WHICH GROUP?

BAPTIST

NAME OF ORIGINATOR: John Smyth (A) See Note 1
DATE ESTABLISHED: 1609-1611 (A)

	BEL-IEF	BOOK LTR.	PAGE NO.
SALVATION:			
ALL WILL BE SAVED:	____	____	_____
SALVATION BY FAITH ONLY:	_Y__	A, B	69, IV
SECOND CHANCE FOR SALVATION AFTER DEATH:	____	____	_____
BELIEVE THAT YOU CANNOT FALL FROM GRACE:	_Y__	A, B	69, V
PREDESTINATION TO SALVATION:	____	____	_____
BAPTISM:			
BAPTISM NOT ESSENTIAL:	_Y__	_A__	_71__
SPRINKLING OR POURING ACCEPTABLE:	____	____	_____
BAPTISM OF INFANTS:	____	____	_____
BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:	_Y__	_A__	_75__
ORGANIZATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS:			
MAN'S NAME FOR CHURCH:	_Y__	____	_____
LOCAL CHURCH NOT UNDER CONTROL OF LOCAL ELDERS	_Y__	____	_____
CALLS HUMANS "FATHER" OR REVEREND:	____	____	_____
INFALLIBILITY OF A COUNCIL OR A MEMBER:	____	____	_____
CELIBACY OF PRIESTHOOD:	____	____	_____
SPECIAL DRESS OF PRIESTHOOD:	____	____	_____
PROBATION PERIOD FOR NEW MEMBERS:	____	____	_____
VOTE TO ACCEPT NEW MEMBERS:	____	____	_____
DETERMINATION OF BELIEFS:			
CONTEMPORARIES CAN UPDATE BIBLE:	____	____	_____
USE OF A CHURCH CREED:			
SUBJECT TO PART OF THE OLD LAW:	____	____	_____
TRADITIONS OF THE CHURCH EQUAL TO BIBLE IN DETERMINING WHAT IS CORRECT TO BELIEVE	____	____	_____
THE END			
KINGDOM NOT ESTABLISHED	_Y__	_B__	__IX_
PREMILLENNIALISM	____	____	_____
RAPTURE	____	____	_____
THERE IS NO HELL	____	____	_____
PURIFICATION IN PURGATORY	____	____	_____
CHRIST NOT RESURRECTED	____	____	_____

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MISCELLANEOUS:			
HOMOSEXUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE CONDUCT	____	____	_____
USE OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC	_Y__	____	_____
WOMEN ADDRESSING MEN AT SERVICE	____	____	_____
DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE WITHOUT ADULTERY	____	____	_____
PROPHECY DATE OF CHRIST'S RETURN	____	____	_____
MIRACULOUS GIFTS TODAY	____	____	_____
CELEBRATE RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS	____	____	_____
WORSHIP OF DEPARTED SAINTS	____	____	_____
DENIAL THAT LIVING CHRISTIANS ARE SAINTS	____	____	_____
TEACH TO ABSTAIN FROM CERTAIN FOODS	____	____	_____
ABSOLUTION (FORGIVENESS OF SINS BY PRIEST)	____	____	_____
DO NOT TAKE COMMUNION ON THE FIRST DAY OF EACH WK.	_Y _	_A__	_74__
TRANSUBSTANTIATION (BREAD AND WINE BECOME LITERAL BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST)	____	____	_____
REQUIRE REGULAR CONFESSION TO ANOTHER PERSON	____	____	_____
PENANCE	____	____	_____

REFERENCE BOOKS:

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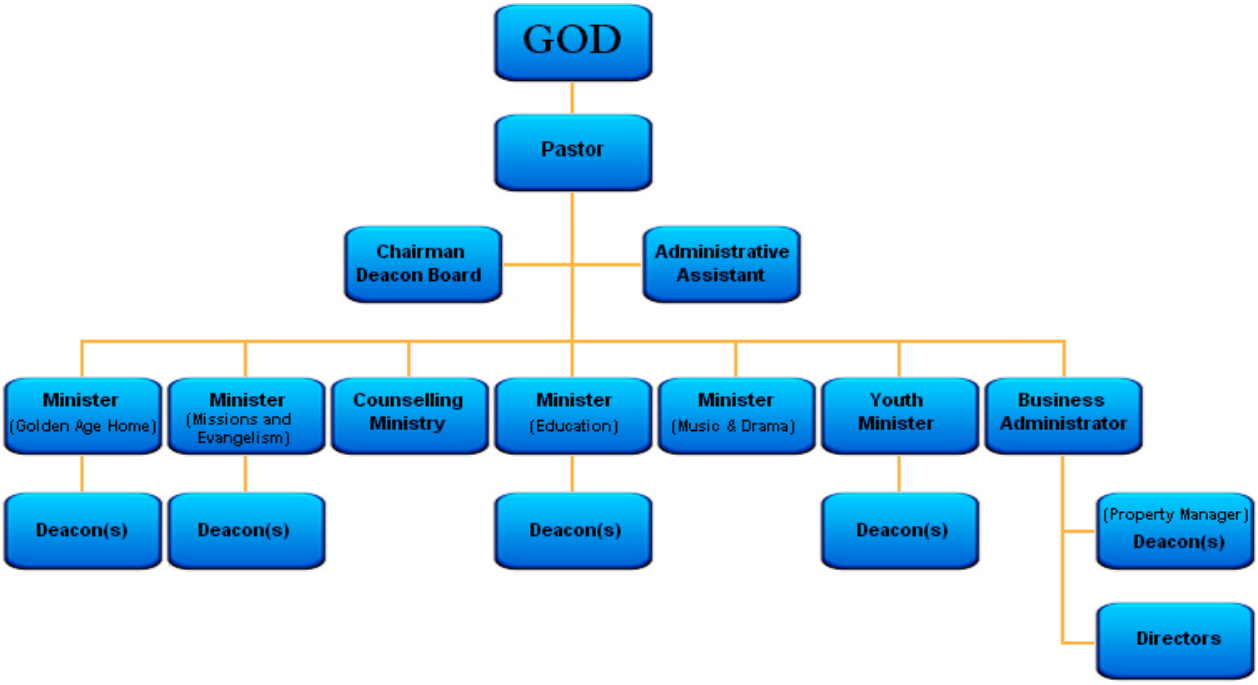
B. "Baptist Faith & Message 2000" https://bfm.sbc.net/bfm2000/

NOTES:

1. Some teach John Smyth established the church in 1609-1611, some teach John the Baptist founded the church, and some teach the Baptist church has existed continuously since the first century.
2. The Baptist church is a large denomination with some variability in beliefs. There will be Baptist congregations exactly like the Churches of Christ (also variable) except for the name on the door.
3. 100,000,000 members worldwide, 15,000,000 in the US.

BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZATION:

The Baptist denomination is a very large denomination with variability in styles. The following is representative of what we have been able to learn:



1. The scriptural role of Elders or Shepherds as is indicated in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 is characteristically not used in the Baptist denomination (with some exceptions).
2. The congregations are generally under the charge of a Pastor, who is hired and terminated by the members, and more specifically by the Deacons.
3. Baptist ministers have to be licensed and ordained into service. They are licensed soon after making their calling known to their local church. Ordination usually takes place after accepting a position to pastor their first church. (This is not true in all Baptist congregations)
4. Qualifications of the Pastor: A bachelor's or master's degree is usually preferred for this career. Many job openings for pastors require five years of experience and pastors may need to be ordained in their faith. The skills needed for this career include speaking, active listening, service orientation and social perceptiveness.
5. Baptist congregations are often voluntarily grouped in conventions such as the large Southern Baptist Convention. The participation in groups such as this can be critical in a particular congregation to be able to hire a licensed minister (Pastor).