

Fact Sheet w/ Links – NAMB/SBC Reports

Links for Source Data:

- Bk of Reports (p. 75-83) - <http://www.sbc.net/cp/ministryreports/2019/pdf/namb/namb-goals.pdf>
- Ezell's Report in the Book of Reports - <http://www.sbc.net/cp/ministryreports/2019/pdf/namb/namb-presidents-letter.pdf>
- NAMB's Financial Report - <http://www.sbc.net/cp/ministryreports/2019/pdf/namb/namb-financial.pdf>
- SBC & NAMB Annual Data & Reports - <http://www.sbc.net/annuals/>
- Chart on Baptisms, Plants, Costs etc. <http://willmcraney.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Pre-and-Post-GCR-Comparison-2.0-3.pdf>

Quotes:

- Truth sets us free. AND ... Facts are our friends.
- Ezell in (2010 Interview w/ Christian Index Gerald Harris) - <http://www.bpnews.net/33833/ezell-discusses-mission-boards-future>

"I'll be 58 years old in 10 years and I will have a lot of explaining to do. If we look to the past, there has been a billion dollars given to this agency in the last 10 years. Are we pleased with what has been done with that money? Do you really want more of the same?... , but I will take ownership of the next decade."

- "If people are confident that the money is being used wisely and for an effective strategy, then they are going to give to the CP."
- "We have a credibility gap.... We must erase that gap so that people will believe in what we are doing..... We are going to let Southern Baptists know what we do."
- Ezell - "Church planting is evangelism" SBC June 2016

Facts:

- \$1 Billion – Amount spent by NAMB under Ezell's leadership for the last 8 years
- NAMB Send Network involved in approving less than 25% of SBC's total 624 plants in 2018
- NAMB Cut major funding to mission outposts for missions & evangelism
- NAMB Cut virtually all local missionaries in non-Southern Associations (AMS or DOMs)

Church planting...

- Last 3 years are the lowest of recorded number of church plants in the last 40 years in the SBC (732, 691, & 624 in 2018)
- Cost per Send Network assessed and approved planter - \$502,206 in 2018
 - \$68.3 million spent, 220 planters NAMB assessed, 35 locations for 2 day assessment, 136 planters approved (62% of assessed) – in 2018 - (\$20 million pre Ezell)
- NAMB spending 7x more per SBC plant than pre Ezell, dramatically less on evangelism
- NAMB committed \$62 million on housing for select planters (some luxury homes), 40% of ones located are over \$400,000
- SBC planted 5,526 less churches last 8 yrs., than previous 8 years with survival rate unchanged since 2015 according to Ezell's public comments

Baptisms

- Last 4 years are the lowest number of baptisms since WWII
- Baptisms down 593,653 on 8 yr. comparison (2002-2009) vs (2011-2018)
- Baptisms down 33.2% from 2009 (last pre Ezell) compared to 2018 (last yr.)
- Eliminated NAMB Evangelism staff, state evangelism joint staff, support for vocational evangelists