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United Methodist membership again declines; Southern Baptists increase

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The United Methodist Church, America's second-largest Protestant body, says its membership dropped in 2004 as it has in each of the 36 years since the denomination was formed through a merger.

The latest total was 8.07 million, a loss of less than 1 percent from 2003 and a decrease of about 5.5 percent for the past decade.

Despite the nationwide decline, membership increases were posted by 13 regional units located in Alabama, Alaska, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.

The denomination is America's most widespread, with at least one congregation in 2,997 of the nation's 3,142 counties.

The Southern Baptist Conven-

tion, the biggest U.S. Protestant group, reported a membership of 16.27 million in 2005, a tiny increase over 2004, while baptisms and Sunday School enrollment showed declines for the year. Southern Baptists listed

43,699 congregations, cumulative annual receipts of \$10.7 billion and property worth \$42.8 billion.

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Fire at Topeka church intentionally set

TOPEKA (AP) — Investigators are trying to find out if anyone had a beef against a southwest Topeka church that was damaged in an arson fire early Sunday.

The entry hall at Hillside Community Church was destroyed and the rest of the building sustained extensive damage in the blaze, which was reported around 6:30 a.m. Sunday.

Church members say fire walls that separate the lobby from the sanctuary and other areas might have prevented the rest of the building from being destroyed.

Local, state and federal investigators, using an accelerant-sniffing dog, determined later Sunday that the fire had been intentionally set.

Church secretary Shelia Ramos said she got a call from the church's security company early Sunday telling her that a motion detector had gone off in the building. By the time she arrived at the scene, firefighters already were there battling the blaze.

She said congregation members spent much of the day coming to grips with the fire and boarding up the building.

"We're still a church family, and that's the most important thing," she said.

Ramos said investigators were

checking with congregation members to see if any knew of someone who was upset with the church, such as a former member. But she said with only 35 to 40 people in the close-knit congregation, no obvious suspects came to mind.

While their own church was still smoldering, members were able to have their Sunday service at the Covenant Baptist Church.

"Christianity is about helping people," said Stan Thompson, a deacon at Covenant Baptist, as he looked over the damage at the Hillside church. "These people are our neighbors, and they needed our help."

A \$5,000 reward is being offered through the Kansas Committee on Arson Prevention for information that leads to an arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the blaze, firefighters said.

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Orthodox Jews increasing in numbers

NEW YORK (AP) — The percentage of young American Jews who consider themselves Orthodox is growing, a trend that will likely reshape the U.S. Jewish community, according to a report.

The study released last week by the American Jewish Committee, an advocacy group based in New York, found that 16 percent of Jewish adults ages 18-29 are Orthodox. That's nearly double the percentage of Orthodox among Jews ages 35-39.

Orthodox Jews are also more likely to be married by age 30, while more than half of all American Jews under the age of 40 are not married, according to the report.

The trend means a higher percentage of future Jewish leaders will probably be Orthodox, shifting the entire community in a more conservative direction, the American Jewish Committee said.

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- COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**, Pastor, Jeremy Gundling, 245 W. College Dr. - 462-8234, Early Service - 8:00 a.m.; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.
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- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**, Pastor Bradley L. Herndon, Grant & Webster Street, 462-2867, Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Evening Worship 6:30 p.m., Wednesday Bible 7:30 p.m.
- COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH**, (SBC), Pastor Tom Huffman, 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 460-7144, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship services, 10:45 a.m.
- MINGO BIBLE CHURCH**, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Pastor Chris Shubert. Sunday School: 9:30AM - all ages. Sunday Services: 10:45AM. Sunday Nights: 1st Sunday of the month: potluck following morning service - no evening service; 2nd Sunday: services at 6:30 PM; 3rd Sunday: informal fellowship - bring a snack to share!; 4th and 5th Sunday: services at 6:30 p.m.
- SACRED HEART CATHOLIC**, 462-2179, Father Dana Clark, Pastor, Saturday Eve. Mass 5:30 p.m., Sunday Masses 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., Confessions will be heard Saturday 4:30-5:05 p.m. and from 7:30-7:45 a.m. and 9:25-9:40 a.m. on Sunday.
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 462-6342, Worship, 9:00 a.m.
- WESLEYAN CHURCH**, 320 W. Pine - 462-8391, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:40 a.m., Sunday Evening Cell groups at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Youth Ministries, Kids Clubhouse 7 p.m.
- CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**, 1145 S. Franklin - 460-6605, President Dave Geldmacher, 846-7740; Calvin Haverfield, 1st counselor, 672-4165; Matt Christensen, 2nd counselor, 460-0146. Sacrament meeting 10 a.m., Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m., Priesthood, Relief Society, YM/YW, 12:10 p.m.; Family History Center open to public, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays or by appointment. Call 462-3571.
- COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, Rev. James Mardock, pastor, 950 S. Franklin, 462-6521, Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m., Fellowship coffee 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., KXXX broadcasts 11:00 worship. <http://www.gbmg-umc.org/colby-umc/>
- REDEEMING LOVE MINISTRIES, INC.**, 345 N. Franklin, Apostle W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Equipping Class, Sunday, 10 a.m., Sunday worship, 11 a.m., Wednesday, R.L.M Training Center (Bible School), 7 p.m.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**, 510 E. 4th, Jay Kelley, minister, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday Eve. Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- COLBY EVANGELISM CENTER**, Rev. Robert Cooper, 815 West 3rd - 462-2062, Sunday School 9:45; Sunday service 10:00 and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.; Friday Youth Power Hour at 7:00 p.m.
- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**, (Disciples of Christ), Pastor Bradley L. Herndon, 385 W. 3rd - 460-2718, Sunday Morning Worship at 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. E-mail: fccolby@st-tel.net
- TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**, Rev. John L. Schmidt, East 5th & Country Club, 462-3497, Services, Sat., 5:30 p.m., Sunday; Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:15 a.m.; Services, 10:30 a.m.
- OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH**, Brewster, Sunday worship 9:00 a.m.; 2nd Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m.
- PLEASANT HOME CHURCH**, Pastor, Charlie Busch, 694-2242, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Evening service, 6:00 p.m.
- LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH**, 205 1st St., Pastor Jerry Vincent, 586-2376, Sunday School (classes for 3 years & up and 3 adult classes) 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
- WINONA METHODIST CHURCH**, Rev. Michael Eurit, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. (CDT)
- BREWSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, PO Box 250, Brewster. Pastor Dorine Chambers, 785-462-6044, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
- THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF, REXFORD**, Joan Dingwerth, Director, 687-2565
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- BREWSTER COMMUNITY CHURCH**, Mike Pinkelman, Pastor, Brewster - 694-2720, Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Wed. mornings 6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Wed. 7:00 p.m. - Children's Ministries (Royal Rangers/Missionettes), Wed. 7:15 p.m. - Intercessory & Prayer, Thurs. 4:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study

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