Among doctrines Southern Baptists emphasize is the doctrine of local church autonomy. Working through 1,136 local associations and 42 state conventions, Southern Baptists share a common bond of basic Biblical beliefs and a commitment to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the entire world. Lgbtq equality. On sexual orientation & gender identity. In a 1996 “Resolution on a Christian Response to Homosexuality,” the SBC declared that “even a desire to engage in a homosexual relationship is always sinful, impure, degrading, shameful, unnatural, indecent and perverted.” The word Southern in Southern Baptist Convention stems from its having been founded and rooted in the Southern United States. The SBC became a separate denomination in 1845 in Augusta, Georgia, following a regional split with northern Baptists over the issues of slavery. After the American Civil War, another split occurred: most black Baptists in the South separated from white churches and set up their own congregations. Baptist church discipline was misinterpreted by the gentry for political...
radicalism, but it served to ameliorate disorder. Every year I provide an update on churches in my denomination that have an average worship attendance of 1,000 or more. I understand that almost one-half of my readers are not in the Southern Baptist Convention, so I appreciate you allowing me occasionally to share information about our family. Allow me to provide a few caveats to accompany this list. It seems like these issues arise whenever I provide this report. The numbers are self-reported by the churches. We have not verified them. The churches on this list have met the requirements to be a part of the denomination. We are not making qua