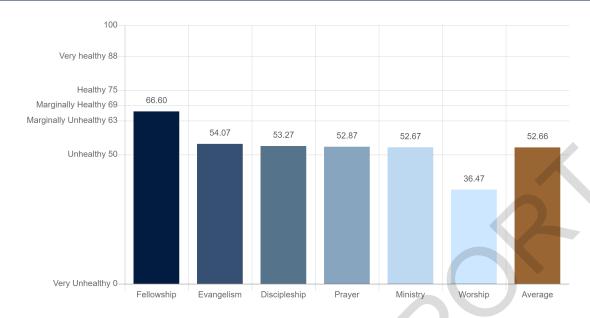


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# First Baptist of Sample Sample, AL

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## Summary



## 52.66 OVERALL SCORE

This score typifies a church that perceives itself as unhealthy. This score typifies a church that perceives itself to have many negative signs and a few positive ones, with the negative concerns dominating the positive. Members are often losing their enthusiasm for the church. A church in this condition must re-emphasize the positives while also addressing the negatives.

## 66.60 FELLOWSHIP

This score typifies a church which is, in the area of fellowship, **marginally unhealthy**. Only a few positive signs. The church needs immediate attention to curtail further deterioration.

## **54.07** EVANGELISM

This score typifies a church which is, in the area of evangelism, **unhealthy**. The church is perhaps barely functioning. Immediate attention is needed.

## 53.27 DISCIPLESHIP

This score typifies a church which is, in the area of discipleship, **unhealthy**. The church is perhaps barely functioning. Immediate attention is needed.

## **52.87** PRAYER

This score typifies a church which is, in the area of prayer, **unhealthy**. The church is perhaps barely functioning. Immediate attention is needed.

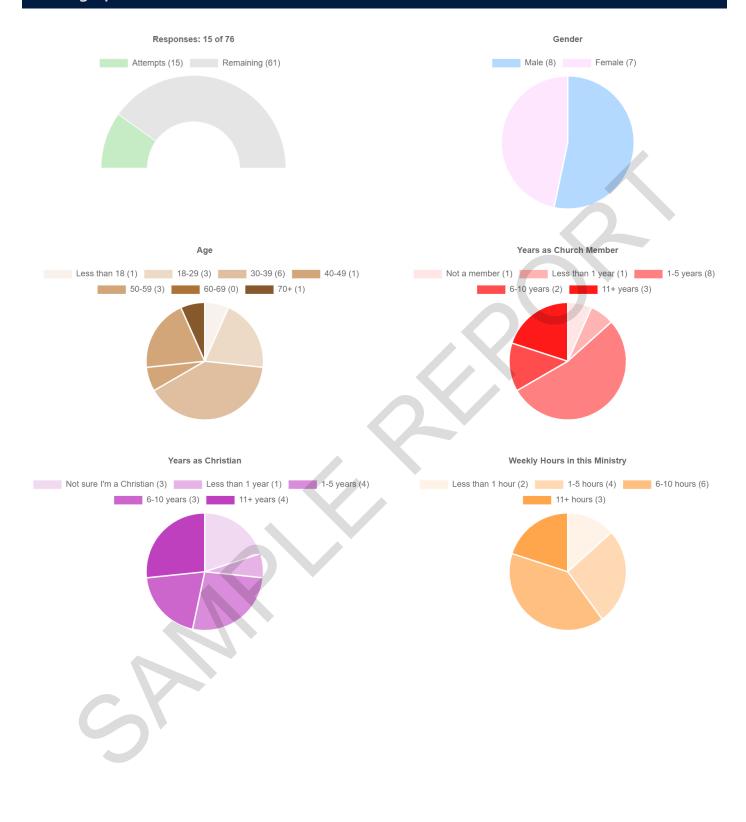
## 52.67 MINISTRY

This score typifies a church which is, in the area of ministry, **unhealthy**. The church is perhaps barely functioning. Immediate attention is needed.

## 36.47 WORSHIP

This score typifies a church which is, in the area of worship, very unhealthy. Death for the church may be imminent without immediate changes.

# Demographics



## **Response Highlights**

To help you understand your church's overall score, explanations and feedback appear below. For each function, the **two highest** and **two lowest** scores are given for individual questions.

NOTE: this icon \(\neq\) represents questions with inverted score weighting. Because of this, the most favorable answer is still 4.00, but would be "Strongly Disagree" instead of "Strongly Agree." Although these questions are negatively phrased, a higher number corresponds with "Strongly Disagree" and is preferred.

### FELLOWSHIP

Church members perceive that the congregation is more interested in the unchurched than in themselves. Determine if this perception is accurate. If it is inaccurate, lead the church through an honest evaluation of themselves. <u>View question #138</u>

3.27 healthy "I believe my voice is heard in this church."

Church members believe that their voice is heard in the church, a sign of unity and health. View question #77

1.93 very unhealthy "I have fellowship or social times with church members outside of church activities at least once a quarter."

Church members likely do not have regular fellowship or social times with one another outside of church activities. Challenge members to build relationships not only with unchurched people, but also with each other. <u>View question #53</u>

1.87 very unhealthy "Our church has a good reputation in the community."

The members of the church do not believe that the church has a good reputation in the community. Seek ways to change this perception and/or reality. View question #119

#### **EVANGELISM**

2.60 | marginally unhealthy "Our church is growing more by transfer members from other churches than by reaching lost people."

The church is likely growing more by transferring members than by reaching lost persons. Refocus the church on evangelism, while not ignoring those who join by transfer. <u>View question #146</u>

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arranginally unhealthy "A church should meet the needs of its own members before it reaches to others."

Church members believe that the church should meet their needs before reaching out to others. This attitude suggests an inward focus that will hinder evangelism and outreach. Meet members' needs while also challenging them to think beyond themselves. <u>View question</u> #58

1.67 very unhealthy "Our church supports missionaries generously."

There is a perceived lack of missionary support. Examine possibilities to be more mission-minded. View question #10

1.60 very unhealthy "People in our church share their faith regularly."

Few people in the church share their faith regularly. Emphasize personal evangelism more, and provide more evangelism training opportunities. <u>View question #4</u>

#### DISCIPLESHIP

2.73 marginally unhealthy "The people in our church understand the church's doctrine, or what we believe."

There is confusion about the church's beliefs or doctrine. Seek ways to instruct your members in basic Christian beliefs. View question #62

2.67 marginally unhealthy "I am involved in regular Bible study in my church."

An all out effort is needed to involve more people in Bible study. View question #2

1.60 very unhealthy "I am growing in maturity as a Christian in my church."

The members do not perceive that they are growing in Christian maturity. Perhaps a discipleship inventory is in order to discern where the deficiencies lie. <u>View question #8</u>

1.47 (very unhealthy) "Our Sunday school/small groups are very strong in Bible study."

The church perceives that Bible study teaching in Sunday School small groups is not strong. Implement a strategy to enlist and train good teachers. View question #38

#### PRAYER

3.33 healthy "Our church has an intercessory prayer ministry with many participants."

People in your church are excited about their involvement in intercessory prayer. Keep this emphasis strong. View question #3

2.80 marginally healthy "The leadership in my church regularly emphasizes the importance of prayer."

Prayer is a strong emphasis of the leadership, a key indication of church health. View question #9

1.67 very unhealthy "Our church regularly prays for the ministries of the church."

There is not a concerted effort to pray for various ministries in the church. Find ways to focus on these ministries through prayer. <u>View question #63</u>

1.60 very unhealthy "Before we attempt any major effort in our church, we bathe it in prayer."

The members do not believe that major efforts are bathed in prayer. This weakness is easily remedied by intentional and concerted prayer. Keep up this emphasis. <u>View question #21</u>

#### MINISTRY

2.73 marginally unhealthy "I am regularly involved in doing ministry in our church."

Few members are regularly involved in the ministry of the church. Challenge members to fulfill their responsibilities as members of the church. Equip them, and hold them accountable. *View question #42* 

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Some of the members feel that they are carrying too many responsibilities. Broaden the leadership base by involving more members in ministry. Consider limiting the number of responsibilities a member may have. *View question #142* 

1.73 very unhealthy "I receive fulfillment by doing ministry in our church."

Many members are not fulfilled with the ministry they are doing in the church. Perhaps they are not doing ministry according to their spiritual gifts, background, and desires. <u>View question #90</u>

Members believe that it is difficult for new members to get involved in ministry. Seek ways to incorporate new members in ministry immediately. *View question #72* 

### WORSHIP

3.27 healthy "The pastor's / minister's / clergy's sermons are relevant to my needs and real life situations."

The members believe the pastor's preaching is highly relevant to the needs of the people. Continue to apply the biblical text to "real-life" needs. *View question #25* 

3.07 healthy "The length of the sermons is just right."

Members seem content with the length of sermons. Continually work to strengthen preaching while maintaining current length. <u>View question #49</u>

0.80 very unhealthy "I like the order in which we go through worship."

There is conflict about the order of worship in the worship services. Seek to resolve the conflict. View question #67

0.80 \( \alpha\rightarrow\text{very unhealthy} \) "Even as a church grows, it is best to keep everyone together in one morning worship service."

The church is likely unwilling to add additional services to accommodate growth. Push the church to consider all possible responses to growth, including those with which they are uncomfortable. Keep the focus outward. <u>View question #133</u>

# **Detailed Scores by Church Function**

In this section are the responses and scores for each of the 25 questions within each of the six church functions. These details will allow you to review each question and see more specifically how your members responded to each statement.

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We have several cliques in our church.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly Agree  unhealthy	3 1 5	26.7% 20.0% 6.7% 33.3% 13.3%	2.13
	uniteartity			2.13
Becoming a part of existing groups in our church is hard.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Undecided	4	26.7% 26.7% 26.7%	
	Agree Strongly Agree	2	13.3% 6.7%	2.52
	marginally unhealth	ny )		2.53
17 The priority focus of the church should be meeting the needs of the members.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Undecided	8	53.3% 6.7%	
₹ This question has inverted score weighting	Agree Strongly Agree  marginally healthy	0	13.3% 0.0%	2.93
People in our church are willing to start new groups and classes.	Strongly Agree Agree		20.0%	
	Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree	1		
	marginally unhealth	ny)		2.67
Our church has been recently involved in conflict between members.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Undecided	5	40.0% 33.3% 20.0%	
☐ This question has inverted score weighting	Agree Strongly Agree  marginally healthy	1	0.0%	3.00
A number of the people in our church are angry with one another.	Strongly Disagree Disagree Undecided	5	13.3% 33.3% 33.3%	
₹ This question has inverted score weighting	Agree Strongly Agree	1	6.7% 13.3%	
	unhealthy			2.27

41 We have unresolved conflicts in our church.	Strongly Disagree	7 4	6.7%	
We have diffesoived conflicts in our charen.	Disagree	5 3		
	Undecided	1 6.	7%	
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	healthy			3.13
The people in our church enjoy being together.	Strongly Agree	7 4	6.7%	
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	Undecided	2 1	3.3%	
	Disagree	1 6.	7%	
	Strongly Disagree	0 0.	.0%	
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	healthy			3.20
53 I have fellowship or social times with church members outside of	Strongly Agree	3 2	0.0%	
church activities at least once a quarter.	Agree	4 2	6.7%	
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	Disagree	1 6.	7%	
	Strongly Disagree			
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	very unhealthy			1.93
59 New members are quickly invited to different groups in the church.	Strongly Agree	5 33	3.3%	
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	Undecided	1 6.		
	Disagree	0 0.		
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	unhealthy			2.47
65 Our church is unified.	Strongly Agree	5 3	3.3%	
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	Undecided	1 6.		
	Disagree	2 1		
	Strongly Disagree			
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	marginally healthy	)		2.80
71 One of the reasons I come to church is because I enjoy the fellowship	Strongly Agree	2 1	3.3%	
of other members.	Agree	3 2	0.0%	
of other members.	Undecided	4 2	6.7%	
	Disagree	4 2		
	Strongly Disagree			
				1.02
	very unhealthy			1.93
	Strongly Agree	8 5		
77 I believe my voice is heard in this church.	A	4 2		
I believe my voice is heard in this church.	Agree			
I believe my voice is heard in this church.	Undecided	2 1	3.3%	
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The believe my voice is heard in this church.	Undecided Disagree	1 6.	7%	
T believe my voice is heard in this church.	Undecided	1 6.	7%	3.27

A healthy relationship exists between the pastor / minister / clergy (and other church staff) and the people.	Strongly Agree       5       33.3%         Agree       7       46.7%         Undecided       3       20.0%         Disagree       0       0.0%         Strongly Disagree       0       0.0%         healthy       3.13	
Our church deals quickly with open, flagrant and unrepentant sin of church members.	Strongly Agree       6       40.0%         Agree       6       40.0%         Undecided       2       13.3%         Disagree       1       6.7%         Strongly Disagree       0       0.0%         healthy       3.13	
95 I am a part of a group or class that attempts to reach other people.	Strongly Agree 4 26.7% Agree 5 33.3% Undecided 4 26.7% Disagree 1 6.7% Strongly Disagree 1 6.7%  marginally unhealthy  2.67	
101 I am excited to be a part of this church.	Strongly Agree 6 40.0% Agree 4 26.7% Undecided 3 20.0% Disagree 2 13.3% Strongly Disagree 0 0.0%  marginally healthy  2.93	
107 Coming to church on a regular basis is becoming increasingly difficult for me.	Strongly Disagree 7 46.7% Disagree 4 26.7% Undecided 0 0.0% Agree 3 20.0% Strongly Agree 1 6.7%  marginally healthy  2.87	
The community outside of our church sees us as a very unified church.	Strongly Agree 5 33.3% Agree 5 33.3% Undecided 0 0.0% Disagree 5 33.3% Strongly Disagree 0 0.0%  marginally unhealthy  2.67	
Our church has a good reputation in the community.	Strongly Agree       2       13.3%         Agree       5       33.3%         Undecided       0       0.0%         Disagree       5       33.3%         Strongly Disagree       3       20.0%         very unhealthy       1.87	

#### Strongly Agree 1 6.7% Our church has a good youth ministry. 7 46.7% Agree Undecided 2 13.3% Disagree 1 6.7% Strongly Disagree 4 26.7% 2.00 unhealthy Strongly Agree 2 13.3% Our church has a good music ministry. Agree 5 33.3% 4 26.7% Undecided Disagree 3 20.0% Strongly Disagree 1 6.7% 2.27 unhealthy 5 33.3% Strongly Agree Our church has a good preschool and children's ministry. Agree 4 26.7% Undecided 1 6.7% Disagree 4 26.7% Strongly Disagree 1 6.7% 2.53 marginally unhealthy Our church does a good job of ministering to different ages of adults. Strongly Agree 4 26.7% 3 20.0% Agree Undecided 1 6.7% Disagree 5 33.3% Strongly Disagree 2 13.3% unhealthy 2.13

30 V	When there is a need in our church, many people respond.	Strongly Agree	3 20.0	%		
		Agree	4 26.7	%		
		Undecided	1 6.7%	,		
		Disagree	3 20.0	%		
		Strongly Disagree	4 26.7	%		
		very unhealthy			1.93	

36 I believe the pastor / minister / clergy (and staff) should do most of the	Strongly Disagree	3	20.0%		
ministry.	Disagree	5	33.3%		
Tillistry.	Undecided	1	6.7%		
This associate has instant accus socialistics	Agree	2	13.3%		
	Strongly Agree	4	26.7%		
	unhealthy			2.07	

#### worship - Survey scoring Strongly Agree 2 13.3% When I come to my church, I truly sense that I worship God. Agree 1 6.7% Undecided 0 0.0% 5 33.3% Disagree Strongly Disagree 7 46.7% 1.07 very unhealthy Strongly Agree 0 0.0% I learn a lot about the Bible from the pastor's / minister's / clergy's 2 13.3% Agree sermons. Undecided 5 33.3% Disagree 3 20.0% Strongly Disagree 5 33.3% 1.27 very unhealthy 1 6.7% Strongly Agree The music in our worship services leads me to worship. Agree 1 6.7% Undecided 3 20.0% Disagree 3 20.0% Strongly Disagree 7 46.7% very unhealthy 1.07 Strongly Disagree 1 6.7% Disagreement exists among the members at our church about the type Disagree 1 6.7% of music and worship style. Undecided 5 33.3% Agree 4 26.7% Strongly Agree 4 26.7% very unhealthy 1.40 Strongly Agree 8 53.3% The pastor's / minister's / clergy's sermons are relevant to my needs Agree 5 33.3% and real life situations. Undecided 1 6.7% Disagree 0 0.0% Strongly Disagree 1 6.7%

31 We have a good way of greeting guests in our worship services.	Strongly Agree 4 26.7%	
	Agree 7 46.7%	
	Undecided 1 6.7%	
	Disagree 2 13.3%	
	Strongly Disagree 1 6.7%	
	marginally unhealthy	2.73

healthy

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## **DOCTRINE**

For the purposes of this survey, we do not include these scores in computing your church's overall health score. It is important, though, for you to know what your church believes in these areas. A church's doctrine clearly affects how a church carries out its functions (e.g., a church that does not believe people must follow Jesus to be saved will not likely do much evangelism).

People of non-Christian faiths can worship God in the same way	Strongly Disagree 6 40.0%	
Christians do.	Disagree 3 20.0%	
	Undecided 3 20.0%	
This acception has incomed acceptanting	Agree 3 20.0%	
<b>≃</b> This question has inverted score weighting	Strongly Agree 0 0.0%	
	marginally healthy	2.80
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The Bible is the word of God, perfect as it was originally written.	Agree 4 26.7%	
	Undecided 2 13.3%	
	Disagree 3 20.0%	
	Strongly Disagree 3 20.0%	
	unhealthy	2.07
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God intervenes regularly in the lives of Christians.	Strongly Agree 4 26.7%	
	Agree 5 33.3%	
	Undecided 2 13.3%	
	Disagree 3 20.0%	
	Strongly Disagree 1 6.7%	
	(marginally unhealthy)	2.53
	marginary unrealtry	2.55
The only way to become in the south a name and relationship with Christ	Strongly Agree 3 20.0%	
The only way to heaven is through a personal relationship with Christ.	Agree 4 26.7%	
	Undecided 3 20.0%	
	Disagree 2 13.3%	
	Strongly Disagree 3 20.0%	
	Strongly Disagree 3 20.0%	
	unhealthy	2.13
155 Because we all are sinners, we can have fellowship with God only	Strongly Agree 1 6.7%	
through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.	Agree 2 13.3%	
	Undecided 5 33.3%	
	Disagree 4 26.7%	
	Strongly Disagree 3 20.0%	
	very unhealthy	1.60
God is one: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.	Strongly Agree 8 53.3%	
The state of the s	Agree 0 0.0%	
	Undecided 3 20.0%	
	Disagree 2 13.3%	
	Strongly Disagree 2 13.3%	
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	marginally unhealthy	2.67

