

c. Within the Baptist community

Due to the autonomy principle, these are a bit harder to categorize and even to accurately identify. A lack of credalism makes it harder to tell what is a separatist movement and what is a disgruntled reaction to some ecclesiastical policy that has proved to be unpopular. However a number of bodies have emerged that show clear reactions against modern unbelief and may be classified as separatist groups. It must be understood that our list is not exhaustive and due to the rapid reconstruction within these groups may not be so accurate as it should be.

--The Baptist Bible Union, 1921

The aim of the body was to maintain a fundamentalist posture within the northern Convention, the old idea of a church in a church: ecclesia in ecclesiola. It amounted to a "fellowship" of committed churches in the face of the liberal mainstream.

--The Michigan Bible Baptist Union

In 1927 this body became the Union of Regular Baptist Churches. The term "regular", in such cases, is used to identify the body as not being part of the newer, liberal, or streamlined churches. It was a term to identify the body with historic evangelical roots.

--The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, 1932

This has been one of the most competent and consistent of the separatist bodies. It has seen considerable growth in the United States and abroad and is the largest body having its roots in the older northern convention.

--The Bible Baptist Fellowship...(I cannot give a date)

With its roots largely in the Southern convention, this is a vigorous group. It must be seen that not every church calling itself "Bible Baptist" is part of this fellowship and the fellowship itself is free in churches coming and going. Very militant.

--The World Baptist Fellowship...(early twenties)

This group is the body developed from the ministry of J. Frank Norris and is rooted in both conventions. More recently Beauchamp Vick spearheaded the group and one is more likely to meet it in the midwest.

--The Temple Baptist movement...

Locally indigenous bodies with common identity but not having organizational kinship or development.

The list could be extended but for the moment, my fingers are tired of typing.