History of Youth Ministry in the Southern Baptist Convention - Timeline

Date	SBC	Baptism#	Other Youth Ministry	Shaping Events, Influences
1845	SBC Charter Created	12-17 yr		
1848			First Youth Meeting	
1851			YMCA begins in Boston	
1861				American Civil War Begins
1865				American Civil War Ends
1881			Christian Endeavor	
1891	Sunday School Board		Young People's Baptist Union	
1895	The Baptist Young People's Union			
1902				4-H Begins
1904				Adolescence by Stanley Hall Published
1908	Royal Ambassadors launches			
1909	Jr. Young Women's Assc begins			
1910				Boy Scouts USA
1914				War World I
1915				Girl Scouts USA
1918				War World I Ends
1918				High School Attendance becomes compulsory
1919				Alcohol Prohitited
1922	SBC hires Frank Level to establish BSU			
1929				Great Depression
1934	Baptist Training Union			
1935	1st SBC Youth Choir			
1937	First Full-Time Youth Director			
1938	First Youth Week			
1940's	The 40's were known for collegiate revivals			
1941			Young Life Founded	USA enters World War II
1945				World War II concludes
1949	SWBTS hires youth professor			Television begins popularity
1949	Ridgecrest becomes a ministry of SBC			
1950				USA involved in Korean War
1951			Campus Crusade for Christ Established	
1953				USA leaves Korean conflict
1954	Chruch Recreation Dept Formed		Fellowship of Christian Athletes Begins	
1960			YWAM, Youth With a Mission launches	
1965				USA Troops Fight in Vietnam

Year	Event	Number	Event	Event
1967	"Good News" Musical pushes Youth Choirs to new heights			
1968	Youth Ministry Lab begins SWBTS		Youth Specialties founded	
1969				Woodstock Music and Art Festival
1971		126,127		
1972		137,667	Expo '72 sponsored by Campus Crusade	
1973	Bob Taylor First Youth Consultant Hired	119,844		
1973	First Disciple Now (Miami)			
1974		115,317	Group Magazine Launches	
1975		116,564		End of Vietnam War
1976		103,981		
1977		88,838		
1978		85,138		
1979	Centrifuge Youth Camp Begins	93,142	National Youth Ministry Network Founded	
1980		108,633		
1981		101,076	National Youth Ministry Network Cha	MTv Launches on Agust 1
1982		102,259		
1983		97,984		
1984		91,431		
1985	Richard Ross succeeds Bob Taylor	86,499		
1986		86,387		
1987		79,900		
1988	*Handbook of Youth Discipleship* , Hall	80,391	*The Youth Builder* published, Burns & Devries	
1989		80,704		
1990	World Changers Kicks Off	85,596		
1990	First See You at the Pole			
1991		89,691		
1992		85,473	First Priority chartered	World Wide Web made Internet a common utility
1993	True Love Waits	80,438	Student Life Camp Launches	
1994		89,085		
1995	Mission Fuge	92,032		
1996		87,653		
1997		93,593		
1998	Lifeway name replaces BSSB	94,341		
1998	Purpose Driven Youth Ministry published			
1999	NOBTS Youth Ministry Institute	93,747		Columbine & Wedgewood Shootings
2000	Youth Link 2000	93,100		
2001		86,928	National Study of Youth & Religion be	9/11 Terrorist Attack
2002		84,056		

Year	Value		Event
2003	81,246		
2004	84,040		Facebook launched in Ivy League
2005	81,708	NSYR released in *Soul Searching*	YouTube goes online
2006	79,587		
2007	75,989		iPhone released
2008	75,215		
2009	76,442		
2010	73,118		
2011	78,600		
2012	75,181		
2013	73,201		
2014	71,457		
2015	69,097		
2016	66,823		
2017	59,797		
2018	57,552		