

**National Coalition for Burned Churches and Community Empowerment
Church Burning Research Center
National Church Burning Registry
Case Samplings 2007-2006 arson, suspicious and undetermined fires**

The purpose of this registry is to present a sampling of cases for your review and action. This registry provides a listing of 100 arsons, suspicious or undetermined fires occurring over the last nineteen months in 34 states. The total number of incidents include 90 (arsons), 6(undetermined), 2(suspicious) and 2(attempted arson). A more detailed national registry will be made available by January 2008.

Please use this registry as a working document to stimulate discussions about church arson activity in America to determine what you as an individual, your church, organization, business, or family can do to increase public awareness. Your help is greatly needed.

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Alabama

July 28, 2007-Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, Decatur, Alabama arson
April 24, 2007-Refuge Baptist Church, Ragland, Alabama, arson
February 2006-Rehobeth Baptist Church, Lawley, Alabama, arson
February 2006-Ashby Baptist Church, Brierfield, Alabama, arson
February 2006- Old Union Baptist Church, Randolph, Alabama, arson
February 2006-Antioch Baptist Church, Centerville, Alabama, arson
February 2006-Pleasant Sabine Baptist Church, Bibb County, Alabama, arson
February 2006-New Harmony Holiness Church, Prattville, Alabama, arson
February 2006-Morning Star Baptist Church, Boligee, Alabama, arson
February 2006-Spring Valley Baptist Church, Gainesville, Alabama, arson
February 2006-Dancy First Baptist Church, Aliceville, Alabama, arson
February 2006-Galilee Baptist Church, Panola, Alabama, arson
February 2006-Beaverton Freewill Baptist, Beaverton, Alabama, arson
February 2006 Chapman Chapel Holiness Cong Church, Glencoe, Alabama, arson
March 2006 Faith Church of the Nazarene, Hayden, Alabama, arson
April 2006 Blackberry Lane Community Church, Talladega, Alabama, arson
May 2006 Tubbs Church of Christ, Oakman, Alabama, arson
October 2006 Rocky Mount Baptist Church, Sylacauga, Alabama, arson
November 2006 Salvation Army Church, Florence, Alabama, arson
November 21, 2006-Covenant Life International, Boaz, Alabama, arson

Alaska

March 12, 2007-Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Juneau, Alaska, arson

California

April 24, 2007College Church of Christ, Fresno, California, arson
Feb 27, 2007-Living Hope Fellowship Church, Ontario, California, suspicious
January 5, 2007-St. Cornelius Catholic Church, Walnut Creek, California poss hate crime

August 22, 2006-Grace Baptist Church, Sacramento, California, arson
August 22, 2006-Slavic Independent Church, Sacramento, California, arson

Colorado

July 11, 2007-First Church of Nazarene, Pueblo, Colorado, arson

Florida

March 15, 2007-Christ Ministry of Changing Lives, NW Jacksonville, Florida, arson
September 3, 2006-Crystal Springs Worship Center, Pasco, Florida, arson
April 24, 2006-St. Mark United Church, Valrico, Florida, arson
March 18, 2006-Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church Annex, Sebring, Florida arson

Georgia

July 12, 2007-St. Mary's Catholic Church, Americus, Georgia arson
July 6, 2007-Faith Baptist Church, Kingston, GA undetermined
June 28, 2007- Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, Deep Step, Georgia, arson
June 28, 2007-Holly Springs Baptist Church, Warthen/Sandersville, Georgia, arson
March 5, 2007-Liberty City Church of Christ, Savannah, Georgia, arson
April 5, 2007 -Old Marion Baptist Church, Dry Branch, Georgia, undetermined
November 11, 2006-Emit Grove Baptist Church, Statesboro, GA, arson
September 30, 2006-New Haven Baptist Church, Roswell, Georgia, arson
August 27, 2006-Raines Baptist Church, Dawson, Georgia, arson
February, 25, 2006-New Providence Baptist Church, Buena Vista, GA, arson

Hawaii

September 26, 2006-Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, Honolulu, Hawaii, arson

Idaho

July 22, 2007-Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Boise, Idaho, arson

Illinois

July 10, 2006-Galum Presbyterian Church, Pinckneyville, Illinois, arson

Indiana

May 8, 2007-North Point Baptist Church, South Bend, Indiana, arson 2nd fire
April 7, 2007 St. Anne Catholic Church, New Castle, Indiana, arson

Iowa

April 29, 2007- First United Methodist Church, Burlington, Iowa, arson
April 29, 2007-First Presbyterian Church, Burlington, Iowa, arson

New York

May 30, 2007-Christ Episcopal Church, Pottersville, New York, arson
July 9, 2007-St. Rose of Lima, Melville, New York, arson

North Carolina

July 24, 2007-Temple Baptist Church, Lincolnton, North Carolina, arson
May 23, 2007-Glenrock Baptist Church, Fort Mills, North Carolina, arson
April 22, 2007-Whitley Memorial UMC, Smithfield, North Carolina arson
January 3, 2007-Memorial Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina, arson
January 3, 2007-Unity Freewill Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina, arson
August 12, 2006-St. Marks Episcopal Church, Wilson, NC, arson
May 29, 2006- Springfield Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina, arson
March 19, 2006-Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Charlotte, NC, arson

Kansas

November 10, 2006-St. David's Episcopal Church, Topeka, Kansas, arson
April 30, 2006-Hillside Community Church, Topeka, Kansas, arson

Kentucky

May, 2006-Lafayette Baptist Church, Dawson Springs, Kentucky, arson

Louisiana

May 21, 2007-Peace Grove Baptist Church, Covington, Louisiana, arson

Massachusetts

April 3, 2007-St. Stephens Church, Massachusetts, arson
Feb 9, 2007- Nature Church, Belchertown, Massachusetts, arson

Michigan

July 2, 2006-Deliverance Church of God in Christ, Pontiac Michigan, arson

Mississippi

July 27, 2007-Antioch Church of Christ, New Albany, Mississippi, arson
February 19, 2006-Spring Beulah Church of Christ, McComb, MS, arson

Missouri

January 6, 2007-Mt. Branson Church of God, Branson, Missouri, arson

New Jersey

November 26, 2006-Calvary Temple, Wayne, New Jersey, arson

Oklahoma

October 10, 2006-New Hope Baptist Church, Okhata, Oklahoma, arson

Ohio

May 2007-Christ the King Catholic Church, Athens, Ohio, arson
September 8, 2006-Macedonia Orthodox Church, Columbus, Ohio, arson

Oregon

July 3, 2007-Church of the Nazarene, Grand Ronde, Oregon, arson
Feb 5, 2007-Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, Portland Oregon, undetermined
October 25, 2006-Peoples Church, Salem Oregon, arson

Pennsylvania

June 5, 2007-Park Lane United Brethren Church, Bethel Township, arson

May 6, 2007-Altoona Alliance Church, Altoona, Pennsylvania, arson

January 4, 2007-Christ Lutheran Church, Allentown, PA, update (Nov 4, 7 fires) hate

Rhode Island

August 24, 2006-Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Providence, Rhode Island, suspicious

South Carolina

September 9, 2006-Bibleway Baptist Church, Charleston, South Carolina, arson

Tennessee

March 13, 2007-Greater Mount Moriah Baptist Church (FL Bldg), S Memphis, Tenn, arson

December 18, 2006-Cathedral of Praise, Chattanooga, Tennessee, arson

Texas

July 4, 2007-Victory Family Church, Burleson, TX, attempted arson

June 26, 2007-Bethesda Baptist Church, Saginaw, Texas, arson

June 14, 2007-First Missionary Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, arson

Feb 26, 2007-St. Mary's Catholic Church, Amarillo, Texas, undetermined

June 6, 2006-St. John's Presbyterian Church, Manchaca, Texas, arson

Utah

April 24, 2007-Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah hate crime

June 6, 2007-First Congregational Church, Samoa, Utah, arson

Virginia

June 7, 2007-Potters House Church of Deliverance, undetermined

April 28, 2007-Abundant Life Baptist Church, Dumfries Virginia, undetermined

February 2, 2006-St. Mary's Catholic Church, Suffolk, VA, arson

Washington

July 5, 2007-Unity Church of Olympia, Olympia, Washington, arson

June 14, 2007-Japanese Presbyterian Church, Seattle Washington, attempted arson

April 12, 2006-Church of Christ, Yelm, Washington, arson

West Virginia

May 14, 2007-Apostolic Free Church of God, St. Albans, West Virginia, arson

March 2, 2007-New Life Church Cedar Grove, West Virginia, arson

June 4, 2006-Glenwood United Methodist Church, Charleston, West Virginia, arson

July 19, 2006-Full Gospel Tabernacle, Oceana, West Virginia, arson

Wisconsin

September 30, 2006-St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, Hartford, Wisconsin, arson