

PROCEEDINGS
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
Nashville, Tennessee
June 21–22, 2005

Theme: *The “Everyone Can!” Kingdom Challenge-Evangelism*

Scripture Text: *Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

(Matthew 28:19-20, Holman Christian Standard Bible)

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 21, 2005

SESSION THEME: *“Everyone Can!” Learn and Train Others*

SCRIPTURE: *And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.* (2 Timothy 2:2, HCSB)

1. Inspirational music was presented by the combined choirs and orchestras of the Worship Choir of First Baptist Church, Springdale, AR, the Church at Pinnacle Hills, Rogers, AR, and the Celebration Choir and Orchestra of First Baptist Church Daytona Beach, Daytona Beach, FL.
2. Congregational praise and worship was led by Buster Pray (AR), Convention music director and associate pastor of worship ministries, First Baptist Church, Springdale.
3. Morris H. Chapman (TN), president and chief executive officer of the Executive Committee, presented the Broadus Gavel to President Bobby Welch (FL). Welch called to order the one hundred forty-eighth session of the Southern Baptist Convention in the one hundred sixtieth year of its history at 8:15 a.m. in the Gaylord Entertainment Center, Nashville, Tennessee.
4. President Bobby Welch (FL) introduced the *PARLIAMENTARIANS*: **C. Barry McCarty** (TX) - **Chief Parliamentarian**, Jimmy E. Jackson (AL), and John Sullivan (FL). McCarty explained the microphone system to the messengers and how messengers can make a motion.
5. James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, reported on June 21, 2005, that as of 8:14 a.m., 9,691 messengers had been certified by churches to the Convention. He stated in compliance with Bylaw 8 of the Southern Baptist Convention, registration opened on Sunday afternoon, June 19, to enroll messengers who presented proper credentials from churches which are in friendly cooperation with this Convention and sympathetic with its purposes and work, and have during the fiscal year preceding been bona fide contributors to the Convention's work. Wells moved that these messengers constitute the Convention and that other duly certified messengers from churches in cooperation with the Convention who arrive later be recognized as members of the Convention when they have enrolled on the basis of membership set forth in Article III of the SBC Constitution. The motion carried.
6. Roy Sparkman (TX), judge, First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, member, Executive Committee, led in prayer.
7. “Everyone Can!” video testimony.
8. Sean Pierce (NY), chairman, Committee on Order of Business, moved the adoption of the order of business as printed in the program and as revised in the *SBC Bulletin*, First Day, Part 2, page 2. Motion carried.

Order of Business, 2005 Southern Baptist Convention
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TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 21

Theme: "Everyone Can!" Go and Tell Others
*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,
 and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria,
 and to the ends of the earth.* (Acts 1:8, HCSB)

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| <p>1:00 Prayer - Abe Silliman, Jr., <i>pastor</i>, Macedonia Baptist Church, Ripley, TN</p> <p>1:05 Baptism*</p> <p>1:10 Business - Committee on Order of Business (Second Report) - Sean Pierce
 Referrals/Introduction of Motions</p> <p>1:25 Executive Committee Report (Part 2) - Morris H. Chapman</p> <p>1:55 Woman's Missionary Union Report - Wanda S. Lee, <i>executive director-treasurer</i>, Birmingham, AL</p> <p>2:05 SBC Historical Library and Archives Report - R. Philip Roberts, <i>chairman</i>, Council of Seminary Presidents, <i>president</i>, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO</p> <p>2:15 Election of Officers (First) - Bobby Welch</p> <p>2:30 A Celebration of God and Country - Russ Lee, <i>singer/songwriter/music evangelist</i>, New Vision Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, TN; Combined choir and orchestra: Worship Choir of FBC Springdale; The Church at Pinnacle Hills; Celebration Choir and Orchestra of FBC Daytona Beach</p> <p>2:45 Special Feature</p> <p>3:05 Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Report - Jeff Iorg, <i>president</i>, Mill Valley, CA</p> | <p>3:20 Special Music - Russ Lee and the First Baptist Church Springdale Worship Team</p> <p>3:25 "Everyone Can!" Point of Challenge - Prayer: Ross and Hannah Jordan; Challenge: Dawn Smith Jordan, <i>contemporary Christian singer/songwriter/recording artist/author</i>, First Baptist Church, Columbia, SC</p> <p>3:45 LifeWay Christian Resources Report - James T. (Jimmy) Draper, Jr., <i>president</i>, Nashville, TN</p> <p>3:55 LifeWay Christian Resources Presentation - James T. (Jimmy) Draper, Jr.</p> <p>4:15 Congregational Praise and Worship - Andrew Pray, <i>pastor of worship arts</i>, Avalon Church, McDonough, GA; First Baptist Springdale Worship Team</p> <p>4:20 The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report - Paige Patterson, <i>president</i>, Fort Worth, TX</p> <p>4:35 Election of Officers (Second) - Bobby Welch</p> <p>4:50 Introduction of New Motions (Last Opportunity) - Bobby Welch</p> <p>5:15 Benediction - Clark D. Stewart, <i>senior pastor</i>, Harmony Baptist Church, Crystal Springs, MS</p> |
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TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 21

Theme: "Everyone Can!" Obey and Teach Others
But when they believed Philip, as he proclaimed the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. (Acts 8:12, HCSB)

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| <p>6:30 Concert of Praise - Combined Choir and Orchestra, First Baptist Church Springdale and the Church at Pinnacle Hills</p> <p>6:40 Baptism*</p> <p>6:45 Prayer - Charles Hollingsworth, <i>minister of worship</i>, First Baptist Church, Haysville, KS</p> <p>6:50 The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission Report - Richard D. Land, <i>president</i>, Nashville, TN</p> <p>7:00 The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission Presentation - Richard D. Land</p> <p>7:20 Election of Officers (Third) - Bobby Welch</p> <p>7:30 Business - Committee on Order of Business (Third Report) - Sean Pierce</p> <p>7:40 Previously Scheduled Business - Bobby Welch</p> <p>8:05 New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Report - Charles S. (Chuck) Kelley, Jr., <i>president</i>, New Orleans, LA</p> | <p>8:20 Congregational Praise and Worship - Buster Pray, Andrew Pray, Combined Choir and Orchestra</p> <p>8:35 Recognition of Former SBC Presidents - Bobby Welch</p> <p>8:45 Music Feature - Combined Choir and Orchestra</p> <p>8:50 "Everyone Can!" Point of Challenge - Prayer: Liliana Lewis; Challenge: Michael S. Lewis, <i>senior pastor</i>, Great Hills Baptist Church, Austin, TX</p> <p>9:15 Congregational Praise and Worship - Josh Stanbery, <i>minister of worship</i>, The Church at Pinnacle Hills</p> <p>9:20 North American Mission Board Report - Robert E. (Bob) Reccord, <i>president</i>, Alpharetta, GA</p> <p>9:30 North American Mission Board Presentation - Robert E. (Bob) Reccord</p> <p>9:50 Benediction - Bill Bennett, <i>president</i>, Mentoring Men for the Master, International, Scotts Hill Baptist Church, Wilmington, NC</p> |
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WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 22

Theme: "Everyone Can!" Grow and Take Others

Remember this: the person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. (2 Corinthians 9:6, HCSB)

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| <p>8:00 Concert of Praise - Celebration Choir, Idlewild Baptist Church, Tampa, FL</p> <p>8:15 Baptism*</p> <p>8:20 Prayer - D. L. (Dan) Ireland, <i>executive director</i>, Alabama Citizens Action Program, Birmingham, AL</p> <p>8:25 Election of Officers (Fourth) - Bobby Welch</p> <p>8:35 Business - Committee on Order of Business (Fourth Report) - Sean Pierce</p> <p>8:55 Previously Scheduled Business</p> <p>9:10 Committee on Resolutions - Gene Mims, <i>president</i>, International Baptist Network, Judson Baptist Church, Nashville, TN</p> <p>9:40 The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Report - R. Albert (Al) Mohler, Jr., <i>president</i>, Louisville, KY</p> <p>9:55 Congregational Praise and Worship - Richard K. Forbus, <i>director of leadership initiatives</i>, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA</p> <p>10:00 Music Feature - Celebration Choir of Idlewild Baptist Church</p> | <p>10:05 "Everyone Can!" Point of Challenge - Prayer: Joan Williams; Challenge: Anthony Williams, <i>pastor</i>, Grace Baptist Church, Durant, OK</p> <p>10:30 Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report - R. Philip (Phil) Roberts, <i>president</i>, Kansas City, MO</p> <p>10:45 Election of Officers (Fifth) - Bobby Welch</p> <p>10:55 Committee on Committees Report - Roland Maddox, <i>chairman</i>, Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova, TN</p> <p>11:05 Annuity Board (GuideStone Financial Resources) Report - O. S. Hawkins, <i>president</i>, Dallas, TX</p> <p>11:20 Congregational Praise and Worship - Ron Upton, <i>minister - family worship</i>, Idlewild Baptist Church</p> <p>11:25 Music Feature - Celebration Choir of Idlewild Baptist Church</p> <p>11:30 Convention Message - Prayer: Ginny Whitten; Message: Ken Whitten, <i>senior pastor</i>, Idlewild Baptist Church, Tampa, FL</p> <p>12:05 Benediction - Milton E. Kornegay, <i>senior pastor</i>, Central Baptist Church, Syracuse, NY</p> |
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WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 22

Theme: "Everyone Can!" Care and Touch Others

Now this is His command: that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another as He commanded us. The one who keeps His commands remains in Him, and He in him. (1 John 3:23-24, HCSB)

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| <p>6:00 Concert of Praise - Buster Pray, Larry Black and the "Everyone Can!" People's Mass Choir and Orchestra</p> <p>6:10 Baptism*</p> <p>6:15 Prayer - Robert A. Mowrey, <i>pastor</i>, First Baptist Church, Scottsboro, TN</p> <p>6:20 The Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Report - Daniel L. (Danny) Akin, <i>president</i>, Wake Forest, NC</p> <p>6:35 Presentation of Outgoing Officers - Bobby Welch</p> <p>6:40 Presentation of New Officers - Morris H. Chapman</p> <p>6:45 Business - Committee on Order of Business (Fifth Report) - Sean Pierce
 Election of 2006 Convention Sermon Preacher, Alternate, and Music Director</p> <p>6:55 Previously Scheduled Business - Bobby Welch</p> <p>7:10 Committee on Resolutions (Final Report) - Gene Mims</p> | <p>7:40 Special Recognition of the Ministry of Billy Graham and SBC Evangelists - Bobby Welch
 Representing his grandfather: William Franklin Graham, IV, <i>pastor</i>, Wakefield Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC; Prayer: Keith Fordham, <i>former president</i>, Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists, <i>president</i>, Keith Fordham Evangelistic Association, Harp's Crossing Baptist Church, Fayetteville, GA</p> <p>8:00 Congregational Praise and Worship - Buster Pray, Andrew Pray, and the "Everyone Can!" People's Mass Choir and Orchestra</p> <p>8:10 International Mission Board Report - Jerry A. Rankin, <i>president</i>, Richmond, VA</p> <p>8:20 International Mission Board Presentation - Jerry A. Rankin</p> <p>8:40 Concert of Praise - Casting Crowns and the "Everyone Can!" People's Mass Choir and Orchestra</p> <p>9:00 "Everyone Can!" Point of Challenge - Prayer: Carol Ann Draper; Challenge: James T. (Jimmy) Draper, Jr.</p> <p>9:25 The "Everyone Can!" Kingdom Challenge Launch - Bobby Welch</p> <p>9:30 Benediction - David B. Cox, <i>co-pastor</i>, First Baptist Church, Daytona Beach, FL</p> |
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9. Sean Pierce (NY), chairman, Committee on Order of Business, moved the adoption of the Standing Rules as stated in the *SBC Bulletin*, First Day, Part 1, page 4 as follows:
 1. No messenger shall speak in debate for longer than three minutes without the permission of the Convention granted by a two-thirds vote.
 2. No messenger is entitled to introduce a second motion during a business session as long as any other messenger who has not made a motion during that session is seeking the floor.
 Motion carried.
10. Bill Purcell, mayor, Metropolitan Nashville/Davidson County, Nashville, TN, welcomed the messengers.
11. Ricky Skaggs (TN), entertainer, First Baptist Church, Hendersonville, responded on behalf of the messengers.
12. President Bobby Welch (FL) announced the following committees: Committee on Committees, Credentials Committee, Resolutions Committee, and Tellers Committee, as listed in the *SBC Bulletin*, First Day, Part 1, page 7.

Committee on Committees: Roland Maddox (TN) *chairman*

Jeff Vanlandingham (AL), Rachel Williams (AL), Doug Briney (AK), Johnny McCoy (AK), Stephen Ballew (AZ), Keith Powell (AZ), Larry White (AR), Sue Hazelwood (AR), Jeff Ward (CA), Doug Wooten (CA), Bob Kuntz (CO), Michael Wright (CO), John Folmer (DC), Michael McKinley (DC), Jim Brown (FL), Travis Hudson (FL), David Fleming (GA), Dan Spencer (GA), George Iwahiro (HI), Rick G. Lazor (HI), Sue Jones (IL), Tim Sadler (IL), Doug Jividen (IN), Butch Tanner (IN), Bob Choura (KS), Jerry Elder (KS), Scott Kilgore (KY), Terry Williams (KY), Janie Bono (LA), Stephen Trammell (LA), Bob Lilly (MD), James Nichols (MD), Gerald Pondell (MI), Dennis Taylor (MI), Jerry East (MS), Buddy Harbin (MS), Kevin Smith (MO), Derek Staples (MO), Paul Carter (NV), Eddie Hancock (NV), Scott Baker (ME), Mike Nerney (ME), Michael Copeland (NM), Tim Gilliland (NM), Jerry Lepasana (NJ), Bruce Aubrey (NY), James D. Grant (NC), Wiley Martin (NC), Alice Peters (OR), David Rouse (WA), Bill L. Diven (OH), Bill Hounshell (OH), Brad Davis (OK), Ray Ivey (OK), Nan Dixon (PA), Ted Kostich (PA), Greg Davidson (SC), Joe Wren (SC), Randy Davis (TN), Mike Lewis (TX), Katera McMillan (TX), Scott Maxwell (UT), Dennis Stoneman (ID), Scott Harris (VA), Tim Piland (VA), Terrell Bradley (WV), Bob Mustard (WV), Terrell O'Brien (WY), Shirley Thompson (WY)

Credentials Committee: James Locke (MO), *chairman*

Greg Belser (AL), Tiana Gann (AL), Nelda Welch (CA), Melvin Holder (FL), Jim Perdue (GA), Kevin Bryant (IN), Anthony Payton (IN), Glenn Davis (KS), Don Currence (MO), George Berger (MS), Mike Grenn (MS), Mary Dodd (NC), Bob Foy (NC), Robbie Sneed (NC), Delores Thomas (NC), Raiford Troutman (NC), Lee Herring (NM), Tim Green (OK), Jason Helmbacher (OK), Tim Walker (OK), Jeff Lethco (SC), Randall Easter (TX), Dave Stetson (TX), Gerald Compton (VA)

Committee on Resolutions: O.E. Mims (TN), *chairman*

Greg Mathis (NC), Jeff Moore (OK), Ida South (MS), T.C. French (LA), Joseph Rodgers (TN), Gary Ledbetter (TX), Robert Gallina (CA), Penna Dexter (TX), Barbara O'Chester (TX)

Tellers Committee: Scott Carlson (MO), *chairman*

Glenn Graham (AL), David Holcomb (AR), Ralph Garay (CA), Kenny Long (CO), Dan Alley (FL), Steven Smartt (FL), Mike Minnix (GA), Mike Palmer (ID), Dan Russell (KY), Michael Stacey (KY), Dennis Roth (MO), Bobby Ray (MS), James Young (MS), J.D. Greear (NC), Jeff Long (NC), George Riley (NM), Hance Dilbeck (OK), Darrell Edwards (OK), Rodney Harris (OK), Jason Yarbrough (OK), Carl Martin (SC), Carl Poole (SC), Fred Stone (SC), Kenneth Clayton (TN), Matthew Surber (TX), Wm. Joe Greene (VA)

13. President Welch (FL) announced the time for introduction of motions, noting that motions would be referred to the Committee on Order of Business to be scheduled for later consideration.
14. Wiley Drake (CA) presented a motion: **Ending the Disney Boycott.**

“That the newly-elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention send a letter to the Disney Corporation telling them that we will end our boycott of their corporation as of June 22, 2005.” (Items 14 and 60)
15. Tim VanLandingham (GA) presented a motion: **Directing LifeWay Christian Resources to Make VBS Materials Available in Non-LifeWay Bookstores.**

“That LifeWay be directed by this Convention to make available once again through any and all willing local, hometown Christian bookstores (in addition to the LifeWay store locations) any undated LifeWay/Convention study curriculum (such as Experiencing God, etc.), and dated and undated Vacation Bible School materials. These materials would be made available at the same prices as with LifeWay, with the same opportunities for returns for credit as with LifeWay.” (Items 15 and 60)
16. Bob Stith (TX) presented a motion: **Establishing a Liaison to Coordinate and Enhance the Ministry of the Task Force on Homosexuality with SBC Entities.**

“That the Convention establish as quickly as possible a liaison position to coordinate and enhance the ministry of the Task Force on Homosexuality among the various entities of the SBC. Included in the responsibilities for this position would be:

 - To enhance the education of the issue for church members, pastors, seminaries, and colleges.
 - To be responsible for coordinating the development of educational resources.
 - To be responsible for developing workshops and training for conferences.
 - To work with and coordinate the resources of all SBC entities.
 - To develop resources for pastors and others who are called upon for public responses to this issue.” (Items 16 and 56)
17. Wiley Drake (CA) presented a motion but was ruled out of order at that time.
18. Hiram Smith (FL) presented a motion: **Designating 10 Percent of this Year’s Budget for the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission for the Center for Reclaiming America.**

“That a tithe (10%) of this year’s budget for the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC) be designated to the Center for Reclaiming America of Coral Ridge Ministries, now led by D. James Kennedy of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.” (Items 18 and 60)

19. J. D. Muschany (MO) presented a motion: **Directing the Executive Committee to Publish Specific Financial Information from All SBC Entities.**
- “That the Executive Committee shall annually publish line item expenditures and receipts in all financial areas from all reporting entities. This report shall include: name, title, salary, bonus, benefits (including costs), and claimed expense account amounts.
- “All operation and planning cost: rental, lease, mortgage, gifts, printing, utilities, and maintenance. This shall include travel cost by name, title, and work section. All investments to include location, amount, earnings rate, and fund source. This will include both secured and non-secured investments.
- “All receipts to be clearly shown by country, state, and association. Gifts and grants to show where they came from and how they are to be spent. When individuals are operating in countries covertly, only their position title and other cost and expenses should be shown. No names or countries should be used to protect our staff and constituents.” (Items 19 and 60)
20. Leslie Stock (MO) presented a motion: **Directing the Woman’s Missionary Union to Amend its Charter to Make the SBC its Sole Member.**
- “That the Southern Baptist Convention direct the Woman’s Missionary Union, otherwise known as WMU, to amend its charter to sole membership of the Southern Baptist Convention as is the right of the Convention per SBC Bylaw 33.” (Items 20 and 60)
21. Wiley Drake (CA) presented a motion: **Amendment of SBC Bylaw 20 - Submission of Resolutions.**
- “That SBC Bylaw 20 section parenthetical (1) be changed to read . . . resolutions shall: Be submitted to the committee for review and consideration as early as April 15th, or in the beginning of the afternoon session of the first day of the Convention.” (Items 21 and 58)
22. Wiley Drake (CA) presented a motion: **Study Committee to Evaluate Whether a Local Church Organized by the Government as a 501(c)(3) State Church is Biblically Correct.**
- “That the newly-elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 2005 appoint a study committee to evaluate and make recommendations to the Convention in 2006, on whether or not a local church organized by the government as a 501(c)(3) state church, is biblically correct.” (Items 22 and 56)
23. Sharon Luke (LA) presented a motion: **Requiring at Least One Woman on Every SBC Committee.**
- “That there be one woman on every SBC committee. Women have a different viewpoint than men. Therefore, women can give a different perspective of the issues. Women deal with the nurtures of the church and often can see from another perspective at this point in time. Women and their special view of the church has not been addressed.” (Items 23, 58, and 67)
24. Congregational praise and worship was led by Buster Pray (AR), Convention music director and associate pastor of worship ministries, First Baptist Church, Springdale.
25. “Everyone Can!” video testimony.
26. The combined choirs and orchestras of The Worship Choir of First Baptist Church, Springdale, AR, the Church at Pinnacle Hills, Rogers, AR, and the Celebration Choir and Orchestra of First Baptist Church Daytona Beach, Daytona Beach, FL, presented special music.

27. John R. (Jack) Wilkerson (TN), Convention manager and vice president for business and finance, Executive Committee, Nashville, recognized the work of Chairperson Kevin Shrum (TN) and the Local Arrangements Committee. He thanked the Local Arrangements Committee of Nashville for hosting the Convention.
28. President Bobby Welch (FL), reported on the Nashville Crossover project by recognizing Jay Johnston (TN), LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, and John Avant (GA), North American Mission Board, Alpharetta. Avant reported 6,500 to 7,000 volunteers from all over the United States combined with local Baptists to make the total number of participants between 10,000 and 12,000. Avant reported 2,544 people have prayed to receive Christ. Johnston reported tens of thousands of homes were visited as a result of the Nashville Crossover project.
29. President Welch (FL) introduced Morris H. Chapman (TN), president and chief executive officer of the Executive Committee, for the Executive Committee report, Part 1. The presentation began with a video and a song by recording artist Rebecca St. James. Chapman presented the M. E. Dodd Cooperative Program Award to Rev. Stephen K. Swofford (TX), pastor of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall.
30. Morris Chapman (TN) recognized Rob Zinn (CA), chairman, Executive Committee, for presentation of recommendations of the Executive Committee. Zinn began by recognizing Roger S. Oldham (TN).
31. Roger S. Oldham (TN) moved the adoption of the Executive Committee Recommendations 10, 11 and 12, and they were adopted. Following the adoptions of the recommendations, Chapman presented resolutions of appreciation to Adrian P. Rogers, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova, TN; William O. Crews, chancellor, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary; and James T. Draper, Jr., president, LifeWay Christian Resources.

Recommendation 10: Resolution of Appreciation for William O. Crews, Retired President, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention the following Resolution of Appreciation for William O. Crews on the occasion of his retirement as president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR WILLIAM O. CREWS

WHEREAS, William O. Crews retired October 13, 2003, after more than seventeen years as president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, He currently serves as chancellor of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, He has distinguished himself by providing outstanding and exemplary leadership during his tenure with Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, He led the seminary in an aggressive emphasis on developing and sharpening the leadership skills of those students preparing for ministry in local churches; and

WHEREAS, He further led the seminary in an intense focus on addressing the ministry and ministerial needs of local churches; and

WHEREAS, Under his leadership, the seminary developed a heightened emphasis on training ministers to effectively evangelize and minister within the unique contextual challenges of the Western United States; and

WHEREAS, Under his leadership, the seminary opened additional campuses in Arizona and Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Under his leadership, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary has achieved accreditation approval to offer full master's degrees at all five of its campuses; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as president, the seminary's enrollment virtually doubled; and

WHEREAS, He maintained a Christ-like spirit and demeanor as he effectively led the seminary to teach and reflect the theological convictions embraced by the Southern Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, He further served Southern Baptists as a trustee of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, He served California Southern Baptists as president of the California Southern Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, He served Southern Baptists in the Pacific Northwest as president of the Northwest Baptist Convention and as chairman of its executive board; and

WHEREAS, He further served the Northwest Baptist Convention in denominational roles as director of communications and editor of the *Northwest Baptist Witness*; and

WHEREAS, He served as pastor of eight churches in California, Oregon, Washington, and Texas over a span of thirty-two years; and

WHEREAS, He has been noted by colleagues and friends for his integrity, devotion, faithfulness, compassion, warmth, and unflagging commitment to reaching the West for Christ; and

WHEREAS, He has an extensive record of service to his community, serving in civic organizations and on numerous boards and committees; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from three distinguished Baptist educational institutions: Hardin-Simmons University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, He was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1994 from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, He was awarded with two honorary degrees: the Doctor of Humanities degree from Hardin-Simmons University and the Doctor of Divinity degree from California Baptist College; and

WHEREAS, He and his wife, Jo Ann, established a Christian home in which they raised two children, Ronald and Rhonda; and

WHEREAS, His contributions to Southern Baptist life have been numerous and distinguished; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the members of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, February 21-22, 2005, and the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, June 21-22, 2005, express sincere gratitude to God for the life and ministry of William O. Crews; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention expresses best wishes to Bill and Jo Ann Crews for the years ahead and assures them of our prayers.

Recommendation 11: Resolution of Appreciation for James T. Draper, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer, LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention the following Resolution of Appreciation for James T. Draper, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement as president and chief executive officer of LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR JAMES T. DRAPER, JR.

WHEREAS, James T. Draper, Jr., will retire February 1, 2006, after more than fourteen years as president and chief executive officer of LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, He has distinguished himself by providing exceptional and exemplary leadership during his tenure with LifeWay Christian Resources; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to make high-quality, Bible-based products available to the larger Christian community, he led the monumental campaign to change the entity's name of more than 100 years from the Baptist Sunday School Board to LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention, with a new vision statement reflecting a commitment to providing biblical solutions for individuals and churches; and

WHEREAS, His long-standing and trademark commitment to the infallible and inerrant Word of God was demonstrated through the extraordinary commissioning of a new translation of the entire Bible by LifeWay Christian Resources and the resulting remarkable completion of the *Holman Christian Standard Bible*; and

WHEREAS, His passion for international missions led to the founding of an international department by LifeWay Christian Resources that has trained national consultants in thirty-one different countries, and to the sponsoring of mission trips in which employees were encouraged to focus on one-on-one evangelism and church planting, leading to more than thirty-six thousand professions of faith and more than 120 new churches started to date; and

WHEREAS, Early in his tenure as president, LifeWay Christian Resources launched the True Love Waits campaign, which grew into an international movement that has led to more than one million teenagers around the world committing to sexual abstinence until marriage; and

WHEREAS, His unflagging commitment to evangelism has been demonstrated in the decision by LifeWay Christian Resources to invest more than \$1.6 million in thirteen Baptist state conventions and one association to fund evangelism projects aimed at achieving one million baptisms in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Under his leadership, LifeWay Christian Resources experienced dramatic expansion and improvements of its facilities and ministries; and

WHEREAS, James T. Draper, Jr., has been noted by employees and colleagues for his candor and compassion, for modeling servant leadership, and for his willingness to serve beside them as a humble co-laborer in Kingdom work; and

WHEREAS, His concern for the future of the Southern Baptist Convention has been evidenced by his efforts in launching and leading the Younger Leaders Initiative throughout the Convention; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his ministry, he has demonstrated a keen concern and deep compassion for pastors, earning him the reputation of being a "pastor's pastor;" and

WHEREAS, James T. Draper, Jr., served Southern Baptists as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, playing a pivotal and strategic role in the continuation of the recently-launched initiative to return Southern Baptist entities to their historic conservative stance regarding God's Word; and

WHEREAS, He also served Southern Baptists as a trustee of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; a trustee of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, one year as chairman; and as president of the Southern Baptist Convention Pastors' Conference; and

WHEREAS, He served in various appointed and elected positions in two Baptist state conventions: the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Missouri Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, Over a span of thirty-five years he served in pastoral ministry at eight churches in Texas, Oklahoma, and Missouri, some of which led their respective state conventions in baptisms; and

WHEREAS, He has written more than twenty books, providing valuable Bible studies and addressing crucial issues among Southern Baptists; and

WHEREAS, His fervor for missions has taken him to more than thirty countries around the world where he has led evangelistic services, conferences, and hosted meetings with missionaries and nationals; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from two distinguished Baptist educational institutions: Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, He and his wife, Carol Ann, established a Christian home in which they raised three children: James, Bailey, and Terri; and

WHEREAS, His contributions to Southern Baptist life have been extensive, distinguished, and extraordinary, helping to change and shape the course of the Southern Baptist Convention; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the members of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, June 20, 2005, and the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, June 21-22, 2005, express sincere and profound gratitude to God for the extraordinary life, ministry, and contributions of James T. Draper, Jr.; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention express best wishes to Jimmy and Carol Ann Draper for the years ahead and assure them of our prayers for God's richest blessings.

Recommendation 12: Resolution of Appreciation for Adrian P. Rogers, Senior Pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention the following Resolution of Appreciation for Adrian P. Rogers, on the occasion of his retirement as senior pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR ADRIAN P. ROGERS

WHEREAS, Adrian P. Rogers retired March 6, 2005, after thirty-two years as senior pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Cordova, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, He is the only person in modern history to be elected as president of the Southern Baptist Convention for an extraordinary three terms; and

WHEREAS, In his first term as president, he took the initial steps that eventually led to a conservative resurgence within the Southern Baptist Convention, giving root to the initiative to return Southern Baptist entities to their historic conservative stance regarding God's Word, and setting in motion the strategy that would dramatically change the course of history for the Southern Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, He served as a worthy model for future presidents, laying a solid foundation upon which successive presidents would build; and

WHEREAS, As a result of his sacrificial service and efforts, and those of the presidents who followed, Southern Baptist seminaries and entities have been restored to their historic theological foundations, reflecting the heart and convictions of the overwhelming majority of Southern Baptists across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Twenty years after his first election, Adrian P. Rogers was appointed as chairman of the *Baptist Faith and Message* Study Committee, which recommended necessary updates and revisions to clarify the stance of Southern Baptists amidst aberrant theological and societal trends; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Orlando, Florida, overwhelmingly approved this historic confession of faith reflecting Southern Baptists' unfaltering commitment to, and support of, the Bible as "a perfect treasure of divine instruction ... without any mixture of error," and that "all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy;" and

WHEREAS, As a further result of the leadership of the Committee, Southern Baptists were able to thwart attempts to justify unorthodox beliefs and heretical teachings based upon distorted interpretations of certain clauses in earlier versions of the *Baptist Faith and Message*; and

WHEREAS, He further served Southern Baptists as president of the Southern Baptist Convention Pastors' Conference; and

WHEREAS, Adrian P. Rogers has been widely recognized as the preeminent pulpiteer among Southern Baptists, deemed by many as the "Prince of Preachers," and serving as an inspiration to preachers for three generations because of his faithful and engaging exposition of God's Word; and

WHEREAS, He served as pastor of three churches in Florida and Tennessee over the span of forty-six years, distinguishing himself as a faithful, able, and loving pastor, and endearing himself to those congregations as a compassionate shepherd; and

WHEREAS, During his ministry as pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, the church grew dramatically from nine thousand members to more than twenty-nine thousand members upon his retirement; and

WHEREAS, He founded and serves as president of Love Worth Finding Ministries, a nationally syndicated television and radio ministry, broadcast on more than twenty thousand television media outlets, on 460 radio stations across America, and in more than seventy countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, His broadcast ministries have been honored by the National Religious Broadcasters with the awards of *Radio Program of the Year* and the *Television Program of the Year*, and by his induction into its prestigious Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, His passion for proclaiming the good news of the gospel has been at the forefront of his pastoral, broadcast, and international crusade ministries; and

WHEREAS, The Lord has blessed his evangelistic efforts, which have led thousands to faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; and

WHEREAS, He has served on the trustee board of the Focus on the Family organization; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from two distinguished Baptist educational institutions: Stetson University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, He has written numerous books and booklets, and has produced scores of cassette albums on various spiritual subjects; and

WHEREAS, He and his wife, Joyce, established a Christian home in which they raised four children: Steve, Gayle, David, and Janice; and

WHEREAS, His contributions to Southern Baptist life have been extraordinary, extensive, distinguished, and remarkable, dramatically shaping the course of the Southern Baptist Convention to the honor and glory of God; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the members of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, June 20, 2005, and the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, June 21-22, 2005, express sincere, deepest, and profound gratitude to God for the life and exceptional ministry of Adrian P. Rogers; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention express best wishes to Adrian and Joyce Rogers for the years ahead, with prayers for the Lord's richest blessings.

32. Morris Chapman (TN) introduced recommendation 5. After introductory comments, he invited New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary president, Charles S. Kelley, Jr. (LA), to give his perspective on the recommendation.

Recommendation 5: New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary: Charter Amendments – Sole Membership

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention approve the Restated and Amended Articles of Incorporation of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, which contain new language making the Southern Baptist Convention the sole member of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary as follows in Exhibit A (which shows marked revisions) and Exhibit B (which is in final form).

Exhibit A (shows marked revisions)

**RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

PREAMBLE

On authorization of the board of trustees, the board consisting of the entire membership of the corporation, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary executes restated articles which contain the entire text of the original articles as amended by all amendments thereto, except that names and address of incorporators and directors are omitted; that the restatement accurately copies the articles and all amendments thereto in effect at the date of the restatement, without substantive change except as made by any new amendment or amendments contained in the restatement; the present articles of incorporation as amended being hereby deleted in their entirety and the articles of incorporation as contained in the restated articles being adopted in their stead; that each amendment has been effected in conformity with the law; the date of original incorporation being October 10, 1917, and the date of the adoption of the amended and restated articles being October 13, 2004; that the amended and restated articles were adopted by a vote of **32** for and **1** against by members of the corporation in regular meeting; that of the total **40** members of the board of trustees of this corporation, the trustees being the membership, a quorum was present at said meeting.

**RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

**ARTICLE I
NAME AND STATEMENT OF NONPROFIT STATUS**

The name of this corporation shall be the "New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary." It shall be a nonprofit corporation.

**ARTICLE II
STATEMENT OF PURPOSES**

The purposes for which this corporation is formed shall be to engage in any lawful activity, to establish, maintain and operate schools and institutions of learning for the educational and missionary training of Christian workers, for all kinds and character of Christian service, and to confer degrees; having full authority to do all things necessary to put into execution the purposes for which this corporation is created.

**ARTICLE III
DURATION**

The duration of this corporation shall be perpetual.

**ARTICLE IV
REGISTERED OFFICE/AGENT**

The registered office of this corporation shall be Office of the President, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70126-4858. The registered agent at that office shall be **Dr. Charles S. Kelley**,¹ President, or his successor.

**ARTICLE V
NON-STOCK STATUS AND MEMBERSHIP**

This corporation is chartered on a non-stock basis. **The corporation shall have one Member, the Southern Baptist Convention, a religious nonprofit corporation chartered by act of the senate and house of representatives of the State of Georgia.² The membership of the Southern Baptist Convention shall not be cancelled except by the amendment of the articles of incorporation with the consent of the Southern Baptist Convention.**

The religious polity, discipline, rules and customs³ require the Member:

- (a) **to exercise the right to:**
- (1) **establish the qualifications of directors, who may also be referred to as trustees;⁴**
 - (2) **determine the term of office of trustees;**
 - (3) **determine the number of persons constituting the board of trustees;**
 - (4) **elect and remove trustees, by vote of the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in its annual meeting.⁵ Vacancies occurring in the board of trustees may be declared only by the Southern Baptist Convention, or by its Executive Committee, in case of the death, resignation, or disqualification of a trustee.**
 - (5) **approve an amendment of the articles of incorporation adopted by the board of trustees, but to refrain from exercising any right to unilaterally amend the articles of incorporation;⁶**
 - (6) **approve any merger, consolidation⁷ or dissolution,⁸ or a change in the corporation's state of incorporation;⁹**
 - (7) **approve the sale, lease or other disposition of all, or substantially all, of the corporation's assets;¹⁰**

- (8) approve, by action of the Southern Baptist Convention or its Executive Committee, the establishment of a subsidiary corporation or any other legal entity or form for conducting its affairs, or the acquisition by the corporation of a controlling interest, or greater than a 25% interest, in any other corporation or business enterprises;¹¹
- (9) be free from any assessment or the levy of dues.¹²
- (b) to refrain from exercising any right to vote on the corporation's bylaws, the power and right to adopt and amend bylaws not inconsistent with the articles of incorporation and not affecting adversely the Member's rights, being exclusively vested in the board of trustees.¹³

Only the Southern Baptist Convention may remove a trustee prior to the expiration of the trustee's term and may do so for any reason deemed sufficient to the Convention, the election and removal of trustees by the Convention being religious acts within the scope of the free exercise of the Convention's religion under the Constitution of the United States.

The removal of a trustee must be approved by the messengers to an annual meeting of the Convention in accordance with the following process:¹⁴

- (a) (1) The Convention cannot consider a motion to remove a trustee unless written notice of intent to remove the trustee was received by the president of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention on or before the preceding January 15. The notice may be given by or on behalf of the board of trustees or by any member of a church cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention. The president of the Executive Committee shall be responsible for informing the trustee in question, the corporation, and the editor of *Baptist Press* that the trustee's removal has been proposed.
- (2) If the president of the Executive Committee did not receive timely notice of intent to remove, then any motion at the annual Convention to remove a trustee shall be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and report to the next annual session of the Convention, which may consider and vote upon removal of the trustee.
- (3) No single motion may undertake to remove more than one trustee. A motion to remove a trustee shall be adopted if it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the messengers present and voting.
- (b) If the motion to remove a trustee is adopted, the removal shall be effective immediately upon delivery to the entity's secretary of a written notice of removal signed by the president or recording secretary of the Convention. Any vote in favor of the removal of a trustee shall be deemed as having conclusively established the sufficiency of any reason for removal. There shall be no right of judicial review concerning the removal of a trustee at any point in the removal process.

The annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention shall constitute the annual meeting of the Member, and at this meeting the Southern Baptist Convention will elect trustees. A special meeting of the Member may occur only as provided in its governing instruments. The location of meetings shall be determined by the Southern Baptist Convention.¹⁵ No legal notice of Member meetings shall be required.¹⁶

ARTICLE VI THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The corporation shall be managed and controlled by its board of trustees except to the extent of the Member's rights.¹⁷ The trustees shall be elected each for a term of five years, and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The board of trustees shall be composed of not more than sixty and not less than twenty-five persons as determined by the Southern Baptist Convention, at least ten of whom shall be local members from the vicinity of the main offices of the corporation. Not more than five local members shall be from the same church.¹⁸

Any vacancy occurring on the board of trustees in the interim between the annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention may be filled by the remaining trustees who, for this purpose, but no other, may nominate and elect trustees of this corporation. Trustees thus elected shall serve until the next annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. If for any reason the Southern Baptist Convention shall fail to elect trustees to fill all vacancies existing at the annual meeting, the trustees then in office shall continue until their successors are duly elected, qualified and installed.¹⁹ **Any trusteeship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of trustees, shall be filled by the Southern Baptist Convention.**

ARTICLE VII RELATIONSHIP TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is a seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention.

ARTICLE VIII TAX EXEMPT STATUS, DISSOLUTION AND DISTRIBUTION ON DISSOLUTION

The corporation is **organized**²⁰ exclusively for religious educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its Members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments or distributions in furtherance of its religious and educational purposes.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.²¹

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the assets shall be distributed to the Southern Baptist Convention, if the Convention is then a tax exempt organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. If the Southern Baptist Convention is not then so exempt, the assets shall be distributed only to an organization or organizations exempt from taxation, pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**ARTICLE IX
AMENDMENT**

These articles may be amended, altered or repealed by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the board of trustees present and voting. These articles may not be amended, altered or repealed without the express prior consent of the Southern Baptist Convention.

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

STATE OF LOUISIANA)

PARISH OF ORLEANS)

Be it known and remembered, that on this the _____ day of ____, 200__, before me, the undersigned authority, Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified in and for the aforesaid State and Parish, personally came and appeared:

Charles S. Kelley, Jr., and _____, President and Secretary, respectively of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, a nonprofit corporation, domiciled in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, and who were duly authorized to act herein by virtue of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the board of trustees of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, held at its domicile in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, on the _____ day of _____, 20__, who declare unto me, Notary, and in the presence of the below signed competent witness, that availing themselves of the provisions of the law for the State of Louisiana, they do in behalf of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary now appear for the purposes of effecting Amendments to and a restatement of the Articles of Incorporation, so as to make the articles read as set forth above.

That on authorization of the board of trustees, the board consisting of the entire membership of the corporation, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary executes restated articles which contain the entire text of the original articles as amended by all amendments thereto, except that names and address of incorporators and directors are omitted; that the restatement accurately copies the articles and all amendments thereto in effect at the date of the restatement, without substantive change except as made by any new amendment or amendments contained in the restatement, the present articles of incorporation as amended being hereby deleted in their entirety and the articles of incorporation as contained in the restated articles being adopted in their stead; that each amendment has been effected in the conformity with law; the date of original incorporation being _____ and the date of the adoption of the amended and restated articles being _____, ____; that the amended and restated articles were adopted by a vote of ____ for and ____ against by members of the corporation in regular meeting; that of the total of ____ members of the board of trustees of this corporation, the trustees being the membership, a quorum was present at said meeting.

Apparers further declare that the Southern Baptist Convention consented to adoption of the amended and restated articles of incorporation the 200__ annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention on the _____ day of June, 200__, held at _____, _____.

This done and signed, in my office in the State and Parish aforesaid on the day and date hereabove set forth in the presence of the undersigned competent witness and me, Notary, after due reading of the whole.

Upon being filed and recorded by the Secretary of State and upon the effectiveness of the restate articles, the original articles and all amendments thereto shall be superseded, and the restated articles shall be deemed to be the articles of incorporation of the corporation.

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

 CHARLES S. KELLEY, JR.
 PRESIDENT

 SECRETARY
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

 WITNESS

 WITNESS

 NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: _____

¹ Presently names Dr. Leavell.

² Causes the Convention to be the Member of the corporation. At the present time, the trustees serve both as trustees and as the Members of the corporation. "Member" is defined in the law as one who has a right to participate in the control of the corporation. Section 201. (Citations of section numbers are to the Louisiana Nonprofit Corporation Law, Title 12 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.) As the Member, the Southern Baptist Convention will not be liable for obligations of the corporation. Section 219A. The remainder of this proposed Article is designed to delineate the balance of authority between the Convention as the Member and the board of trustees. This Article and the following Article, VI, should be read together. VI says that the corporation is managed exclusively and totally by the Seminary's board of trustees, except to the extent the articles specify that the Convention, as the Member, has a right in regard to the Seminary's governance. (VI reads: "The corporation shall be managed and controlled by its board of trustees except to the extent of the Member's rights.") The extent of the Convention's governance rights is enumerated in V. This is all consistent with the Louisiana law which says: "Subject to any limitations, restrictions or reservations in the articles, bylaws, or this chapter, the affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a board of directors. . . ." Section 224 B. While it is not necessary to enumerate the rights of the board, since the board has all the rights of governance except those enumerated to be held by the Convention as the Member, it should be noted that both the law and the Convention's instruments acknowledge that the board has the right to elect and remove the Seminary's officers. Section 225 and SBC Constitution Article VI (5). Further, the SBC Constitution (Article VII) recognizes that the Seminary's officers, including its president, are controlled by the board of trustees.

³ These are words the courts use to describe those areas of church governance protected under the first amendment to the United States Constitution and under Article I Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.

⁴ Section 224 A allows directors to be called trustees.

⁵ This is the first of many places the articles spell out removal of a trustee prior to the expiration of the trustee's term in office. Note the language says it is only the messengers who have the right to remove, and, further, only the messengers in an annual meeting, not in a special meeting. This provision, and others which follow, individually, and collectively preclude the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention from acting on the Convention's behalf to remove trustees of the Seminary.

⁶ To make clear that the Convention may not unilaterally amend the Seminary's charter. Section 237 of the Louisiana Nonprofit Corporation Law provides that the articles may be amended by any method stipulated in the Articles of Incorporation. However, without this sentence, the Convention as the Member would have the right to unilaterally amend the articles under Section 237 H.

⁷ Section 243.

⁸ Section 250.

⁹ Section 247.

¹⁰ Section 247.

¹¹ To conform the articles to SBC Bylaw 33.

¹² Section 218.

¹³ Reflects that the Convention disavows any right to control the bylaws of the Seminary. The Convention's Constitution declares that the trustees, not the Convention, control the institution's bylaws. (SBC Constitution Article VI, Section 7.) This sentence in the proposed articles is important in light of Section 222 A of the Louisiana Nonprofit Corporation Law which permits the corporation to have its bylaws amended by either the Members or the board.

¹⁴ Some entities of the Convention have not recited in their articles of incorporation the process by which the Convention would act to remove a trustee, simply providing that the Convention has the right to remove and leaving the process to the Convention. On the other hand, several entities have chosen to recite the process in their articles of incorporation. The removal process spelled out in these proposed articles for NOBTS is the same removal process which has been recited in the articles of those Convention entities which wished to recite a process. This process is expressed in the language the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention will consider recommending to the Convention for incorporation into the Convention's bylaws.

The process should please the Seminary's accrediting body, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. SACS desires to see the process which will be followed in the event of the removal of a trustee. SACS also wants to see a process which is fundamentally fair.

¹⁵ Section 229.

¹⁶ Section 230.

¹⁷ All powers will be in the board of trustees except to the extent a specific power is reserved for the Convention as the corporation's Member.

¹⁸ A present paragraph is deleted at this point. It deals with the removal of a trustee by the board upon the Convention's instruction. It is no longer necessary.

- ¹⁹ This language modifies the present wording to indicate that the Convention elects the trustees, rather than the "members."
- ²⁰ Changes the word from "formed," to conform with the IRS recommended language.
- ²¹ Conforms language to match that recommended by the Internal Revenue Service.

Exhibit B (final wording)

**RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

PREAMBLE

On authorization of the board of trustees, the board consisting of the entire membership of the corporation, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary executes restated articles which contain the entire text of the original articles by all amendments thereto, except that names and address of incorporators and directors are omitted; that the restatement accurately copies the articles and all amendments thereto in effect at the date of the restatement, without substantive change except as made by any new amendment or amendments contained in the restatement; the present articles of incorporation as amended being hereby deleted in their entirety and the articles of incorporation as contained in the restated articles being adopted in their stead; that each amendment has been effected in conformity with the law; the date of original incorporation being October 10, 1917, and the date of the adoption of the amended and restated articles being October 13, 2004; that the amended and restated articles were adopted by a vote of 32 for and 1 against by members of the corporation in regular meeting; that of the total 40 members of the board of trustees of this corporation, the trustees being the membership, a quorum was present at said meeting.

**RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

ARTICLE I

NAME AND STATEMENT OF NONPROFIT STATUS

The name of this corporation shall be the "New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary." It shall be a nonprofit corporation.

ARTICLE II

STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

The purposes for which this corporation is formed shall be to engage in any lawful activity, to establish, maintain and operate schools and institutions of learning for the educational and missionary training of Christian workers, for all kinds and character of Christian service, and to confer degrees; having full authority to do all things necessary to put into execution the purposes for which this corporation is created.

ARTICLE III

DURATION

The duration of this corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE IV

REGISTERED OFFICE/AGENT

The registered office of this corporation shall be Office of the President, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70126-4858. The registered agent at that office shall be Dr. Charles S. Kelley, President, or his successor.

ARTICLE V
NON-STOCK STATUS AND MEMBERSHIP

This corporation is chartered on a non-stock basis. The corporation shall have one Member, the Southern Baptist Convention, a religious nonprofit corporation chartered by act of the senate and house of representatives of the State of Georgia. The membership of the Southern Baptist Convention shall not be cancelled except by the amendment of the articles of incorporation with the consent of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The religious polity, discipline, rules and customs require the Member:

- (a) to exercise the right to:
 - (1) establish the qualifications of directors, who may also be referred to as trustees;
 - (2) determine the term of office of trustees;
 - (3) determine the number of persons constituting the board of trustees;
 - (4) elect and remove trustees, by vote of the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in its annual meeting. Vacancies occurring in the board of trustees may be declared only by the Southern Baptist Convention, or by its Executive Committee, in case of the death, resignation, or disqualification of a trustee.
 - (5) approve an amendment of the articles of incorporation adopted by the board of trustees, but to refrain from exercising any right to unilaterally amend the articles of incorporation;
 - (6) approve any merger, consolidation or dissolution, or a change in the corporation's state of incorporation;
 - (7) approve the sale, lease or other disposition of all, or substantially all, of the corporation's assets;
 - (8) approve, by action of the Southern Baptist Convention or its Executive Committee, the establishment of a subsidiary corporation or any other legal entity or form for conducting its affairs, or the acquisition by the corporation of a controlling interest, or greater than a 25% interest, in any other corporation or business enterprise;
 - (9) be free from any assessment or the levy of dues.
- (b) to refrain from exercising any right to vote on the corporation's bylaws, the power and right to adopt and amend bylaws not inconsistent with the articles of incorporation and not affecting adversely the Member's rights, being exclusively vested in the board of trustees.

Only the Southern Baptist Convention may remove a trustee prior to the expiration of the trustee's term and may do so for any reason deemed sufficient to the Convention, the election and removal of trustees by the Convention being religious acts within the scope of the free exercise of the Convention's religion under the Constitution of the United States. The removal of a trustee must be approved by the messengers to an annual meeting of the Convention in accordance with the following process:

- (a) (1) The Convention cannot consider a motion to remove a trustee unless written notice of intent to remove the trustee was received by the president of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention on or before the preceding January 15. The notice may be given by or on behalf of the board of trustees or by any member of a church cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention. The president of the Executive Committee shall be responsible for informing the trustee in question, the corporation, and the editor of *Baptist Press* that the trustee's removal has been proposed.

- (2) If the president of the Executive Committee did not receive timely notice of intent to remove, then any motion at the annual Convention to remove a trustee shall be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and report to the next annual session of the Convention, which may consider and vote upon removal of the trustee.
 - (3) No single motion may undertake to remove more than one trustee. A motion to remove a trustee shall be adopted if it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the messengers present and voting.
- (b) If the motion to remove a trustee is adopted, the removal shall be effective immediately upon delivery to the entity's secretary of a written notice of removal signed by the president or recording secretary of the Convention. Any vote in favor of the removal of a trustee shall be deemed as having conclusively established the sufficiency of any reason for removal. There shall be no right of judicial review concerning the removal of a trustee at any point in the removal process.

The annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention shall constitute the annual meeting of the Member, and at this meeting the Southern Baptist Convention will elect trustees. A special meeting of the Member may occur only as provided in its governing instruments. The location of meetings shall be determined by the Southern Baptist Convention. No legal notice of Member meetings shall be required.

ARTICLE VI THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The corporation shall be managed and controlled by its board of trustees except to the extent of the Member's rights. The trustees shall be elected each for a term of five years, and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The board of trustees shall be composed of not more than sixty and not less than twenty-five persons as determined by the Southern Baptist Convention, at least ten of whom shall be local members from the vicinity of the main offices of the corporation. Not more than five local members shall be from the same church.

Any vacancy occurring on the board of trustees in the interim between the annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention may be filled by the remaining trustees who, for this purpose but no other, may nominate and elect trustees of this corporation. Trustees thus elected shall serve until the next annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. If for any reason the Southern Baptist Convention shall fail to elect trustees to fill all vacancies existing at the annual meeting, the trustees then in office shall continue until their successors are duly elected, qualified and installed. Any trusteeship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of trustees, shall be filled by the Southern Baptist Convention.

ARTICLE VII RELATIONSHIP TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is a seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention.

ARTICLE VIII TAX EXEMPT STATUS, DISSOLUTION AND DISTRIBUTION ON DISSOLUTION

The corporation is organized exclusively for religious educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under

section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its Members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments or distributions in furtherance of its religious and educational purposes.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the assets shall be distributed to the Southern Baptist Convention, if the Convention is then a tax exempt organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. If the Southern Baptist Convention is not then so exempt, the assets shall be distributed only to an organization or organizations exempt from taxation, pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENT

These articles may be amended, altered or repealed by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the board of trustees present and voting. These articles may not be amended, altered or repealed without the express prior consent of the Southern Baptist Convention.

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

STATE OF LOUISIANA)

PARISH OF ORLEANS)

Be it known and remembered, that on this the ____ day of _____, 20__, before me, the undersigned authority, Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified in and for the aforesaid State and Parish, personally came and appeared:

Charles S. Kelley, Jr., and _____, President and Secretary, respectively of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, a nonprofit corporation, domiciled in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, and who were duly authorized to act herein by virtue of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the board of trustees of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, held at its domicile in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, on the ____ day of _____, 20__, who declare unto me, Notary, and in the presence of the below signed competent witness, that availing themselves of the provisions of the law for the State of Louisiana,

they do in behalf of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary now appear for the purposes of effecting Amendments to and a restatement of the Articles of Incorporation, so as to make the articles read as set forth above.

That on authorization of the board of trustees, the board consisting of the entire membership of the corporation, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary executes restated articles which contain the entire text of the original articles as amended by all amendments thereto, except that names and address of incorporators and directors are omitted; that the restatement accurately copies the articles and all amendments thereto in effect at the date of the restatement, without substantive change except as made by any new amendment or amendments contained in the restatement, the present articles of incorporation as amended being hereby deleted in their entirety and the articles of incorporation as contained in the restated articles being adopted in their stead; that each amendment has been effected in the conformity with law; the date of original incorporation being _____ and the date of the adoption of the amended and restated articles being _____, _____; that the amended and restated articles were adopted by a vote of _____ for and _____ against by members of the corporation in regular meeting; that of the total of _____ members of the board of trustees of this corporation, the trustees being the membership, a quorum was present at said meeting.

Appearers further declare that the Southern Baptist Convention consented to adoption of the amended and restated articles of incorporation the 200__ annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention on the _____ day of June, 200__, held at _____.

This done and signed, in my office in the State and Parish aforesaid on the day and date hereabove set forth in the presence of the undersigned competent witness and me, Notary, after due reading of the whole.

Upon being filed and recorded by the Secretary of State and upon the effectiveness of the restate articles, the original articles and all amendments thereto shall be superseded, and the restated articles shall be deemed to be the articles of incorporation of the corporation.

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

CHARLES S. KELLEY, JR.
PRESIDENT

SECRETARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WITNESS

WITNESS

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: _____

33. Rob Zinn (CA) introduced Wilburn K. (Will) Hall, II (TN), vice president of SBC news services, to speak to statements made by Charles S. Kelley, Jr. (LA).
34. Rob Zinn (CA) introduced Jim Guenther (TN), SBC attorney, to address the information given in Kelley's comments.
35. Roy T. Sparkman (TX) moved the adoption of the Executive Committee Recommendation 5.
36. Gary S. Urich (MO) spoke for the recommendation.
37. Tommy French (LA) spoke against the recommendation.
38. Roy T. Sparkman (TX) was recognized to speak for the motion and deferred to Jim Guenther (TN).
39. Jay Adkins (LA) spoke against the recommendation.
40. C. J. Bordeaux, Sr. (NC) spoke for the recommendation.
41. President Welch (FL) recognized Sean Pierce (NY), chairman, Committee on Order of Business, who moved to extend the time for deliberation by five minutes. Motion carried.
42. David Tolliver (MO) spoke for the recommendation.
43. Lloyd Harsch (LA) spoke against the recommendation.
44. Time expired, and President Welch (FL) called for a vote by a show of hands. The majority was unclear, and President Welch called on registration secretary James H. (Jim) Wells (MO) for instructions on casting a ballot. Welch announced that 11,077 messengers were currently registered. The ballot was cast.
45. Wayne Lee (TX), chairman, Committee on Nominations, presented the Committee on Nominations Report as printed on pages 17-20 in the *SBC Bulletin*, First Day, Part 2, with the addition of Allan Blume (NC) as chairman of Committee on Order of Business, and moved its adoption. The report was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Nominations 2004–2005

Wayne Lee, Chairman

Members Rotating

Status Nominees to be Elected

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

State Representation

Term Expiring 2006

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Neal H. Walls, GA
Blackshear Place, Oakwood * Loyd O. Freeman, TX
Alpha, Morristown | R | * | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barry P. Ladd, Sr., GA
Harmony Hall, Gainesville Dean Combs, TX
First, Odessa |
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Term Expiring 2007

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Member, CA Thomas R. (Tom) James, TN
Alpha, Morristown | N | * | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roger L. Spradlin, CA
Valley, Bakersfield David C. Perdue, TN
Bellevue, Cordova |
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Members Rotating

Status Nominees to be Elected

Term Expiring 2008

* Carl D. (Doug) Winters, SC
Lakeview, Hartsville

R * Jack E. Shaw, SC
First, Taylors

Term Expiring 2009

Donald Cotten, AL The Fellowship, Albertville	I	Scott A. Ferguson, AL Westview, Opp
Calvin R. Wittman, CO Applewood, Arvada	E	Calvin R. Wittman, CO Applewood, Arvada
Darrell P. Orman, FL First, Stuart	E	Darrell P. Orman, FL First, Stuart
* Ronald E. Williams, GA First, Vidalia	I	Harris R. Malcom, GA Central, Americus
Kevin L. Kerr, IL First, Machesney Park	E	Kevin L. Kerr, IL First, Machesney Park
* Karen A. Marshall, IL First, Effingham	E	* Karen A. Marshall, IL First, Effingham
J. Edward Hail, IN Calvary, Seymour	E	J. Edward Hail, IN Calvary, Seymour
Charles L. Hollingsworth, KS-NE First, Haysville, KS	E	Charles L. Hollingsworth, KS-NE First, Haysville, KS
* James C. Hales, KY 1st, Highland Hghts., Cold Spring	I	* Stephen D. Wilson, KY Long Oak First, Paducah
* Ida South, MS First, Mathiston	E	* Ida South, MS First, Mathiston
William A. (Bill) Vail, MO First, Poplar Bluff	E	William A. (Bill) Vail, MO First, Poplar Bluff
Jack M. Schneider, NE Baptist Fellowship, Columbia, CT	I	Adam W. Houston, NE Island Pond, Hampstead, NH
Terry M. Robertson, NY Amherst, Amherst	I	David H. Shepherd, NY Trinity, Niskayuna
* Donald L. Bailey, NC Merrimon Avenue, Asheville	I	* Paul B. Stam, NC Apex, Apex
* Jack E. (Eddie) Ferguson, NC Central, Oxford	E	* Jack E. (Eddie) Ferguson, NC Central, Oxford
* Jim R. Daniel, OK First Southern, Oklahoma City	E	* Jim R. Daniel, OK First Southern, Oklahoma City
Abe F. Silliman, Jr., TN Macedonia, Ripley	I	Joe E. Wright, TN First, Dyersburg
* John D. Wallace, TN First, Morristown	E	* John D. Wallace, TN First, Morristown
Gary A. Smith, TX Fielder Road, Arlington	I	Michael Lewis, TX Great Hills, Austin
John Marks, VA Kingsland, Chesterfield	E	John Marks, VA Kingsland, Chesterfield
* Fred E. Morgan, WV Fairlawn, Washington	I	* Sarah C. (Lynn) Talley, WV Cross Lanes, Cross Lanes

Members Rotating

Status Nominees to be Elected

GUIDESTONE FINANCIAL RESOURCES

State Representation

Term Expiring 2008

New Member, CA

N * Jeffrey P. Amberg, CA
Immanuel, Highland

Term Expiring 2009

Ronnie W. Floyd, AR
First, Springdale

* Harold D. Vick, FL
First, West Palm Beach

Danny E. Watters, GA
Beulah, Douglasville

Willis W. Henson, KY
Hawesville, Paducah

John F. McCarty, MI
Holland, Holland

* G. Robert Benson, MO
Bethel, Independence

* Oliver (Ollie) Allred, NM
First, Albuquerque

George J. Tous van Nijkerk, NC
Providence, Raleigh

William Randolph
(Randy) Chestnut, Jr., OH
Parma, Parma

* Philip D. (Phil) Koos, Jr., PA-SJ
First Wysox, Towanda, PA

* Robert W. (Bob) Boyles, WV
Good Shepherd, Scott Depot

E Ronnie W. Floyd, AR
First, Springdale

E * Harold D. Vick, FL
First, West Palm Beach

E Danny E. Watters, GA
Beulah, Douglasville

I Darren Gaddis, KY
Central, Corbin

E John F. McCarty, MI
Holland, Holland

E * G. Robert Benson, MO
Bethel, Independence

E * Oliver (Ollie) Allred, NM
First, Albuquerque

I * George B. Walker, NC
Oaklawn, Winston-Salem

E William Randolph
(Randy) Chestnut, Jr., OH
Parma, Parma

E * Philip D. (Phil) Koos, Jr., PA-SJ
First Wysox, Towanda, PA

E * Robert W. (Bob) Boyles, WV
Good Shepherd, Scott Depot

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

State Representation

Term Expiring 2007

New Member, CA

N Robert Blake Withers, CA
Las Brisas Bible Fell., Murrieta

R * Andrew F. Johnson, DC
Capitol Hill, Washington

Term Expiring 2008

Thomas E. Savage, IN
Grace, Evansville

* Brenda M. Jicka, WV
North Charleston, Milton

R * Charles L. Elam, IN
Cline Avenue Fell., Highland

R * Karen M. Cherry, WV
Southern Fell., Summersville

Term Expiring 2009

* Roy Duke, CO
Arapahoe Road, Littleton

Kenneth C. (Ken) Whitten, FL
Idlewild, Tampa

I Kevin L. King, CO
Anchor Way, Steamboat Springs

E Kenneth C. (Ken) Whitten, FL
Idlewild, Tampa

Members Rotating	Status	Nominees to be Elected
Douglas W. Merck, GA Mt. Yonah, Cleveland	E	Douglas W. Merck, GA Mt. Yonah, Cleveland
Bill G. Duncan, HI Waikiki, Honolulu	I *	Kenneth Kuwahara, HI Mililani, Mililani
Patrick T. Stewart, IL First, St. Charles	I *	Harold Booze, IL Woodland, Peoria
* Joyce E. Stevens, IL First, Carterville	E *	Joyce E. Stevens, IL First, Carterville
Phillip C. (Bo) Graves, KS-NE First, Haysville, KS	I	John C. Click, KS-NE Immanuel, Wichita, KS
Timothy I. Alexander, KY Florence, Walton	E	Timothy I. Alexander, KY Florence, Walton
* Diane B. Reeder, LA Emmanuel, Blanchard	I *	Richard E. Landry, LA Trinity, Lake Charles
Rochelle Davis, Jr., MI Temple of Faith, Detroit	E	Rochelle Davis, Jr., MI Temple of Faith, Detroit
Robert L. Griffin, MO Parker Road, Florissant	R	James Barnhart, MO Miner, Sikeston
William R. (Bill) Sanderson, NC Hephzibah, Wendell	E	William R. (Bill) Sanderson, NC Hephzibah, Wendell
Richard A. Byrd, NC Cornerstone, Greensboro	E	Richard A. Byrd, NC Cornerstone, Greensboro
Samuel W. Morgan, NW New Hope, Creswell, OR	E	Samuel W. (Sam) Morgan, NW New Hope, Creswell, OR
Michael A. (Mike) Butler, OK First, Inola	E	Michael A. (Mike) Butler, OK First, Inola
* H. Blair Monhollon, OK North Fork, Eufaula	I	Wade Burleson, OK Emmanuel, Enid
* Lauren Law, PA-SJ Southside, Mount Holly, NJ	I	Kenneth P. Cademartori, PA-SJ Mason Dixon, New Freedom, PA
* Joe S. Washington, TN First, Cleveland	E *	Joe S. Washington, TN First, Cleveland
John D. Adams, TN First, Jackson	I	Charles A. Fowler, TN West Jackson, Jackson
Wm. Michael (Mike) Smith, TX Central, Jacksonville	E	Wm. Michael (Mike) Smith, TX Central, Jacksonville
Henry Halleck (Hal) Kinkeade, II, TX First, Springtown	I	Michael A. Gonzales, TX First, Colleyville
Clint E. Henry, UT-ID Central Valley, Meridian, ID	E	Clint E. Henry, UT-ID Central Valley, Meridian, ID
R. Wayne Collis, VA First Dillwyn	I	Thurman R. Hayes, VA Bethel, Yorktown

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD

State Representation

Term Expiring 2006

Stan Coffey, TX San Jacinto, Amarillo	R	David Self, TX First, Houston
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Members Rotating**Status Nominees to be Elected****Term Expiring 2007**

New Member, CA	R	* Susan L. Roper, CA Trinity, Fresno
David A. Butler, KY Springdale, Louisville	R	* James W. Cecil, KY Trace Creek, Mayfield
Danny Michael O'Guin, MO Tower Grove, St. Louis	R	* John P. Wenberg, MO Garden, Overland

Term Expiring 2008

* Helen H. Heard, GA First, Peachtree City	R	* Michael C. Martin, GA Grove Level, Maysville
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Term Expiring 2009

Terry E. Posey, AZ First, Sun City	E	Terry E. Posey, AZ First, Sun City
James C. Sheets, CO Rocky Mountain, Rifle	E	James C. Sheets, CO Rocky Mountain, Rifle
Charles L. Roesel, FL First, Leesburg	E	Charles L. Roesel, FL First, Leesburg
* Donna S. Farr, HI Olivet, Kailua	I	* Paul Oyer, HI Olivet, Honolulu
Paul E. Pope, MO Sonrise, Bonne Terre	E	Paul E. Pope, MO Sonrise, Bonne Terre
Stanley A. Gillcash, NY New Hope, Watertown	E	Stanley A. Gillcash, NY New Hope, Watertown
* Mitchael C. Freeman, OK First, Sapulpa	E	* Mitchael C. Freeman, OK First, Sapulpa
* William A. Fields, PA-SJ Crusade, Conyngham, PA	I	Jerry W. Dixon, PA-SJ Memorial, Gerrysburg
William J. (Bill) Curtis, SC Cornerstone, Florence	E	William J. (Bill) Curtis, SC Cornerstone, Florence
* Barbara McCormick, SC Locus Hill, Travelers Rest	E	* Barbara McCormick, SC Locus Hill, Travelers Rest
David L. Thompson, TN Church at Madison Creek, Old Hickory	E	David L. Thompson, TN Church at Madison Creek, Old Hickory
* Eral M. Sutton, TX Spring Memorial, Kingwood	E	* Eral M. Sutton, TX Spring Memorial, Kingwood
* Jeffrey H. (Jeff) Shirley, TX First, Rockwall	E	* Jeffrey H. (Jeff) Shirley, TX First, Rockwall
Robert Michael (Mike) Gray, UT-ID Southeast, Salt Lake City, UT	I	Michael G. Palmer, UT-ID Salmon Valley, Salmon, ID

LIFEWAY CHRISTIAN RESOURCES**State Representation****Term Expiring 2007**

Rickey D. (Rick) Hatley, KY Central, Winchester	R	Adam W. Greenway, KY Andover, Lexington
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Members Rotating

Status Nominees to be Elected

Term Expiring 2008

New Member, CA	N	Montia D. Setzler, CA Magnolia Avenue, Riverside
Don Cokes, VA Woodlawn, Danville	R	Douglas S. Echols, VA Enon, Chester

Term Expiring 2009

Kenneth R. Clement, AL Mt. Hebron West, Deatsville	I	Cliff L. Knight, AL Lakeview, Auburn
* Richard C. Hundrup, AK Morning Star, Healy	I	* Howard L. Zach, AK University, Fairbanks
* Teresa J. Norris, CO North Metro, Thornton	R	* David R. Love, CO Cornerstone, Lone Tree
* Randolph L. (Randy) Knepper, FL Olive, Pensacola	E	* Randolph L. (Randy) Knepper, FL Olive, Pensacola
Hoyt (Skip) Haymans, FL First, Eustis	I	* Doug R. Lockett, FL Sarasota, Sarasota
Tracy L. Brinson, GA First, Cuthbert	I	Roger W. Wilkins, GA Gum Branch First, Hinesville
* Mary H. Cox, GA North Metro First, Lawrenceville	E	Mary H. Cox, GA N. Metro First, Lawrenceville
William D. (Bill) Henard, III, KY Porter Memorial, Lexington	E	William D. (Bill) Henard, III, KY Porter Memorial, Lexington
* Thomas Michael (Mike) Webb, MS Harmony, Crystal Springs	E	* Thomas Michael (Mike) Webb, MS Harmony, Crystal Springs
* John D. (Doug) Russell, MO First Lebanon	I	Don Clifford (Cliff) Day, Jr., MO First, Chaffee
* John R. Biggs, NC Wake Cross Roads, Raleigh	E	* John R. Biggs, NC Wake Cross Roads, Raleigh
* Frank A. McPherson, OK First, Moore	I	Jim W. Dawson, OK First, Broken Arrow
Jerry C. White, SC Riverside, Simpsonville	I	* Franklin R. (Frank) Reeder, SC Northwood, North Charleston
* Arthur E. (Bud) Hodge, TN Smoky View, Maryville	E	* Arthur E. (Bud) Hodge, TN Smoky View, Maryville
* Fred B. Caffey, VA Hillcrest, Ridgeway	E	* Fred B. Caffey, VA Hillcrest, Ridgeway

SOUTHERN SEMINARY

State Representation

Term Expiring 2010

Mark E. Dever, DC Capitol Hill, Washington, DC	E	Mark E. Dever, DC Capitol Hill, Washington, DC
William J. Fritts, IL Westview, Belleville	I	NOT TO BE REPLACED
Ronald L. Fellemende, KY Gardenside, Lexington	I	William H. (Bill) Haynes, KY First, Somerset

Members Rotating	Status	Nominees to be Elected
Fred A. Malone, LA First, Clinton	I	Freddie R. Harper, LA Bellaire, Bossier City
Odean W. Puckett, MS Broadmoor, Ridgeland	I	John A. Temple, MS First, Madison
Timothy C. Horltdt, NC First, Valdese	I	Timothy S. (Scott) Eanes, NC Fairview, Statesville
* Reba Barkley, OH Liberty Heights, Mason	DS	Danny L. Lambert, OH First, Westerville
* Joe T. Cox, OK First Southern, Oklahoma City	E	NOT TO BE REPLACED
Donald Casey Perry, TX First, Mabank	E	NOT TO BE REPLACED

Local Representation**Term Expiring 2010**

* Charles D. Barnes, KY Hurstbourne, Louisville	I	* Frank F. Broadus, Jr., KY Ninth and O, Louisville
* Steven L. Colyer, KY Shively, Louisville	E	* Steven, L. Colyer, KY Shively, Louisville

At-Large Representation**Term Expiring 2010**

Scott G. Wilkins, IN Fall Creek, Indianapolis	E	NOT TO BE REPLACED
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SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY**State Representation****Term Expiring 2007**

Sandy Killebrew, TX Southcrest, Lubbock	R	* Gary W. Loveless, TX Second, Houston
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Term Expiring 2010

James E. (Jimmy) Jackson, AL Whitesburg, Huntsville	E	James E. (Jimmy) Jackson, AL Whitesburg, Huntsville
* David W. Kammler, IL Lakeland, Carbondale	E	* David W. Kammler, IL Lakeland, Carbondale
Ronald G. Emmerling, MI Westside, Flint	I	* Nancy Pridgen, MI Corunna Road, Flint
* Arthur L. Mallory, MO First, Springfield	I	* Beverly J. (Joy) Stephenson, MO Parkway, St. Louis
* T. Van McClain, NY Trinity, Niskayuna	E	* T. Van McClain, NY Trinity, Niskayuna
Robert C. Burch, TN Calvary, Knoxville	I	Miles F. (Mike) Boyd, Jr., TN Wallace Memorial, Knoxville

Members Rotating

Status Nominees to be Elected

At-Large Representation

Term Expiring 2010

John Mark Caton, TX Cottonwood Creek, Allen	E	John Mark Caton, TX Cottonwood Creek, Allen
Michael D. Dean, TX Travis Avenue, Fort Worth	I *	Paul Redmon, TX First, Katy

NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY

State Representation

Term Expiring 2007

Jerry B. Garrard, FL Celebration, Tallahassee	R	Alan Floyd, FL First, Middleburg
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Term Expiring 2010

Kelly R. Randolph, KS-NE Country Acres, Wichita, KS	E	Kelly R. Randolph, KS-NE Country Acres, Wichita, KS
Wendell E. Wood, MI Eastgate, Burton	I *	Henry J. Dishburger, MI Sunrise, Midland
Derrick C. Lynch, OK First, Pryor	E	Derrick C. Lynch, OK First, Pryor
James R. (Rudy) Gray, SC Utica, Seneca	E	James R. (Rudy) Gray, SC Utica, Seneca
Gregg Simmons, TX First, Borger	DS	Edward G. (Gibbie) McMillian, TX Memorial, Grapevine
Don Davidson, VA Mount Hemon, Danville	I	Houston F. (Chip) Roberson, VA Cave Spring, Roanoke

Local Representation

Term Expiring 2010

Leonard M. (Lenny) Shores, Jr., TX Waldron Road, Corpus Christi	R *	Michael L. Sullivan, TX Second, Houston
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SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY

State Representation

Term Expiring 2010

* Philip T. Mercer, MD-DE Gethsemane, Columbia	I *	Brian Akers, MD-DE North Harford, Jarrettsville
Richard C. (Rick) Seim, NW Trinity, Renton, WA	E	Richard C. (Rick) Seim, NW Trinity, Renton, WA
* James E. (Jim) Merritt, SC Rock Springs, Easley	I *	Matt Dummermuth, DC Capitol Hill, Washington, DC
J. Michael Palmer, VA Green Ridge, Roanoke	E	J. Michael Palmer, VA Green Ridge, Roanoke

Local Representation

Term Expiring 2006

* Pamela Moseley, TN Tri Cities, Kingsport	R *	Henry G. Williamson, NC Calvary, Winston-Salem
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Members Rotating

Status Nominees to be Elected

Term Expiring 2010

Coy C. Privette, NC North Kannapolis, Kannapolis	I	Chester H. (Sonny) Holmes, SC Northwood, N. Charleston
Stephen F. (Steve) Felker, VA Swift Creek, Colonial Heights	E	Stephen F. (Steve) Felker, VA Swift Creek, Colonial Hts.

MIDWESTERN SEMINARY

State Representation

Term Expiring 2010

James F. (Jim) Fisher, Jr., AL Sage Avenue, Mobile	R	* J. Wendell Hudson, MS First, Purvis
R. Michael Landry, FL Sarasota, Sarasota	E	R. Michael Landry, FL Sarasota, Sarasota
* Mary Gwendolyn (Gwen) Newman, GA Union, Winder	I	* Cornelia Ashby, DC Hillcrest, Temple Hills, MD
Shannon A. Scott, NC Mount Vernon, Raleigh	E	Shannon A. Scott, NC Mount Vernon, Raleigh
Carl Weiser, VA Hyland Heights, Rustburg	I	* Mark N. Powell, GA Macedonia, Jackson

Local Representation

Term Expiring 2010

Jay D. Scribner, MO First, Branson	E	Jay D. Scribner, MO First, Branson
* James F. Freeman, III, MO Oakwood, Kansas City	E	* James F. Freeman, III, MO Oakwood, Kansas City

GOLDEN GATE SEMINARY

State Representation

Term Expiring 2008

Wilton Bennett, MS Russell, Meridian	R	David W. Grumbach, MS Petal Harvey, Petal
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Term Expiring 2010

Moses Valdes, GA First, Lilburn	I	* Jay J. McSwain, Jr., GA First Redeemer, Cumming
* Joe M. Senn, LA First, Rayville	DS	* Patrick M. Williams, LA First, West Monroe
Kenneth L. Cavey, MD-DE Faith, Columbia, MD	E	Kenneth L. Cavey, MD-DE Faith, Columbia, MD
Taylor Field, NY Graffiti, New York	E	Taylor Field, NY Graffiti, New York
Kelly J. Burris, VA Kempsville, Virginia Beach	E	Kelly J. Burris, VA Kempsville, Virginia Beach

At-Large Representation

Term Expiring 2007

* John C. Funk, CA First, West Hills	D	* William Ed Armstrong, CA Palo Alto, Palo Alto
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Members Rotating

Status Nominees to be Elected

Term Expiring 2010

* Sid Peterson, CA Westchester, Bakersfield	E	* Sid Peterson, CA Westchester, Bakersfield
E. W. McCall, CA St. Stephen, LaPuente	E	E. W. McCall, CA St. Stephen, LaPuente

ETHICS AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COMMISSION

State Representation

Term Expiring 2009

* Richard Dale Wallace, Jr., AL The Church at Brook Hills, B'ham	I	* Eunie W. Smith, AL First, Birmingham
* Larry L. Page, AR LifeWay, Little Rock	E	* Larry L. Page, AR LifeWay, Little Rock
* Norma M. May, CA Rio Bravo Valley, Bakersfield	E	* Norma M. May, CA Rio Bravo Valley, Bakersfield
* Steve M. Evans, CO Applewood, Wheat Ridge	E	* Steve M. Evans, CO Applewood, Wheat Ridge
Bruce M. Crawford, FL Countryside, Clearwater	I	Glen E. Owens, FL First, Jacksonville
* Ginger Bradshaw, GA Mount Vernon, Atlanta	I	* Donald L. Mason, GA First, Locust Grove
Michael J. (Mike) Farnham, NV New Life, Sparks	E	Michael J. (Mike) Farnham, NV New Life, Sparks
Harry A. (Hal) Lane, SC West Side, Greenwood	E	Harry A. (Hal) Lane, SC West Side, Greenwood

At-Large Representation

Term Expiring 2009

* Randy Burkholder, DC Capitol Hill, Washington, DC	E	* Randy Burkholder, DC Capitol Hill, Washington, DC
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COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

State Representation

Term Expiring 2007

Bruce Coe, TX Castle Hills First, San Antonio	R	* J. Keet Lewis, TX Prestonwood, Plano
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Term Expiring 2008

Sean Paul Pierce, NY Emmanuel, Potsdam	I	Gearl D. Spicer, GA First, Atlanta,
Leon Hyatt, Jr., LA First, Pineville	I	Joe R. Turner, MS First, Horn Lake

Definitions used in this report:

- D Deceased
- DS Declined to Serve
- E Eligible for Second Term
- I Ineligible for Second Term
- N New Member by Virtue of SBC Church Membership
- R Resigned
- * Non-Church/Denominational-Related (Vocation)

46. Buster Pray (AR) led in congregational praise and worship.
47. President Welch (FL) introduced President of the United States, George W. Bush, who addressed the Convention via live feed from the White House in Washington, D.C.
48. President Welch (FL) introduced Tim Goeglein, director of White House Office of Public Liaison and special assistant to the President of the United States, who spoke a word of personal encouragement to the messengers.
49. Buster Pray (AR) led in a Celebration of God and Country beginning with Russ Lee (TN), singer/songwriter/music evangelist, New Vision Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, along with the combined choirs and orchestras of the Worship Choir of First Baptist Church, Springdale, AR, the Church at Pinnacle Hills, Rogers, AR, and the Celebration Choir and Orchestra of First Baptist Church, Daytona Beach, FL.
50. The ordinance of baptism was observed by the Convention. Jim Cross (TN), pastor of First Baptist Church, Donelson, baptized Luke Charlton (TN).
51. The benediction was given by Doug Williams (AL), national faith consultant, First Baptist Church, Oneonta.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 21, 2005

SESSION THEME: *"Everyone Can!" Go and Tell Others*

SCRIPTURE: *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.* (Acts 1:8, HCSB)

52. Abe Silliman, Jr. (TN), pastor, Macedonia Baptist Church, Ripley, led in prayer.
53. The ordinance of baptism was observed by the Convention. Phil Grueda (TN), pastor of Ivy Memorial Baptist Church, Nashville, baptized Lisa Clark, Denise Lingefelt, and Billy Strong.
54. President Welch (FL) recognized James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, for the results of the ballot on Recommendation 5, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary: Charter Amendments – Sole Membership. Wells stated there were 7,201 ballots cast with 5,627 (78.14%) yes votes and 1,528 (21.2%) no votes. Motion carried.
55. Sean Pierce (NY), chairman, presented the second report of the Committee on Order of Business. On behalf of the committee, Pierce moved that the following motions be referred to the entities stated for consideration and report to the 2006 Southern Baptist Convention: to the North American Mission Board, LifeWay Christian Resources, and the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission - Stith (TX) (Item 16) Establishing a Liaison to Coordinate and Enhance the Ministry of the Task Force on Homosexuality with SBC Entities; to The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission - Drake (CA) (Item 22) Study Committee to Evaluate Whether a Local Church Organized by the Government as a 501(c)(3) State Church is Biblically Correct.
56. The motion to refer carried.
57. In accordance with the Convention's long-standing practice to refer motions which would affect the SBC Constitution or Bylaws to the Executive Committee for its consideration, the Committee on Order of Business moved that the following motions be referred to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for report back to the 2006

Southern Baptist Convention: Drake (CA) (Item 21) - Amendment of SBC Bylaw 20 - Submission of Resolutions; Luke (LA) (Item 23) Requiring at Least One Woman on Every SBC Committee.

58. The motion to refer carried.
59. The Committee on Order of Business requested that the Chair rule the following motions not in order: Drake (CA) (Item 14) Ending the Disney Boycott; VanLandingham (GA) (Item 15) Directing LifeWay Christian Resources to Make VBS Materials Available in Non-LifeWay Bookstores; Smith (FL) (Item 18) Designating 10 Percent of this Year's Budget for the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission for the Center for Reclaiming America; Muschany (MO) (Item 19) Directing the Executive Committee to Publish Specific Financial Information from All SBC Entities; and Stock (MO) (Item 20) Directing the Woman's Missionary Union to Amend its Charter to Make the SBC its Sole Member.
60. President Welch (FL) ruled the motions out of order.
61. President Welch (FL) announced the time for introduction of motions.
62. L. Russ Bush (NC) presented a motion: **International Mission Board Support for Theologically Conservative Educational Institutions.**
- "That the Convention ask the International Mission Board to bring a report to the Convention at its 2006 annual meeting that clearly outlines and states the Board's plans for continuing support of theologically conservative Bible schools, theological colleges, theological seminaries, and other institutions with Baptist doctrinal and polity convictions that are engaged in leadership training and theological education on the various mission fields of the world and that clearly explains and reaffirms the Board's intent to continue to require theological training in a Baptist seminary for all full-time mission personnel." (Items 62 and 123)
63. Gerald E. Dominy (AL) presented a motion: **Review of SBC Policies and Practices Affecting Single Parents.**
- "That all SBC entities, particularly LifeWay, the International Mission Board, the North American Mission Board, seminaries, colleges, and the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, review their policies, practices, programs, ministries, material, and teachings, or the lack thereof, that affect, impact, and/or serve single parents and their children, and remove, correct, and/or adjust accordingly within scriptural guidelines, barriers to effective ministry to single parents and their children, reporting these changes to the Southern Baptist Convention the following year." (Items 63 and 123)
64. James D. Salles (TX) presented a motion: **GuideStone Financial Resources Becoming the SBC Primary Provider.**
- "That GuideStone become the primary provider for all SBC employees and SBC entities' and agencies' employees." (Items 64 and 123)
65. Robert Wensil (NC) presented a motion: **Scheduling Future Conventions to Avoid the Week Immediately Following Father's Day.**
- "That the Southern Baptist Convention no longer meet on the week following Father's Day." (Items 65 and 125)

66. Connie Saffle (KS) presented a motion: **Recognizing and Funding the Southern Baptist Messianic Fellowship.**

“That the Convention consider recognition of the Southern Baptist Messianic Fellowship as a formal evangelistic mission entity to Jewish people worldwide.” (Items 66 and 125)

67. Sharon Luke (LA) asked to speak to her motion, but the Chair ruled her out of order.
68. President Welch (FL) recognized Morris H. Chapman (TN), chief executive officer, Executive Committee, for part 2 of the Executive Committee report. Chapman introduced Jerry Rankin (VA), president of International Mission Board, for a report about Southern Baptist’s response to the tsunami disaster. Rankin reported that Southern Baptists gave over \$16 million in disaster relief funds.
69. Chapman (TN) introduced Rob Zinn (CA), chairman of the Executive Committee, for the Executive Committee’s report. Zinn moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 6, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 6. Executive Committee Charter Amendment – Sole Membership

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the Amended and Restated Charter of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, as follows, contingent upon the Convention’s prior approval of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary adopted by the Seminary’s Board of Trustees on October 13, 2004.

AMENDED AND RESTATED CHARTER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Pursuant to the provisions of the Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation Act, the undersigned corporation hereby submits its Amended and Restated Charter, amending its present charter by deleting it in its entirety. This Amended and Restated Charter supersedes the corporation’s original charter and all prior amendments thereto.

1. The name of the corporation is The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.
2. The address of the principal office and the registered office of the corporation is 901 Commerce Street, Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee 37203. The name of the registered agent at that office is Morris H. Chapman.
3. The corporation is a public benefit corporation.
4. The corporation is a religious corporation.
5. The corporation is not for profit.
6. The corporation shall have one Member which shall be the Southern Baptist Convention, a Georgia nonprofit corporation, hereinafter sometimes referred to as “the Convention.”
7. The annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention shall constitute the annual meeting of the Member. A special meeting of the Member may occur as provided in its governing instruments.
8. The Member shall have the right: to elect the trustees (directors) of the corporation; to remove the trustees of the corporation; to approve an amendment to the corporation’s charter; to approve any merger by the corporation; to approve the sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all, or substantially all, of the corporation’s property not in the regular

- course of its activities; and to approve the dissolution of the corporation. The Member shall have no authority over the bylaws of the corporation, the power to adopt bylaws being vested by the Southern Baptist Convention in the corporation's board of trustees.
9. The board of trustees shall consist of the president and the recording secretary of the Convention, the president of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention, and one member from each cooperating state of the Convention subject to the provisions of the bylaws of the Convention. When the membership of cooperating Baptist churches in a given state shall have reached two hundred and fifty thousand, there shall be elected an additional member of the Executive Committee, one of whom shall be a person not employed full time by a church or denominational entity; and, further, there shall be an additional member for each two hundred and fifty thousand members providing that the number of members from each cooperating state shall be limited to five; and, further, that not more than two-thirds shall be drawn from either persons employed full time by a church or denominational entity or persons not employed full time by a church or denominational entity. No salaried official of the Convention or of any of the corporate entities of the Convention or any member of any board or board of trustees or commission of the Convention or any salaried official of any state convention or of any entity of a state convention may be a member of the Executive Committee board, but these restrictions shall not apply in the case of the Convention's president, the president of Woman's Missionary Union, and the recording secretary of the Convention.
 10. A trustee shall be considered as having resigned when the person ceases to be a resident member of a church either geographically within the state or affiliated with the convention of the state from which he/she has been elected as a representative or becomes otherwise disqualified.
 11. If a vacancy occurs on the board of trustees, including a vacancy resulting from death, resignation, removal, or ineligibility of a trustee, only the Convention may fill the vacancy.
 12. The Corporation is a not for profit corporation organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any individual. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation. The corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
 13. The assets of the Corporation shall be dedicated to the religious purposes of the corporation. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities, the assets of the corporation shall be distributed to the Southern Baptist Convention if it then qualifies as an exempt organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding section of any future United States tax code) or, if the Southern Baptist Convention does not so qualify, then to one or more organizations which do so qualify as exempt organizations described in Section 501(c)(3).

70. Roy Scarborough, Jr. (GA) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 1, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 1. Proposed 2005-06 SBC Operating Budget

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the 2005-06 Southern Baptist Convention Operating Budget in the amount of \$8,328,338, as follows:

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION OPERATING BUDGET SUMMARY STATEMENT OF INCOME

	PROPOSED	ADOPTED*
	<u>2005-06</u>	<u>2004-05</u>
Cooperative Program	\$6,303,526	\$6,082,296
Designations	135,000	155,000
LifeWay Christian Resources	600,000	650,000
Interest/Dividends	225,000	150,000
<i>SBC Life</i>	250,000	273,400
Other Income	<u>814,812</u>	<u>664,304</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$8,328,338</u>	<u>\$7,975,000</u>

EXPENDITURES

Convention Administration Expenses		
Convention Operations		\$ 982,470
SBC Committees		85,000
SBC Building Management		463,525
Annual Meeting		857,100
Operating Reserve		<u>0</u>
SUBTOTAL	<u>\$2,577,800</u>	<u>\$2,388,095</u>
Executive Committee Operations Expenses		
Administration		\$2,081,450
Executive Committee Meetings		255,000
Southern Baptist Foundation		448,000
Convention Relations		918,650
Convention News		680,450
Cooperative Program Development		748,355
EKG Initiatives		<u>30,000</u>
SUBTOTAL	<u>\$5,325,538</u>	<u>\$5,161,905</u>
Convention Support		
Kingdom Relationships	<u>425,000</u>	<u>425,000</u>
SUBTOTAL	<u>\$ 425,000</u>	<u>\$ 425,000</u>
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	<u>\$8,328,338</u>	<u>\$7,975,000</u>

* Data reflects Executive Committee final budget approved September 20-21, 2004.

71. Frank Cox (GA) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 2.

Recommendation 2. 2005-06 SBC Cooperative Program Allocation Budget

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the 2005-06 Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program Allocation Budget in the amount of \$189,865,255, as follows:

**2005-2006 SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ALLOCATION BUDGET PROPOSAL**

	Proposed 2005-2006 Budget Allocation	Proposed 2005-2006 % of Total Allocation
<u>WORLD MISSION MINISTRIES</u>		
INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD	\$ 94,932,627	50.00%
NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD	<u>43,270,293</u>	<u>22.79%</u>
TOTAL WORLD MISSION MINISTRIES	\$ <u>138,202,920</u>	<u>72.79%</u>
<u>THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES</u>		
SEMINARIES:		
SWBTS	9,605,000	5.06%
SBTS	8,553,309	4.50%
NOBTS	8,437,914	4.44%
SEBTS	7,778,380	4.10%
GBTS	3,435,792	1.81%
MWBTS	<u>2,820,769</u>	<u>1.49%</u>
TOTAL SEMINARIES	\$ 40,631,164	21.40%
HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES	<u>455,676</u>	<u>0.24%</u>
TOTAL THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES	\$ <u>41,086,840</u>	<u>21.64%</u>
<u>CHRISTIAN ETHICS AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY MINISTRIES</u>		
ETHICS & RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COMMISSION	\$ <u>2,828,993</u>	<u>1.49%</u>
<u>FACILITATING MINISTRIES</u>		
ANNUITY BOARD	\$ 1,442,976	0.76%
SBC OPERATING	\$ <u>6,303,526</u>	<u>3.32%</u>
(includes \$425,000 for Kingdom Relationships)		
TOTAL FACILITATING MINISTRIES	\$ <u>7,746,502</u>	<u>4.08%</u>
<u>CHURCH ENRICHMENT MINISTRIES</u>		
LIFEWAY CHRISTIAN RESOURCES	<u>-0-</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
TOTAL BUDGET ALLOCATION	\$ <u>189,865,255</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

72. Rodney Albert (MO) moved to amend the recommendation and spoke to the motion to amend.

73. Frank Cox (GA) spoke against the motion to amend.
74. Jim Wideman (MA) spoke against the motion to amend.
75. Motion to amend failed, and Recommendation 2 was adopted.
76. Randall James (FL) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 3, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 3: Amendment of SBC Bylaw 14(A)(1) – Final Vote

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention take action in this annual meeting, as the final of the required successive annual meeting approvals (pursuant to the Southern Baptist Convention Bylaw 37), to amend Southern Baptist Convention Bylaw 14(A)(1) to change “Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention” to “GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention.”

77. William F. (Bill) Harrell (GA) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 4, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 4. SBC Bylaw Revisions Relating to Messenger Registration: Bylaw 8. Messenger Credentials and Registration

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention that the Southern Baptist Convention adopt amendments to SBC Bylaw 8, Messenger Credentials and Registration, to allow for the recent advent of messenger registration via the Internet, as shown below:

8. Messenger Credentials and Registration:

- A. Each person elected by a church cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention as a messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention shall be registered as a messenger to the Convention upon presentation of proper credentials. Credentials shall be presented by each messenger, in person, at the Convention registration desk and shall be in the following form:
 - (1) A completed, properly authorized, official and signed Southern Baptist Convention registration document card, certifying the messenger's election in accordance with Article III. Membership, of the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention; but if the messenger does not have the messenger registration document card,
 - (2) A letter from the messenger's church, signed by the pastor, clerk or moderator of the church, certifying the messenger's election in accordance with Article III. Membership, of the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention; or
 - (3) ~~A telegram~~ Some other document (which may include a fax, email, or other physical or electronically transmitted document) from the messenger's church certifying which is deemed reliable by the Credentials Committee or qualifies under guidelines approved by the registration secretary and the credentials committee ~~the messenger's election in accordance with Article III. Membership, of the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention.~~

Messengers registered in accordance with this section shall constitute the Convention.

- B. The president of the Convention, in consultation with the vice presidents, shall appoint, at least thirty (30) days before the annual session, a Credentials Committee to serve at the forthcoming sessions of the Convention. This committee shall review and rule upon any questions which may arise in registration concerning the credentials of messengers. Any such

ruling may be appealed to the Convention during business session. Any contention arising on the floor concerning seating of messengers shall be referred to the committee for consideration and the committee shall report back to the Convention.

- C. The registration secretary shall be at the place of the annual meeting at least one (1) day prior to the convening of the first session of the Southern Baptist Convention for the purpose of opening the registration desk and registering messengers. The registration secretary also shall convene the Credentials Committee at least one day prior to the annual meeting and shall assist the committee in reviewing questions concerning messenger credentials. The registration secretary shall report to the Convention the number of registered messengers.

The final corrected version of SBC Bylaw 8, Messenger Credentials and Registration, would read as follows:

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 - (2) A letter from the messenger's church, signed by the pastor, clerk or moderator of the church, certifying the messenger's election in accordance with Article III. Membership, of the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention; or
 - (3) Some other document (which may include a fax, email, or other physical or electronically transmitted document) from the messenger's church which is deemed reliable by the credentials committee or qualifies under guidelines approved by the registration secretary and the Credentials Committee.

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78. Nathan Luce (LA) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 7, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 7. SBC Annual Meeting: Future Convention Site, 2008

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention that Indianapolis, Indiana, be selected as the Convention site for the 2008 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention contingent upon satisfactory contract negotiations with the convention center and area hotels. The Convention dates would be June 10-11, 2008.

79. Nathan Luce (LA) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 8, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 8. SBC Annual Meeting: Future Convention Site, 2009

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention that Louisville, Kentucky, be selected as the Convention site for the 2009 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention contingent upon satisfactory contract negotiations with the convention center and area hotels. The Convention dates would be June 16-17, 2009.

80. Paul Badgett (KY) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 9, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 9. SBC Calendar of Activities Recommendations

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the 2009-10 *SBC Calendar of Activities* and amendments to the 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08 calendars, as follows:

2009-2010 SBC CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

October 2009

Cooperative Program Emphasis

On Mission Together: To Share the Gospel, October 4

World Hunger Sunday, October 11

November 2009

On Mission Together: Equipping the Next Generation, November 1

November - December 2009

Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and the

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, November 29 - December 6

January 2010

January Bible Study, January 3-6

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 17

February 2010

"True Love Waits" Emphasis

Racial Reconciliation Sunday, February 14

Focus on WMU, February 15-21

February - March 2010

On Mission Together in North America: Week of Prayer and Mission Study and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions, February 28 - March 7

March 2010

- Youth Week, March 7-13
- Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday, March 21
- On Mission Together: Planting New Congregations, March 28

April 2010

- SBC Seminaries Sunday, April 4
- Cooperative Program Sunday, April 11
- Baptist Doctrine Study, April 11-15
- Life Commitment Sunday, April 18

May 2010

- Senior Adult Sunday, May 2
- Christian Home Week, May 2-9
- On Mission in Baptist Associations, May 16-22
- Day of Prayer and Fasting for World Evangelization, May 23

June 2010

- Crossover (Convention City - date has not yet been set)
- Baptist Men's Emphasis, June 20
- Adopt an Annuitant Sunday, June 27

July 2010

- Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday, July 4

August 2010

- Social Issues Sunday, August 1 (Emphasis not yet determined)
- On Mission Together: Praying for Students, August 8
- Church Music Emphasis Week, August 15-21

September 2010

- Single Adult Sunday, September 5
- Anti-Gambling Sunday, September 19
- Discipleship Rally, September 20

Proposed amendments from Executive Committee:

Deletion of Baptist World Alliance Day from the following years:

- 1) Baptist World Alliance Day, February 5, 2006
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Recommendation 14: The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary: Charter Amendments

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention approve the proposed amended charter of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary as follows:

(NOTE: Addition of text is indicated by underline and deletion of text is indicated by ~~strike through~~.)

CHARTER
of
THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

(As restated and proposed to the Trustees of The
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, meeting April 18-20, 2005.)

An Act to incorporate The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

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God is revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit each with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence or being.

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God from eternity, decrees or permits all things that come to pass, and perpetually upholds, directs and governs all creatures and all events; yet so as not in any wise to be the author or approver of sin nor to destroy the free will and responsibility of intelligent creatures.

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VII. THE MEDIATOR

Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, is the divinity appointed mediator between God and man. Having taken upon Himself human nature, yet without sin, He perfectly fulfilled the law, suffered and died upon the cross for the salvation of sinners. He was buried, and rose again the third day, and ascended to His Father, at whose right hand He ever liveth to make intercession for His people. He is the only Mediator, the Prophet, Priest and King of the Church, and Sovereign of the Universe.

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Those who have been regenerated are also sanctified, by God's word and Spirit dwelling in them. This sanctification is progressive through the supply of Divine strength, which all saints seek to obtain, pressing after a heavenly life in cordial obedience to all Christ's commands.

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Those whom God hath accepted in the Beloved, and sanctified by his Spirit, will never totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere to the end; and though they may fall, through neglect and temptation, into sin, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, bring reproach on the Church, and temporal judgments on themselves, yet they shall be renewed again unto repentance, and be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

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The Lord Jesus is the Head of the Church, which is composed of all his true disciples, and in Him is invested supremely all power for its government. According to his commandment, Christians are to associate themselves into particular societies or churches; and to each of these churches he hath given needful authority for administering that order, discipline and worship which he hath appointed. The regular officers of a Church are Bishops or Elders, and Deacons.

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Baptism is an ordinance of the Lord Jesus, obligatory upon every believer, wherein he is immersed in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, as a sign of his fellowship with the death and resurrection of Christ, or remission of sins, and of his giving himself up to God, to live and walk in newness of life. It is prerequisite to church fellowship, and to participation in the Lord's Supper.

XVI. THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is an ordinance of Jesus Christ, to be administered with the elements of bread and wine, and to be observed by his churches till the end of the world. It is in no sense a sacrifice, but is designed to commemorate his death, to confirm the faith and other graces of Christians, and to be a bond, pledge and renewal of their communion with him, and of their church fellowship.

XVII. THE LORD'S DAY

The Lord's day is a Christian institution for regular observance, and should be employed in exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private, resting from worldly employments and amusements, works of necessity and mercy only excepted.

XVIII. LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE

God alone is Lord of the conscience; and He hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men, which are in anything contrary to His word or not contained in it. Civil magistrates being ordained of God, subjection in all lawful things commanded by them ought to be yielded by us in the Lord, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

XIX. THE RESURRECTION

The bodies of men after death return to dust, but their spirits return immediately to God - the righteous to rest with Him; the wicked to be reserved under darkness to the judgment. At the last day, the bodies of all the dead, both just and unjust, will be raised.

XX. THE JUDGMENT

God hath appointed a day, wherein he will judge the world by Jesus Christ, when everyone shall receive according to his deeds; the wicked shall go into everlasting punishment; the righteous, into everlasting life.

8. A Trustee elected according to the provisions of the Third Article of the Fundamental Laws may be removed from office by the Southern Baptist Convention according to procedures it adopts.

A professor may be elected with tenure, or a professor with tenure may be removed from office, only by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting in a stated or called meeting of the Board of Trustees.

9. All applicants for matriculation as Students shall furnish satisfactory evidence, to the Faculty, of their piety and call of God to the Ministry, and of the fact that the church to which they belong approves of their desire to enter upon that work. They shall also pledge themselves to submit to such rules as the Faculty may lay down for the government of the Seminary, ~~and shall be entitled to its instruction free of any charge for tuition.~~

10. The purposes for which The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is formed, the business and objects to be carried on and promoted by it, and the powers granted to it, are as follows:

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12. The mailing address of the principal office of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40280.

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Baptism is an ordinance of the Lord Jesus, obligatory upon every believer, wherein he is immersed in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, as a sign of his fellowship with the death and resurrection of Christ, or remission of sins, and of his giving himself up to God, to live and walk in newness of life. It is prerequisite to church fellowship, and to participation in the Lord's Supper.

XVI. THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is an ordinance of Jesus Christ, to be administered with the elements of bread and wine, and to be observed by his churches till the end of the world. It is in no sense a sacrifice, but is designed to commemorate his death, to confirm the faith and other graces of Christians, and to be a bond, pledge and renewal of their communion with him, and of their church fellowship.

XVII. THE LORD'S DAY

The Lord's day is a Christian institution for regular observance, and should be employed in exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private, resting from worldly employments and amusements, works of necessity and mercy only excepted.

XVIII. LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE

God alone is Lord of the conscience; and He hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men, which are in anything contrary to His word or not contained in it. Civil magistrates being ordained of God, subjection in all lawful things commanded by them ought to be yielded by us in the Lord, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

XIX. THE RESURRECTION

The bodies of men after death return to dust, but their spirits return immediately to God - the righteous to rest with Him; the wicked to be reserved under darkness to the judgment. At the last day, the bodies of all the dead, both just and unjust, will be raised.

XX. THE JUDGMENT

God hath appointed a day, wherein he will judge the world by Jesus Christ, when everyone shall receive according to his deeds; the wicked shall go into everlasting punishment; the righteous, into everlasting life.

8. A Trustee elected according to the provisions of the Third Article of the Fundamental Laws may be removed from office by the Southern Baptist Convention according to procedures it adopts.

A professor may be elected with tenure, or a professor with tenure may be removed from office, only by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting in a stated or called meeting of the Board of Trustees.

9. All applicants for matriculation as Students shall furnish satisfactory evidence, to the Faculty, of their piety and call of God to the Ministry, and of the fact that the church to which they belong approves of their desire to enter upon that work. They shall also pledge themselves to submit to such rules as the Faculty may lay down for the government of the Seminary.

10. The purposes for which The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is formed, the business and objects to be carried on and promoted by it, and the powers granted to it, are as follows:

(a) The mission of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, as a Southern Baptist educational institution committed to excellence, is to conduct comprehensive programs of theological education, research and service, with Christ at the center, for men and women called of God and recommended by the churches.

(b) The Seminary is irrevocably dedicated to and is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or its successor provision). The Seminary shall receive contributions and fees, and shall distribute its funds for public, religious, charitable, educational and/or scientific purposes, as set forth in these Articles. In carrying out its corporate purposes, the Seminary shall have all the powers allowed corporations by the Kentucky Nonprofit Corporation Acts, KRS 273.161 et seq.; provided, however, that the Seminary shall not have or exercise any power inconsistent with or prohibited by the provisions of subparagraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), and, if applicable, (e).

(c) As limited by Section 501 (c)(3) of the Code (or its successor provision), it is expressly not the purpose of the Seminary, and the Seminary is not empowered, to participate or intervene in (including the publication or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for elective public office, nor to devote more than an insubstantial part of its activities to carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code (or its successor provision).

(d) Any other provision of these Articles to the contrary notwithstanding, the Seminary shall have no capital stock and no power to issue certificates of stock nor to declare dividends; no part of the net earnings of the Seminary shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; and the

Seminary shall not carry on any activities denied to: (i) a corporation described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code (or its successor provision); or (ii) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code (or its successor provision).

(e) Any other provision of these Articles to the contrary notwithstanding, the Seminary shall, if the following provisions of law are applicable to it: (i) distribute its income for each fiscal year at such time and in such manner as not to be subject to the tax under Section 4942 of the Code (or its successor provision); (ii) not engage in any act of self dealing as defined in Section 4941 of the Code (or its successor provision); (iii) not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943 of the Code (or its successor provision); (iv) not make any investments in such manner as to subject the Seminary to tax under Section 4944 of the Code (or its successor provision); and (v) not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945 of the Code (or its successor provision).

11. Dissolution shall be accomplished in accordance with Chapter 273 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes or its successor. Upon dissolution of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the Seminary, dispose of all corporate assets by distributing such assets to the Convention if it is a 501(c)(3) organization, or if not, to organizations that are organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and at the time qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or its successor provision, or to such organizations described under Section 170(c)(1) of the Code, or its successor provision, as the Board of Trustees shall determine. If possible, the particular purposes of such charitable donee or donees should be substantially similar to the charitable purposes of the Seminary. Any such assets not disposed of by the Board of Trustees shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the County in which the principal office of the Seminary is then located, to the Southern Baptist Convention, if it is a 501(c)(3) corporation or, if not, to such Baptist organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall, at that time, qualify as exempt organizations, or as organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or its successor provision. If possible, the Court shall cause such remaining assets to be transferred to a donee or donees that have purposes that are substantially similar to the charitable purposes of the Seminary.

12. The mailing address of the principal office of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40280.

13. A Trustee shall not be liable to The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for monetary damages for any act or omission constituting a breach of his or her duties as a Trustee unless such act or omission (a) is one in which the Trustee has a personal financial interest which is in conflict with the financial interests of the Seminary; (b) is not in good faith or involves intentional misconduct or is known to the Trustee to be in a violation of law; (c) or is a transaction from which the Trustee derived an improper personal benefit.

Financial Board

Section 1. The principal of all contributions and donations for an endowment fund of said Seminary shall be held forever sacred and inviolate and same shall not be broken in upon for any purpose whatever. The interest, income and dividends thereof may be used for the support and expenses of said institution.

Section 2. There shall be a Financial Board which shall be elected from the Board of Trustees which shall function and serve as provided for in the Bylaws. The Financial Board shall invest or supervise the investment of all endowment funds of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary along with any other funds which may be committed to it.

Members

1. The corporation shall have one Member, the Southern Baptist Convention, a religious nonprofit corporation chartered by act of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Georgia. The annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention shall constitute the annual meeting of the Member. Any other meeting of the Member may occur only as provided in the Southern Baptist Convention's governing instruments.
2. The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the corporation's board of directors, also by custom referred to as the board of trustees, except to the extent these Articles vest rights in the Member.
3. In addition to other rights vested in the Member by these Articles, after prior approval of the Board of Trustees of the Corporation, the Member shall have the right to vote to approve or to disapprove: merger; consolidation; dissolution; or the sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge or other disposition of all, or substantially all, property and assets of the corporation; in the annual meeting or through the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, the establishment of a subsidiary corporation or a controlling interest in any other legal entity or form for conducting the corporation's affairs.

Amendments

This charter may be amended in conformity with the laws of the state of Kentucky but only with the prior consent of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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82. "Everyone Can!" video testimony.
83. President Welch (FL) recognized Gerald Davidson (MO), first vice president, to moderate the Convention session.
84. Gerald Davidson (MO), first vice president, recognized Wanda S. Lee (AL), executive director-treasurer, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, to present the auxiliary's annual report. Lee expressed an appreciation for Janet Hoffman (AL), WMU president, for her service of the past five years. Lee recognized Kaye Miller (AR) as the new WMU president. Questions were asked, and Lee responded.
85. Gerald Davidson (MO), first vice president, recognized R. Philip Roberts (MO), chairman, Council of Seminary Presidents, and president, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, for the Southern Baptist Convention Historical Library and Archives report. Roberts introduced R. Albert Mohler, Jr., (KY), president, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, who challenged the Convention regarding the archiving of our history. He also announced that archival assistant Howard Gallimore, died last night on his way home from the Convention.
86. Gerald Davidson (MO), first vice president, announced the time for nominations for election of president. Junior Hill (AL) nominated Bobby Welch (FL). There were no other nominations, and first vice president Gerald Davidson (MO) called on James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, to cast the Convention ballot for Bobby Welch. First vice president Gerald Davidson declared **Bobby Welch (FL) as president.**
87. Gerald Davidson (MO), first vice president, recognized David Ring (MO), to introduce President Bobby Welch (FL) for the annual presidential address. (See page 120.)

88. Congregational worship was led by Larry Black (FL), interim music minister, and the Celebration choir and orchestra of First Baptist Church, Daytona Beach.
89. Maudellen Welch (FL) led in prayer.
90. Larry Black (FL), interim music minister, and the Celebration choir and orchestra of First Baptist Church, Daytona Beach, brought special music.
91. President Bobby Welch (FL) presented the annual presidential address. (See page 120.)
92. Gerald Davidson (MO), first vice president, recognized Jeff Iorg (CA), president, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, for the seminary's report.
93. "Everyone Can!" video testimony.
94. President Bobby Welch (FL) introduced Dawn Smith Jordan (SC), contemporary Christian singer/songwriter/recording artist/author, First Baptist Church, Columbia, joined by her children Ross (SC) and Hannah Jordan, (SC) who led in prayer and presented "Everyone Can!" Point of Challenge.
95. President Welch (FL) recognized James T. (Jimmy) Draper, Jr. (TN), president, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville. Wayne Hamrick (GA), chairman of LifeWay Christian Resources, introduced James T. (Jimmy) Draper, Jr., for the LifeWay report and presentation. At the conclusion of the report, Hamrick presented Draper with a framed original manuscript by Charles Hadden Spurgeon.
96. Congregational praise and worship was led by Andrew Pray (GA), pastor of worship arts, Avalon Church, McDonough, and the worship team of First Baptist Church, Springdale, AR.
97. "Everyone Can!" video testimony.
98. President Welch (FL) recognized Paige Patterson (TX), president, The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, for their report and presentation.
99. President Welch (FL) announced the time for the election of first vice president. Steve Gaines (AL) nominated Jerry Sutton (TN). Roger Freeman (TN) nominated Mike Boyd (TN). John Hannigan (FL) nominated Dan Spencer (GA). President Welch called on James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, to give balloting instructions to the Convention. Wells reported that there were 11,710 messengers registered. Ballots were cast.
100. President Welch (FL) announced the time for introduction of new motions.
101. Kent W. Cochran (MO) presented a motion: **Request for SBC Entities to Respond with a Covenant to Southern Baptists.**
- "That our institutions, agencies, committees, and entities respond with increasing openness by responding to a "Covenant with Southern Baptists." The theological correction in the SBC for the last 25-plus years was a needed and grassroots driven effort of the "people of the Book" . . . Southern Baptists. Eternal vigilance must be kept to keep us on the path of the infallibility and inerrancy of Scripture." (Items 101 and 127)
102. Ron Wilson (CA) presented a motion: **Requesting a Good Faith Estimate from State Conventions.**

"That the Southern Baptist Convention of 2005 cordially request a good faith estimate from the state conventions who are in cooperation with the SBC as to when they will reach the

original goal of a 50/50 split of Cooperative Program funds between the SBC and the state conventions and a report of their response be given to the SBC meeting in 2006 in the Executive Board report.” (Items 102 and 125)

103. Wiley Drake (CA) presented a motion: **Availability of Disney Movie to All Southern Baptists.**

“That LifeWay Christian Resources examine the Disney movie, *America’s Heart and Soul*, as well as their Bible Study Guide that comes with the movie (DVD), and if it is biblically sound, to consider making it available to all Southern Baptists.” (Items 103 and 127)

104. Leslie M. Stock (MO) presented a motion: **Inviting the Woman’s Missionary Union to Become an SBC Entity.**

“That the Southern Baptist Convention extend an invitation to the Woman’s Missionary Union, otherwise known as WMU, to become an entity of the Southern Baptist Convention, to join the other SBC entities - for example - the International Mission Board and the North American Mission Board - in the work of missions and enjoy the benefits of being an entity of the SBC.” (Items 104 and 125)

105. Tim VanLandingham (GA) presented a motion: **Requesting LifeWay Christian Resources to Make VBS Materials Available to All Southern Baptists.**

“That LifeWay be requested by this Convention to make available once again through any and all willing local, hometown Christian bookstores (in addition to the LifeWay store locations) any undated LifeWay/Convention study curriculum (such as Experiencing God, etc.), and dated and undated Vacation Bible School materials. These materials would be made available at the same prices as with LifeWay, with the same opportunities for returns for credit as with LifeWay.” (Items 105 and 123)

106. Jeff Purvis (MO) presented a motion: **Amendment of SBC Bylaw 26.**

“That SBC Bylaw 26 B and C be amended to read as follows:

(Note: Addition of text is indicated by underline and deletion of text is indicated by ~~striketrough~~.)

Bylaw 26

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B. *Procedure for Motions of Messengers Concerning Entities:* ~~A~~ ~~M~~ ~~m~~otions made by messengers dealing with internal operations or ministries of an entity shall be referred to the elected board of the entity for consideration and report to the constituency and to the next annual meeting of the Convention for action, ~~with the exception that~~ unless: the Committee on Order of Business ~~may be~~ is instructed by a two-thirds vote either 1. to give immediate consideration; or 2. to arrange for consideration at a subsequent session of the same Convention, subject to provision of Bylaw 21.

On all matters referred by the Convention, entities shall respond in writing at the close of their report in the *Book of Reports and Annual*, giving specific information on:

- (1) how the matter referred was considered;
- (2) how it was reported to the constituency; and
- (3) any actions on the matter taken by the entity or action proposed to the Convention.

C. *Limitations:* One-third of the time for consideration of all reports before the Convention shall be reserved after the report for discussion from the floor.” (Items 106 and 125)

107. Hiram Smith (FL) presented a motion: **Reallocation of a Portion of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission's Budget.**

"That a tithe on the total amount assigned in this year's SBC budget to the ERLC (10% x 2,828,993 = 282,899) be allocated by this Convention to the Center for Reclaiming America in support of two objectives: (1) efforts to reestablish the right to acknowledge God in America, as exemplified by Chief Justice Roy Moore; and (2) efforts to correct the major American problem of federal judges making laws rather than interpreting laws." (Items 107 and 127)

108. Charles Edwards (FL) presented a motion: **Requiring GuideStone Financial Resources to Justify Price Increases in Health Care Coverage.**

"That the Southern Baptist Convention and/or the Executive Committee require that our Annuity Board, now known as "GuideStone Financial Resources," justify to the entire Southern Baptist Convention and those churches which form the SBC why the rates for health coverages are so far out of line with other companies, especially those companies that underwrite the policies for GuideStone, such as Blue Cross/Blue Shield." (Items 108 and 127)

109. Chris Burghoff (AL) presented a motion: **Encouraging All SBC Churches from Removing "Southern Baptist" from Their Name.**

"That we motivate our Southern Baptist Convention to encourage all SBC churches not to remove the name "Southern Baptist" or "Baptist" from their church signs, bulletins, etc." (Items 109 and 127)

110. Gerald Dominy (AL) presented a motion: **Evangelization of Single Adults.**

"That LifeWay Christian Resources and the North American Mission Board undertake a study to determine how single adults are being evangelized and ministered to by the SBC and report and make recommendations at the next Convention." (Items 110 and 127)

111. "Everyone Can!" video testimony.

112. Gerald Davidson (MO), first vice president, introduced Clark D. Stewart (MS), senior pastor, Harmony Baptist Church, Crystal Springs, for the benediction.

113. Everyone Can! video testimony.

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 22

SESSION THEME: *"Everyone Can!" Obey and Teach Others*

SCRIPTURE: *But when they believed Philip, as he proclaimed the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.*
(Acts 8:12, HCSB)

114. Concert of praise was presented by the combined choirs and orchestras of First Baptist Church, Springdale, AR, and the Church at Pinnacle Hills, Rogers, AR.
115. The ordinance of baptism was observed by the Convention. Gordon Donahoe (TN), pastor of Donelson View Baptist Church, Nashville, baptized Rodney Kelly.
116. David Gill (CA), second vice president, introduced Charles Hollingsworth (KS), minister of worship, First Baptist Church, Haysville, who led in prayer.

117. President Welch (FL) recognized James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, for the result of the ballot for first vice president. There were 2,111 ballots cast. Jerry Sutton (TN) received 991 (46.01%) votes, Mike Boyd (TN) received 389 (18.06%) votes, and Dan Spencer (GA) received 718 (33.33%) votes. Thirteen ballots were disallowed. Since there was not a clear majority, the president called for a run-off ballot and recognized Wells to instruct the messengers regarding instructions on casting their ballots for either Jerry Sutton or Dan Spencer. Ballots were cast.
118. President Welch (FL) recognized Richard Land (TN), president, The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, Nashville. David Willets (LA) chairman, The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission introduced Richard Land for their entity's report and presentation of a video from an SBC Task Force on ministry to homosexuals.
119. President Welch (FL) recognized James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, for the result of the ballot for first vice president. There were 1,631 ballots cast. Jerry Sutton (TN) received 1,165 (71.43%) votes and Dan Spencer (GA) received 452 (27.71%) votes. Fourteen ballots were disallowed. President Welch declared **Jerry Sutton as first vice president elect**.
120. President Welch (FL) announced nominations for the election of second vice president. Ted Stone (NC) nominated Roy Fish (TX). Bill Dodson (KY) nominated Wiley Drake (CA). President Welch recognized James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, to give the Convention balloting instructions. Wells announced there were 11,887 messengers registered, and ballots were cast.
121. "Everyone Can!" video testimony.
122. President Welch (FL) recognized Sean Pierce (NY), chairman, Committee on Order of Business, for the committee's third report.
123. The Committee on Order of Business determined that the following motions dealt with the internal operations or ministries of an entity of the Convention. Under Bylaw 26B, these motions are automatically referred for consideration and report to the 2006 Southern Baptist Convention as follows: to the International Mission Board – Bush (NC) (Item 62) International Mission Board Support for Theologically Conservative Educational Institutions; to LifeWay Christian Resources – VanLandingham (GA) (Item 105) Requesting LifeWay Christian Resources to Make VBS Materials Available to All Southern Baptists; to all SBC Entities named in SBC Bylaw 14.A. – Dominy (AL) (Item 63) Review of SBC Policies and Practices Affecting Single Parents, and Salles (TX) (Item 64) GuideStone Financial Resources Becoming the SBC Primary Provider.
124. The motion to refer carried.
125. In accordance with the Convention's long-standing practice to refer motions which would affect the SBC Constitution or Bylaws to the Executive Committee for its consideration, the Committee on Order of Business moves that the following motions be referred to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for report back to the 2006 Southern Baptist Convention: Wensil (NC) (Item 65) Scheduling Future Conventions to Avoid the Week Immediately Following Father's Day, Saffle (KS) (Item 66) Recognizing and Funding the Southern Baptist Messianic Fellowship, Wilson (CA) (Item 102) Requesting a Good Faith Estimate from State Conventions, Stock (MO) (Item 104) Inviting the Woman's Missionary Union to Become an SBC Entity, Purvis (MO) (Item 106) Amendment of SBC Bylaw 26.

126. The motion to refer carried.
127. The Committee on Order of Business requested that the Chair rule the following motions were not in order: Cochran (MO) (Item 101) Request for SBC Entities to Respond with a Covenant to Southern Baptists, Drake (CA) (Item 103) Availability of Disney Movie to All Southern Baptists, Edwards (FL) (Item 108) Requiring GuideStone Financial Resources to Justify Price Increases in Health Care Coverage, Dominy (AL) (Item 110) Evangelization of Single Adults, Smith (FL) (Item 107) Reallocation of a Portion of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commissions' Budget, Burghoff (AL) (Item 109) Encouraging All SBC Churches from Removing "Southern Baptist" from Their Name.
128. The Chair ruled the motions out of order.
129. "Everyone Can!" video testimony.
130. President Welch (FL) introduced Charles S. (Chuck) Kelley, Jr. (LA), president, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, for their report.
131. Congregational praise and worship was led by Buster Pray (AR), Andrew Pray (GA), and the combined choirs and orchestras of First Baptist Church, Springdale, AR, and the Church at Pinnacle Hills, Rogers, AR.
132. "Everyone Can!" video testimony.
133. President Welch (FL) recognized James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, for the result of the ballot for second vice president. There were 2,889 ballots cast. Roy Fish (TX) received 2,299 (79.85%) votes and Wiley Drake (CA) received 562 (19.45%) votes. Twenty-eight ballots were disallowed. President Welch declared **Roy Fish as second vice president**.
134. President and Mrs. Welch (FL) recognized former Southern Baptist Convention presidents. Former presidents and wives who were welcomed to the platform are as follows: Dr. and Mrs. Adrian P. Rogers (TN) 1980, 1987-88, Dr. and Mrs. James T. (Jimmy) Draper, Jr. (TN) 1983-84, Dr. and Mrs. Morris H. Chapman (TN) 1991-92, Dr. and Mrs. L. Paige Patterson (TX) 1999-2000, and Dr. and Mrs. James G. Merritt (GA) 2001-02.
135. The combined choirs and orchestras of First Baptist Church, Springdale, AR, and the Church at Pinnacle Hills, Rogers, AR presented special music.
136. "Everyone Can!" video testimony.
137. Liliana Lewis (TX) led in prayer in English and Spanish.
138. Michael S. Lewis (TX), senior pastor, Great Hills Baptist Church, Austin, presented "Everyone Can!" Point of Challenge.
139. Buster Pray (AR) led the congregation in praise and worship.
140. President Welch (FL) recognized Robert E. (Bob) Reccord (GA), president, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, for their report and a presentation of its multiple ministries in North America.
141. Josh Stanbery (AR), minister of worship, the Church at Pinnacle Hills, Rogers, led the congregation in praise and worship.

142. President Welch (FL) recognized Bill Bennett (NC), president, Mentoring Men for the Master, International, Scotts Hill Baptist Church, Wilmington.
143. "Everyone Can!" video testimony.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 22

SESSION THEME: *"Everyone Can!" Grow and Take Others*

SCRIPTURE: *Remember this: the person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously.* (2 Corinthians 9:6, HCSB)

144. A concert of praise was presented by the Celebration Choir of Idlewild Baptist Church, Tampa, FL.
145. The ordinance of baptism was observed by the Convention. Ken Clayton (TN), pastor of Tulip Grove Baptist Church, Hermitage, baptized Robin Hunt.
146. David Gill (CA), second vice president, introduced D. L. (Dan) Ireland (AL), executive director, Alabama Citizens Action Program, Birmingham, who led in prayer.
147. "Everyone Can!" video testimony.
148. President Welch (FL) announced the time for election of recording secretary. Shane Hall (OK) nominated John L. Yeats (OK). There were no other nominations, and Welch called on James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, to cast the Convention ballot for John L. Yeats (OK). President Welch declared **John L. Yeats (OK) as recording secretary elect.**
149. President Welch (FL) recognized Sean Pierce (NY), chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, for the committee's fourth report. Since there was no scheduled business, Pierce introduced the individuals serving on the Committee on Order of Business.
150. President Welch (FL) requested a microphone and interviewed two people in the audience about their Crossover testimony.
151. Buster Pray (AR) introduced Ron Upton (FL), minister – family worship, and the Celebration Choir of Idlewild Baptist Church, Tampa, who led the congregation in praise and worship.
152. "Everyone Can!" video testimony.
153. President Welch (FL) recognized Sean Pierce (NY), chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, for a motion to move forward with the Committee on Resolutions report. Motion passed.
154. President Welch (FL) recognized Gene Mims (TN), chairman, Committee on Resolutions, for the committee's first report.

155. Gene Mims (TN) introduced Gary Ledbetter (TX), who moved the adoption of Resolution 1.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1
ON EDUCATING CHILDREN**

WHEREAS, Children have been entrusted to parents by the Lord and represent our nation's future and our spiritual legacy; and

WHEREAS, God has given parents the responsibility for the upbringing and education of our children (Proverbs 22:6; Deuteronomy 6:6-7); and

WHEREAS, Many negative influences are attempting to transform the moral foundation of the culture by reshaping the core values of our children, undermining historical truth, and promoting promiscuity, violence, and other immoral behaviors; and

WHEREAS, Children are vulnerable to marketing and entertainment campaigns that redefine truth, morality, and family relationships; and

WHEREAS, Homosexual activists and their allies are devoting substantial resources and using political power to promote the acceptance among schoolchildren of homosexuality as a morally legitimate lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, Educational institutions are often an effective gateway to children's hearts and minds; and

WHEREAS, Parents have access to textbooks, curricula, special programs, teachers, and other school personnel, giving them tremendous power to effect change in schools; and

WHEREAS, All citizens have the right and responsibility to participate in local, state, and national elections and to use their influence to effect change; and

WHEREAS, Involved parents are the ultimate influence in the lives of their children; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, June 21-22, 2005, urge parents and churches to research and monitor the entertainment and educational influences on children; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge parents and churches to exercise their rights to investigate diligently the curricula, textbooks, and programs in our community schools and to demand discontinuation of offensive material and programs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge our churches to assist and support parents as they investigate community schools and as they train and disciple their own children; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commend godly teachers and students who feel called by God to take a stand for Christ in secular schools as a light shining in the darkness; and be it further

RESOLVED, That as citizen Christians we commit to hold accountable schools, institutions, and industries for their moral influence on our children; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we urge Christian parents to fully embrace their responsibility to make prayerful and informed decisions regarding where and how they educate their children, whether they choose public, private, or home schooling, to ensure their physical, moral, emotional, and spiritual well-being, with a goal of raising godly men and women who are thoroughly equipped to live as fully devoted followers of Christ.

156. Bruce Shortt (TX) spoke for the resolution. Larry Reagan (TN) spoke for the resolution. Robert Dreyfess (FL) spoke for the resolution. Michael Elsby (MI) spoke for the resolution. James L. GoForth, Jr. (MO) moved to amend the resolution. Amendment passed, and the amended resolution was adopted.

157. Gene Mims (TN) moved the adoption of Resolution 2, and it was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2
ON STEM CELL RESEARCH**

WHEREAS, The Bible teaches that all human life is sacred (Genesis 1:26-27); and

WHEREAS, Humans have a sacred trust to care for the most vulnerable among us (Matthew 25:31-46); and

WHEREAS, Current trends in stem cell research promise great benefit to some and threaten great peril to others; and

WHEREAS, Stem cell research using non-embryonic stem cells offers tremendous hope for millions of people and has already produced many successful results in humans, such as relieving the symptoms of juvenile diabetes, reversing Parkinson's disease symptoms, regenerating heart tissue, and restoring feeling and mobility to people with spinal cord injuries; and

WHEREAS, Embryonic stem cell research currently requires the destruction of human embryos; and

WHEREAS, Embryo-destructive research has not produced any positive results or cures; and

WHEREAS, Even if it does, it is never morally acceptable to prey on some humans to benefit others; and

WHEREAS, We do not believe that the issue of world competition in embryo-destructive research justifies our nation's entry into this barbaric activity; and

WHEREAS, The United States House of Representatives has voted to provide federal funding for human-destructive research on embryos being stored at fertility clinics; and

WHEREAS, The United States Senate is preparing to vote on this issue; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, June 21-22, 2005, wholeheartedly support efforts to find cures and therapies for human maladies that respect the sanctity of all human life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we strongly support stem cell research that does not require the destruction of human embryos or put them at risk in obtaining human stem cells; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we deplore embryo-destructive research, since it kills human beings in their earliest stages of development; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express our deep disappointment in those members of the United States House of Representatives who voted in favor of embryo-destructive research for their abject failure to protect the lives of these innocent human beings; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commend those members of the United States House of Representatives who voted against embryo-destructive research for their courageous stand on behalf of these voiceless human beings; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the United States Senate to reject any legislation that calls for embryo-destructive research, regardless of the origin of the embryos, beyond the cell lines which are currently approved for federally funded research; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commend the president for his commitment to veto any bills that call for federal funding of embryo-destructive research beyond the cell lines he has already approved; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we encourage Southern Baptists to consider ways they can become involved in life-affirming activities, including adopting embryos being stored at fertility clinics.

158. Penna Dexter (TX) moved the adoption of Resolution 3.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 ON THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY

WHEREAS, Some federal judges have undermined and supplanted the United States system of limited government by presuming to write and impose new laws upon America's citizenry rather than interpreting law according to constitutional intent; and

WHEREAS, This tendency by some unelected judges to legislate from the bench subverts the foundation of our democracy, "a government of the people, by the people, and for the people," and moves the nation closer to being governed by an elite class, unaccountable to the American people; and

WHEREAS, Some of the worst decisions put into law during the last half century have been handed down by federal judges who hold no valid constitutional or legislated authority to make such decrees; and

WHEREAS, Examples of this judicial activism include, but are not limited to, the United States Supreme Court's approval of abortion on demand in *Roe v. Wade* (1973) and its declaration that a popularly held moral disapproval of homosexual sodomy was insufficient grounds for laws prohibiting that behavior in *Lawrence v. Texas* (2003); and

WHEREAS, Judges increasingly invoke foreign courts and foreign law as partial justification for their opinions, e.g., *Atkins v. Virginia* (2002); *Lawrence v. Texas* (2003); *Goodridge v. Massachusetts* (2003); and, most recently, *Roper v. Simmons* (2005); and

WHEREAS, In recent years the president has appointed judges he believes are strict constructionists, who would interpret the Constitution rather than make law; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution is clear regarding the nomination and confirmation process: "He (the president) shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the Supreme Court and all other Officers of the United States" (U.S. Constitution, art. 2, sec. 2); and

WHEREAS, Many United States senators have recently defaulted on their explicit constitutional responsibility to vote as a body to confirm or deny the president's appointees to various positions in the federal court system by filibustering the confirmation of some of the president's judicial nominees or by engaging in other acts of obstruction; and

WHEREAS, These obstructionist activities have disproportionately targeted nominees who hold biblical convictions on issues such as the sanctity of life and the definition of marriage; and

WHEREAS, This dereliction of duty constitutes a deplorable and intolerable impediment to good government; and

WHEREAS, It is likely that the president will have the opportunity to appoint one or more Supreme Court justices during the remainder of his term, setting off an intense battle unless fairness is restored to the judicial confirmation process; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, June 21-22, 2005, call on the United States Senate to return to the constitutionally established principle and two-hundred-year-old practice of basing "advice and consent" decisions on a simple majority vote of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call upon all future presidents to nominate strict constructionist judges who will interpret rather than make law; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call upon Southern Baptists and all members of the Body of Christ to provide their United States senators with verbal and written encouragement to stop the obstruction of judicial nominees; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we commend Tennessee Senator Bill Frist for courageously standing in the gap in his position as Senate majority leader, defending the appointment of fair and impartial judges to the federal bench and insisting upon their right to a vote of confirmation by the full Senate.

159. Ray Elder (SC) raised a point of order that the speakers could not be heard. The Chair ruled that the point was well taken.

160. Resolution 3 was adopted.

161. Robert Gallina (CA) moved the adoption of Resolution 4.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 ON THE DISNEY BOYCOTT

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention rightly and appropriately adopted a resolution in 1997 calling for Southern Baptists to refrain from patronizing The Disney Company and its related entities; and

WHEREAS, The boycott has communicated effectively our displeasure concerning products and policies that violate moral righteousness and traditional family values; and

WHEREAS, For a boycott to be effective, it must be specifically targeted and of limited duration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, June 21-22, 2005, declare a conclusion to our boycott of The Disney Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge The Disney Company to serve the families of America by providing only those products that affirm traditional family values; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we pledge to continue to monitor the products and policies of The Disney Company; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we urge Southern Baptists to practice continued discernment regarding all entertainment products from all sources.

162. Wiley Drake (CA) moved to amend the resolution and spoke to the amendment. Gene Mims (TN) spoke against the motion to amend. Motion to amend failed. Bill Dodson (KY) spoke against the resolution. Wiley Drake (CA) spoke for the resolution.

163. Harold Hicks (IL) asked a question regarding how the Convention would monitor Disney.
164. Gene Mims (TN) responded that The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission would monitor Disney and inform the Convention.
165. Resolution 4 was adopted.
166. Joseph Rogers (TN) moved the adoption of Resolution 5, and it was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 5
ON EXERCISING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND FREEDOM OF SPEECH

WHEREAS, The United States Constitution guarantees freedom of religious expression for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Freedom of speech is a cherished liberty which our Baptist forebears defended at great personal sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Freedom of speech includes protection of political speech, including speech pertaining to social and religious values; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists and other evangelical voters exercised their freedom of speech and their religious freedom during the 2004 general elections to help encourage and implement biblical values in American culture; and

WHEREAS, Christians have a responsibility to use their freedoms in such ways as defending traditional marriage, protecting the sanctity of human life, and combating the propagation of immoral behavior and deviant lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Churches and pastors have a responsibility to bring the gospel to bear on every aspect of culture at the local, state, and national levels by understanding the legal means of applying biblical values to social and political issues; and

WHEREAS, The law permits a pastor to individually endorse candidates for political office so long as it is clear that he is speaking on his behalf only and not on behalf of the church; and

WHEREAS, By law, churches may engage in non-partisan voter-identification, voter-registration, voter-education, and get-out-the-vote activities so long as such activities are not directed at the supporters of any particular candidate or political party; and

WHEREAS, A church may distribute voter guides regarding a candidate's position on a wide range of issues or scorecards reporting on the voting records of incumbents, provided the church does not describe a candidate's position or voting record as consistent or inconsistent with the church's position on a given issue; and

WHEREAS, A church may allow political candidates to speak on church premises, provided all candidates are invited and given equal opportunity to speak; and

WHEREAS, Church facilities may be used by political candidates on the same basis as civic groups; and

WHEREAS, While a church cannot establish a political action committee, pastors and other like-minded individuals may establish a political action committee separate from the church, provided they do not use the assets of the church; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, June 21-22, 2005, urge Christians to advocate political and social values consistent with

biblical teachings and to vigorously oppose any attempts to abridge the free speech and religious rights of any American citizen or group; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commend The Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, including their ivotevalues campaign, as well as other like-minded evangelical organizations for their support of biblical values in the public arena; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we will vote only for candidates and policies at all levels of government that will protect our religious freedoms and advocate traditional Judeo-Christian values; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge churches and pastors to understand and exercise their right and responsibility to stand for biblical values and to influence the culture; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we call upon Southern Baptists to pray for our nation and its leaders and to use their freedom of speech and religious liberty to further the cause of Christ in the public arena.

167. Tommy French (LA) moved the adoption of Resolution 6, and it was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 6
ON REDUCING TEEN SMOKING**

WHEREAS, Human beings are created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27); and

WHEREAS, Being created in the image of God endows humans with great dignity and inestimable worth; and

WHEREAS, More than four hundred thousand Americans die every year from tobacco-caused diseases; and

WHEREAS, Every day in our nation, five thousand children under the age of eighteen, including adolescents of childbearing age, smoke their first cigarette; and

WHEREAS, Every day in our nation, two thousand children become regular daily smokers, one-third of whom will die prematurely as a result of tobacco-caused diseases; and

WHEREAS, Approximately one out of five pregnant teenagers passes the risks of smoking on to her baby directly or through exposure to secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, Preventing and reducing smoking and other tobacco use among teenagers and other children requires a strong commitment from a broad, diverse range of organizations and individuals concerned about our nation's youth and public health; and

WHEREAS, According to the American Cancer Society and other national health organizations, one of the most effective ways to reduce smoking and other tobacco use, particularly among adolescents, is to raise the price of cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, and other tobacco products through tax increases; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, June 21-22, 2005, commit to add our efforts to those of such national organizations as the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, and the American Lung Association to work to reduce tobacco use, especially among teens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage our churches to redouble their efforts to educate our youth about the dangers of tobacco use; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we applaud those jurisdictions that have helped reduce teen smoking with substantial tax increases on tobacco products; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we commit ourselves to seek ways, through personal efforts and coalitions, to become more involved in our communities and states to prevent and reduce smoking and other tobacco use, especially among teens.

168. Jeff Moore (OK) moved the adoption of Resolution 7.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7
ON APPRECIATION OF OUR TROOPS AND PRESIDENT**

WHEREAS, Members of the United States military and allied forces continue to be aggressively engaged in the ongoing global war on terror; and

WHEREAS, Our troops play a vital role in preserving and protecting freedom in the United States and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, The sacrificial efforts of our military personnel have made it possible for some nations formerly ruled by dictators to hold democratic elections, ushering in a new era of freedom for the people of those nations; and

WHEREAS, The president has been forced to make difficult decisions that place our servicemen and servicewomen in harm's way; and

WHEREAS, The president has shown courage and leadership in his valiant opposition to terrorism; and

WHEREAS, The Scriptures command us to pray "for kings and all those who are in authority so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity" (1 Timothy 2:2, HCSB); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, June 21-22, 2005, express appreciation to our servicemen and servicewomen in all branches of the military who are serving faithfully and honorably, both at home and abroad; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage Southern Baptists to pray for the safety and well-being of our military personnel at all times; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we offer prayer, support, and appreciation for and to the husbands, wives, children, parents, and siblings of our fine service members serving in every capacity of our nation's military; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express pride and strong support for our American military and eagerly anticipate the day our troops return home upon successful completion of their missions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express deepest gratitude and respect for our president in light of the gravity of the decisions he must make and the leadership role he fills; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we encourage all Southern Baptists to pray regularly for our president and to stand with him in opposing global terrorism as he makes decisions that potentially impact the entire earth.

169. Charles Ransdell (OH) spoke for the resolution. Connie Saffle (KS) moved to amend the resolution and spoke to the motion. Amendment carried. Robert Dreyfess (FL) moved to

amend the resolution. Gene Mims (TN) spoke against the amendment on behalf of the committee. Motion to amend failed. Rick Reeder (KY) spoke for the resolution. Resolution 7 as amended was adopted.

170. President Welch (FL) recognized Sean Pierce (NY) for a motion to extend the time for business by ten minutes. Motion carried.

171. Gene Mims (TN) moved the adoption of Resolution 8, and it was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8
ON EVANGELISM**

WHEREAS, Man, as a special creation of God, the only creature uniquely created in His image, chose to sin against his Creator through willful disobedience and is therefore guilty before God and deserving of eternal wrath; and

WHEREAS, God so loved man, even in his fallen state, that He sent Jesus, His sinless Son, to suffer the consequences of man's disobedience by dying a cruel death on a criminal's cross; and

WHEREAS, Christ's death paid the penalty for man's sin, and Christ's resurrection three days later secured salvation for those who repent and place their faith in Christ; and

WHEREAS, Since salvation is a free gift of God and lost people matter to God, He has commissioned believers to share the gospel; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, June 21-22, 2005, express our deepest appreciation to our current president, Bobby Welch, for leading our denomination to refocus itself to reach, win, and baptize one million people through the "Everyone Can! Kingdom Challenge"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge individual Southern Baptists to recognize their responsibility to reach lost people with the gospel of Christ and recommit themselves to be witnesses of the love of Christ by participating in the "Everyone Can! Kingdom Challenge"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage our churches to make reaching the lost a preeminent ministry priority; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage each of the entities of the Southern Baptist Convention to maintain as its ministry priority the encouragement of individual Southern Baptists and Southern Baptist churches to be active participants in fulfilling the Great Commission; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we commit ourselves to obey the commission of God and depend on the Spirit of God through the power of prayer and the gospel.

172. Ida South (MS) moved the adoption of Resolution 9, and it was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9
ON APPRECIATION**

WHEREAS, The messengers to the 148th annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention have enjoyed a time of encouragement, worship, unity, and the direction of the Holy Spirit; and

WHEREAS, We acknowledge the Lord's providence for all these blessings; and

WHEREAS, We also acknowledge the kind hospitality of the people of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, We also acknowledge the work of our local Southern Baptist churches, associations, committees, and volunteers of the Nashville area for their diligent efforts, services, and accommodations to make our stay a pleasant one; and

WHEREAS, We also acknowledge the continued hospitality extended by Mayor Bill Purcell and city officials to the Southern Baptist Convention and its entities housed in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, We also acknowledge the Lord's work through our president, officers, various committees, Convention speakers, musicians, and other platform personnel to guide the affairs of this Convention with dignity and a Christlike spirit; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, June 21-22, 2005, express our profound gratitude to the Lord and to all those whom He used to bring about a Convention characterized by grace, evangelism, worship, encouragement, unity, and purpose in this annual meeting.

173. President Welch (FL) recognized R. Albert (Al) Mohler, Jr. (KY), president, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, for a report.

174. "Everyone Can!" video testimony.

175. Buster Pray (AR) introduced Richard K. Forbus (GA), director of leadership initiative, The North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, who led congregational praise and worship.

176. The Celebration Choir of Idlewild Baptist Church, Tampa, FL, presented special music.

177. President Welch (FL) announced that the agenda would be accelerated during the evening session due to no scheduled business and the completion of the Committee on Resolutions report.

178. "Everyone Can!" video testimony.

179. President Welch (FL) introduced Anthony and Joan Williams (OK), and Joan Williams led in prayer.

180. Anthony Williams (OK), bivocational pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Durant, presented "Everyone Can!" Point of Challenge.

181. President Welch (FL) recognized R. Philip (Phil) Roberts (MO), president, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, for a report.

182. President Welch (FL) announced there were 11,927 messengers currently registered.

183. President Welch (FL) announced the time for election of registration secretary. John Marshall (MO) nominated James H. (Jim) Wells (MO). There were no other nominations and President Welch recognized John L. Yeats (OK), recording secretary, to cast the Convention ballot for Jim Wells. President Welch declared **James H. (Jim) Wells (MO) as registration secretary elect.**

184. Roland Maddox (TN), chairman, Committee on Committees, presented the report from the Committee on Committees as printed in *SBC Bulletin*, First Day, Part 2, page 16. Maddox announced clerical revisions.

185. Jeff Purvis (MO) made the nomination of Cindy Province (MO) in the place of Mark D. Strickland (MO). Strickland was elected, and the balance of the Committee on Committees report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE 2005 SBC COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

(2005-06 COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS)

* indicates layperson from each state or regional convention

ALABAMA

Andy Hepburn
Taylor Road Baptist Church
Montgomery, AL

*Mark Towns
First Baptist Church
Oneonta, AL

ALASKA

Gary Cox
University Baptist Church
Fairbanks, AK

*Herb Johnston
Sunset Hills Baptist Church
Anchorage, AK

ARIZONA

Chad Garrison
Calvary Baptist Church
Lake Havasu City, AZ

*Paul Smith
Mt. View Baptist Church
Tucson, AZ

ARKANSAS

Wes George
First Baptist Church
Rogers, AR

*Bryan Moery
Wynne Baptist Church
Wynne, AR

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Bonnyview Baptist Church
Redding, CA

*Richard Roberts
Stine Road Baptist Church
Bakersfield, CA

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Cornerstone Baptist Church
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*Jerry Todd Neal
Applewood Baptist Church
Wheat Ridge, CO

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Washington, DC

*Patrick D. Traylor
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Idlewild Baptist Church
Tampa, FL

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Thomasville, GA

*Chris Fryer
First Baptist Church
Woodstock, GA

HAWAII

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Hawaii Kai Church
Honolulu, HI

*Morris Kimoto
Olivet Baptist Church
Honolulu, HI

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Hurricane Memorial Baptist
Church
Herrin, IL

*Marjorie Fowler
Tabernacle Baptist Church
Decatur, IL

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*Richard Ray
Avon Baptist Church
Avon, IN

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Lexington, NE

*Kathy Graves
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Haysville, KS

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Kevin McCallon
First Baptist Church
Paducah, KY

*Lynetta Ezell
Highview Baptist Church
Louisville, KY

LOUISIANA

James B. Law
First Baptist Church
Gonzales, LA

*Lori Archey
Florida Boulevard Baptist Church
Baton Rouge, LA

MARYLAND

Richard E. Hancock, Jr.
Dunkirk Baptist Church
Chesapeake Beach, MD

*Leah Porter
Crest Hill Baptist Church
Bowie, MD

MICHIGAN

Richard Rogers
Bethany Baptist Church
Lansing, MI

*Bob Hayes
Forest Park Baptist Church
Farmington Hills, MI

MISSISSIPPI

David Crowe
Stong Hope Baptist Church
Wesson, MS

*William Paul Daly
First Baptist Church
Grenada, MS

MISSOURI

Randy Comer
Highview Baptist Church
Chillicothe, MO

*Mark D. Strickland
Lynwood Baptist Church
Cape Girardeau, MO

NEVADA

Thomas Starkes
Hope Baptist Church
Las Vegas, NV

*Michelle A. Cason
Fellowship Baptist Church
Battle Mountain, NV

NEW ENGLAND

Ralph W. Green, III
Crossroads Baptist Church
Littleton, NH

*Shane Silva
Island Pond Baptist Church
Hampstead, NH

NEW MEXICO

Thomas W. Hill
First Baptist Church
Ruidoso, NM

*Tommy Donham
Eastern Hills Baptist Church
Albuquerque, NM

NEW YORK

Robbie Lankford
New Hope Community Church
Queensbury, NY

*Tim Christian
Trinity Baptist Church
Niskayuna, NY

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David Horton
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Greenshore, NC

*Elmer J. Dryden
Hickory Grove Baptist Church
Charlotte, NC

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Toledo First Baptist Church
Toledo, WA

*Billie R. Phillips
Sunset View Baptist Church
Pasco, WA

OHIO

Darrell Deer
College Heights Baptist Church
Elyria, OH

*Tom Briggs
First Baptist Church
Perrysburg, OH

OKLAHOMA

Shane Hall
Calvary Baptist Church
Tulsa, OK

*Randall L. Kemp
First Baptist Church
Seminole, OK

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Robert Gene Chapman, Jr.
Keystone Baptist Church
Red Lion, PA

*Marvin Richard Dimm
Thompsontown Baptist Church
Thompsontown, PA

SOUTH CAROLINA

Harold N. West, Jr.
First Baptist Church
Moncks Corner, SC

*Bob Smart
First Baptist Church
Landrum, SC

TENNESSEE

Doug Sager
First Baptist Church Concord
Knoxville, TN

*Robert Dawkins
Bellevue Baptist Church
Cordova, TN

TEXAS

Stephen P. Washburn
First Baptist Church
Pflugerville, TX

*Jo McGuire
Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist
Church
Haskell, TX

UTAH/IDAHO

Craig Brown
First Southern Baptist Church
St. George, UT

*Kelly Walton
First Baptist Church Burley
Burley, ID

VIRGINIA

Ronnie C. Brown
Swift Creek Baptist
Midlothian, VA

*William S. Overton
South Norfolk Baptist Church
Chesapeake, VA

WEST VIRGINIA

Collin D. Virgin
First Baptist Church
Ceredo, WV

*Marie Davidson
Silver Springs Baptist Church
Princeton, WV

WYOMING

Mark Alan Porter
Happy Jack Country Church
Cheyenne, WY

*Bob Connelly
Hillcrest Baptist Church
Riverton, WY

186. President Welch (FL) recognized Tim Rogers (NC), who raised a point of information.
187. President Welch (FL) called on C. Barry McCarty (TX), chief parliamentarian, to give explanation on the procedures of the Convention.
188. President Welch (FL) recognized O. S. Hawkins (TX), president of the Annuity Board (GuideStone Financial Resources), Dallas, for their report. Hawkins discussed the various services of the Annuity Board (GuideStone Financial Resources).
189. "Everyone Can!" video testimony.
190. Congregational praise and worship was led by Ron Upton (FL), minister of family worship, Idlewild Baptist Church, Tampa.
191. Special music was presented by the Celebration Choir of Idlewild Baptist Church, Tampa, FL.
192. President Welch (FL) recognized Ken and Ginny Whitten (FL), and Ginny Whitten led in prayer.
193. Ken Whitten (FL), senior pastor, Idlewild Baptist Church, Tampa, presented the Convention message. (See page 128.)
194. The benediction was given by Milton E. Kornegay (NY), senior pastor, Central Baptist Church, Syracuse.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 22, 2005

SESSION THEME: *"Everyone Can!" Care and Touch Others*

SCRIPTURE: *Now this is His command: that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another as He commanded us. The one who keeps His commands remains in Him, and He in him.* (1 John 3:23-24, HCSB)

195. Buster Pray (AR), Larry Black (FL), and the "Everyone Can!" People's Mass Choir and Orchestra presented a concert of praise.
196. The ordinance of baptism was observed. Poly Rouse (TN), pastor of Hermitage Hills Baptist Church, Hermitage, baptized Eric and Julie Kilby.
197. President Welch (FL) recognized Robert A. Mowrey (TN), pastor, First Baptist Church, Scottsboro, who led in prayer.
198. President Welch (FL) introduced Daniel L. Akin (NC), president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, who presented the report for the seminary.
199. "Everyone Can!" video testimony.
200. President Welch (FL) honored outgoing officers, David Gill (CA), second vice president, and Gerald Davidson (MO), first vice president, and presented each of them with a plaque of appreciation.
201. Morris H. Chapman (TN), president and chief executive officer of the Executive Committee, introduced the newly elected officers of the Southern Baptist Convention and their wives: President and Mrs. Bobby Welch (FL); Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Sutton (TN), first vice president; Dr. and Mrs. Roy Fish (TX), second vice president; Dr. and Mrs. John L. Yeats (OK), recording secretary; and Rev. and Mrs. James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary.
202. President Welch (FL) introduced his family and reported about his journey across the nation and expressed to the Convention his commitment of service in the coming year.