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What denomination is got questions org

Question Answer S. Michael Houdmann is the Founder, President, and CEO of Got Questions Ministries, the parent ministry for GotQuestions.org. We rarely receive questions about S. Michael Houdmann, and that is a good thing. He does not want GotQuestions.org to be about him. He does not want people to accept or reject the answers given at GotQuestions.org because of name recognition. Rather, his hope is that people will accept or reject GotQuestions.org answers because they have read them, compared them with the Word of God, and prayed about them - and determined them to be true and biblical. The following are the questions S. Michael Houdmann is most frequently asked. What gave you the idea to start GotQuestions.org? Ultimately, it was God's idea. I had graduated from Calvary University and Calvary Theological Seminary (Kansas City, MO) and did not feel a clear calling from God into any of the traditional forms of ministry. So, my wife and I began praying, asking to give me a ministry that was a unique fit for me. We can't remember whether God first gave the idea to me or my wife, but we felt the Lord leading us to create a Christian website where people could come and ask any question they have about the Bible. That was the beginning of GotQuestions.org. When did you start GotQuestions.org? God first gave us the idea in December of 2001. We tried a few other options before finally deciding to purchase the GotQuestions.org domain name in February of 2002. What were things like in the beginning? I would describe the beginning as "in way over our heads." In the very beginning, I had no idea GotQuestions.org would ever be anything more than a hobby. I thought it would be something I did in addition to whatever other full-time ministry God called me to. God obviously had much bigger plans in mind for GotQuestions.org than I did. What do you like best about being the CEO of GotQuestions.org? I thank God every day that I get to serve Him doing something I absolutely love and enjoy. If I were to write a job description of my dream ministry, it would describe precisely what I am doing, except for perhaps less administrative work. I have always loved technology. I have always been able to express myself better in writing than in speaking. So, a ministry that allows me to write, edit, develop, research, and publish content is a perfect fit for me. What do you like least about being the CEO of GotQuestions.org? The Haters. There are some incredibly rude and demeaning people out there who will say nasty and hateful things about us. As much as I know such things are to be expected (Matthew 10:22; John 15:18), it still hurts sometimes. Whenever I am having a particularly tough day, a visit to our testimonials page always lifts my spirits. How did you come to faith in Christ? I came to faith in Christ in my late teens. An uncle who was a pastor came and visited our family for a week or so. While he was staying with us, he shared the Gospel with me and patiently answered all of the questions I asked him. While I am not 100% certain I came to faith in Christ at that time, he definitely planted seeds in my life. Several months later, after I had begun attending the youth group of a nearby church, the youth pastor clearly explained the Gospel. That night, I got down on my knees and received Jesus Christ as my Savior, by grace alone, through faith alone. From that moment I knew I had definitely received Jesus Christ as my Savior. What is your education? Prior to launching GotQuestions.org, I earned a Bachelors of Arts in Biblical Studies from Calvary University and a Masters of Arts in Christian Theology from Calvary Theological Seminary. I later earned a Master of Theology with an emphasis in Christian Apologetics from Dallas Theological Seminary. I am currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree from Dallas Theological Seminary. During my initial journey through college and seminary, I did not feel a clear calling from God into any of the traditional forms of ministry. So, the degree programs I chose were somewhat general. Looking back, they were the perfect programs to prepare me for answering questions at GotQuestions.org. They provided me with a strong foundation in understanding the Bible and Christian theology, and in knowing how to teach it to others. How can we pray for you? What a great question! Thank you! Please pray that I would always be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading. Pray that God would always give me the wisdom and discernment I need. Pray that I would be a good steward of the ministry He has entrusted to me. Pray that I would remain humble and would always give God the glory for what He accomplishes through GotQuestions.org. Please also check out the S. Michael Houdmann blog Return to: GotQuestions.org Home Who is S. Michael Houdmann? GotQuestions.org was launched in February of 2002. In late 2001, God gave our founder, S. Michael Houdmann, a passion for helping people find answers to their Bible questions through the internet. Little did he envision how quickly God would turn GotQuestions.org into a full-time ministry. He quickly discovered what a great need there was for a quality Bible answer service on the internet. Within one month of our launch, GotQuestions.org was receiving over 30 questions a day. We quickly recognized our need for help, so we began searching for volunteers to assist us in answering all of the questions we were receiving. The volunteer staff grew steadily, ultimately to our current team of over 200. At the same time, the volume of questions steadily increased. We are currently averaging 100 questions per day. We continue to praise the Lord for our volunteer writers. They are what makes this ministry possible! As our website traffic increased and the volume of questions continued to grow, we recognized the need to have our most frequently asked questions and answers posted online for easy and instant access. We currently have over 9,200 of our most frequently asked questions posted online in our archives. Now, the vast majority of GotQuestions.org's visitors find their answers in the online archives rather than by submitting a question to us. In May of 2002, we started posting a question of the week online and immediately received requests for it to be sent out via email as well. Our Question of the Week email now has approximately 185,000 subscribers. The internet is a spiritual battlefield. Cults, false religions, and other pseudo-Christian groups have websites as well. Some of these sites perform much the same function that we do. The answers these sites provide are often unbiblical and lead searching people down a false path—potentially to their own spiritual destruction. (Note: we by no means claim to be the only site on the internet that answers questions in a God-honoring way. In fact, there are many others.) So, we began to pray, how can we prevent people from visiting these unbiblical sites? In response to our prayers, God led us to focus on search engine opt1mization. By designing our webpages to be search engine friendly, we achieve good rankings in the search engines. If anyone searches for anything Christian or Bible related, we want to be there near the top of the search engine results. We strive to be listed higher than the sites that do not proclaim the truth. God has blessed our efforts, as we knew He would (Philippians 4:19). The vast majority of our approximately 18,000,000 monthly visitors find us through the search engines. In November of 2005, we began the process of translating what we believe to be our most important webpages into other languages. It is our goal to translate our fifty "most important" articles into every major world language. Beyond that, it is our goal to translate at least 200 webpages into all of the world languages that are most prominent on the internet. There are, sadly, many languages which have very little quality Christian content available online. Our articles have now been translated into 205 languages, with a total of 79,000 pages of translated content. In order to expand our impact, we have launched several other websites and avenues of ministry focused on different audiences. We launched our Christian research search engine — SeekFind.org — in 2005. We launched our site for kids — GQkidz.org — in 2007. We launched our discipleship and worldview focused site — CompellingTruth.org — in 2011. We launched our site for teens — 412teens.org — in 2012. We launched our apps for Android and iPhone in 2014. We launched our Bible Commentary site — BibleRef.com — in 2016. We launched our blog site — GotQuestions.blog — in 2017. We launched The GotQuestions.org Podcast in 2021. We launched the Got Questions Ministries hub — GQM.ONE — in 2023. We continue to pray and dream regarding how God would expand and improve the ministry of GotQuestions.org! We praise the Lord for what He has accomplished through us and in us! We look forward for how God will use GotQuestions.org in the future. Return to: GotQuestions.org Home History of GotQuestions.org Reddit and its partners use cookies and similar technologies to provide you with a better experience. By accepting all cookies, you agree to our use of cookies to deliver and maintain our services and site, improve the quality of our content, personalize our advertising, and measure the effectiveness of advertising. By rejecting non-essential cookies, Reddit may still use certain cookies to ensure the proper functionality of our platform. For more information, please see our Cookie Notice and our Privacy Policy. Question Answer In a religious context, the word "denomination" is often defined as "a recognized autonomous branch of the Christian church." One denomination will include many local churches that are usually spread over a broad geographical region. At GotQuestions.org, we have many articles about denominations that you may find helpful: What are the most common denominations of Christianity? What is a non-denominational church? What do non-denominational churches believe? Why are there so many Christian denominations? What are the mainline denominations? What does it mean for a church or organization to be interdenominational? There are many good denominations, and each denomination has good and bad local churches. When looking for a church, study the individual church's statement of faith and ask about the church's practices rather than blindly keeping loyal to a particular denomination. Selecting a church should not be based solely on denomination. It is better to pick a church based on the quality and accuracy of the Bible teaching and how well the church is fulfilling the Great Commission, regardless of the denomination. The Bible nowhere mandates we have denominations, but there is nothing inherently wrong with them. Sometimes denominations are simply a way to distinguish a particular group of like-minded churches. Denominational labels are useful for the quick identification of groups of Christians. Being familiar with the doctrinal distinctives of the various denominations allows one to gain a general overview of the churches in a particular town. Are there too many denominations? Probably. Sometimes, new denominations form because of valid disagreements over essential theology or vital church practice, and truth must separate itself from falsehood. Other times, new denominations form over minor matters that are better resolved in a spirit of love and humility. "Live in peace with each other" (1 Thessalonians 5:13). The Body of Christ is interdenominational. We may choose labels for ourselves and others—and such labels have their place—but Jesus never assigned denominational tags. The Body of Christ is made up of "everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord" (Acts 2:21), and the gospel of salvation by grace through faith unites believers, despite our denominational differences. Return to: Questions about the Church What is a denomination? Welcome to GotQuestions.org, the flagship website of Got Questions Ministries, a network of sites with a shared mission: to glorify God and reach people for Christ by providing biblical answers to spiritually related questions. 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