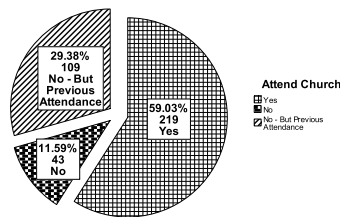


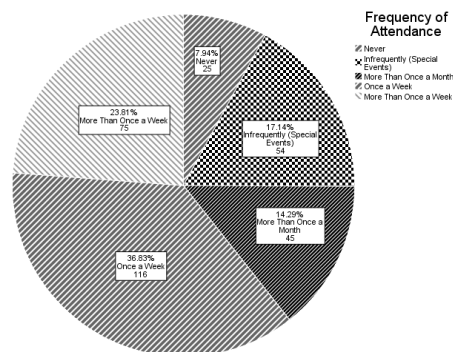
Results from Religious Attitude Questionnaire Surveys in Lakeland, FL 2008-2014

Data was gathered from haphazard convenience sampling frame in neighborhoods in downtown Lakeland and surrounding Highland City and Southeastern University. Surveys were administered to respondents in a public venue either on the street, their doorways, sidewalks, or any other place where people could be encountered in the public sphere. A total of 394 respondents were analyzed. Demographic data was not gathered for all respondents but of those that were recorded numbers were fairly equal as to gender and marital status. The following charts provide data concerning certain trends among the population polled.

First of all the chart below indicates that almost 60% of our respondents indicate they attend a church somewhere. Readers should remember this is a questionnaire about “religious” attitudes and respondents to self-report measures, especially in the area of religion, spirituality and altruistic endeavors, tend to have a reporting bias known as “faking good” on such measures.



What actually may be more indicative is the results from those who said they were attending regarding their frequency of attendance (cf. chart below). What we see here is that while 60% of those attending report they attended at least once a week or more, fully 40% attend only once a month or less and would like be categorized as Unchurched in this case. This means that in Lakeland in the middle of the Southern “Bible- Belt” only, it is likely that as many much as 66% or 2/3rd of the respondents are essentially without a church home.



Which Local Church

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Catholic	34	8.6	11.4	11.4
Main Line -Denominational	55	14.0	18.4	29.8
Pentecostal/Charismatic	45	11.4	15.1	44.8
Evangelical	66	16.8	22.1	66.9
Non-Denominational	29	7.4	9.7	76.6
Other	70	17.8	23.4	100.0
Total	299	75.9	100.0	
Total	394	100.0		

Why Attend

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	15	3.8	4.6	4.6
Family	57	14.5	17.4	22.0
Faith Tradition	67	17.0	20.5	42.5
Worship God	62	15.7	19.0	61.5
Learn About the Word	33	8.4	10.1	71.6
Events & Holidays	9	2.3	2.8	74.3
Community	33	8.4	10.1	84.4
Other	51	12.9	15.6	100.0
Total	327	83.0	100.0	
Total	394	100.0		

Look For in a Church?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	15	3.8	4.2	4.2
Accepting/Place of Belonging	88	22.3	24.6	28.9
Good Preaching/Teaching/Worship	79	20.1	22.1	51.0
Community	39	9.9	10.9	61.9
Programs (Kids, Youth, College)	43	10.9	12.0	73.9
Faith Tradition	20	5.1	5.6	79.6
Other	73	18.5	20.4	100.0
Total	357	90.6	100.0	
Total	394	100.0		

Had an Intense Encounter With God

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Yes	225	57.1	64.3	64.3
No	125	31.7	35.7	100.0
Total	350	88.8	100.0	
Total	394	100.0		

Describe Spiritual Encounter

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Awareness of Spiritual Presence	66	16.8	37.1	37.1
Miraculous Event/Healing	40	10.2	22.5	59.6
Emotional Encounter	14	3.6	7.9	67.4
Physical Encounter	25	6.3	14.0	81.5
Other	33	8.4	18.5	100.0
Total	178	45.2	100.0	
Total	394	100.0		

What Do You Think Will Happen to You After Death

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid I Don't Know	48	12.2	14.2	14.2
Go to Heaven	228	57.9	67.7	81.9
Nothing	15	3.8	4.5	86.4
Other	46	11.7	13.6	100.0
Total	337	85.5	100.0	
Total	394	100.0		

Interested in a Bible Study to Learn About Jesus?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Yes	60	15.2	70.6	70.6
No	25	6.3	29.4	100.0
Total	85	21.6	100.0	
Total	394	100.0		

Interested in Attending Church?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Yes	44	11.2	65.7	65.7
No	23	5.8	34.3	100.0
Total	67	17.0	100.0	
Total	394	100.0		