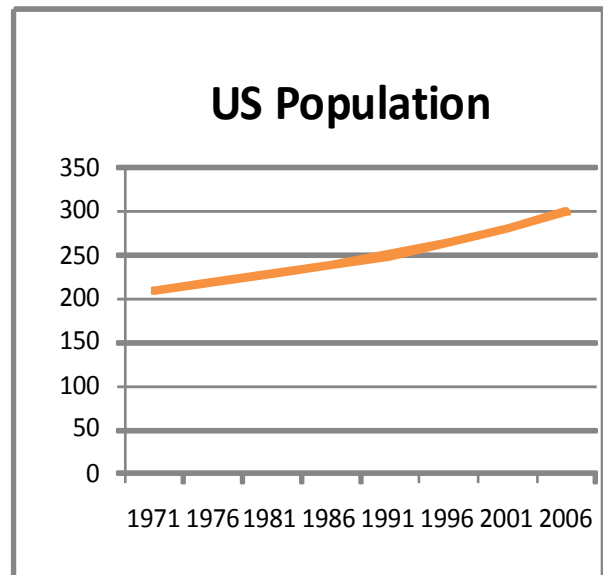
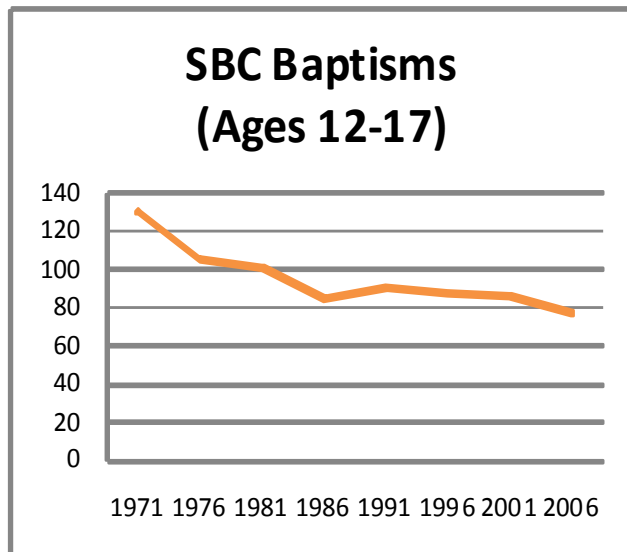


The Problem:

The number of Christians in the United States is decreasing rapidly!

In June 2007, Barack Obama said “Whatever we once were, we’re no longer a Christian Nation.” A recent article in *Newsweek*, “The End of Christian America,” stated that the number of self-professing Christians in the U.S. has dropped from 86% in 1990 to 76% in 2008 while the number of those holding no belief has almost doubled from 8 to 15%.

Baptism rates among SBC youth have plummeted...



Between 1971 and 2001, the number of teens baptized has dropped from ~135,000 to ~85,000. Meanwhile the population of the United States has grown 100,000,000!

Our children do not hold a Biblical worldview...

- 58% believe all religions are equally valid.
- 51% don't believe Jesus rose from the dead.
- 85% do not believe in absolute truth.
- 46% said that Jesus committed sins.

Our children are leaving the church and the faith...

- 70% of teenagers involved in church youth groups stop attending church within two years of high school graduation. (SBC Exec. Comm. Report; Sep. 18, 2001)
- 88% of children in evangelical homes leave church at age 18. (2002 Report of the Southern Baptist Council on Family Life)

Brad Melton Ministries (www.BradMelton.org) can help!

There are more children's and youth ministry professionals than ever before and yet the number of children being trained "in the way they should go" continues to drop!

So, how can Brad Melton Ministries assist the Tennessee Baptist Convention with Families?

The Plan:

Through our "Home-Grown Disciples" seminar we will...

Teach parents that **they have the Biblical mandate** to raise their children in the faith.

Show parents that **they cannot do what ever other Christian family is doing** and delegate their responsibility to the church or else their children will walk away from the church and from the faith just like everybody else's.

Increase parents' awareness of **the biggest threats to their children's souls** and explain how they may minimize and neutralize them.

Point out that their children need them to be their spiritual role models and then we will **arm them with ways they can model their faith** through their lifestyle.

Empower parents with **a menu of teaching ideas** that they can use to intentionally evangelize and disciple their children.

Who is Brad Melton?

A Southern Baptist pastor, writer, and popular conference speaker, Brad is the founder and executive director of Brad Melton Ministries. His ministry is endorsed by the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, two SBC Associations, and dozens of congregations. His family lives in Arizona and they are looking to move to the Tennessee-Kentucky area. Brad served as the Youth and College Pastor of two large congregations for a period of five years. Married for twelve years, Brad and Jennifer (a public school teacher for ten years) collaborated on "Home-Grown Disciples." They are blessed with three children. Brad also teaches on Mormonism, Biblical Authority, and Christian Apologetics.



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