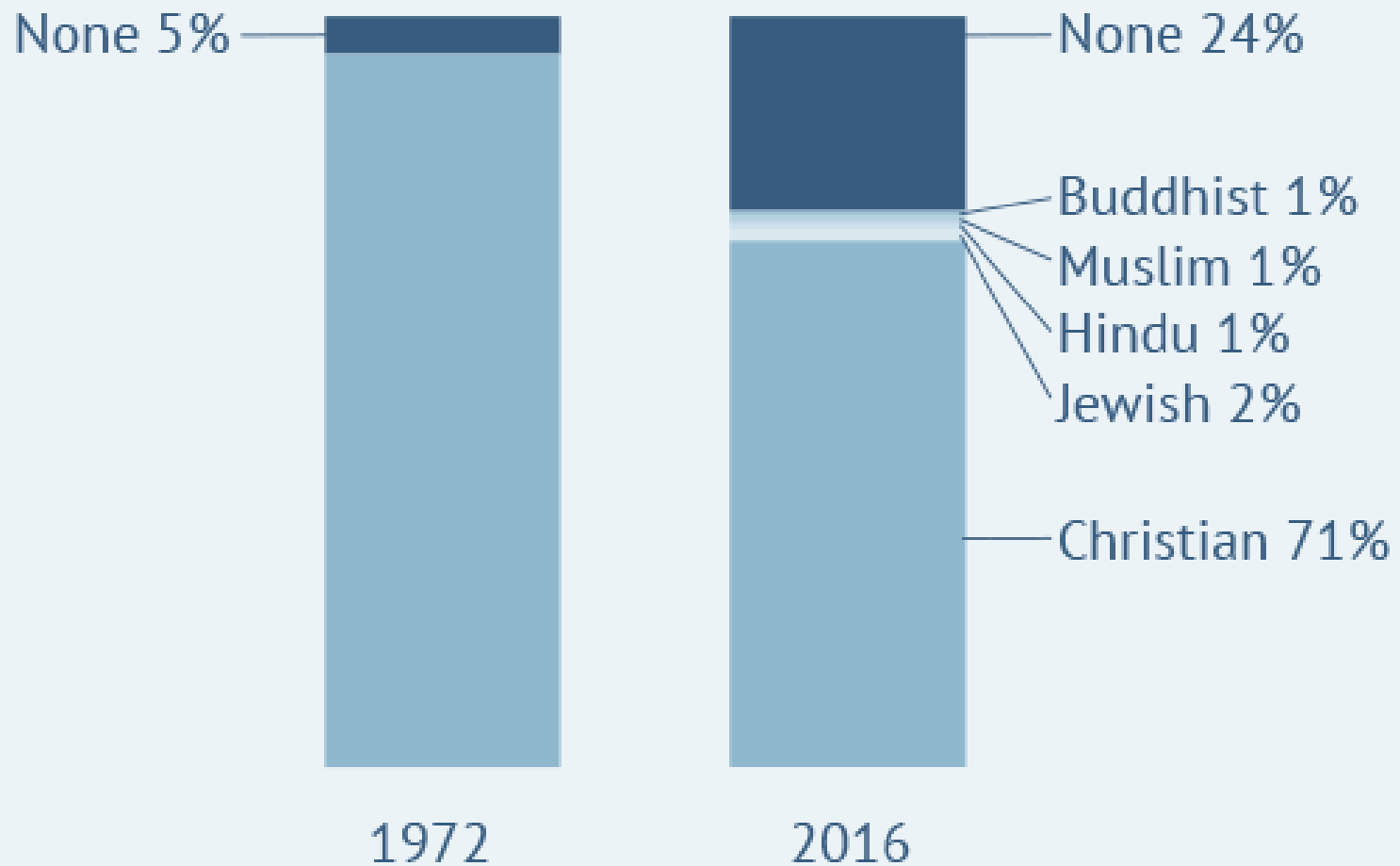


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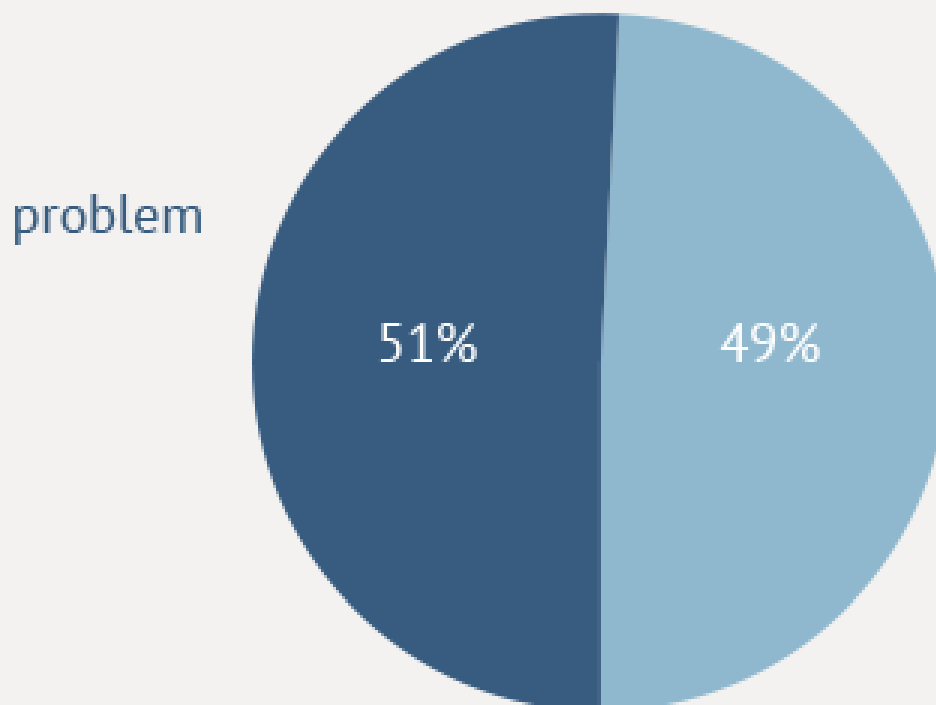
of American Adults



Source: Pew Research Center

5. Is Religion the Problem or Solution?

“When it comes to issues and what happens today in our country, would you say that religion is part of the problem or is it part of the solution?”



Source: Heart + Mind poll, 2017



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*How does Holy Scripture teach
you to view the Church?*

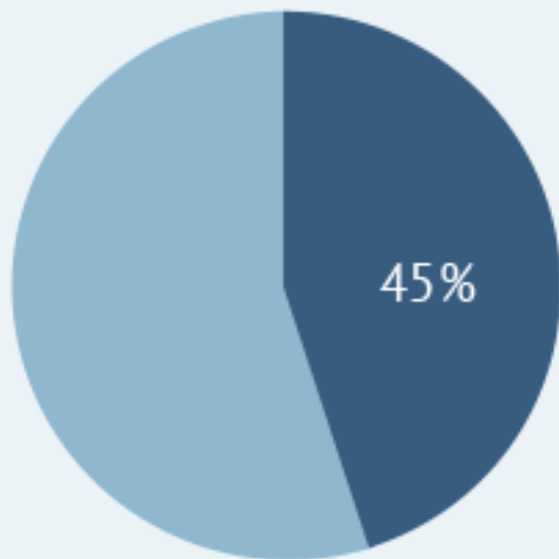
*Holy Scripture teaches me to
view the Church as God's
family, as the Body and bride
of Christ, and as the temple
where God in Christ dwells by
his Spirit.*

"To Be A Christian"

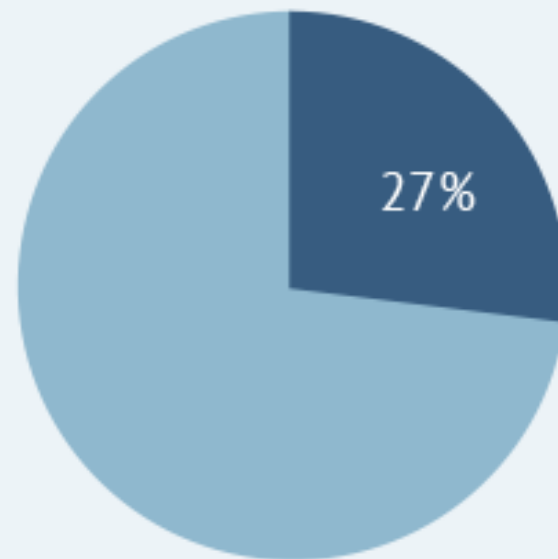
7. Did Volunteer Work

in the past 7 days

Americans who attend church weekly, pray daily



other Americans



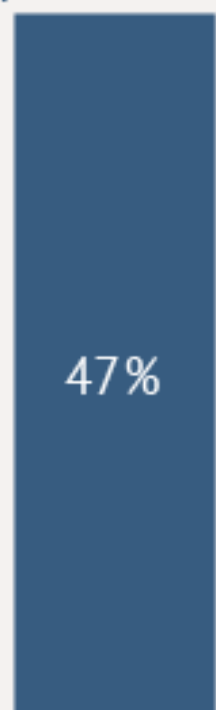
Source: Pew Research Center, 2014 data

8. Gather with Extended Family

Americans who attend church weekly, pray daily

other Americans

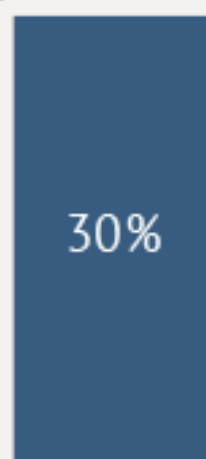
at least 1-2 times
per month



seldom
or never

16%

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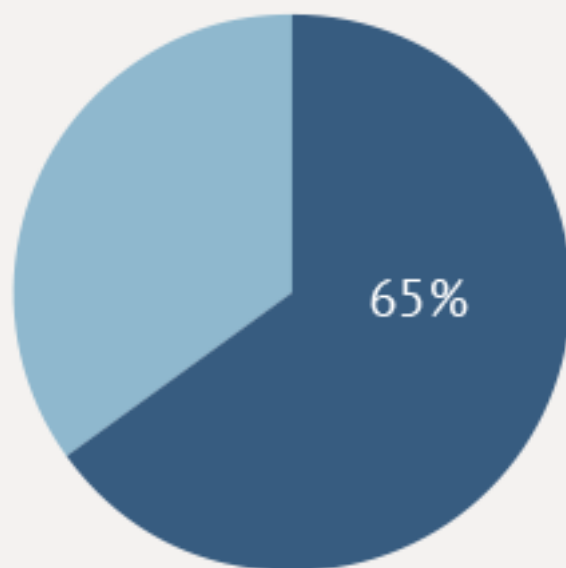
31%

Source: Pew Research Center, 2014 data

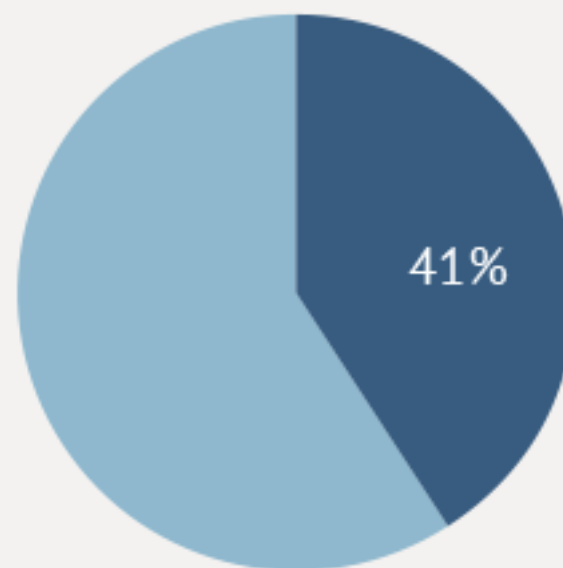
9. Gave to the Poor

in the past 7 days
by donating money, time, or goods

Americans who attend
church weekly, pray daily



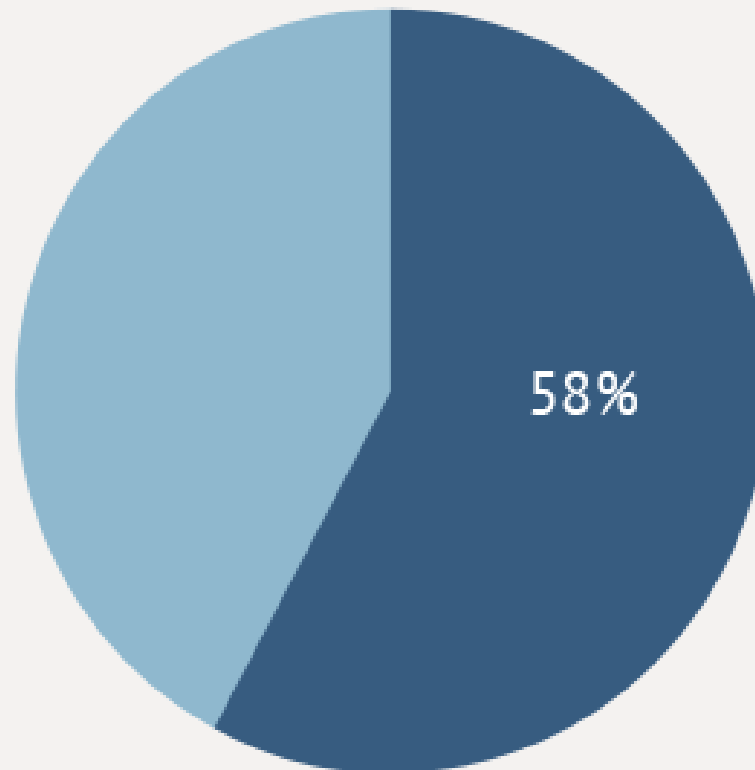
other Americans



Source: Pew Research Center, 2014 data

16. Beds for the Homeless

provided by faith-based organizations



Source: Survey of 11 major cities, Assessing the Faith-based Response to Homelessness in America, 2017



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What is the Church?



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The Church is the whole community of faithful Christians in heaven and on earth, called and formed by God into one people. The Church on earth gathers to worship God in Word and Sacrament, to serve God and neighbor, and to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

“To Be A Christian”



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For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will--“

(Eph 1:4-5)

I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working

of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

(Eph 1:16-23)