



# **THE YEARBOOK**

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Each listing contains a brief paragraph about the religious body, contact information for the group, and informative graphs detailing current and historical statistical data. Previously stewarded by the National Council of Churches, The Yearbook is overseen by the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies (ASARB). in partnership with The National Council of Churches and Lake Institute on Faith and Giving. We invite you to join our effort by adding data for your religious group, becoming an ASARB member or making a contribution to our cause.

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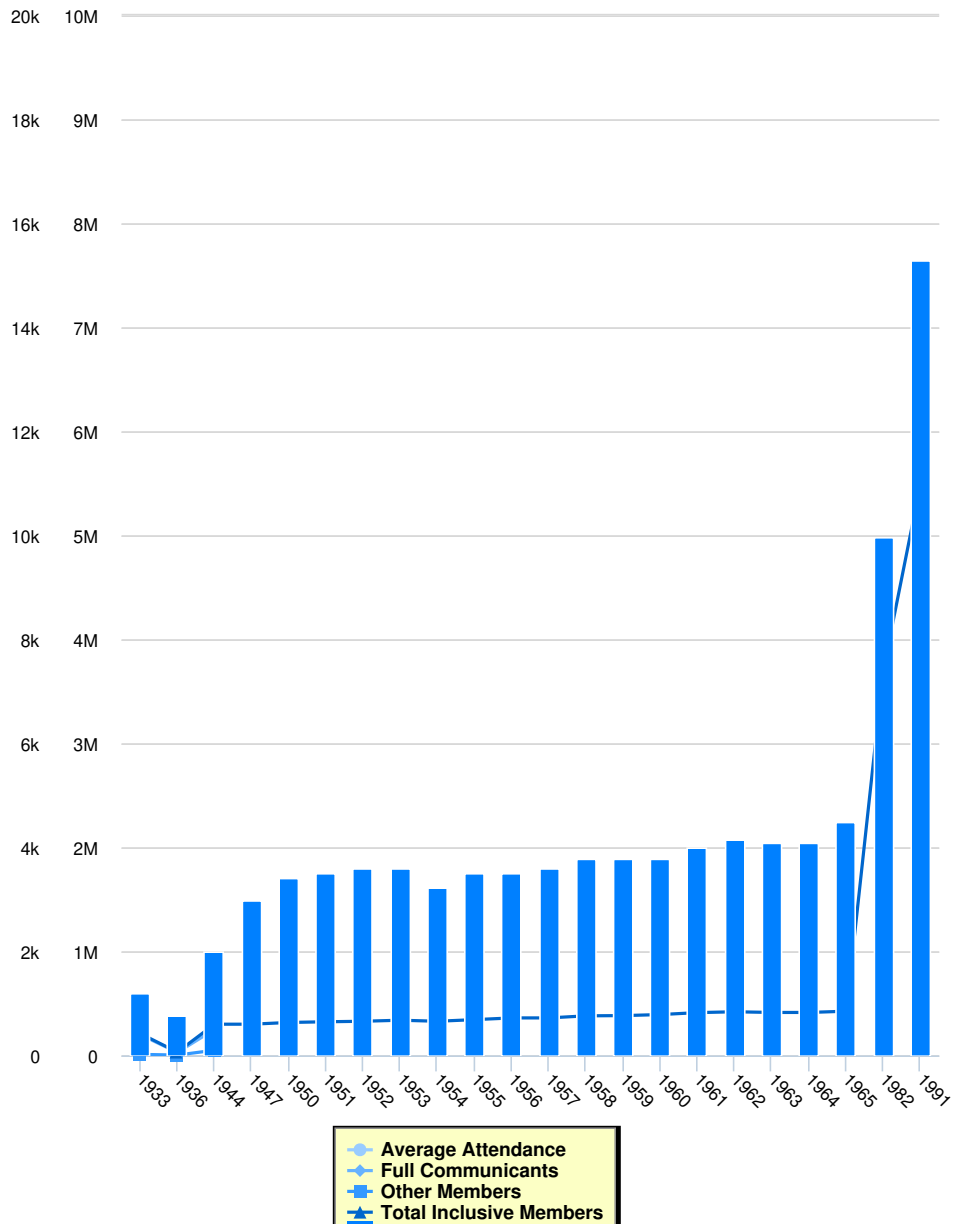
The Church of God in Christ was founded in 1897 in Lexington, Mississippi by Bishop Charles Harrison Mason, a former Baptist minister, and organized as a Pentecostal Church during the early stages of the holiness movement and, more specifically, as an outgrowth of the Azusa Street Revival of Los Angeles, California, in 1906-9.

Initial growth of the church was attributable to the organization of four departments between 1910-1916, the Women's Department, the Sunday School, Young People's Willing Workers and Home and Foreign Missions.

The Church is Trinitarian and teaches the infallibility of Holy Scripture, the need for regeneration and baptism of the Holy Ghost evidenced by speaking in tongues. It emphasizes holiness as God's standard for Christian conduct and recognizes as ordinances Holy Communion, Water Baptism and Feet Washing.

Its governmental structure is basically episcopal and consists of three branches. The General Board represents the Executive Branch, the General Assembly is the Legislative Branch, and the Judiciary Board represents the Judicial Branch.

## Membership



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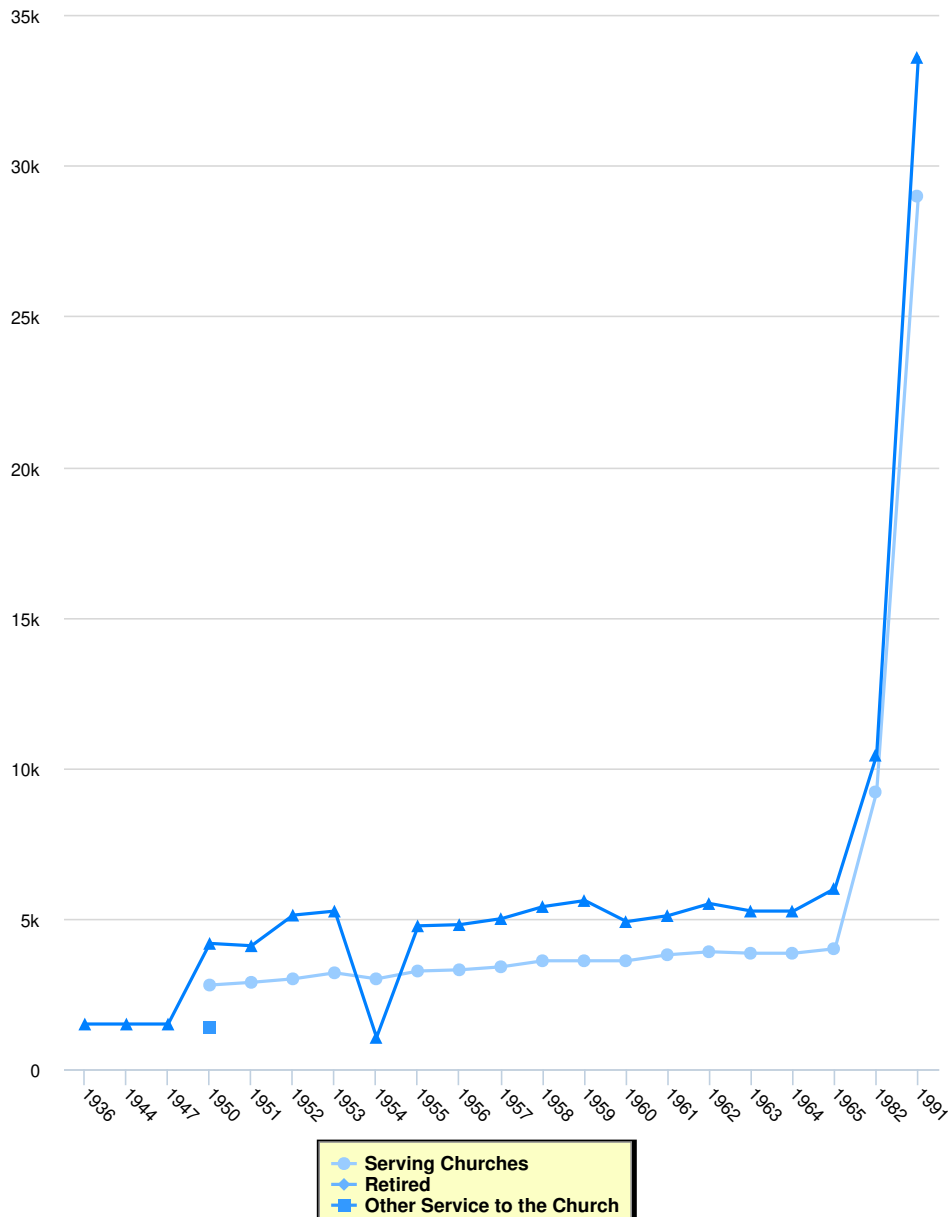
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#### Membership

	Full Communicants	Average Attendance	Other Members	Total Inclusive Members	Total Churches	Membership Calculation Method
1991	5,499,875	0	0	5,499,875	15,300	
1982	0	0	0	3,709,661	9,982	
1965	0	0	0	425,000	4,500	
1964	0	0	0	413,000	4,100	
1963	0	0	0	413,000	4,100	
1962	0	0	0	419,466	4,150	
1961	0	0	0	411,466	4,000	
1960	0	0	0	392,635	3,800	
1959	0	0	0	382,679	3,800	
1958	0	0	0	380,428	3,800	

	<b>Full Communicants</b>	<b>Average Attendance</b>	<b>Other Members</b>	<b>Total Inclusive Members</b>	<b>Total Churches</b>	<b>Membership Calculation Method</b>
1957	0	0	0	360,428	3,600	
1956	0	0	0	360,428	3,500	
1955	0	0	0	343,928	3,500	
1954	0	0	0	328,304	3,240	
1953	0	0	0	338,304	3,600	
1952	0	0	0	328,304	3,600	
1951	0	0	0	323,305	3,505	
1950	251,204	0	65,501	316,705	3,407	
1947	0	0	0	300,000	3,000	
1944	250,000	0	50,000	300,000	2,000	
1936	28,534	0	3,030	31,564	772	
1933	200,470	0	10,000	210,470	1,200	

## Clergy

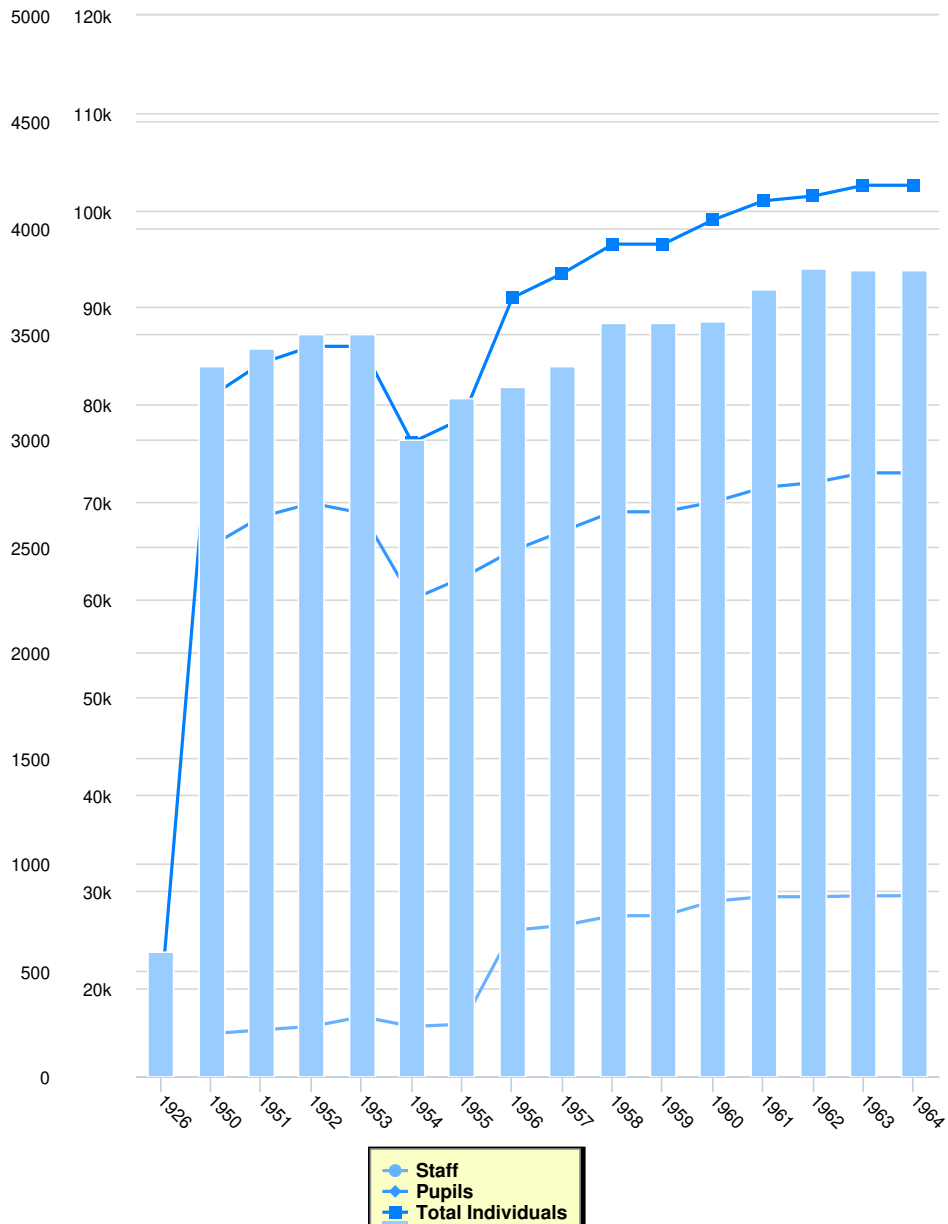


## Clergy

	Serving Churches	Retired	Other Service to the Church	Total Clergy
1991	28,988	0	0	33,593
1982	9,204	0	0	10,426
1965	4,000	0	0	6,000
1964	3,850	0	0	5,250
1963	3,850	0	0	5,250
1962	3,900	0	0	5,500
1961	3,800	0	0	5,100
1960	3,600	0	0	4,900
1959	3,600	0	0	5,600
1958	3,600	0	0	5,400
1957	3,400	0	0	5,000
1956	3,300	0	0	4,800
1955	3,260	0	0	4,760
1954	3,000	0	0	1,056

	<b>Serving Churches</b>	<b>Retired</b>	<b>Other Service to the Church</b>	<b>Total Clergy</b>
1953	3,200	0	0	5,250
1952	3,000	0	0	5,116
1951	2,884	0	0	4,099
1950	2,794	0	1,383	4,177
1947	0	0	0	1,500
1944	0	0	0	1,500
1936	0	0	0	1,500

## Education



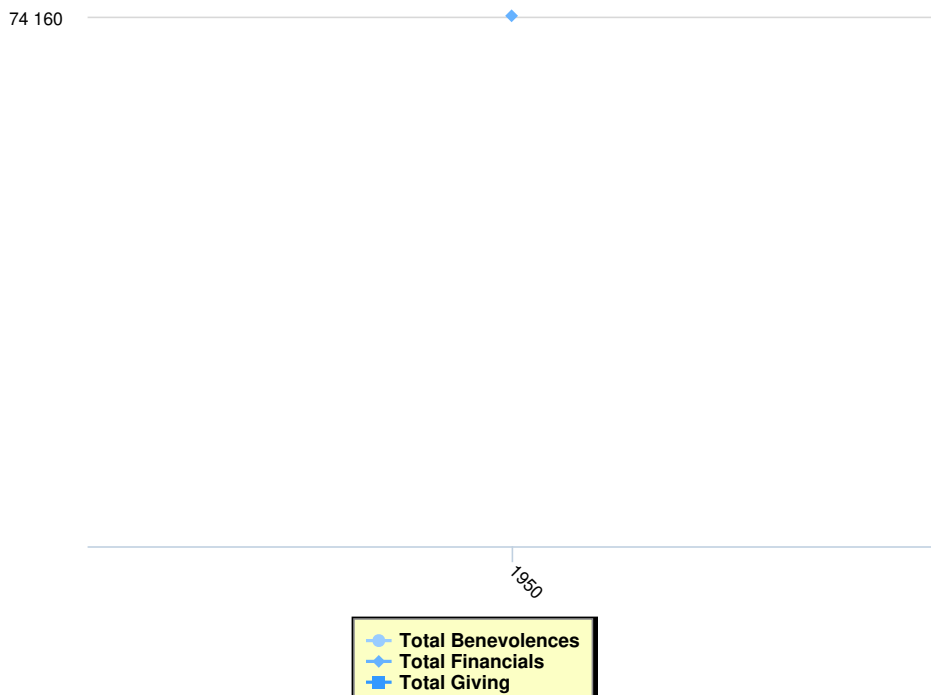
## Education

	<b>Total Schools</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Pupils</b>	<b>Total Individuals</b>
1964	3,800	29,550	73,000	102,550
1963	3,800	29,550	73,000	102,550
1962	3,810	29,450	72,000	101,450
1961	3,709	29,450	71,500	100,950
1960	3,559	29,000	70,000	99,000
1959	3,550	27,500	69,000	96,500
1958	3,550	27,500	69,000	96,500
1957	3,350	26,500	67,000	93,500
1956	3,250	26,000	65,000	91,000
1955	3,200	16,349	62,220	78,569
1954	3,000	16,127	60,000	76,127
1953	3,500	17,127	68,873	86,000
1952	3,500	16,127	69,873	86,000



	<b>Total Schools</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Pupils</b>	<b>Total Individuals</b>
1951	3,429	15,772	68,501	84,273
1950	3,349	15,372	65,501	80,873
1926	585	0	0	19,282

# Finance



	Total Benevolences	Total Financials	Total Giving	Local Expenses	Method
1950	\$0	\$74,160		\$0	