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
	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
	SBC hires Frank Level to establish BSU			
1929				Great Depression
	Baptist Training Union			
1935	1st SBC Youth Choir			
	First Full-Time Youth Director			
1938	First Youth Week			
1940's	The 40's were known for collegiate re	vivals		
1941			Young Life Founded	USA enters World War II
1945				World War II concludes
	SWBTS hires youth professor			Television begins popularity
	Ridgecrest becomes a ministry of SBC			
1950				USA involved in Korean War
1951			Campus Crusade for Christ Establishe	
1953			- 11 11 6-11 11 11 11	USA leaves Korean conflict
	Chruch Recreation Dept Formed		Fellowship of Christian Athletes Begin	
1960			YWAM, Youth With a Mission launche	
1965				USA Troops Fight in Vietnam

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1985 Richard Ross succeeds Bob Taylor 86,499	1985 Richard Ross succeeds Bob Taylor	86,499						
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1988 Handbook of Youth Discipleship , Hall 80,391 The Youth Builder published, Burns & Devries	1988 Handbook of Youth Discipleship , Hall	80,391	The Youth Builder published, Burns 8	Devries				
1989 80,704	1989	80,704						
1990 World Changers Kicks Off 85,596	1990 World Changers Kicks Off	85,596						
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1998 Purpose Driven Youth Ministry published	1998 Purpose Driven Youth Ministry publish	ned						
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2000 Youth Link 2000 93,100	2000 Youth Link 2000	93,100						
2001 86,928 National Study of Youth & Religion be 9/11 Terrorist Attack	2001		-	9/11 Terrorist Attack				
2002 84,056	2002	84,056						

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		