1928 Malagasy Baptist Association 1932	Convenção Baptista de Angola 1940 African Baptist Assembly of Malawi 1945 Communauté Baptista du Zaïre Ouest 1946
LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN	Convención Bautista de Cuba Occidental 1905 Convención Bautista de Cuba Oriental 1905 Convenção Batista Brasileira 1907	Asociación Bautista de El Salvador 1934 Convención Bautista de Chile 1908	Bahamas National Baptist Missionary & Edu. Conv. 1935 Unión Bautista Boliviana 1936 Convención Bautista de Nicaragua 1937	Convención Bautista Libre de Cuba 1943 Église Baptiste Indépendante 1946 Convenção Batista de Guatemala 1946
OCEANIA	General Baptists in Guam 1911	Baptist Union Australia 1926	Baptists in Northern Mariana Islands 1947	Baptists in Papua New Guinea 1949

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NORTH AMERICA	No. Baptists becomes American Baptist Conv. 1950 (USA) Baptist Woman's Miss. Society Ontario & Quebec 1951 Baptist Missionary Assoc. 1950	Original Free Will Baptists 1961 Progressive National Baptist Conv. 1961 (USA) Baptist Women in Ministry 1985	American Baptist Conv. Becomes ABC-USA 1972 Independent Baptist Fellowship International 1984	Alliance of Baptists 1987 (USA) National Miss. Baptist Convention of America 1988
ASIA	Northeast Council of Baptist Churches 1950 (NE India) Conv. Indonesian Baptist 1951 Malaysia Baptist Conv. 1953 Chinese Baptist Conv. 1954 (Taiwan)	Thailand Karen Baptist Conv. 1955 Bangladesh Baptist Sangha 1956 Japan Baptist Union 1958	Gabungan Gereja Bap. Indonesia 1971 Sri Lanka Baptist Sangamaya 1974 Singapore Baptist Convention 1975	NW India Bapt. Assoc. 1977 Singh Evangelical Baptist Association 1980 (Pak.) Baptist Conv. Syria 1983
AFRICA	Ghana Baptist Convention 1947 Union des Églises Baptistes du Cameroun 1952 Baptist Evangelical Assoc. Ethiopia 1961	Union de Églises Baptistes du Rwanda 1962 Igreja União Baptist 1968 (Mozam.) Baptist Conv. of Malawi 1970	Baptist Convention of Kenya 1971 Baptist Convention of Tanzania 1971 Baptist Union of Uganda 1974	Baptist Conv. of Sierra Leone 1974 Baptist Union of Zambia 1976 Baptist Conv. of Namibia 1984
LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN	Convención Batista de Costa Rica 1947 Convención Nacional Bautista de Venezuela 1951 Convención Nacional Bautista Colombiana 1952 Convención Bautista Paraguay 1956	Convención Bautista Hondureña 1958 Convención Bautista de Panama 1959 Conv. Baptiste de Haiti 1964	Convenção Batista Nacional do Brasil 1967 Dominican National Baptist Conv. 1968 Convención Bautista del Ecuador 1972	Barbados Baptist Conv. 1974 Antigua Baptist Assoc. 1980 Bermuda Baptist Fellowship 1981
OCEANIA	Marianas Assoc. of General Baptists 1962 (Guam) Baptists in Solomon Islands 1969 Baptist Bible College, Kwinkia 1969 (Papua New Guinea)	Fiji Baptist Mission 1973 Seventh Day Baptists 1975 Queensland (Austr.)	Baptists in Samoa 1976	Baptist Union of Papua New Guinea 1977

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EUROPE	Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists 1990 (Bela.) Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists 1990 (Georgia) Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptist 1991 (Moldov.)	Union Evangelical Christians-Baptists Central Asia 1992 Union Evangelical Christians-Baptists Ukraine 1992	
NORTH AMERICA	Cooperative Baptist Fellowship 1990 (USA) American Baptist Women's Ministries 1990	Canadian Baptist Ministries 1995	New Baptist Covenant 2008
ASIA	Nepal Baptist Church Council 1993	Baptist Convention in Vietnam 1989	Samevesam Telugu Baptist factions reconstitute the Baptist Convention of Telugu Baptist Churches 2007 (Ind.)
AFRICA	Baptists in Guinea 1988 Convention Baptiste du Togo 1988 Bras Panon Baptists 1989 (Réunion)	Baptists in Guinea-Bissau 1993	
LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN	Granada Baptist Assoc. 1981 Asociación Nacional de los Bautistas Libres 1986 (Uruguay) St. Vincent Baptist Convention 1987	Union Nacional de Iglesias Bautistas de Costa Rica 1981 United Baptist Organization of Suriname 1981 Fraternidad de Iglesias Bautistas de Cuba 1989	
OCEANIA	Dame V. Boyd becomes first woman president of the New Zealand Baptist Union 1984 Fiji Baptist Convention org. 1987		