

SBC Pastors' Views on Lord's Supper

Survey of 1,066 SBC Pastors



Methodology

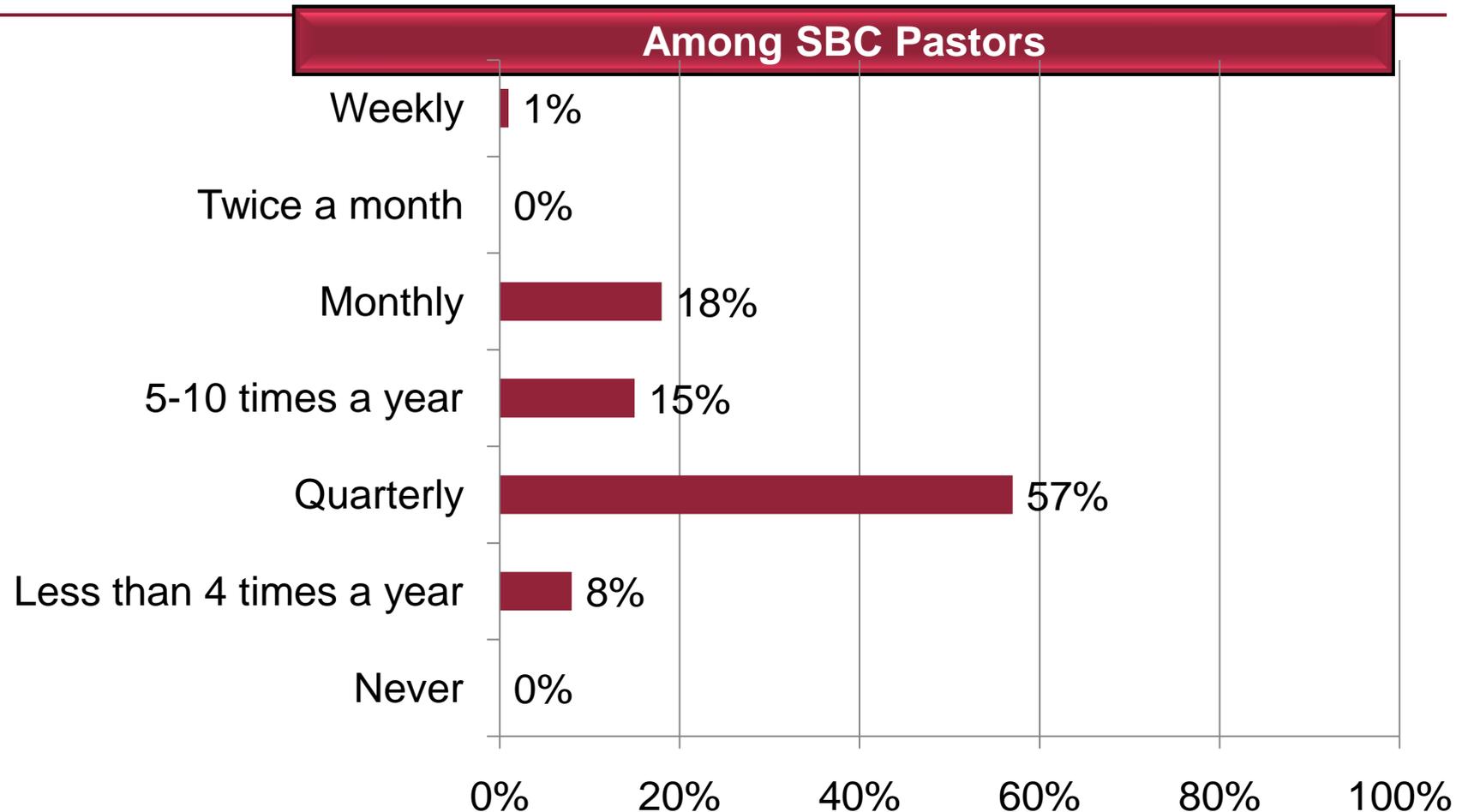
- ❑ The mail and on-line survey of SBC pastors was conducted from April 1 - May 11, 2012
- ❑ The mailing list was randomly drawn from a stratified list of all SBC churches.
- ❑ Surveys were mailed to the senior pastor with the option of completing on-line
- ❑ Responses were weighted to reflect the geographic distribution and worship attendance of SBC churches

Methodology Continued

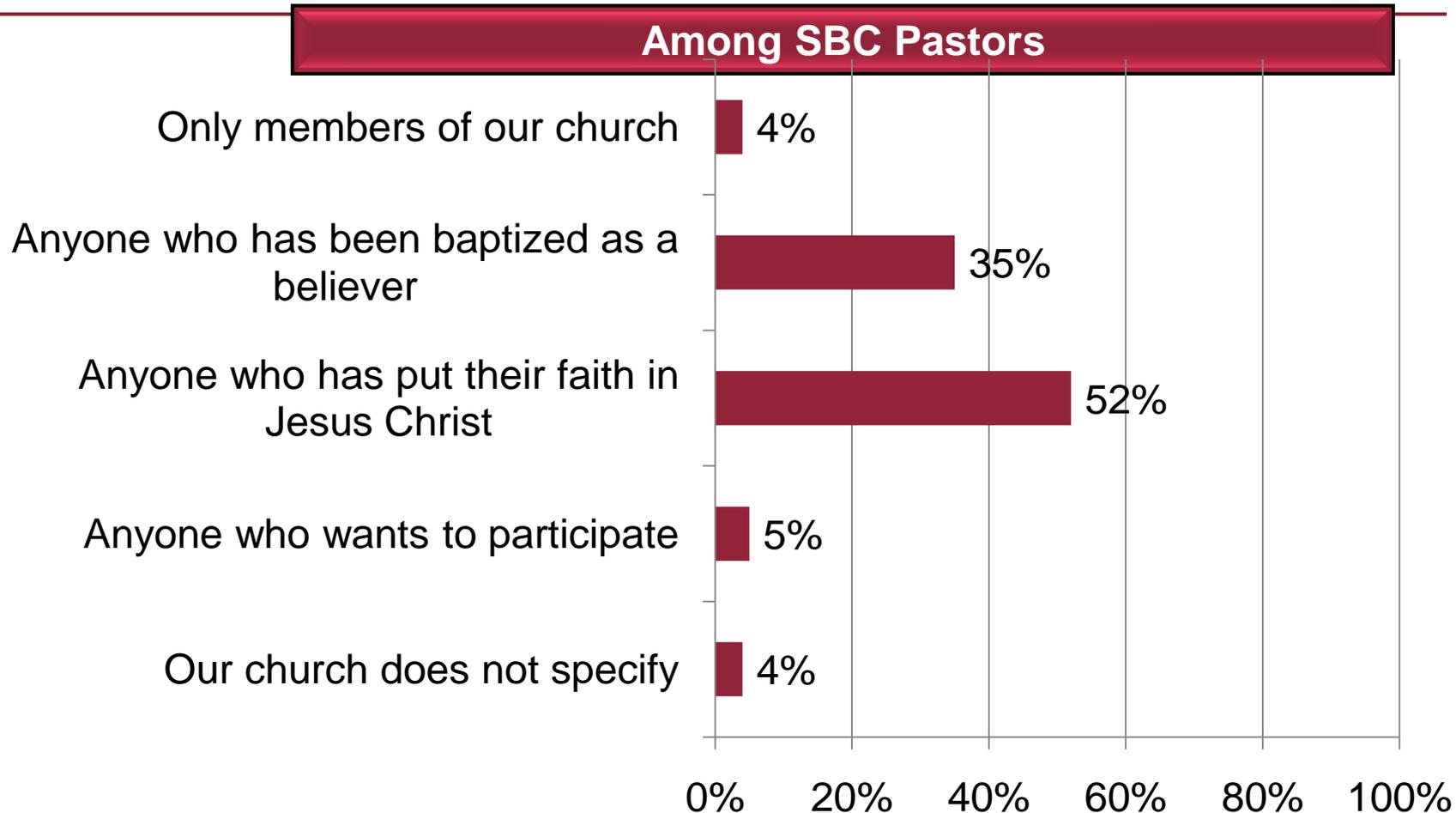
- The completed sample is 1,066 surveys
- The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error does not exceed $\pm 3.0\%$
- Margins of error are higher in sub-groups

Survey Responses

The majority conduct the Lord's Supper quarterly at their church.



The majority state “Anyone who has put their faith in Jesus Christ” may participate in the Lord’s Supper at their church.



Significant Differences

How often does your church conduct the Lord's Supper?

- Pastors of Churches 0-49 (26%) are the most likely to select “Monthly”
- Pastors of Churches 0-49 (50%) are less likely to select “Quarterly” compared to those 50-99 (62%) and 100-249 (62%)
- Pastors of Churches 250+ (25%) are more likely to select “5-10 times a year” compared to those 0-49 (12%) and 50-99 (14%)
- Pastors of Churches in the Northeast (67%) and West (45%) are more likely to select “Monthly” than pastors of churches in the South (14%) and Midwest (17%)
- Pastors of Churches in the Northeast (12%) and West (29%) are less likely to select “Quarterly” than pastors of churches in the South (61%) and Midwest (58%)
- Pastors age 65+ (7%) are the least likely to select “5-10 times a year”
- Pastors age 55-64 (14%) are less likely to select “Monthly” than pastors age 18-44 (20%) and 65+ (21%)

Who may participate in the Lord's Supper at your church?

- Pastors of Churches 0-49 (8%) are the most likely to select “Only members of our church”
- Pastors of Churches 50-99 (30%) are less likely to “Anyone who has been baptized as a believer” than churches 100-249 (40%) and 250+ (41%)
- Pastors age 65+ (44%) are less likely to select “Anyone who has put their faith in Jesus Christ” than pastors age 18-44 (56%) and 45-54 (54%)
- Pastors age 18-44 (2%) are less likely to select “Our church does not specify” than pastors age 55-64 (6%) and 65+ (6%)
- No patterns of significant differences found among regions of the country

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