

A BRIEF STUDY OF FOURTEEN SELECTED CHURCHES IN
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INTRODUCTION

This brief study has been conducted at the request of the mission staff of the Union Baptist Association in Houston, Texas. Mr. Wilson Brumley and Mr. Travis Key have aided the authors immeasurably in gathering and assimilating the data contained in this report. At the initiation of the study we decided that all the churches in transition in the Houston area could not be studied and therefore a selection was made of 14 churches which are either in or possibly facing transition.

Mr. J. V. Thomas, of the staff of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, studied the community data and the data gathered from the questionnaire sent to the churches. Mr. Don F. Mabry of the Home Mission Board developed the data from the Associational Minutes and the Uniform Church Letters on the growth rate of the churches.

There are three sections contained in the paper which are descriptive of the 14 selected churches. The first section is a summary of 1970 Census data which describes the communities of the churches. A brief script appears in the report and the census data appears in the appendix of the report. The second section deals with the questionnaire which was sent to the churches and filled out by the members. This questionnaire was then processed on the computer and various trends were noted. The data from the questionnaire analysis is available for examination by contacting either of the authors, but selected items from this analysis appears in the Appendix. The final section of the paper deals with the church data as revealed in the Uniform Church Letters and the Associational Minutes of the Union Baptist Association.

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The preparation of this report has been a pleasure for both of the authors and hopefully it will serve well as a tool for mission planning in regard to the churches facing transition in the city of Houston.

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SUMMARY OF 1970 CENSUS

All 1970 Census data displayed in this report is from the CAPC Computer Center located at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois. The census information is grouped by church communities and appears in the appendix. The census tracts for each church are listed in the appendix on Table 28 along with the census tract map (Figure 2).

General Population Characteristics (Table 1)

The communities with the largest percentage of the community population Black are First Baptist Heights, Glenn Rose, Trinity, and West End (more than 20%). Faith Memorial, First Baptist Heights, Park Memorial, Trinity and West End have more than 20 percent of their communities made up of Spanish persons. Anglo people are a minority in the church communities of Faith Memorial, First Baptist Heights, Park Memorial, and Trinity since the Anglo population is less than 50% in each of these communities.

The number of persons under 18 years of age is a factor in each of the churches with the highest being Memorial (43%) and the lowest being Rice Temple (21%). This would indicate that there is a large number of children and young people who need a spiritual ministry.

Year Structure Built (Not When Occupant Moved) (Table 2)

A large percentage of the owner occupied homes were constructed before 1940. The Emmanuel community has the largest with 36 percent and Memorial is the smallest with 4 percent. Rental units constructed before 1940 fall into a similar pattern as the owner occupied. This table pictures housing deterioration and is indicative of the kind of community that the church

will serve in the future. Some of the areas where there is a large number of older homes will either be rebuilt or will become more blighted with continued deterioration in the future.

Educational Level (Male Persons Age 25 Years and Over) (Table 3)

The federal government designates persons with less than an eighth grade education as non-readers. Eight of the church communities have more than 60 percent of the population with less than an eighth grade education. Rice Temple is the one church community with more than 25 percent of its population with a college education. The average community has less than 5% of its population with a college education. The churches need to investigate and examine their ministries and Bible teaching to determine if these programs are effective in meeting needs and reaching people from the immediate community.

Migration of This Area (1965 to 1970) (Table 4)

The 1970 Census measured the migration of people between 1965 and 1970 by asking, "Where did you live in 1965?" Most of the population of the church communities were living in Harris County in 1965, and only 19 percent migrated from outside the state of Texas.

Housing Value (Table 5)

The percentage of homes valued at less than \$5,000 is an indicator of inadequate housing. First Baptist Heights, Memorial, Glenn Rose, Park Memorial, and West End all have more than 6 percent of their houses in this category. The rent under \$40 per month reflects a similar picture. Memorial, Park Memorial, and Trinity all have more than 6% of the homes in this category.

Occupational Structure (Male) (Table 6)

The occupational structure is a good socio-economic indicator of the life-style of persons living in a community. The average church community has 67% of the population employed in blue-collar occupations. This ranges from a high of 83% for Trinity to a low of 19% for Rice Temple. In comparing the church membership questionnaire (Section 2 of this report) to the census data, the average church has 56% of their membership employed in a blue-collar occupation. On the other hand, Park Place and Rice Temple have 74% employed in a white-collar occupation.

Background of Native Americans and Foreign Born (Table 7)

A close study of this chart indicates that a number of the churches have foreign mission opportunities in their neighborhoods. Example: Rice Temple has 321 persons of Chinese or Japanese background and Emmanuel has 414 persons of European descent living in their community. A total of 46,016 persons in Harris County were born in a foreign country.

General Income Characteristics (Table 8)

Five of the churches have more than 15% of the families with income below the poverty level. Memorial, Park Place, Rice Temple, and Bethel are in the more affluent areas since the average family income in these communities is more than \$10,000.

Marital Status (Table 9)

In the average church community, unmarried adults make up 40% of the population over 14 years of age. This would be those who have never married, divorced, or widowed. Most of our traditional church programs

are family oriented, and this unmarried group likely is not ministered to as well as the families are. There are approximately 109,000 unmarried adults living in the area surveyed.

Family Structure (Table 10)

This table has a direct relationship to Table 9 in terms of the kinds of ministries needed in the community. More than 20% of the population in the church communities is made up of husband-and-wife families with children under six years of age. Also the average church community has 13% of its families with a female head, and 52% of these families have children under 18 years of age. Trinity, as an example, has 24% of its families with a female head and 60% of these have children under 18.

Persons in Group Quarters (Table 11)

This chart will primarily relate to persons in homes for the aged. There is only one church community, West 14th, that has more than one percent of the population living in homes for the aged. While the percentage point is not high, when you consider the total population many church communities have a significant number of people living in these homes. For instance, Park Place with the population of 35,784 has 2,548 persons living in homes for the aged.

Population With High Potential Need for Social Services (Table 12)

Half of the church communities have more than 20% of the women with children under 6 years of age working. This would call attention to several social and spiritual problems and an opportunity for ministry in the area of day care programs. Poverty should touch any Christian's heart, and since 12 churches have more than 20% of the people over 65 living in poverty, it would seem that there is a real opportunity for ministry.

SUMMARY OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRES

In January, 1973, questionnaires were distributed among the constituencies of fourteen churches participating in this project. These questionnaires were distributed by the Church Extension Section of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. They were processed by the CAPC Computer at Concordia College in Illinois. Numerous statistical calculations were formed on this data and much of the information was insignificant for the purpose of this report. Only data which was felt to be significant is included in this report and the computer "printouts" appear in the appendix. Several interesting trends have been uncovered by the research and this information is reflected in the following data.

Distance Members Live From Church

Thirty two percent of the membership of the 14 churches live within one mile of the church buildings, and 25 percent live more than five miles. Five of the churches have more than 40% of their membership living within one mile. Memorial and Park Memorial have about 20 percent of their members living within one mile. Memorial has more than 61 percent of its membership living two to four miles. It is interesting to note on Table 13 that six of the churches have more than 27 percent of their membership living more than five miles from the building. These are: Glenn Rose, Park Memorial, Park Place, Rice Temple, Trinity, and West End.

Length of Time at Present Residence

Most of the church members in the churches are long-termers (see Table 14). More than 44 percent of all church members have lived eleven years or more at their present residence, and an additional 16 percent have lived at their

present residence from six to ten years. Only one church had a fairly large constituency living at the same residence for less than one year; this is the Park Place Church (21%), and 43 percent have lived in their present residence less than three years.

Marital Status of Household Heads

On the questionnaire, the person was asked to check whether he was single, married, divorced, or widowed. In considering the data on Table 15, only one church had all of its constituency in the married category; this was Bethel. Almost 80 percent of the persons completing the questionnaire indicated that they are married. However, in four of the churches, there are numerous persons in the divorced and widowed category. In First Baptist Heights, 11 percent of all persons completing the questionnaire are divorced and 21% are widowed. In Emmanuel and Park Memorial, 18 percent of all persons completing the questionnaire are widowed and in Trinity, almost 30 percent are. As was noted earlier in the report, single, unmarried adults account for about 40% of the population in the community, but the data from the questionnaires indicate that the concentration of unmarried single adults is only 20.2%.

Occupation of Husbands

More than 46 percent of all persons completing the questionnaire are in white-collar occupations. These were classified as persons in professional, managerial, and sales occupations (see Table 16). Six of the churches have 44 percent or more of their memberships in this occupational category. The remaining persons would be in occupations classified as blue-collar. This would include: craftsman, clerical workers, machine and equipment operatives,

service workers, laborers, and retired. All but three of the churches have more than 50 percent of their membership in blue-collar occupations. The churches with the largest percentage of their family heads in blue-collar occupations are: Trinity (83%), Faith Memorial (76%), Emmanuel (72%), and West 14th (66%).

Educational Achievement of Husbands

As was indicated earlier in the report, eight of the churches are serving communities where more than 60% of the population have less than an eighth grade education. The questionnaires filled out by the church members indicate that only four churches have constituencies where 20% or more of the membership has completed less than the eighth grade, while 11.7% of the total respondents had. This would indicate that the churches have a greater educational achievement than the residents of the immediate church communities. On Table 17, two of the churches indicate that they have unusually high educational achievements, Rice Temple had more than 64% of its respondents having completed college, and Park Place has more than 46 percent in this category. Likely, the educational programs of all 14 churches are slanted toward the person who has attended or completed college. When actually, only 41 percent of all persons completing the questionnaire have either attended or completed college or have done graduate work.

First Contact Family Had With Church

Table 18 indicates that more than 48 percent of all persons that have joined the churches had their first contact with the church by suggestion of their personal friends. Five of the churches have more than half of all the membership having had first contact by this means. The next largest

category which church members listed as their first contact was by visit from a member of the congregation. This was checked by 19% of all persons responding to the questionnaire, but eight of the churches had more than 20% of their members indicating that their first contact was by a visit from a church member. In addition to these categories, ten percent of those responding to the questionnaire listed advertisement as their first contact.

What Attracted Family to Church?

The factors that seemed to attract most members are: the fact that the church was Baptist, family influences, the friendliness of the congregation, and a sharing of a common interest and background with the people of the church. Three factors that ranked the lowest in attracting new members were: facilities, the influence of children, church program, and the fact that it was a Southern Baptist Church. Also ranking low in influencing new members to join the church was the location of the buildings (see Table 19).

CHURCH DATA

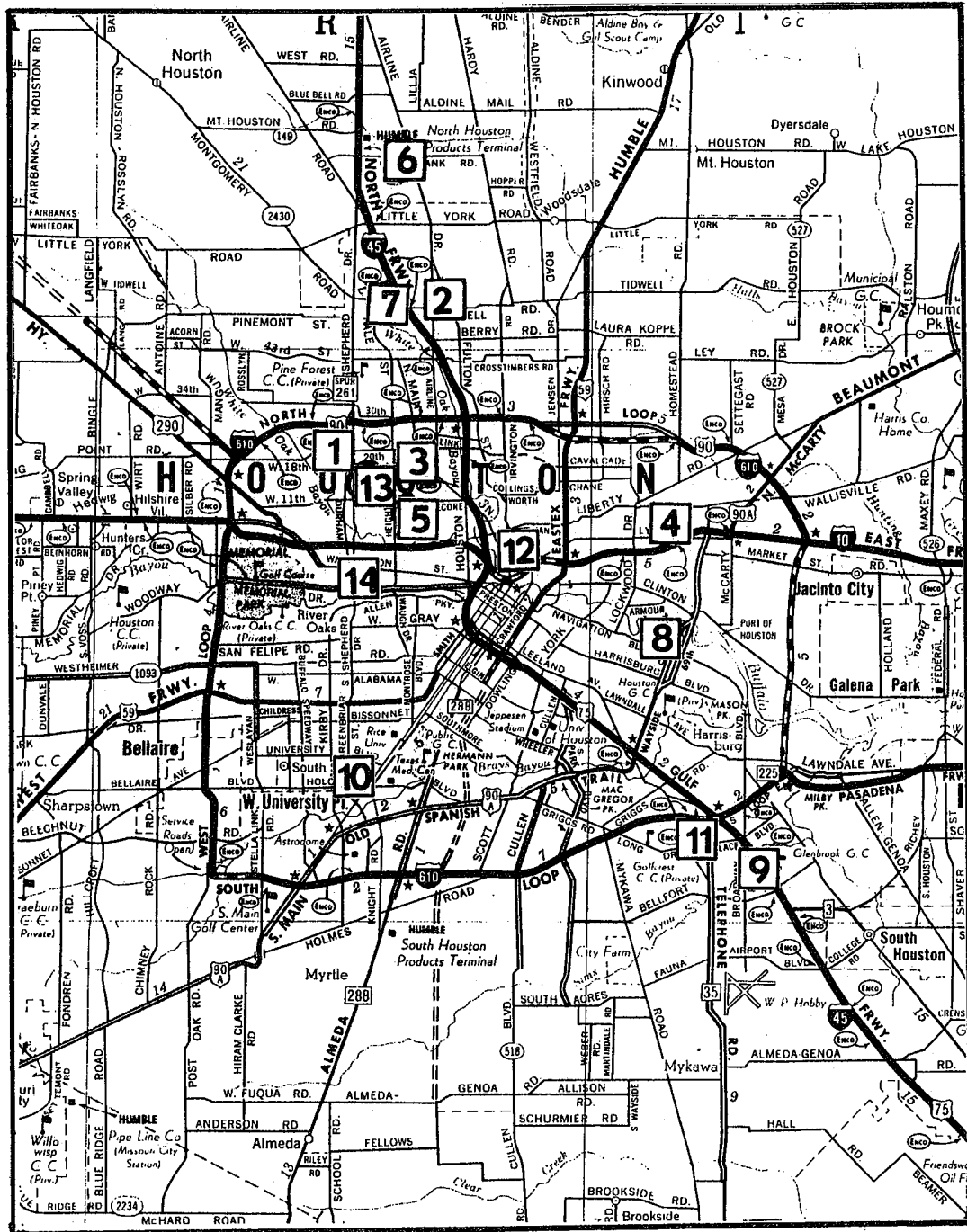
This section of the report deals with the church data gathered from the Uniform Church Letters and the Associational Minutes of the Union Baptist Association. Two selected years, 1967 and 1972, were used as bases for collating the data in this section. The churches were further grouped into a west area and an east area with totals being calculated for each of the study areas and then a total for the entire group of churches.

On Figure 1 is a map of Houston with the fourteen churches located on it. A list of the churches with the corresponding numbers appears on Table 20. The two study areas that were used in this section of the report are an arbitrary dividing of the churches into two groups. The line of division is I-45 southward to Main and southward along South Main.

Age of the Churches

On Table 21 are data indicating the year of constitution for each of the congregations in the study. The data was arranged by 10 year intervals and it can be seen that four of the churches were established between 1900 and 1909. Then for three decades there were two churches established in each decade with three being established in the 1940's and only one in the 1950's. All of the churches in the study were established before 1959. The youngest church is Glenn Rose, constituted in 1954, and the oldest church is First Baptist Heights, established in 1904. The churches are old enough to be well established in their constituencies and likely some of them have second and third generation deacons and church leaders. The churches in the West Study Area are slightly older than the churches in the East Study

FIGURE 1--LOCATION OF SELECTED CHURCHES IN UBA, 1973^a



^aSource: Travis Key, Union Baptist Association.

TABLE 20

LIST OF SELECTED CHURCHES IN UBA, 1973^a

1. Baptist Temple
2. Bethel
3. Emmanuel
4. Faith Memorial
5. First Baptist Heights
6. Memorial
7. Glenn Rose
8. Park Memorial
9. Park Place
10. Rice Temple
11. Riverview
12. Trinity
13. West 14th
14. West End

^aNumbers correspond to the numbers appearing on the map on Figure 1.

TABLE 21

NUMBER AND PERCENT OF CHURCHES BY YEARS IN UBA SELECTED CHURCHES, 1972^a

STUDY AREAS AND CHURCHES	Year Constituted	1900- 1909	1910- 1919	1920- 1929	1930- 1939	1940- 1949	1950- 1959
TOTAL STUDY	XX	4	2	2	2	3	1
West Area	XX	4	-	1	-	1	1
Baptist Temple	1908	x					
Emmanuel	1906	x					
FBC, Heights	1904	x					
Glenn Rose	1954						x
Rice Temple	1941					x	
West 14th	1927			x			
West End	1906	x					
East Area	XX	-	2	1	2	2	-
Bethel	1944					x	
Faith Memorial	1941					x	
Memorial	1931				x		
Park Memorial	1932				x		
Park Place	1918		x				
Riverview	1928			x			
Trinity	1916		x				

^aSource: 1972 Uniform Church Letters.

Area. None of the churches in the east were established before 1916, which is Trinity. Also there were no churches established in the east area after Bethel in 1944.

Trends in Church Growth

On Tables 22 and 23 are the data indicating the additions, resident membership, Sunday School enrollment, and average attendance totals and changes for the past five years. In 1967, there were a total of 17,716 resident members in the 14 selected churches; by 1972, this had reduced to 17,127, or a net loss of 589. A comparison of the additions in 1967 and 1972 indicate that there has also been a downward trend in the number of persons baptized and added to the church by letter or statement. Of course, the selection of two years to compare with each other will not establish a trend for the past five years. This simply indicates the additions to the churches for the two selected years. It is apparent, however, that the resident membership has had a decrease during the past five years. The fourteen churches collectively had 15,000 persons enrolled in Sunday School with an average attendance of 7,074 in 1967, but had 13,424 enrolled and 5,935 in attendance in 1972. Both the West and East Study Areas have had the same parallel decrease in enrollment and in average attendance.

Perhaps the most significant data are the changes indicated on Table 23. Eight of the fourteen churches have shown increases in their resident membership. All of these had increases of less than 50 except Glenn Rose, Bethel, and Riverview, which showed net increases of 200 or more during the five years. The other six churches showed decreases, with three of these

TABLE 22

EVANGELISM, RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TRENDS IN UBA SELECTED CHURCHES, 1967 to 1972^a

STUDY AREAS AND CHURCHES	TOTALS 1967 AND 1972									
	Baptisms		Other Additions		Resident Members		Sunday School			
							Enrollment		Average Attendance	
	1967	1972	1967	1972	1967	1972	1967	1972	1967	1972
TOTAL STUDY	604	488	1,260	747	17,716	17,127	15,018	13,424	7,074	5,935
West Area	284	204	469	281	7,836	7,691	6,600	5,597	3,250	2,599
Baptist Temple	44	25	136	78	2,374	2,413	2,346	2,228	1,070	1,002
Emmanuel	21	21	18	22	541	577	247	415	270	175
FBC, Heights	42	22	58	26	1,008	809	733	548	367	250
Glenn Rose	102	71	98	47	1,478	1,718	1,319	1,069	561	450
Rice Temple	17	33	65	59	605	648	549	473	246	221
West 14th	18	3	38	22	901	584	505	342	268	165
West End	40	29	56	27	929	942	901	522	468	329
East Area	320	284	791	466	9,880	9,436	8,418	7,827	3,824	3,336
Bethel	68	37	112	92	1,185	1,427	1,202	1,248	491	557
Faith Memorial	27	29	25	29	1,471	1,038	771	741	375	319
Memorial	79	46	169	107	1,706	1,578	1,424	1,328	608	544
Park Memorial	37	33	214	29	1,385	1,045	1,292	1,082	635	480
Park Place	67	73	214	148	2,914	2,901	3,026	2,403	1,250	978
Riverview	13	48	38	48	573	777	261	682	251	307
Trinity	29	18	19	13	646	670	442	343	214	151

^aSource: 1972 Uniform Church Letters and Union Baptist Associational Minutes.

TABLE 23

INDICATORS OF CONGREGATIONAL CHANGE IN UBA SELECTED CHURCHES, 1967 TO 1972^a

STUDY AREAS AND CHURCHES	CHANGES 1967 - 1972									
	RESIDENT MEMBERS		Sunday School				TOTAL RECEIPTS		MISSION GIFTS	
			Enrollment		Average Attendance					
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL STUDY	(-589)	(-3.3)	(-1,594)	(-10.6)	(-1,139)	(-16.1)	399,251	22.9	58,025	15.1
West Area	(-145)	(-1.9)	(-1,003)	(-15.2)	(-651)	(-20.0)	194,245	22.5	29,490	14.7
Baptist Temple	39	1.6	(-118)	(-5.0)	(-68)	(-6.4)	105,690	30.8	23,173	19.9
Emmanuel	36	6.7	168	68.0	(-95)	(-35.2)	14,916	26.5	(-1,798)	(-22.7)
FBC, Heights	(-199)	(-19.7)	(-185)	(-25.2)	(-110)	(-30.0)	(-6,686)	(-7.4)	(-4,289)	(-30.2)
Glenn Rose	240	16.2	(-250)	(-19.0)	(-111)	(-19.8)	21,865	17.6	5,247	25.9
Rice Temple	43	7.1	(-76)	(-13.8)	(-25)	(-10.2)	35,443	43.5	8,463	68.3
West 14th	(-317)	(-35.2)	(-163)	(-32.3)	(-103)	(-38.4)	4,915	8.2	1,094	11.3
West End	13	1.4	(-379)	(-42.1)	(-139)	(-29.7)	18,102	16.9	(-2,400)	(-12.2)
East Area	(-444)	(-4.5)	(-591)	(-7.0)	(-488)	(-12.8)	205,006	23.3	28,535	15.6
Bethel	242	20.4	46	3.8	66	13.4	55,297	55.6	12,147	60.1
Faith Memorial	(-433)	(-29.4)	(-30)	(-3.9)	(-56)	(-14.9)	7,789	11.2	(-1,370)	(-5.5)
Memorial	(-128)	(-7.5)	(-96)	(-6.7)	(-64)	(-10.5)	63,413	71.2	17,122	79.9
Park Memorial	(-340)	(-24.6)	(-210)	(-16.3)	(-155)	(-24.4)	24,919	18.8	1,567	10.8
Park Place	(-13)	(-.5)	(-623)	(-20.6)	(-272)	(-21.8)	8,251	2.2	(-12,477)	(-15.0)
Riverview	204	35.6	421	161.3	56	22.3	46,278	63.5	12,267	103.6
Trinity	24	3.7	(-99)	(-22.4)	(-63)	(-29.4)	(-941)	(-2.0)	(-721)	(-10.3)

^aSource: 1972 Uniform Church Letters and Union Baptist Associational Minutes.

loosing more than 300 resident members and two loosing between 100 and 200. Only one church, Park Place, had a decrease of less than 100 in its resident membership. The net loss as indicated previously, was 589 over the five year period for all 14 churches.

The Sunday School enrollment decreased by 1,500 persons, with two-thirds of this occurring in the West Study Area (1,003) and the remainder in the East. A corresponding decrease in the average attendance is noted. While the enrollment decreased 10.6 percent, the attendance decreased 16.1 percent. Only three churches showed increases in the Sunday School enrollment with the largest being Riverview (421 persons or 161 percent). Only two churches showed increases in the average Sunday School attendance, and these were Bethel and Riverview. It should be noted that Riverview's increase in enrollment was 421 persons, but the increase in average attendance was only 56. This would tend to indicate that there has been a significant loss of the new enrollees when their attendance is considered. The largest loss in Sunday School average attendance occurred in Park Place Church (-272), but the largest percentage loss occurred in West 14th (-38.4%).

Also included on Table 23 are the changes in the total receipts and mission gifts of the churches during the five year period. There was an increase of almost \$400,000 in the receipts of the churches and an increase of \$58,000 in the gifts to missions by the churches. The percentage increase in total receipts was almost 23 percent, while the increase to missions was 15 percent. Only two churches, First Baptist Heights and Trinity, had decreases in their total receipts, but six churches had decreases in their mission giving. There are six churches that had a greater increase percentage wise in their mission gifts than they did in their total receipts. Correspondingly, there are some churches that had a decrease in their mission gifts while the church showed an increase in total receipts.

Nationally, it can be noted in the growth trends of churches of several denominations that the gifts, offerings, and mission giving of the churches tend to increase for about five years after the church begins to loose in evangelism thrust and Sunday School attendance. After about five years of losses, the church will begin to show a leveling out of its receipts and giving to mission causes and after about eight years begins to show decreases in its receipts and mission gifts. This fact is likely true among some of the fourteen churches listed in the study. There was insufficient data to indicate this trend for any of the fourteen churches, but the pastors and leadership of the churches would know best how to evaluate the national trends in the light of their local situation.

Churches Continue to Have Strong Support

The authors investigated the resources of the churches in the light of the resident membership, receipts, mission gifts, and church debt. On Table 24 are the data indicating the per capita dollars of receipts, mission gifts, and church debt. The churches still have strong support from their constituencies. In 1967 the fourteen churches collectively received \$98.32 per capita, and in 1972, this had increased to \$125.02. During this time, the mission gifts increased \$4.13 per capita, and the total receipts increased \$26.70. The mission gifts per capita increased 19 percent while the total receipts per capita increased 27 percent. The largest per capita receipts in 1972 was in Baptist Temple (\$186.25) and the lowest per capita receipts were in Trinity (\$67.95). Trinity was also the only church to show a decrease in the per capita total receipts during the period. The largest per capita gifts to missions also occurs in Baptist Temple and the lowest in Trinity.

TABLE 24

INDICATORS OF CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCES IN UBA SELECTED CHURCHES, 1967 AND 1972^a

STUDY AREAS AND CHURCHES	PER CAPITA DOLLARS						Percent Receipts to Missions	
	Total Receipts		Mission Gifts		Church Debt		1967	1972
	1967	1972	1967	1972	1967	1972		
TOTAL STUDY	\$ 98.32	\$ 125.02	\$ 21.64	\$ 25.77	\$ 126.27	\$ 80.11	22.0	20.6
West Area	110.21	137.54	25.59	29.91	138.60	85.29	23.2	21.8
Baptist Temple	144.78	186.25	49.01	57.83	135.64	98.63	33.9	31.1
Emmanuel	104.11	123.47	14.65	10.62	231.05	261.70	14.1	8.6
FBC, Heights	90.07	103.96	14.08	12.25	10.91	28.43	15.6	11.8
Glenn Rose	84.24	85.20	13.72	14.86	162.38	82.07	16.3	17.4
Rice Temple	134.79	180.54	20.48	32.18	228.10	132.72	15.2	17.8
West 14th	66.27	110.65	10.73	18.43	47.73	29.11	16.3	16.7
West End	115.17	132.80	21.21	18.37	222.82	-0-	18.4	13.8
East Area	88.90	114.81	18.50	22.40	116.50	75.88	20.8	19.5
Bethel	83.96	108.47	17.05	22.67	156.96	107.22	20.3	20.9
Faith Memorial	47.14	74.31	16.90	22.63	-0-	-0-	35.9	30.5
Memorial	52.22	96.64	12.56	24.43	32.24	8.87	24.1	25.3
Park Memorial	95.78	150.80	10.45	15.35	176.17	175.12	10.9	10.2
Park Place	126.41	129.82	28.47	24.29	19.11	103.41	22.5	18.7
Riverview	127.24	153.39	20.67	31.03	174.52	61.78	16.2	20.2
Trinity	71.93	67.95	10.88	9.42	13.93	26.87	15.1	13.9

^aSource: 1972 Uniform Church Letters and Union Baptist Associational Minutes.

The per capita church debt has decreased \$46.16 per capita or 36.6 percent during the past five years. Eleven of the 14 churches showed decreases and one, West End, reported no church debt in 1972. Since the Church debt in 1967 for this church was \$222.82 per capita, it seems unlikely that all church debt was obliterated in the five year period. More than likely, the church did not indicate its church debt on its Uniform Church Letter in 1972. Faith Memorial Church indicated no church debt in 1967 or 1972 and the debt factor here is unknown. In 1972, only five churches had per capita debts greater than \$100.

The final two columns on Table 24 are the percentage of the receipts per capita that goes to missions. There has been a slight decrease in the percentage of the total per capita receipts going to missions. Six of the churches had increases in this percentage in 1972 over 1967.

Indicators of Evangelism Trends are Downward

Calculations indicate that the churches are not as effective in their evangelism thrust in 1972 as they were in 1967 (Table 25). In 1972 the churches were baptizing 2.9 persons per 100 resident members, while in 1967 they had been baptizing 3.4. Although, five of the churches had larger baptism rates in 1972 than in 1967. The addition rate by letter has decreased from 7.1 per 100 resident members in 1967 to 4.4 in 1972. Only two churches had a greater letter rate in 1972 than in 1967.

Calculations were performed on the data by comparing the 1966 and 1967 resident membership and the 1971 and 1972 resident membership to determine the net gain in resident membership for each of these years. The data for the net gain rate indicates that in 1967 the churches were keeping only about one person out of each 30 that joined the churches. The data

TABLE 25

INDICATORS OF EVANGELISM TRENDS IN UBA SELECTED CHURCHES, 1967 AND 1972^a

STUDY AREAS AND CHURCHES	RATE PER 100 RESIDENT MEMBERS									
	Baptisms		Letters		Losses		Net		Sunday School Enrollment	
	1967	1972	1967	1972	1967	1972	1967	1972	1967	1972
TOTAL STUDY	3.4	2.9	7.1	4.4	10.2	(-7.7)	.3	(-.4)	84.8	78.4
West Area	3.6	2.7	6.0	3.7	(-15.3)	(-6.8)	(-5.7)	(-.4)	84.2	72.8
Baptist Temple	1.9	1.0	5.7	3.2	7.0	3.3	.6	.9	98.8	92.3
Emmanuel	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.8	(-22.0)	4.0	(-14.8)	3.4	45.7	71.9
FBC, Heights	4.2	2.7	5.8	3.2	(-14.2)	(-11.7)	(-4.2)	(-5.8)	72.7	67.7
Glenn Rose	6.9	4.1	6.6	2.7	(-14.1)	(-10.3)	(-.6)	(-3.5)	89.2	62.2
Rice Temple	2.8	5.1	10.7	9.1	(-19.3)	6.6	(-5.8)	7.6	90.7	73.0
West 14th	2.0	.5	4.2	3.8	(-18.0)	(-7.9)	(-11.8)	(-3.6)	56.1	58.6
West End	4.3	3.1	6.0	2.9	(-27.2)	3.8	(-16.9)	2.2	97.0	55.4
East Area	3.2	3.0	8.0	4.9	5.5	(-8.4)	5.7	(-.5)	85.2	83.0
Bethel	5.7	2.6	9.5	6.5	7.6	5.9	7.6	3.2	101.4	87.5
Faith Memorial	1.8	2.8	1.7	2.8	(-4.2)	(-8.5)	(-.7)	(-2.9)	52.4	71.4
Memorial	4.6	2.9	9.9	6.8	8.4	7.9	22.9	1.8	83.5	84.2
Park Memorial	2.7	3.2	15.5	2.8	13.0	(-10.0)	5.2	(-4.0)	93.3	103.5
Park Place	2.3	2.5	7.3	5.1	4.2	6.8	5.4	.8	103.8	82.8
Riverview	2.3	6.2	6.6	6.2	(-19.5)	(-18.6)	(-10.6)	(-6.2)	45.6	87.8
Trinity	4.5	2.7	2.9	1.9	(-8.6)	(-6.9)	(-1.2)	(-2.3)	68.4	51.2

^aSource: 1972 Uniform Church Letters and Union Baptist Associational Minutes.

for 1972 indicate that for each 40 persons who joined the churches, the church had a net loss of almost one-half person. Perhaps a better reading of the table is that in 1972 in all 14 churches for every 100 members there were 7.3 persons to join the churches and a net loss of 7.7, which gave a net loss in the resident membership of .4 per 100. The data on the table indicate that nine of the 14 churches had net loss rates in 1967 and seven had net loss rates in 1972. This would mean that these churches not only lost all of their additions each of these years, but lost part of their existing membership as well. The church which had the largest net loss rate in 1967, West End, turned this around and by 1972 showed a net gain rate of 2.2 persons per 100. Two other churches, Emmanuel and Rice Temple, changed their net loss rates drastically during the five year period and by 1972 were showing significant net gain rates.

Additional calculations have been made to indicate the percentage of the resident membership that is enrolled in Sunday School. In 1967, a number equal to 84.8 percent of the resident membership was enrolled in Sunday School. In 1972, this had dropped to 78.4 percent. Eight of the churches had decreases in their Sunday School enrollment rate from 1967 to 1972. In 1967, two churches had enrollment rates greater than 100; in 1972 only one church did. Significant gains were made by Emmanuel, Faith Memorial, Park Memorial, and Riverview in their enrollment rates.

Who Are We Baptizing?

One of the bits of data reported by the churches in 1972 was the number of persons baptized in each age group (Tables 26 and 27). Only three persons under the age of six years were baptized in 1972. It is interesting to note that 38.9 percent of all baptisms were between the ages

TABLE 26

PERCENT OF BAPTISMS BY AGES IN SELECTED CHURCHES IN UBA, 1972^a

STUDY AREAS AND CHURCHES	PERCENT OF BAPTISMS BY AGE						
	Under 6	6-11	12-17	18-29	30-59	60 or More	Total
TOTAL STUDY	.6	38.9	27.7	24.4	6.8	1.6	100%
West Area	-	30.4	31.9	30.9	6.4	.5	100%
Baptist Temple	-	40.0	24.0	32.0	4.0	-	100%
Emmanuel	-	42.9	23.8	9.5	19.1	4.8	100%
FBC, Heights	-	50.0	22.7	27.3	-	-	100%
Glenn Rose	-	28.2	45.1	22.5	4.2	-	100%
Rice Temple	-	24.2	6.1	54.6	15.2	-	100%
West 14th	-	-	33.3	66.7	-	-	100%
West End	-	13.8	48.3	37.9	-	-	100%
East Area	1.1	45.1	24.7	19.7	7.0	2.5	100%
Bethel	-	37.8	35.1	24.3	2.7	-	100%
Faith Memorial	-	44.8	31.0	10.3	6.9	6.9	100%
Memorial	6.5	39.1	17.4	23.9	13.0	-	100%
Park Memorial	-	45.4	21.2	12.1	12.1	9.1	100%
Park Place	-	42.5	24.7	27.4	5.5	-	100%
Riverview	-	56.3	22.9	16.7	4.2	-	100%
Trinity	-	55.6	22.2	5.6	5.6	11.1	100%

^aSource: 1972 Uniform Church Letters and Union Baptist Associational Minutes.

TABLE 27

BAPTISMS BY AGES IN SELECTED CHURCHES IN UBA, 1972^a

STUDY AREAS AND CHURCHES	BAPTISMS BY AGE						Total
	Under 6	6-11	12-17	18-29	30-59	60 or More	
TOTAL STUDY	3	190	135	119	33	8	488
West Area	0	62	65	63	13	1	204
Baptist Temple	0	10	6	8	1	0	25
Emmanuel	0	9	5	2	4	1	21
FBC, Heights	0	11	5	6	0	0	22
Glenn Rose	0	20	32	16	3	0	71
Rice Temple	0	8	2	18	5	0	33
West 14th	0	0	1	2	0	0	3
West End	0	4	14	11	0	0	29
East Area	3	128	70	56	20	7	284
Bethel	0	14	13	9	1	0	37
Faith Memorial	0	13	9	3	2	2	29
Memorial	3	18	8	11	6	0	46
Park Memorial	0	15	7	4	4	3	33
Park Place	0	31	18	20	4	0	73
Riverview	0	27	11	8	2	0	48
Trinity	0	10	4	1	1	2	18

^a Source: 1972 Uniform Church Letters and Union Baptist Associational Minutes.

of six and eleven. An additional 27.7 percent were between 12 and 17, which means that 66.6 percent of all baptisms were between the ages of 6 and 17. Only 1.6 percent of all 488 baptisms in 1972 were above the age of 60, and 6.8 percent were between the ages of 30 and 59. About one-fourth of all baptisms were between the ages of 18 and 29. Interestingly, three churches had no baptisms above the age of 30, but six of the churches had more than ten percent of their baptisms above the age of 30, and two had more than 20 percent above the age of 30.

This interesting data will help the churches to understand the age groups of the persons being reached by their churches. Perhaps a corresponding study could be made of those persons joining the churches by letter and this would help the churches to understand the age groups which they are reaching with the greatest effectiveness. In addition to this, a study of the employment, education, and income of new additions would be helpful to the churches in considering the socio-economic groups that the churches are most effective in reaching.

CONCLUSIONS

The following information has come as a result of the authors' observations of the data presented here and other material related to the study of the fourteen selected churches in Houston. It is an attempt by the authors to share their thoughts and to give some basis for the discussion of this brief report.

Population Characteristics

1. The population of the study areas has some very definite racial characteristics and patterns. Four of the churches are serving communities where the population is 20 percent Black, four where the population is 20 percent Spanish, and four that have less than 50 percent White population.
2. Housing problems were not critical in 1970, but are increasing. Five of the churches are serving communities where almost 20 percent of all housing was built before 1940. Other church communities have a large number of deteriorating homes where there is insufficient kitchen or bathroom facilities. As the natural aging process continues, more housing problems will be faced by the churches in their communities in the late 1970's and early 1980's.
3. Educational achievement by the population is low. Eight churches are serving communities where 60% of the population have less than eighth grade educations. Conversely, only 20% of the church constituencies are in this educational achievement category.
4. Migration from outside Harris County is not a large problem. Only 19% of the population of the study areas moved from non-Texas areas between

1965 and 1970. Most of the persons who have migrated to the study areas moved from other locations in Harris County.

5. The community is more blue-collar than are the churches. A total of 67 percent of all employed males in the study area are in blue-collar occupations, while in the churches, only 56 percent are in this category.

6. The single, divorced, and widowed persons are not being reached by the churches. More than 40 percent of all persons over 14 years of age in the communities fall into this category. However, in the churches, only 20 percent of the constituencies are in this category.

7. There are a large number of female head of families in the communities of the churches. More than 13 percent of all families in the study areas have a female head, and 52 percent of these families have children under 18 years of age. In addition to this, 20 percent of all mothers of children under six living with their spouse are employed. This would indicate that there is a very real possibility for day care facilities in the churches.

Church Membership Questionnaire

8. Most church members live fairly close to the churches they attend. The questionnaire reveals that 32 percent of all church members live within one mile of the church they attend and 25 percent live more than five miles. This means that 43 percent of all members live within two to four miles of the building.

9. Most of the church members are long-termers. The data indicate that 44% of all church members have lived in their present residence for 11 years or more and 16% have lived in their present residence from six to ten years.

10. Almost half of all present church members made their first contact with the church by referral from personal friends. In addition to this the families listed as their attraction to the church being: the fact that it was a Baptist church, family influences, friendliness, and sharing a common interest with the constituency.

Church Data

11. Churches in the study are all ages. The churches rank in age from 1904 to 1954 with a fairly equal number being started during each of the five decades.

12. Churches follow national trend in Sunday School enrollment and attendance, but also lost in number of resident members.

13. Evangelism trend is downward but still strong. The data indicated that the evangelism thrust is having its greatest effectiveness in reaching youth since 66.6 percent of all baptisms are between the ages of 6 and 17. However, the churches have seen very little net gain in resident membership during the period of the study. This means that they have lost a number equivalent to all their additions and had a net loss in resident membership in addition to this.

14. The total receipts of the churches continues to increase, but mission giving is not keeping up with the increase in receipts. Support of the churches by the constituency continues to be strong and is increasing. There is insufficient data to indicate whether the churches have kept up with the cost of living in the Houston area, but likely this is one explanation for mission giving not increasing at the same rate as the receipts.

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TABLE 1

1970 CENSUS

GENERAL POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

NAME OF CHURCH	TOTAL POPULATION	PERCENT PERSONS BLACK	PERCENT PERSONS SPANISH	PERCENT PERSONS UNDER 18	PERCENT PERSONS OVER 64	SEX RATIO M/F X 100
BAPTIST TEMPLE	36,572	1.446	16.263	28.035	15.290	86.823
BETHEL	22,220	.045	10.886	34.266	6.273	94.941
EMMANUEL	18,503	.481	17.440	26.671	16.267	86.645
FAITH MEMORIAL	14,437	12.073	55.475	41.954	6.628	94.299
FIRST, HEIGHTS	23,830	26.588	22.119	32.287	12.505	89.815
MEMORIAL	43,414	18.519	6.818	42.880	3.699	98.205
GLENN ROSE	30,117	39.462	8.128	35.803	7.364	91.579
PARK MEMORIAL	23,684	.658	69.426	39.537	8.381	102.229
PARK PLACE	35,784	.030	6.662	27.928	6.824	95.470
RICE TEMPLE	26,322	.307	5.793	21.472	15.386	90.855
RIVERVIEW	27,147	5.989	20.212	30.581	8.358	94.352
TRINITY	21,087	24.939	57.718	40.669	9.005	96.206
WEST 14th	17,062	16.399	9.658	33.431	9.506	91.489
WEST END	29,435	20.373	22.874	32.108	10.399	92.373

TABLE 2

1970 CENSUS

YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT (NOT WHEN OCCUPANT MOVED)

NAME OF CHURCH	PERCENT OWNED UNIT 1950-1959	PERCENT OWNED UNIT 1940-1949	PERCENT OWNED BEFORE 40	PERCENT RENTED UNIT 1950-1959	PERCENT RENTED UNIT 1940-1949	PERCENT RENTED UNIT BEFORE 40
BAPTIST TEMPLE	3.530	7.303	34.956	8.227	11.878	25.239
BETHEL	34.136	18.174	6.607	12.228	8.072	4.015
EMMANUEL	2.887	6.461	36.117	8.535	10.693	24.877
FAITH MEMORIAL	16.188	26.039	14.603	10.990	18.044	7.252
FIRST, HEIGHTS	.880	5.023	28.210	10.046	14.153	29.520
MEMORIAL	21.928	9.021	4.047	6.572	3.069	1.513
GLENN ROSE	23.043	16.328	9.221	14.118	9.665	6.133
PARK MEMORIAL	3.492	12.102	25.485	7.704	18.341	29.150
PARK PLACE	17.333	14.844	5.188	11.898	7.812	2.301
RICE TEMPLE	.000	.000	.000	.000	5.482	.000
RIVERVIEW	10.882	24.437	11.283	12.999	14.530	6.987
TRINITY	2.101	5.894	19.458	8.374	25.993	33.563
WEST 14th	20.717	12.179	14.898	12.911	12.632	9.827
WEST END	6.500	8.761	18.878	10.061	15.836	23.268

TABLE 3

1970 CENSUS

EDUCATIONAL LEVEL (PERSONS AGE 25 YEARS +) MALE

NAME OF CHURCH	MALE AVE YRS SCH COMPLETED	% MEN 0-8 YRS COMPLETED	% MEN 9-11 YRS COMPLETED	% MALE 12 YRS COMPLETED	% MALE 16 YRS COMPLETED	% MALE 16 YRS + COMPLETED
BAPTIST TEMPLE	9.140	40.750	27.795	17.509	2.553	2.053
BETHEL	9.047	40.098	31.895	17.637	1.461	1.425
EMMANUEL	9.402	38.743	26.362	19.392	3.100	2.735
FAITH MEMORIAL	7.556	60.080	22.979	10.746	1.114	.000
FIRST, HEIGHTS	8.830	45.090	23.235	17.967	1.909	2.420
MEMORIAL	9.737	32.332	25.873	26.357	2.982	2.389
GLENN ROSE	9.004	40.864	28.494	19.282	1.620	2.036
PARK MEMORIAL	7.271	60.456	21.100	11.665	.493	.630
PARK PLACE	11.859	15.911	20.747	25.063	9.477	8.663
RICE TEMPLE	13.743	9.130	11.511	16.206	16.519	25.704
RIVERVIEW	9.814	33.152	27.703	20.884	3.837	2.125
TRINITY	7.354	61.429	19.661	11.220	1.337	1.379
WEST 14th	9.699	32.891	31.332	21.470	3.442	1.907
WEST END	9.285	42.970	22.949	15.286	5.407	5.433

TABLE 4

1970 CENSUS

MIGRATION TO THIS AREA (SINCE '65)

NAME OF CHURCH	TOTAL PERSONS (1965)	% FROM SAME COUNTY	% MOVED FROM A NE STATE	% MOVED FROM A NC STATE	% MOVED FROM A S. STATE	% MOVED FROM A W STATE
BAPTIST TEMPLE	31,293	35.976	.198	1.616	2.962	1.060
BETHEL	19,230	28.717	.000	.639	2.678	.769
EMMANUEL	15,745	35.719	.146	.749	3.207	1.340
FAITH MEMORIAL	11,737	30.825	.000	.928	1.448	.153
FIRST, HEIGHTS	19,502	36.703	.143	1.312	3.056	1.071
MEMORIAL	35,506	40.021	.399	.935	3.864	1.267
GLENN ROSE	25,303	32.474	.039	.679	1.936	1.161
PARK MEMORIAL	17,877	32.952	.033	.313	1.583	1.465
PARK PLACE	30,820	33.539	.717	1.917	5.210	2.355
RICE TEMPLE	23,685	25.079	2.051	2.765	5.100	1.334
RIVERVIEW	22,706	33.519	.916	1.713	4.091	2.224
TRINITY	16,611	37.463	.120	.499	1.402	.890
WEST 14th	14,336	31.598	.467	1.646	3.076	1.032
WEST END	23,661	31.600	.507	1.056	2.379	1.132

TABLE 5
1970 CENSUS
HOUSING VALUE

NAME OF CHURCH	AVERAGE VALUE	AVERAGE RENT	% HOMES UNITS - \$5000	% HOMES UNITS \$35000+	% RENT UNITS - \$40	% RENT UNITS \$200+
BAPTIST TEMPLE	\$10,453	\$ 71	4.672	.102	3.417	.056
BE BETHEL	\$10,885	\$ 79	4.384	.068	2.383	.179
EMMANUEL	\$10,786	\$ 76	3.157	.067	2.744	.110
FAITH MEMORIAL	\$ 8,997	\$ 60	5.951	.000	3.859	.000
FIRST, HEIGHTS	\$10,083	\$ 65	7.826	.075	5.198	.154
MEMORIAL	\$13,895	\$ 75	7.155	.534	6.256	1.229
GLENN ROSE	\$11,056	\$ 81	6.368	.126	2.672	.098
PARK MEMORIAL	\$ 9,073	\$ 53	8.041	.192	12.330	.000
PARK PLACE	\$19,011	\$121	.628	6.570	.364	4.805
RICE TEMPLE	\$25,334	\$123	.000	13.554	.573	5.604
RIVERVIEW	\$11,465	\$ 92	2.830	.271	2.295	.500
TRINITY	\$ 9,524	\$ 49	7.043	.199	16.140	.120
WEST 14th	\$12,791	\$ 85	3.579	.782	2.963	.115
WEST END	\$12,731	\$ 81	9.236	4.224	3.992	2.370

TABLE 6
1970 CENSUS

OCCUPATIONAL STRUCTURE (MALE)

NAME OF CHURCH	PERCENT PROFESSION MANAGERIAL	PERCENT SALES CLERICAL	PERCENT CRAFTSMEN FOREMEN	PERCENT OPERATORS (+ TRANS)	PERCENT LABORERS	PERCENT SERVICE WORKER
BAPTIST TEMPLE	13.682	18.399	30.066	23.437	5.873	7.854
BETHEL	9.665	14.480	39.600	23.804	5.942	5.942
EMMANUEL	16.027	21.663	26.262	22.542	5.658	7.213
FAITH MEMORIAL	5.709	12.202	32.561	32.528	9.624	6.753
FIRST, HEIGHTS	10.595	16.167	25.228	26.507	10.613	9.974
MEMORIAL	18.333	14.240	31.119	21.818	7.239	6.492
GLENN ROSE	12.238	12.580	29.244	25.515	9.762	10.160
PARK MEMORIAL	5.999	9.674	24.791	28.943	18.335	11.521
PARK PLACE	35.611	21.061	23.346	12.151	3.173	4.005
RICE TEMPLE	54.106	26.464	8.448	3.503	1.884	4.842
RIVERVIEW	19.908	16.889	27.798	21.105	6.821	6.778
TRINITY	7.002	9.733	24.719	28.711	17.180	11.741
WEST 14th	15.991	16.801	32.473	22.132	5.625	6.362
WEST END	18.391	16.568	22.972	24.422	7.666	9.160

TABLE 7

1970 CENSUS

BACKGROUND OF NATIVE AMERICANS AND FOREIGN BORN

NAME OF CHURCH	PERCENT CHINESE JAPANESE	PERCENT UNTD KING IRELAND	PERCENT GERMANY	% NORWAY SWEDEN DENMARK	PERCENT ITALY	PERCENT EAST EUROPEAN
BAPTIST TEMPLE	.243	.423	1.960	.174	.858	2.113
BETHEL	.414	.504	1.156	.148	.936	.810
EMMANUEL	.135	.410	2.075	.145	1.221	2.237
FAITH MEMORIAL	.277	.090	.360	.000	.180	.858
FIRST, HEIGHTS	.260	.457	1.158	.079	.663	1.120
MEMORIAL	.373	.324	.628	.000	.306	.271
GLENN ROSE	.863	.305	.853	.222	.219	.355
PARK MEMORIAL	.371	.076	.658	.076	.367	.494
PARK PLACE	.584	1.134	1.224	.528	.472	.707
RICE TEMPLE	1.219	2.108	2.062	.376	1.078	1.766
RIVERVIEW	.084	.486	1.149	.508	.652	.232
TRINITY	.000	.497	.279	.000	.976	.346
WEST 14th	.000	.632	1.336	.093	.492	1.078
WEST END	.169	.648	1.681	.101	1.294	1.036

TABLE 8
1970 CENSUS

GENERAL INCOME CHARACTERISTICS

NAME OF CHURCH	AVERAGE FAMILY INCOME	% FAM INCOME - \$5000	% FAM INCOME \$15000 +	% FAM RECEIVING SOC SEC	% FAM RECEIVING WELFARE	% FAM BELOW POVERTY
BAPTIST TEMPLE	\$ 8,778	23.218	9.677	23.900	4.327	9.812
BETHEL	\$ 9,920	15.437	14.830	16.324	4.335	6.848
EMMANUEL	\$ 8,922	23.731	10.084	25.462	4.247	9.440
FAITH MEMORIAL	\$ 7,885	27.067	6.979	18.826	4.222	15.718
FIRST, HEIGHTS	\$ 7,781	31.679	7.188	21.634	6.390	16.519
MEMORIAL	\$10,197	15.524	14.534	10.982	3.149	10.412
GLENN ROSE	\$ 8,765	25.518	12.595	16.845	5.746	14.431
PARK MEMORIAL	\$ 7,423	31.874	5.897	19.515	4.489	20.003
PARK PLACE	\$12,922	10.427	27.492	13.150	1.850	3.730
RICE TEMPLE	\$15,819	9.517	41.911	23.604	2.251	3.464
RIVERVIEW	\$ 9,656	19.082	13.238	18.070	3.373	8.717
TRINITY	\$ 6,895	38.986	6.331	22.998	8.909	26.549
WEST 14th	\$ 9,348	20.823	12.823	18.741	3.945	10.105
WEST END	\$ 8,952	28.963	12.069	19.002	5.014	15.948

TABLE 9
1970 CENSUS
MARITAL STATUS

NAME OF CHURCH	TOTAL PERSONS (14 YRS +)	PERCENT PERSONS MARRIED	% MALES SEPARATED DIVORCED	% FEMALES SEPARATED DIVORCED	PERCENT WIDOWED MALE	PERCENT WIDOWED FEMALE
BAPTIST TEMPLE	28,485	58.995	3.419	5.694	1.330	10.222
BETHEL	16,466	67.478	2.058	4.226	.923	4.967
EMMANUEL	14,529	59.152	3.670	5.936	1.212	9.807
FAITH MEMORIAL	9,594	62.747	3.001	4.523	1.052	5.764
FIRST, HEIGHTS	17,616	55.790	4.603	7.016	1.504	8.900
MEMORIAL	28,228	70.568	1.774	3.011	.903	3.546
GLENN ROSE	21,680	60.802	3.233	5.359	1.471	6.582
PARK MEMORIAL	16,175	59.171	4.166	4.340	1.496	5.935
PARK PLACE	28,080	66.349	2.749	4.020	.601	5.438
RICE TEMPLE	22,063	59.928	1.731	4.265	.933	8.208
RIVERVIEW	20,567	65.050	3.004	4.191	.870	6.490
TRINITY	14,250	50.091	4.666	5.922	2.280	8.722
WEST 14th	12,576	64.225	2.687	4.651	1.415	7.434
WEST END	22,024	56.538	4.031	5.816	1.412	8.231

TABLE 10
1970 CENSUS
FAMILY STRUCTURE

NAME OF CHURCH	TOTAL FAMILIES	PERCENT HUS-WIFE FAMILIES	% HUS-WIF W CHILD UNDER 6	PERCENT FEM HEAD FAMILIES	% FEM HD W CHILD UNDER 18	% FEM HD W CHILD UNDER 6
BAPTIST TEMPLE	9,392	86.094	23.030	13.745	47.380	15.870
BETHEL	5,961	90.001	22.479	9.847	57.094	16.216
EMMANUEL	4,798	86.015	23.259	13.839	48.575	16.641
FAITH MEMORIAL	3,266	88.058	32.363	11.757	60.981	22.997
FIRST, HEIGHTS	5,632	81.658	24.982	18.199	49.513	22.665
MEMORIAL	10,475	91.809	36.553	8.047	68.625	30.552
GLENN ROSE	7,364	83.976	22.718	15.874	50.297	19.914
PARK MEMORIAL	5,079	86.237	33.904	13.605	52.298	18.821
PARK PLACE	10,056	90.861	20.853	9.009	58.114	26.535
RICE TEMPLE	7,261	88.844	17.986	10.976	39.427	11.691
RIVERVIEW	7,214	89.007	23.634	10.853	50.950	22.560
TRINITY	4,152	75.553	28.082	24.253	59.603	27.425
WEST 14th	4,408	86.887	25.204	12.953	56.173	28.347
WEST END	7,068	83.885	23.967	15.945	47.925	18.181

TABLE 11

1970 CENSUS

PERSONS IN GROUP QUARTERS

NAME OF CHURCH	TOTAL POPULATION	PERCENT HOME FOR THE AGED	PERCENT OTHER INSTIT.	PERCENT ROOMING HOUSE	PERCENT COLLEGE DORM	PERCENT OTHER GRP QUARTERS
BAPTIST TEMPLE	36,572	.576	.000	.103	.000	.000
BETHEL	22,220	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000
EMMANUEL	18,503	.799	.000	.091	.000	.000
FAITH MEMORIAL	14,437	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000
FIRST, HEIGHTS	23,830	.621	.000	.000	.193	.377
MEMORIAL	43,414	.255	.000	.000	.000	.000
GLENN ROSE	30,117	.514	.000	.083	.000	.000
PARK MEMORIAL	23,684	.000	.050	.143	.000	.346
PARK PLACE	35,784	.712	.000	.000	.000	.000
RICE TEMPLE	26,322	.000	.000	.000	5.482	.000
RIVERVIEW	27,147	.379	.000	.239	.537	.125
TRINITY	21,087	.000	.000	.094	.000	.910
WEST 14th	17,062	1.400	.000	.123	.000	.000
WEST END	29,435	.081	.597	.000	.156	.451

TABLE 12
1970 CENSUS

POPULATION WITH HIGH POTENTIAL NEED FOR SOCIAL SERVICES

NAME OF CHURCH	TOTAL PERSONS	% MOTHERS WORK WITH CHILD -18	% MOTHERS WORK WITH CHILD -6	% PERSONS AGE 65++ IN POVERTY	% PERSONS UNDER 18 IN POVERTY	% PERSONS DISABLED AND UNEMPL
BAPTIST TEMPLE	36,572	43.428	21.032	24.109	14.228	4.068
BETHEL	22,220	39.590	13.602	28.642	10.641	2.966
EMMANUEL	18,503	42.857	21.360	21.935	15.060	3.331
FAITH MEMORIAL	14,437	37.243	18.454	32.577	24.244	6.309
FIRST, HEIGHTS	23,830	46.474	25.111	26.066	25.451	4.402
MEMORIAL	43,414	40.300	18.121	33.475	14.455	3.273
GLENN ROSE	30,117	48.921	21.692	32.075	23.958	3.878
PARK MEMORIAL	23,684	29.541	15.997	38.688	29.473	4.570
PARK PLACE	35,784	44.549	19.790	13.861	5.795	1.617
RICE TEMPLE	26,322	43.528	18.098	9.596	3.952	1.539
RIVERVIEW	27,147	43.751	22.154	20.558	15.453	3.647
TRINITY	21,087	36.134	17.958	38.112	37.845	5.712
WEST 14th	17,062	47.547	23.358	26.953	13.473	4.086
WEST END	29,435	45.637	20.651	29.101	25.132	3.151

TABLE 13

DISTANCE RESPONDENTS LIVE FROM CHURCH BY CHURCHES, 1973

	IBETHEL	EMMANUEL	FAITH MEMORIAL	FIRST HEIGHTS	MEMORIAL	GLEN ROSE	PARK MEMORIAL	PARK PLACE	RICE TEMPLE	RIVER- VIEW	TRINITY	WEST FOURTEEN	WEST END	ROW TOTAL
	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	13.00	14.00	
IN ONE MILE	7	34	46	35	31	17	26	43	16	53	19	23	44	394
	28.0	53.1	50.0	40.7	19.7	23.9	20.5	23.8	21.9	40.2	35.8	50.0	34.4	31.9
TO TWO MILE	5	7	12	16	53	5	15	37	13	27	8	4	17	219
	20.0	10.9	13.0	18.6	33.8	7.0	11.8	20.4	17.8	20.5	15.1	8.7	13.3	17.7
TO THREE MI	5	5	1	12	30	10	12	18	10	22	6	3	9	143
	20.0	7.8	1.1	14.0	19.1	14.1	9.4	9.9	13.7	16.7	11.3	6.5	7.0	11.6
E TO FOUR MI	1	4	4	3	13	6	5	12	6	1	3	4	6	68
	4.0	6.3	4.3	3.5	8.3	8.5	3.9	6.6	8.2	0.8	5.7	8.7	4.7	5.5
TO FIVE MI	3	4	10	5	13	6	10	18	8	10	2	3	13	105
	12.0	6.3	10.9	5.8	8.3	8.5	7.9	9.9	11.0	7.6	3.8	6.5	10.2	8.5
OR MORE MI	4	10	19	15	17	27	59	53	20	18	15	9	39	301
	16.0	15.6	20.7	17.4	10.8	38.0	46.5	29.3	27.4	13.6	28.3	19.6	30.5	24.1
9.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
COLUMN TOTAL	25	64	92	86	157	71	127	181	73	132	53	46	128	1231
	2.0	5.2	7.4	7.0	12.7	5.7	10.3	14.7	5.9	10.7	4.3	3.7	10.4	100.0

TABLE 14

LENGTH OF TIME RESPONDENT HAS LIVED AT PRESENT RESIDENCE, BY CHURCHES, 1973

	IBETHEL	EMMANUEL	FAITH MEMORIAL	FIRST HEIGHTS	MEMORIAL	GLEN ROSE	PARK MEMORIAL	PARK PLACE	RICE TEMPLE	RIVER- VIEW	TRINITY	WEST FOURTEEN	WEST END	ROW TOTAL	
	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	13.00	14.00		
R	1.00	2	3	11	12	19	9	11	38	10	20	3	3	14	155
ONE YEAR	3.0	4.6	11.8	13.8	12.2	12.5	8.5	21.1	14.1	15.0	5.5	6.5	10.9	12.5	
TO	2.00	1	12	6	11	24	20	28	39	17	19	9	5	23	214
THREE YR	4.0	19.5	6.5	12.6	15.4	27.8	21.7	21.7	23.9	14.3	16.4	10.9	18.0	17.3	
TO	3.00	3	6	4	7	15	8	12	24	9	9	5	5	7	114
FIVE YR	12.0	9.2	4.3	8.0	9.6	11.1	9.3	13.3	12.7	6.8	9.1	10.9	5.5	9.2	
TO	4.00	2	8	11	12	35	10	20	39	10	20	12	5	17	201
TEN YR	8.0	12.3	11.8	13.8	22.4	13.9	15.5	21.7	14.1	15.0	21.8	10.9	13.3	16.2	
EN	5.00	17	36	61	45	63	25	58	40	25	65	26	28	67	556
PLUS YR	68.0	55.4	65.6	51.7	40.4	34.7	45.0	22.2	35.2	48.9	47.3	60.9	52.3	44.8	
COLUMN	25	65	93	87	156	72	129	180	71	133	55	46	128	1240	
TOTAL	2.0	5.2	7.5	7.0	12.6	5.8	10.4	14.5	5.7	10.7	4.4	3.7	10.3	100.0	

TABLE 15

MARITAL STATUS OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD AMONG RESPONDENTS, BY CHURCHES, 1973

	IBETHEL I	EMMANUEL I	FAITH MEMORIAL I	FIRST HEIGHTS I	MEMORIAL I	GLEN ROSE I	PARK MEMORIAL I	PARK PLACE I	RICE TEMPLE I	RIVER- VIEW I	TRINITY I	WEST FOURTEEN I	WEST END I	ROW TOTAL
	2.00I	3.00I	4.00I	5.00I	6.00I	7.00I	8.00I	9.00I	10.00I	11.00I	12.00I	13.00I	14.00I	
SINGLE	I 0 I	I 1 I	I 0 I	I 2 I	I 3 I	I 1 I	I 5 I	I 5 I	I 4 I	I 4 I	I 1 I	I 1 I	I 0 I	27
	I 0.0 I	I 1.7 I	I 0.0 I	I 2.8 I	I 2.0 I	I 1.5 I	I 4.2 I	I 2.9 I	I 5.8 I	I 3.3 I	I 2.1 I	I 2.4 I	I 0.0 I	2.4
MARRIED	I 23 I	I 44 I	I 64 I	I 47 I	I 132 I	I 59 I	I 86 I	I 155 I	I 49 I	I 98 I	I 29 I	I 33 I	I 96 I	915
	I 100.0 I	I 73.3 I	I 80.0 I	I 65.3 I	I 88.0 I	I 88.1 I	I 72.3 I	I 89.1 I	I 71.0 I	I 79.7 I	I 61.7 I	I 80.5 I	I 78.7 I	79.8
DIVORCED	I 0 I	I 4 I	I 6 I	I 8 I	I 2 I	I 3 I	I 6 I	I 8 I	I 5 I	I 5 I	I 3 I	I 2 I	I 7 I	58
	I 0.0 I	I 6.7 I	I 7.5 I	I 11.1 I	I 1.3 I	I 4.5 I	I 5.0 I	I 4.6 I	I 7.2 I	I 4.1 I	I 6.4 I	I 4.9 I	I 5.7 I	5.1
WIDOWED	I 0 I	I 11 I	I 10 I	I 15 I	I 13 I	I 4 I	I 22 I	I 6 I	I 11 I	I 16 I	I 14 I	I 5 I	I 19 I	146
	I 0.0 I	I 18.3 I	I 12.5 I	I 20.8 I	I 8.7 I	I 6.0 I	I 18.5 I	I 3.4 I	I 15.9 I	I 13.0 I	I 29.8 I	I 12.2 I	I 15.6 I	12.7
COLUMN TOTAL	23 2.0	60 5.2	80 7.0	72 6.3	150 13.1	67 5.8	119 10.4	174 15.2	69 6.0	123 10.7	47 4.1	41 3.6	122 10.6	1147 103.0

TABLE 16

OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF MALE HEAD OF RESPONDENTS BY CHURCHES, 1973

	IBETHEL	EMMANUEL	FAITH MEMORIAL	FIRST MEMORIAL HEIGHTS	MEMORIAL	GLEN ROSE	PARK MEMORIAL	PARK PLACE	RICE TEMPLE	RIVER- VIEW	TRINITY	WEST FOURTEEN	WEST END	ROW TOTAL
	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	13.00	14.00	
FED- SIGNAL	8	5	6	10	16	9	18	77	26	14	2	4	10	20
	33.3	11.9	9.5	19.6	11.9	15.8	20.0	52.4	56.5	14.6	6.3	10.5	13.3	22.
AGER	1	2	8	4	19	8	11	14	3	20	1	5	10	10
	4.2	4.8	12.7	7.8	14.2	14.0	12.2	9.5	6.5	20.8	3.1	13.2	13.3	11.
ES	4	5	1	7	19	13	8	17	5	8	2	4	8	10
	16.7	11.9	1.6	13.7	14.2	22.8	8.9	11.6	10.9	8.3	6.3	10.5	10.7	11.
FTS- MAN	4	4	11	4	31	13	20	20	2	17	9	5	15	15
	16.7	9.5	17.5	7.8	23.1	22.8	22.2	13.6	4.3	17.7	28.1	13.2	20.0	17.
RICAL	1	1	5	1	4	1	1	7	1	3	1	3	5	3
	4.2	2.4	7.9	2.0	3.0	1.8	1.1	4.8	2.2	3.1	3.1	7.9	6.7	3.
RA-TIVE	2	9	10	5	10	2	8	10	1	6	4	6	2	7
	8.3	21.4	15.9	9.8	7.5	3.5	8.9	6.8	2.2	6.3	12.5	15.8	2.7	8.
VICE WORKER	0	4	2	7	7	4	7	0	0	3	4	0	7	4
	0.0	9.5	3.2	13.7	5.2	7.0	7.8	0.0	0.0	3.1	12.5	0.0	9.3	5.
ORER	3	2	5	1	15	4	9	1	1	3	1	1	2	7
	12.5	4.8	7.9	2.0	11.2	7.0	10.0	0.7	2.2	3.1	3.1	2.6	2.7	5.
URED	1	10	15	12	13	3	8	1	7	22	8	10	16	11
	4.2	23.8	23.8	23.5	9.7	5.3	8.9	0.7	15.2	22.9	25.0	26.3	21.3	14.
COLUMN TOTAL	24	42	63	51	134	57	90	147	46	96	32	38	75	8
	2.7	4.7	7.0	5.7	15.0	6.4	10.1	16.4	5.1	10.7	3.6	4.2	8.4	100

TABLE 17

EDUCATIONAL STATUS OF HUSBAND OF RESPONDENTS BY CHURCHES, 1973

	IBETHEL	EMMANUEL	FAITH MEMORIAL	FIRST HEIGHTS	MEMORIAL	GLEN ROSE	PARK MEMORIAL	PARK PLACE	RICE TEMPLE	RIVER- VIEW	TRINITY	WEST FOURTEEN	WEST END	ROW TOTAL
	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	13.00	14.00	
ENDED GRADE	0	3	4	1	9	1	5	0	0	9	3	3	5	4
	0.0	7.1	6.3	1.9	6.8	1.7	5.5	0.0	0.0	9.5	10.7	8.1	6.8	4.
COMPLETE GRADE	2	9	9	2	8	3	6	3	0	10	5	1	4	6
	8.3	21.4	14.1	3.8	6.1	5.2	6.6	2.0	0.0	10.5	17.9	2.7	5.4	6.
ENDED HIGH	4	3	18	6	19	8	16	3	1	18	5	6	13	12
	16.7	7.1	28.1	11.5	14.4	13.8	17.6	2.0	2.0	18.9	17.9	16.2	17.6	13.
COMPLETE HIGH	2	14	19	16	33	15	21	15	7	16	7	10	16	19
	8.3	33.3	29.7	30.8	25.0	25.9	23.1	9.8	14.0	16.8	25.0	27.0	21.6	21.
ENDED TRADE	0	1	2	3	4	2	3	2	2	2	1	2	5	2
	0.0	2.4	3.1	5.8	3.0	3.4	3.3	1.3	4.0	2.1	3.6	5.4	6.8	3.
COMPLETE TRADE	2	4	2	4	9	8	10	7	1	4	3	4	2	6
	8.3	9.5	3.1	7.7	6.8	13.8	11.0	4.6	2.0	4.2	10.7	10.8	2.7	6.
ENDED COLLEGE	7	4	3	12	32	9	14	52	7	23	2	5	17	18
	29.2	9.5	4.7	23.1	24.2	15.5	15.4	34.0	14.0	24.2	7.1	13.5	23.0	20.
COMPLETE COLLEGE	4	1	6	4	11	7	11	41	16	6	2	3	6	1
	16.7	2.4	9.4	7.7	8.3	12.1	12.1	26.8	32.0	6.3	7.1	8.1	8.1	13
AD WORK	3	3	1	4	7	5	5	30	16	7	0	3	6	
	12.5	7.1	1.6	7.7	5.3	8.6	5.5	19.6	32.0	7.4	0.0	8.1	8.1	10
COLUMN TOTAL	24	42	64	52	132	58	91	153	50	95	28	37	74	9
	2.7	4.7	7.1	5.8	14.7	6.4	10.1	17.0	5.6	10.6	3.1	4.1	8.2	100

TABLE 18

FIRST CONTACT OF RESPONDENT FAMILIES WITH CHURCH BY CHURCHES, 1973

	IBETHEL	EMMANUEL	FAITH MEMORIAL	FIRST HEIGHTS	MEMORIAL	GLEN ROSE	PARK MEMORIAL	PARK PLACE	RICE TEMPLE	RIVER- VIEW	TRINITY	WEST FOURTEEN	WEST END	ROW TOTAL
	2.00I	3.00I	4.00I	5.00I	6.00I	7.00I	8.00I	9.00I	10.00I	11.00I	12.00I	13.00I	14.00I	
IDS SUGGEST	12	20	35	31	65	33	67	84	19	60	9	24	42	501
	52.2	46.5	47.3	47.7	48.5	52.4	59.3	54.9	26.8	49.6	24.3	68.6	39.6	48.3
ISEN- TISEMENT	3	1	3	4	18	12	2	24	20	7	1	2	9	106
	13.0	2.3	4.1	6.2	13.4	19.0	1.8	15.7	28.2	5.8	2.7	5.7	8.5	10.2
IR SUGGEST	0	3	3	4	8	3	0	4	2	5	5	0	3	40
	0.0	7.0	4.1	6.2	6.0	4.8	0.0	2.6	2.8	4.1	13.5	0.0	2.8	3.9
ER	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
	0.0	2.3	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
IR VISIT	4	2	9	2	15	3	4	4	6	6	5	1	5	66
	17.4	4.7	12.2	3.1	11.2	4.8	3.5	2.6	8.5	5.0	13.5	2.9	4.7	6.4
ER VISIT	3	9	16	13	17	6	25	19	5	29	13	8	38	201
	13.0	20.9	21.6	20.0	12.7	9.5	22.1	12.4	7.0	24.0	35.1	22.9	35.8	19.4
IS	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
	0.0	2.3	0.0	1.5	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.5
WARD BIBLE C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.1
VISITOR	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	2	0	4	0	0	0	13
	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.7	1.6	3.5	1.3	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3
10.00	0	4	4	4	4	1	7	11	13	5	1	0	6	60
	0.0	9.3	5.4	6.2	3.0	1.6	6.2	7.2	18.3	4.1	2.7	0.0	5.7	5.8
11.00	1	2	2	5	6	2	4	5	6	4	2	0	2	41
IPLE ANSWER	4.3	4.7	2.7	7.7	4.5	3.2	3.5	3.3	8.5	3.3	5.4	0.0	1.9	3.9
COLUMN TOTAL	23 2.2	43 4.1	74 7.1	65 6.3	134 12.9	63 6.1	113 10.9	153 14.7	71 6.8	121 11.7	37 3.6	35 3.4	106 10.2	1038 100.0

TABLE 19

WHAT ATTRACTED RESPONDENT FAMILIES TO CHURCH BY CHURCHES, 1973

	IBETHEL	EMMANUEL	FAITH MEMORIAL	FIRST HEIGHTS	MEMORIAL	GLEN ROSE	PARK MEMORIAL	PARK PLACE	RICE TEMPLE	RIVER-VIEW	TRINITY	WEST FOURTEEN	WEST END	ROW TOTAL
	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	13.00	14.00	
1.00	1	6	15	11	14	4	22	13	9	17	15	8	25	160
IST CHURCH	4.0	10.7	18.8	14.3	9.3	6.0	17.5	7.5	12.5	13.2	32.6	18.2	20.3	13.7
2.00	1	4	3	5	17	6	10	16	3	15	2	6	7	95
SHIP SERVICES	4.0	7.1	3.8	6.5	11.3	9.0	7.9	9.2	4.2	11.6	4.3	13.6	5.7	8.1
3.00	3	9	5	5	15	1	9	11	9	15	4	6	9	101
RCH LOCATION	12.0	16.1	6.3	6.5	10.0	1.5	7.1	6.3	12.5	11.6	8.7	13.6	7.3	8.6
4.00	3	5	6	5	11	6	3	8	4	3	1	1	4	60
PER SO BAPT	12.0	8.9	7.5	6.5	7.3	9.0	2.4	4.6	5.6	2.3	2.2	2.3	3.3	5.0
5.00	0	2	2	1	9	0	2	7	0	4	1	1	6	39
LDREN	0.0	3.6	2.5	1.3	6.0	0.0	1.6	4.0	0.0	3.1	2.2	2.3	4.9	3.0
6.00	1	1	6	3	7	8	4	4	6	12	2	1	5	60
E MINISTER	4.0	1.8	7.5	3.9	4.7	11.9	3.2	2.3	8.3	9.3	4.3	2.3	4.1	5.0
7.00	2	6	1	3	15	5	17	22	8	25	3	1	8	11
ENDLY CHURCH	8.0	10.7	1.3	3.9	10.0	7.5	13.5	12.6	11.1	19.4	6.5	2.3	6.5	9.0
8.00	3	7	9	12	13	3	17	22	6	7	5	4	26	13
ILY CHURCH	12.0	12.5	11.3	15.6	8.7	4.5	13.5	12.6	8.3	5.4	10.9	9.1	21.1	11.0
9.00	3	0	0	2	2	8	4	14	3	1	1	1	3	4
GRAM	12.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	1.3	11.9	3.2	8.0	4.2	0.8	2.2	2.3	2.4	3.0
10.00	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
ILI-TIES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
11.00	3	4	3	9	14	6	10	26	4	12	3	1	9	19
MON INTEREST	12.0	7.1	3.8	11.7	9.3	9.0	7.9	14.9	5.6	9.3	6.5	2.3	7.3	8.0
COLUMN TOTAL	25	56	80	77	150	67	126	174	72	129	46	44	123	116
TOTAL	2.1	4.8	6.8	6.6	12.8	5.7	10.8	14.9	6.2	11.0	3.9	3.8	10.5	100.0

TABLE 28

CENSUS TRACTS DELETED FOR EACH OF THE CHURCHES IN THE STUDY, 1973^a

CHURCHES	CENSUS TRACT NUMBERS
Baptist Temple	506, 507, 511, 512, 513
Bethel	522, 521
Emmanuel	506, 507
Faith Memorial	209, 203
First, Heights	506, 514, 505
Memorial	531, 532, 533, 222
Glenn Rose	510, 520, 521
Park Memorial	310, 311, 312
Park Place	320, 323, 324
Rice Temple	410, 411, 412, 414
Riverview	313, 319, 321
Trinity	502, 503, 504
West 14th	513, 518
West End	401, 515, 516, 514

^aSource: 1970 Census of Population.

