

**PROCEEDINGS**  
**SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**  
**San Antonio, Texas**  
**June 12–13, 2007**

**TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 12, 2007**

**SESSION THEME: “LORD, TRANSFORM YOUR CHURCHES”**

**SCRIPTURE: “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock,  
 I will build My church, and the forces of Hades will not overpower it.”**  
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1. Inspirational music was provided by the Exaltation Choir, led by Gary Hallquist (SC), minister of music & worship, Taylors First Baptist Church, Taylors, and the worship team and band, First Baptist Church, Woodstock, GA.
2. Congregational praise and worship was led by Scott C. White (GA), Convention music director, senior minister of music and worship, First Baptist Church, Woodstock.
3. Morris H. Chapman (TN), president and chief executive officer of the Executive Committee, Nashville, presented the Broadus Gavel to President Frank Page (SC). Page called to order the one hundred fiftieth session of the Southern Baptist Convention in the one hundred sixty-second year of its history at 8:15 a.m. in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, TX.
4. President Frank Page (SC) introduced the PARLIAMENTARIANS: C. Barry McCarty (TX), Chief Parliamentarian, Jimmy E. Jackson (AL), and John Sullivan (FL). Page explained the microphone system to the messengers and how messengers can make a motion.
5. James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, reported that as of 8:16 a.m. on June 12, 2007, 7,313 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 10, 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.
6. Daniel R. Sanchez (TX), professor of missions, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, led in prayer.
7. Allan Blume (NC), chairman, Committee on Order of Business, moved the adoption of the agenda with the amendments noted in the *SBC Bulletin, Tuesday Part 2, Page 2*. Motion adopted. (See pages 49-54 for order of business.)
8. Allan Blume (NC), moved the adoption of the Standing Rules as stated in the *SBC Bulletin, Tuesday, 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.

**Order of Business, 2007 Southern Baptist Convention  
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**Tuesday Afternoon, June 12, 2007**

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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.

9. James W. (Jim) Richards (TX), executive director, Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, Grapevine, welcomed the messengers.
10. President Page (SC) announced the following committees: Committee on Committees, Credentials Committee, Resolutions Committee, and Tellers Committee, as listed in the *SBC Bulletin, Tuesday, Part 1, Page 6*.

**Committee on Committees:** John Bryan, GA, *chairman*

Mike McLemore, AL, Ron Madison, AL; Scott Williamson, AK; Gary Cox, AK; Dan Coker, AZ; James Harms, AZ; Rick Grant, AR; Don Phillips, AR; Danny Sotelo, CA; Bill Grant, CA; Mike McCarthy, CO; Kenny Long, CO; Pamela Redmond, MD; Mike Rogers, MD; Tim Passmore, FL; Forrest Pollock, FL; Steve Hartman, GA; George Iwahiro, HI; Duane McDaniel, HI; Michael Randle, IL; Roger Marshall, IL; Ray Deeter, IN; Donald Moore, IN; Jeff Cokely, KS; Mark Elliott, NE; Todd Linn, KY; Dan Summerlin, KY; Lloyd Whitman, LA; David Crosby, LA; Jason Lang, MD; David Griesemer, MD; Bert Spann, MI; Jerry Williams, MI; Gary Richardson, MS; Stan Buckley, MS; Dave Sheppard, MO; Jeff Anderson, MO; Theodore Kern, NV; David Simpson, NV; Jim Nelson, RI; Bob Butler, VT; Carroll Vaughn, NM; David Brittain, NM; Jim Arrant, NY; Steve Snow, NY; David Nelson, NC; Wayne Poplin, NC; Patricia Tiller, OR; William Crews, Jr., WA; Faye Rodgers, OH; Kevin Thomas, OH; Bob Copeland, OK; Blake Gideon, OK; Dean Doster, NJ; John Cope, PA; D. J. Horton, SC; Gary Redding, SC; Danny Siquefield, TN; Mike Spradlin, TN; Bert Barber, TX; Gary Dyer, TX; Steve Winters, ID; Michael Liner, ID; Jerry Grubb, VA; Michael Cox, VA; Seth Polk, WV; Kenneth Stidham, WV; Lynn Nikkel, WY; Quin Williams, WY

**Credentials Committee:** Dave Parker, GA, *chairman*

Larry Felkins, AL; Doug Richey, MO; Ken Barnard, AR; Randy Caddell, KS; Don Davidson, VA; Calvert Wallace, VA; Jason Barber, VA; David Samples, CO; Waylon Bailey, LA; Travis Kerns, KY; Chris Brammer, MD; Jerry Raines, TX; Vince Smith, SD; Tim Richardson, OK; Robert Osborn, OH; Frank Moreno, FL; Robert Stout, IA; Marshall Blalock, SC; Bob Ray, MN; Tim Lewis, IL; David Smith, SC; Nathan Lorick, TX; Jeremy Green, TX

**Resolutions Committee:** Gerald Harris, GA, *chairman*

David George, AK; Al Gilbert, NC; Robin Hadaway, MO; Galen Jones, AL; Martha Lawley, WY; Michael Lewis, TX; Daniel Sanchez, TX; Charles Strickland, GA; Greg Thornbury, TN

**Tellers Committee:** David Dykes, TX, *chairman*

Raymond Barrett, IN; Sheldon Alexander, NC; Terry Doss, GA; Kile Antone, SC; Dennis Hansen, WI; John Connell, GA; John Dimmick, IN; Steven Zahare, IA; John Mark Toby, KY; Keith Jacobs, OK; Fred MacDonald, SD; James Brandon, CO; Sanford Peterson, KS; Louis A. Paradiso, MD; Harry Black, AR; Maurice McCarthy, Jr., VA; Glenn Davis, KS; Mark Inman, IL; Eddie Miller, NV; Don Wills, TX; Jay Adkins, LA; John Dammon, TX; Chip Stevens, MS

11. President Page (SC) announced the time of introduction of motions, noting that motions would be referred to the Committee on Order of Business to be scheduled for later consideration.

12. Rick Garner (OH) presented a motion: Adopting the *Baptist Faith and Message* as the Statement of the Convention.

“That this Convention adopt the statement of the Executive Committee issued in February of this year and included in the Committee’s report found in the 2007 *Book of Reports*, page 17, number 4, which reads:

““The *Baptist Faith and Message* is neither a creed, nor a complete statement of our faith, nor final or infallible; nevertheless, we further acknowledge that it is the only consensus statement of doctrinal beliefs approved by the Southern Baptist Convention and as such is sufficient in its current form to guide trustees in their establishment of policies and practices of entities of the Convention.” (Items 12, 101, and 117)

13. Wade Burluson (OK) presented a motion: Database of Clergy or Staff in SBC Churches Involved in Sexual Harassment or Abuse.

“That the Southern Baptist Convention request the Executive Committee to conduct a feasibility study concerning the development of a database of Southern Baptist clergy and staff who have been credibly accused of, personally confessed to, or legally been convicted of sexual harassment or abuse, and that such a database be accessible to Southern Baptist churches in order to assist in preventing any future sexual abuse or harassment, and that the Executive Committee report its findings and/or recommendations no later than the 2008 Southern Baptist Convention in Indianapolis.” (Items 13 and 44)

14. Leslie Puryear (NC) presented a motion: Providing Reports of Trustee Board Meeting Attendance and Voting.

“That the Southern Baptist Convention request that each Convention entity study the feasibility of providing regular reports of the voting and attendance records of all trustees of all SBC agencies and institutions on all matters on which voting occurs and that these reports be available in a timely manner online and offline.” (Items 14 and 45)

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17. Special music was presented by the Exaltation Choir, Taylors First Baptist Church, Taylors, SC.

18. Recognition of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Baptist Associations was presented by Tom Biles (FL), president, Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Directors of Missions, director, Tampa Bay Baptist Association, Tampa.

19. John R. (Jack) Wilkerson (TN), vice president for business and finance, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, recognized the work of Robert Welch (TX), chairman, and the Local Arrangements Committee. He thanked the Local Arrangements Committee of San Antonio for hosting the Convention.

20. President Page (SC) introduced Geoffrey A. Hammond (GA), the new president of the North American Mission Board. Hammond recognized Gary Hollingsworth (GA), senior director for cultural evangelization, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta. Hollingsworth reported an estimated 6,913 people were in attendance at all the Crossover events. Over 2,493 homes were contacted. Hollingsworth shared that 959 people prayed to receive Christ. He invited messengers to the 2008 Indianapolis, Indiana Crossover.

21. President Page (SC) recognized Allan Blume (NC) to make a motion adjusting the schedule forward by 15 minutes. Motion carried.
22. President Page (SC) introduced Morris H. Chapman (TN), president and chief executive officer of the Executive Committee, Nashville, for the Executive Committee report, Part 1. The presentation began with the recognition of William F. (Bill) Harrell (GA), chairman, Executive Committee. Harrell introduced R. Chip Turner, president of Association of Baptists for Scouting. Turner presented the Silver Good Shepherd Award to Roy Fish (TX), ambassador-at-large for the North American Mission Board.
23. Morris H. Chapman (TN) introduced Heinrich Derksen, Bonn, Germany, president of Bible Seminary in Bonn, and president of the Russian German Baptist Convention, the largest conservative evangelical faith group in Europe. He expressed his convention's gratitude for the Southern Baptist Convention's cooperation and support.
24. William F. (Bill) Harrell (GA) introduced the Executive Committee members to make recommendations.
25. James (Jim) R. Daniel (OK) moved the adoption of Recommendation 4, and it was adopted.

#### **Recommendation 4: 2007–08 SBC Cooperative Program Allocation Budget**

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the 2007–08 Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program Allocation Budget in the amount of \$200,601,536, as follows:

<b>2007–2008 SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION</b>		
<b>COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ALLOCATION BUDGET PROPOSAL</b>		
	<b>2007–2008 Budget <u>Allocation</u></b>	<b>2007–2008 % of Total <u>Allocation</u></b>
<b><u>WORLD MISSION MINISTRIES</u></b>		
INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD	\$ 100,300,768	50.00%
NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD	<u>45,717,089</u>	<u>22.79%</u>
<b>TOTAL WORLD MISSION MINISTRIES</b>	<b><u>\$ 146,017,857</u></b>	<b><u>72.79%</u></b>
<b><u>THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES</u></b>		
SEMINARIES:		
SWBTS	9,628,590	4.80%
SBTS	9,638,805	4.80%
NOBTS	8,730,948	4.35%
SEBTS	** 8,636,221	4.31%
GGBTS	** 3,846,346	1.92%
MWBTS	<u>** 3,490,949</u>	<u>1.74%</u>
TOTAL SEMINARIES	\$ 43,971,859	21.92%
HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES	<u>481,444</u>	<u>0.24%</u>
<b>TOTAL THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES</b>	<b><u>\$ 44,453,303</u></b>	<b><u>22.16%</u></b>

**CHRISTIAN ETHICS AND  
RELIGIOUS LIBERTY MINISTRIES**

ETHICS AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COMMISSION	\$ 3,309,925	** 1.65%
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**FACILITATING MINISTRIES**

GUIDESTONE FINANCIAL RESOURCES	\$ 0	* 0.00%
SBC OPERATING	\$ 6,820,451	** 3.40%

<b>TOTAL FACILITATING MINISTRIES</b>	<b>\$ 6,820,451</b>	<b>3.40%</b>
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**CHURCH ENRICHMENT MINISTRIES**

LIFEWAY CHRISTIAN RESOURCES	0	0.00%
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<b>TOTAL BUDGET ALLOCATION</b>	<b>\$ 200,601,536</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
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\* Beginning in budget year 2007–2008, GuideStone Financial Resources reported to the Cooperative Program Subcommittee that it no longer needed to receive its Cooperative Program allocation of .76% (\$1,524,572.00). The CP Subcommittee delayed distributing the \$1,524,572.00 until a recommendation was received from the SBC Funding Study Committee. This proposed CP Allocation Budget reflects our consideration of the SBC Funding Study Committee’s recommendations.

\*\* The \$1,524,572.00 is allocated as follows: Beginning with budget year 2007–2008, ERLC’s allocation will increase from 1.49% to 1.65% (an increase of .16%, or \$320,962.00). For the expressed purpose of providing funds for its stewardship ministry, the Executive Committee’s allocation will increase from 3.32% to 3.40% (an increase of .08%, or \$160,480.00). In budget year 2007–2008, each of our three smaller seminaries (SEBTS, GGBTS, and MWBTS) will receive an additional one-time distribution of \$347,710.00, and thereafter the equivalent percentage (.52%) will be added to the percentage allocated to the seminaries. This will result in an increase in the seminary allocation from 21.40% to 21.92 %.

26. H. A. (A1) Gilbert (NC) moved the adoption of Recommendation 2, and it was adopted.

**Recommendation 2: 2007-08 Proposed SBC Operating Budget**

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the 2007-08 Southern Baptist Convention Operating Budget in the amount of \$9,225,551, as follows:

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION OPERATING BUDGET SUMMARY  
STATEMENT OF INCOME**

	<b><u>PROPOSED</u></b>	<b><u>ADOPTED*</u></b>
	<b><u>2007-08</u></b>	<b><u>2006-07</u></b>
Cooperative Program	\$6,659,971	\$6,505,488
Designations	145,000	145,000
LifeWay Christian Resources	650,000	650,000
Interest/Dividends	325,000	255,000
<i>SBC LIFE</i>	205,000	208,000
Other Income	<u>1,240,580</u>	<u>1,258,540</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$9,225,551</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,022,028</u></b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Convention Administration Expenses	
Convention Operations	\$1,173,200
SBC Committees	85,000

SBC Building Management		463,850
Annual Meeting		996,550
Operating Reserve		-----
SUBTOTAL	<u>\$2,760,380</u>	<u>\$2,718,600</u>
Executive Committee Operations Expenses		
Administration		\$2,259,098
Executive Committee Meetings		250,000
Southern Baptist Foundation		350,000
Convention Relations		943,200
Convention News		746,900
Cooperative Program Development		1,189,730
EKG Initiatives		<u>139,500</u>
SUBTOTAL	<u>\$6,040,170</u>	<u>\$5,878,428</u>
Convention Support		
Kingdom Relationships	<u>\$ 425,000</u>	<u>425,000</u>
SUBTOTAL	<u>\$ 425,000</u>	<u>425,000</u>
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$9,225,551</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,022,028</u></b>

\*Data reflects Executive Committee final budget approved September 18-19, 2006.

27. Michael S. Lewis (TX) moved the adoption of Recommendation 12. Several questions were asked for clarification. Executive Committee members, staff, and Morris H. Chapman (TN), responded to questions. Questions were raised by the following messengers: Mark Dever (D.C.), Klay Aspinwall (FL), Bill Henard (KY), Ron Wilson (CA), Tim Rogers (NC), Ben Cole (TX), Thomas K. Ascol (FL), Jason Sampler (LA), Bob Cleveland (AL), and Chris Keithly (FL). Ron Wilson (CA) spoke against the recommendation and asked that the motion be tabled. President Page (SC) ruled the motion to table out of order. Aaron Meraz (TX) moved for previous question. The motion to close debate carried. The recommendation was adopted.

### **Recommendation 12: Definition of the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention**

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in San Antonio, Texas, June 12–13, 2007, that a Cooperative Program definition be adopted as follows:

The Cooperative Program (CP) is Southern Baptists' unified plan of giving through which cooperating Southern Baptist churches give a percentage of their undesignated receipts in support of their respective state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention missions and ministries.

28. A video about the Cooperative Program was presented after which a young couple challenged messengers with the need for 2,800 new missionaries by 2010.
29. Bob Rodgers (TN) continued the Executive Committee report with the introduction of Larry Wynn (GA), pastor of Hebron Baptist Church, Dacula, to share about the positive impact on his church resulting from its participation in the development of *It's a New Day*.
30. William F. (Bill) Harrell (GA) commended the Executive Committee staff and introduced Morris H. Chapman (TN), president and chief executive officer of the Executive Committee, Nashville, for an address to the Convention.

31. President Page (SC) recognized Thomas W. Fountain, Sr. (AL), chairman, Committee on Nominations, who presented the Committee on Nominations Report as printed on pages 7-10 in the *SBC Bulletin, Tuesday, Part 2*, and moved its adoption. Motion passed.
32. C. B. Scott (AL) expressed appreciation for the committee's work.
33. Martin Duren (GA) asked a question about the process of the committee.
34. President Page (SC) introduced Jimmy Jackson, first vice president (AL) to preside.
35. Congregational praise and worship was led by Scott C. White (GA), Convention music director.
36. The Exaltation Choir of Taylors First Baptist Church, Taylors, SC, presented special music.
37. Rosevelt Morris (SC), director, Office of Prayer and Spiritual Awakening, South Carolina Baptist Convention, Columbia, led in prayer.
38. Andy Jones (GA) introduced President Frank Page (SC) who gave the president's address.
39. Ben Brammer (NC), senior pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, led the benediction.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 12, 2007**

**SESSION THEME: "LORD, BRING US TO CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE"**

***SCRIPTURE: "and [if] My people who are called by My name humble themselves, pray and seek My face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land."*** (2 Chronicles 7:14, Holman Christian Standard Bible)

40. Inspirational music was provided by Scott C. White (GA), worship team and band, First Baptist Church, Woodstock.
41. Wiley S. Drake (CA), second vice president, recognized Quinton Moss (AR), pastor, Unity Baptist Church, Little Rock, to lead in prayer.
42. Drake (CA) recognized Wanda S. Lee (AL), executive director-treasurer, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, to present the auxiliary's annual report. Lee was joined by Kaye Miller (AR), WMU president, to give the report.
43. Drake (CA) recognized R. Albert (Al) Mohler, Jr. (KY), chairman, Council of Seminary Presidents, and president, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, for the Southern Baptist Convention Historical Library and Archives Report. Mohler introduced Randall Williams as the new director of Seminary Extension. Bart Barber (KY) asked a question. Mohler responded.
44. President Page (SC) recognized Allan Blume (NC), chairman, Committee on Order of Business, to present the second report of the Committee on Order of Business. Blume moved that the following motion be referred to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for consideration and report to the 2008 Southern Baptist Convention: Burlson (OK) (Item 13) Database of Clergy or Staff in SBC Churches Involved in Sexual Harassment or Abuse. The motion was referred.
45. The Committee on Order of Business determined that the following motion deals with the internal operations or ministries of Convention entities. Under SBC Bylaw 26B, this

motion was automatically referred to the Executive Committee and all SBC entities for consideration and report to the 2008 Southern Baptist Convention: Puryear (NC) (Item 14) Requesting Reports of Trustee Board Meeting Attendance and Voting. The motion was referred.

46. The Committee on Order of Business scheduled the following motion for consideration by the Convention at the time for Previously Scheduled Business on Tuesday at 7:35 p.m.: Garner (OH) (Item 12) Adopting the *Baptist Faith and Message* as the Statement of the Convention.

47. President Page (SC) announced the time of introduction of motions.

48. Steve Mooneyham (MS) was given permission by the chair to express thanks to the Convention for its response to the Hurricane Katrina disaster in the Gulfport, Mississippi, area.

49. Tim Rogers (NC) presented a motion: Amending SBC Bylaw 15(J) and Disclosing Disagreements with the *Baptist Faith and Message*.

“That we amend Bylaw 15(J) to include: “along with any disagreements various nominees may have concerning the *Baptist Faith and Message 2000*.” (Items 49 and 93)

50. Lee Saunders (TX) presented a motion: Developing a Convention Policy Regarding the Gift of Tongues.

“That a task force be appointed by the president of the Southern Baptist Convention to develop a workable solution to the difficulties that have arisen as a result of policies adopted by trustee boards concerning the practice of the spiritual gift of tongues generally, and as a private prayer language specifically. This task force would be charged with the responsibility to develop a policy that is consistent with the *Baptist Faith and Message 2000*, and which allows Southern Baptists who hold differing interpretations regarding this practice to be full participants in the cooperative ministries of the Convention. The president of the Convention will determine the number of members on the task force and will make every effort to appoint an equal number of individuals who hold cessationist and continualist views regarding this spiritual gift.” (Items 50 and 93)

51. Wiley Drake (CA) presented a motion: Expenses for Convention Officers to Attend the SBC Annual Meeting.

“That the Convention request the Executive Committee to cover reasonable travel, housing, and meal expenses related to the service of all Convention officers during the Southern Baptist Convention’s annual meeting.” (Items 51 and 93)

52. Beauford Smith (NC) presented a motion: Presenting the American Flag with a Military Honor Guard at the SBC.

“That the Southern Baptist Convention, after the call to order by the president, present the American flag by an honor guard, composed of the 5 armed forces: Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Air Force.” (Items 52 and 91)

53. Bart Barber (TX) presented a motion: Committee to Study the Salaries of Seminary Faculty.

“That the Southern Baptist Convention empanel a committee of eleven to research the salaries of our seminary professors in comparison to those at other member schools of The Association of Theological Schools to report back to this Convention and to bring back to

this body's 2008 meeting any appropriate recommendations pertaining to the actions of this Convention and specifically avoiding any items of internal operation of any agency." (Items 53 and 95)

54. President Page (SC) recognized Morris H. Chapman (TN) for Part 2 of the Executive Committee's report. Chapman introduced Ken Whitten (FL), pastor of the Idlewild Baptist Church, Idlewild, for a testimony about the stewardship emphasis *It's a New Day* launched by the Executive Committee.
55. William F. (Bill) Harrell (GA) chairman of the Executive Committee recognized Executive Committee members for the Executive Committee's recommendations.
56. Bryan Easley (AL) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 1, and it was adopted.

**Recommendation 1: *SBC Calendar of Activities and Amendments***

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the 2011–12 *SBC Calendar of Activities* and amendments to the 2008 and 2010–11 *SBC Calendar of Activities*, as follows:

**2011–2012 *SBC Calendar of Activities***

**October 2011**

Cooperative Program Emphasis

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On Mission Together: Sharing the Good News, **October 2**

World Hunger Sunday, **October 9**

**November 2011**

On Mission Together: Reaching the Next Generation, **November 6**

**December 2011**

Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and the Lottie Moon

Christmas Offering, **December 4–11**

**January 2012**

January Bible Study, **January 2–6**

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, **January 15**

**February 2012**

"True Love Waits" Emphasis

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Racial Reconciliation Sunday, **February 12**

Focus on WMU, **February 14–20**

**March 2012**

On Mission Together in North America: Week of Prayer and Mission Study and the Annie

Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions, **March 4–11**

Youth Week, **March 4–10**

Substance Abuse Sunday, **March 18**

On Mission Together: Planting New Congregations, **March 25**

**April 2012**

SBC Seminaries Sunday, **April 1**

Cooperative Program Sunday, **April 8**

Baptist Doctrine Study, **April 15–20**

Life Commitment Sunday, **April 15**

**May 2012**

Senior Adult Sunday, **May 6**

Christian Home Week, **May 13–19**

On Mission in Baptist Associations, **May 20–26**

Day of Prayer and Fasting for World Evangelism, **May 27**

**June 2012**

Crossover (Convention City – date to be determined)

Baptist Men’s Emphasis, **June 17**

Adopt an Annuitant Sunday, **June 24**

**July 2012**

Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday, **July 1**

**August 2012**

Social Issues Sunday, **August 5** (emphasis to be determined)

On Mission Together: Praying for Students, **August 12**

**September 2012**

Single Adult Sunday, **September 2**

Worship Music Week, **September 9–15**

Anti-Gambling Sunday, **September 16**

Discipleship Rally, **September 17**

**Amendment:** NAMB asks that On Mission Together: Planting New Congregations Sunday be changed from March 23, 2008, to March 30, 2008.

**Amendment:** NAMB asks that the Week of Prayer and Mission Study and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions in 2010 and 2011 be listed as follows:

March 7–14, 2010

March 6–13, 2011

57. Conley J. (C. J.) Bordeaux (NC) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 5, and it was adopted.

**Recommendation 5: SBC Constitution Amendment: Article VI. The Boards, Institutions, and Commissions – 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 consecutive annual meeting approvals (pursuant to SBC Constitution Article XIV) to amend SBC Constitution Article VI. The Boards, Institutions, and Commissions as shown below:

(NOTE: Addition of text is indicated by underline, and deletion of text is indicated by ~~strikethrough~~.)

**Article VI. The Boards, Institutions, and Commissions – Their Constitution and Powers:**

1. The general boards of the Convention shall be composed as follows, unless otherwise provided in their charters.

- (1) Twelve (12) members chosen from the city or vicinity of the state in which the board is located, but not more than three (3) local members elected from the same church.
  - (2) One (1) member chosen from each cooperating state; and one (1) additional member from each state having two hundred and fifty thousand (250,000) members, and another additional member for each additional two hundred and fifty thousand (250,000) members in such state.
  - (3) The members shall be divided into four (4) groups as nearly equal as possible, and one (1) group shall be elected each year to serve four (4) years. Board members having served two (2) full terms of four (4) years shall not be eligible for reelection until as much as ~~one (1) year~~ two (2) years has ~~has~~ have elapsed. This shall also apply to the Executive Committee.
2. The trustees of institutions and directors shall be composed as follows:
    - (1) The trustees or directors shall be elected in keeping with the requirements of the charter of the entity as printed in the 1948 *Book of Reports* or subsequently amended with the prior approval of the Convention.
    - (2) If the composition of the trustees or directors is not determined by charter requirements, the body of trustees or directors shall be composed of one (1) member chosen from each cooperating state and eight (8) local members from the city or vicinity in which the entity is located, but not more than two (2) local members shall be chosen from the same church.
    - (3) Unless it is contrary to the charter requirements of the entity, the trustees or directors shall be divided into four (4) groups as nearly equal as possible and one (1) group shall be elected each year to serve four (4) years. Members having served two (2) full terms of four (4) years shall not be eligible for reelection until as much as ~~one (1) year~~ two (2) years has ~~has~~ have elapsed after one has served two (2) full terms.
    - (4) Regardless of charter provisions, no trustee or director shall be eligible for reelection until as much as ~~one (1) year~~ two (2) years has ~~has~~ have elapsed after the trustee or director has served two (2) full terms.
  3. Terms of Service: No trustee of a board, institution, or commission, or a member of the Executive Committee shall be eligible to serve for more than two consecutive terms. A trustee or member of the Executive Committee who has served more than half a term shall be considered to have served a full term.
  4. The governing groups of the entities may elect executive, administrative, finance, investment, and other committees if desired.
  5. Each entity shall elect a president, a recording secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers as may be required. The president may be named as treasurer.
  6. The compensation of its officers and employees shall be fixed by each entity, but no salaried employee or officer shall be a member of the directors of the entity.
  7. Each entity is authorized to adopt its own bylaws.
  8. Fifty percent of the members of the governing group shall constitute a quorum of the entity directors for transaction of any business.

The final corrected version of SBC Constitution Article VI. The Boards, Institutions, and Commissions – Their Constitution and Powers, after Convention approval, would read as follows:

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1. The general boards of the Convention shall be composed as follows, unless otherwise provided in their charters.
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  - (2) One (1) member chosen from each cooperating state; and one (1) additional member from each state having two hundred and fifty thousand (250,000) members, and another additional member for each additional two hundred and fifty thousand (250,000) members in such state.
  - (3) The members shall be divided into four (4) groups as nearly equal as possible, and one (1) group shall be elected each year to serve four (4) years. Board members having served two (2) full terms of four (4) years shall not be eligible for reelection until as much as two (2) years have elapsed. This shall also apply to the Executive Committee.
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  - (4) Regardless of charter provisions, no trustee or director shall be eligible for reelection until as much as two (2) years have elapsed after the trustee or director has served two (2) full terms.
3. Terms of Service: No trustee of a board, institution, or commission, or a member of the Executive Committee shall be eligible to serve for more than two consecutive terms. A trustee or member of the Executive Committee who has served more than half a term shall be considered to have served a full term.
4. The governing groups of the entities may elect executive, administrative, finance, investment, and other committees if desired.
5. Each entity shall elect a president, a recording secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers as may be required. The president may be named as treasurer.

6. The compensation of its officers and employees shall be fixed by each entity, but no salaried employee or officer shall be a member of the directors of the entity.
  7. Each entity is authorized to adopt its own bylaws.
  8. Fifty percent of the members of the governing group shall constitute a quorum of the entity directors for transaction of any business.
58. Roy T. Sparkman (TX) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 6, and it was adopted.

**Recommendation 6: SBC Bylaw Amendment: Bylaw 15(I). Committee on Nominations**

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt amendments to SBC Bylaw 15(I) as shown below:

(NOTE: Addition of text is indicated by underline, and deletion of text is indicated by ~~strikethrough~~.)

- I. ~~A person shall be ineligible for a term of service on any entity, other than for an authorized subsequent term of service, who has served any of these entities since the last annual meeting of the Convention, except by virtue of a separate office. No person who has served on the board of an entity or on the Executive Committee shall be eligible to serve on the board of any entity or on the Executive Committee until two years after the conclusion of his or her term of office, except that a person may be reelected to an authorized successive term or serve by virtue of a separate office.~~

The final corrected version of SBC Bylaw 15(I), after Convention approval, would read as follows:

- I. No person who has served on the board of an entity or on the Executive Committee shall be eligible to serve on the board of any entity or on the Executive Committee until two years after the conclusion of his or her term of office, except that a person may be reelected to an authorized successive term or serve by virtue of a separate office.
59. Douglas O. (Doug) Melton (OK) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 7. Jay Atkins (LA) encouraged the Convention to consider an earlier date for New Orleans. The recommendation was adopted.

**Recommendation 7: SBC Annual Meeting: Future Convention Site, 2010**

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention that Orlando, Florida, be selected as the Convention site for the 2010 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 15-16, 2010.

60. Melton (OK) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 8, and it was adopted.

**Recommendation 8: SBC Annual Meeting: Future Convention Site, 2011**

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention that Phoenix, Arizona, be selected as the Convention site for the 2011 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 14-15, 2011.

61. Melton (OK) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 13. Shannon Davis (MS) encouraged the Convention to consider an earlier date for New Orleans. The recommendation was adopted.

**Recommendation 13: SBC Annual Meeting: Future Convention Site, 2012**

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention that New Orleans, Louisiana, be selected as the Convention site for the 2012 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 19–20, 2012.

62. Martha Lawley (WY) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 9, and it was adopted.

**Recommendation 9: LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention: Request for Approval of Ministry Statement Amendment**

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt amendments to the ministry statement of LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention as follows to assign LifeWay Christian Resources the responsibility to conduct research and compile statistics on matters relating to, and of interest to, Southern Baptists.

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

**LIFEWAY CHRISTIAN RESOURCES  
of the Southern Baptist Convention**

MINISTRIES

**1. Assist churches in the development of church ministries.**

Provide programs, products, and services that help churches grow in the areas of Bible study, discipleship, music, worship, administration, media/library, recreation, fellowship, and family ministry; consult with church leaders regarding total church growth concepts, strategies, and resources.

**2. Assist churches in ministries to college and university students.**

Contribute to the effectiveness of churches and to individual spiritual growth by developing a program, products, and services that may be used in establishing, administering, enlarging, and improving ministry with college students, faculty, and administration.

**3. Assist churches with Christian schools and homeschool ministries.**

Provide consultation, products, and services needed by churches with Christian schools and members educating through homeschools.

**4. Assist churches in ministries to men and women.**

Contribute to the effectiveness of churches and to individual spiritual growth by developing a program, products, and services that may be used in establishing, administering, and improving ministries to men and women.

**5. Assist churches through the operation of conference centers and camps.**

Develop, promote, and operate conference and resident camp facilities useful to Southern Baptist Convention entities, state conventions, associations, and churches in establishing, enlarging, and improving their ministries.

6. **Assist churches through the publication of books and Bibles.**

Produce, publish, and distribute products, including books, of Christian content and purpose and Bibles that contribute to the effectiveness of churches and individuals.

7. **Assist churches through the operation of LifeWay Christian Stores.**

Serve people and the churches, associations, state conventions, and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention by distributing appropriate products through LifeWay Christian Stores.

8. **Assist churches through church architecture consultation and services.**

Develop products and services needed by Southern Baptist churches, associations, state conventions, and denominational entities to assist them in planning, financing, furnishing, equipping, and utilizing property.

9. **Assist churches in capital fund raising.**

Provide leadership to churches in securing funds for capital needs.

**10. Assist churches by conducting research and compiling statistics.**

Conduct research and compile statistics on matters relating to, and of interest to, Southern Baptists, noting future trends and possible effects on church practice, productivity, witness, and health, and tender reports to the Executive Committee for review and possible report or action in an SBC annual meeting.

63. Randall James (FL) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 10, and it was adopted.

**Recommendation 10: LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention Requested to Compile Additional Statistics (SBC Referrals: Impact of Calvinism on SBC Life and Research on the Emergent Church Movement)**

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention that, as a further service to the local church, LifeWay Christian Resources be requested to compile additional statistics relating to Calvinism, the emergent church, elder rule, and other topics of interest and discussion in Southern Baptist life, and that Southern Baptists be encouraged to report topics of concern to LifeWay as a part of such information-gathering process, and that when sufficient information is compiled on any topic, that LifeWay assess future trends and possible effects on church practice, productivity, witness, and health.

64. Mitchell E. (Mitch) Gavin (AL) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 11, and it was adopted.

**Recommendation 11: SBC Business and Financial Plan Amendments: Article XIII. Financial Report and Article XVII. Business Procedure (SBC Referral: Financial Analysis of SBC Entities Receiving Cooperative Program Funds)**

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention reports to the Southern Baptist Convention that the Executive Committee affirms the division of responsibility stated and implied by the provisions of SBC Bylaw 18 and organizational structure of the Southern Baptist Convention and its entities as it is described throughout the Convention's governing documents, and in keeping therewith, respectfully declines to undertake certain requests contained in the referred motion which tend to usurp the role or invade the province of trustees. However, the Executive Committee does appreciate the spirit and intent of the motion, and therefore

recommends the Southern Baptist Convention respectfully request the trustees of the SBC entities to continue to be mindful of their duty of fiscal responsibility and good stewardship to the Lord and to Southern Baptists, particularly in the areas of human resource and ministry expenses, and adopt amendments to SBC Business and Financial Plan Article XIII. Financial Report and Article XVII. Business Procedures as follows:

[The Executive Committee approved the combined effect of some amendments in September 2006 and others in February 2007. Both actions are reflected in the marked revisions which follow.]

### **XIII. Financial Report:**

- A. *Audit Reports* - The entities of the Convention and the Executive Committee shall close their books and accounts ~~and have them audited by a certified public accountant~~ as of the close of business on September 30 of each year, or July 31 in the case of the seminaries, or December 31 in the case of the mission boards and GuideStone Financial Resources ~~and have them audited by an independent certified public accountant (the external auditor)~~ in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

Each entity of the Convention shall forward a copy of its external auditor's audit report (or, if more than one, all such reports) to the Executive Committee as soon as possible after the close of its fiscal year. Additionally, as a part of this annual submission process, each entity shall also submit a statement signed by its chief executive officer and the chief financial officer which affirms that the books and accounts are accurate and complete to the best of the officer's knowledge, and that the officer believes the corporation's internal controls are adequate.

~~and~~ Each entity and the Executive Committee shall appoint a committee of the its own trustees to undertake and accomplish duties pertinent to audit reports. These committees shall be appointed, and the trustees serving on the committees shall operate, independent of influence by their corporation's management, and each such committee shall include at least one trustee who is competent by training and experience in fiscal matters. The duties these committees shall perform for their respective entities shall include: recommend the appointment of an independent auditor and to study the audit:

- 1) recommending the appointment of the external auditor,
- 2) studying the external auditor's audit report upon its completion,
- 3) maintaining the independence of the entity's financial auditors,
- 4) reviewing the entity's critical accounting policies and decisions and the adequacy of its internal control systems,
- 5) preserving the integrity of the financial reporting process implemented by management, and
- 6) assuring that the business procedures listed in Article XVII are followed.

As a part of ~~the~~ each external auditor's audit report, the external auditor shall prepare for the entity's audit committee a separate letter on the auditing firm's letterhead (the "management letter") in which the external auditor makes any recommendations concerning the entity's financial and accounting policies, processes, internal controls, or other matters. ~~for changes in the procedures followed by the entity with regards to internal financial controls.~~ If the external auditor has no recommendations, he should so state in writing the management letter to the entity's audit committee. ~~After the entity's audit committee has reviewed any recommendations made by the auditor, the entity shall forward a copy of the auditor's letter along with any comments that the administration might deem desirable to the Executive Committee. The entity's~~

administration shall forward a copy of the management letter along with any comments that the administration might deem desirable to the Executive Committee simultaneously with the external auditor's audit report, for review and response (if appropriate) by the Executive Committee. The process of submission and review of the external auditors' audit reports and management letters of the several entities by the Executive Committee shall be governed by the assigned responsibilities and limitations upon authority described in SBC Bylaw 18 E and its subparagraphs (6), (7), (9), and (12).

~~These letters from all the entities shall be available to the Executive Committee for the sole purpose of recommending any changes deemed necessary to the Business and Financial Plan.~~

When securities are placed for handling with a trustee (i.e. bank, trust company, foundation, etc.), a certified statement from such trustee should be made to the external auditor accountant and be made a part of the annual external auditor's audit report or submitted as a supplement to the report.

B. *Printing of Reports* - The financial report of each entity and of the Executive Committee shall be printed in the *Convention Book of Reports*, or the *Convention Annual*, and shall contain the following six items, the first five of which come from its latest annual audit report:

1. ~~Balance sheet~~ Statement of Financial Position

2. ~~Analysis of surplus accounts~~ Statement of Activities (revenues, expenses, and other changes in net assets)

3. ~~Income and expense~~ Statement of Cash Flows

4. Classified list of investments by fund and type of investment

5. Receipts by states of contributions. These should show:

- a. Cooperative Program receipts received through the Executive Committee
- b. Designated receipts received through the Executive Committee
- c. Gifts not received through the Executive Committee

6. A statement executed by the chair of the entity's board attesting that the board's officers confirm the following fiscal conditions exist:

a. The expenses and perquisites of the president are not excessive and are in keeping with biblical stewardship, including every emolument and personal benefit of any kind (and specifically including housing, travel, automobile(s), and personal assistants) all valued at market rates.

b. All corporate expenses are reasonable and incurred to accomplish the entity's *Organization Manual* mission statement, *Organization Manual* ministry assignments, and any other responsibilities previously approved by the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention and still in force.

c. All corporate expenses are incurred by the administration in a manner that reflects integrity and avoids appearances of impropriety while upholding a positive Christian witness to the Convention and beyond.

LifeWay Christian Resources shall include in its annual report to the Convention information on the amount of funds transferred to ~~each~~ state conventions during the preceding year.

At the end of the presentation of entity financial data in each SBC Book of Reports, a statement shall be inserted which discloses that the entities have all supplied (or naming which have and which have not, if some have not) the statement required by Article XIII B 6, above, and setting forth the elements thereof, in order that the messengers and the Convention's affiliated churches may be annually reassured that those fiscal conditions set forth are continuing to be maintained by the Convention's entities.

**XVII. Business Procedure:** Entity boards of trustees should oversee the operations of the entity in such a manner as will assure effective and ethical management. Disclosures of the entity's relationship with other entities, its activities, liabilities, commitments, and results of operations should be accurate and complete and include all material information. The entity should not make any loan from funds of the entity to a trustee. The entity should not make any loan from funds of the entity to an officer or employee without having first obtained the approval of its board (or its delegated subcommittee) after disclosure of all relevant details. Employees and trustees should not appropriate for personal advantage any corporate property or business opportunities which should be enjoyed by the entity.

As a normal operating policy, each entity of the Southern Baptist Convention shall refrain from entering any business transaction with a trustee or employee or a business enterprise in which a trustee or an employee has an interest. An exception to this policy may be made, at the discretion of the board of trustees, in any case wherein it appears that a commodity or service is unavailable on a more favorable basis from any other source, or a commodity or service, at the discretion of the board, is found to be in the best interest of the entity. Competitive bids should be taken, if possible. In any case being considered for exception, the extent of the trustee's or employee's interest shall be disclosed to the entire board.

The final corrected version of SBC Business and Financial Plan Article XIII. Financial Report and Article XVII. Business Procedures, after Convention approval, would read as follows:

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  5. Receipts by states of contributions. These should show:
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  6. A statement executed by the chair of the entity's board attesting that the board's officers confirm the following fiscal conditions exist:
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LifeWay Christian Resources shall include in its annual report to the Convention information on the amount of funds transferred to state conventions during the preceding year.

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As a normal operating policy, each entity of the Southern Baptist Convention shall refrain from entering any business transaction with a trustee or employee or a business enterprise in which a trustee or an employee has an interest. An exception to this policy may be made, at the discretion of the board of trustees, in any case wherein it appears that a commodity or service is unavailable on a more favorable basis from any other source, or a commodity or service, at the discretion of the board, is found to be in the best interest of the entity. Competitive bids should be taken, if possible. In any case being considered for exception, the extent of the trustee's or employee's interest shall be disclosed to the entire board.

- 65. Martha Lawley (WY) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 3. Philip Kell (CA) raised questions about the recommendation. Bob Rodgers (TN) responded. The recommendation was adopted.

**Recommendation 3: GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention: Request for Approval of Ministry Statement Amendment**

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt amendments to the ministry statement of GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention as follows:

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

**GUIDESTONE FINANCIAL RESOURCES  
of the Southern Baptist Convention**

MINISTRIES

1. **Assist churches, denominational entities, and other evangelical ministry organizations by making available retirement plan programs for their ministers and employees.**

Make available retirement plan programs and related services for ministers and denominational employees.

2. **Assist churches, denominational entities, and other evangelical ministry organizations by making available life and health coverage and risk management programs.**

Make available medical, life, and disability programs and other risk management programs to respond to the needs of churches, denominational entities, and other evangelical ministry organizations.

3. **Assist churches and denominational entities through relief to Southern Baptist ministers and Southern Baptist denominational employees.**

Make available a channel through which Southern Baptists can extend systematic financial help to Southern Baptist ministers and denominational employees and their widows who are in need and to interpret the channel to Southern Baptists for the purpose of eliciting support.

4. **Assist churches, denominational entities, and other evangelical ministry organizations by making available a personal investment program to their ministers and employees and their spouses.**

Make available personal investment program and related services to further enhance the financial security of ministers and other employees and their spouses.

5. **Assist churches and denominational entities by making available institutional investment services through cooperative agreements with state Baptist foundations (or state Baptist conventions where no foundation exists) and the Southern Baptist Foundation. Assist other evangelical ministry organizations by making available institutional investment services.**

Develop mutually beneficial relationships with the state Baptist conventions and foundations and the Southern Baptist Foundation to assist Southern Baptist institutions in the states and the Southern Baptist Convention entities with their institutional investment needs. Develop relationships with other organizations that will enhance investment opportunities.

66. President Page introduced Jimmy Jackson (AL), first vice president, to preside. Jackson recognized T. W. Hunt (TX), speaker-author, to lead a prayer time.
67. Vice president Jackson (AL) announced the time for nominations for the election of president. Dale Morell (ME) nominated Frank Page (SC). There were no other nominations, and vice president Jackson called on James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, to cast the Convention ballot for Frank Page. Wells reported there were 8,467 messengers registered as of 2:45 p.m. Vice president Jackson declared **Frank Page (SC) as president elect.**
68. Special music was provided by *Wings of Morning*, music and media missionaries, Woodstock, GA.

69. President Page (SC) recognized O. S. Hawkins (TX), president of GuideStone Financial Services, for their report and presentation. A question was raised by Ken Carter (TX) and Hawkins responded.
70. President Page (SC) recognized Jeff Iorg (CA), president, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Report, Mill Valley, for their report and presentation. Bill McMullan (TX) raised a question and Iorg responded.
71. President Page (SC) recognized Richard Land (TN), president of The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission and co-chairman of the Ministry to Homosexual Task Force, to articulate the basis for gender issue ministries. Land introduced co-chairman Jimmy Draper (TX) who recognized Bob Stith, national strategist for gender issues.
72. President Page (SC) recognized Thom S. Rainer (TN), president and chief executive officer, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville. Rainer recognized Bill Henard (KY) who introduced Thom S. Rainer for their report and presentation. Jason Sampler (LA) asked a question, and Ken Stephens (TN), vice president, Broadman and Holman Publishing Division, responded. Art Rogers (OK), Micah Fries (MO), and Jerri Smith (AZ) each asked a question and Rainer responded to each.
73. Congregational praise and worship was led by Dan Liles (TX), minister of music, First Baptist Church, Grapevine.
74. President Page (SC) announced the time for introduction of motions.
75. Robert Lilly (MD) presented a motion: Selection of SBC Annual Meeting Sites.  
 “That the Convention Arrangements Workgroup of the Executive Committee of the SBC give serious consideration in the future to select cities as sites for the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting that have not hosted the annual meeting for the past 20 years.” (Items 75 and 94)
76. Bob Green (OK) presented a motion: Policies on Distribution of Fables and Allegories.  
 “That LifeWay Christian Resources review their policies which allow the promotion and distribution of fables and allegories such as *The Chronicles of Narnia* when the Word of God specifically forbids this.” (Items 76 and 95)
77. Dennis Pearcey (OK) presented a motion: Requesting Resources for One Staff Member Churches.  
 “That a task force be set up to find ways to help build up small churches with books, programs, and training that is set up for one staff member (the pastor) churches in mind.” (Items 77 and 92)
78. Connie Saffle (KS) presented a motion: 2005 SBC Motion Regarding Southern Baptist Messianic Fellowship.  
 “That a report be given on a motion that was made two years ago to recognize (and fund) the Southern Baptist Messianic Fellowship as a formal entity of evangelism to the Jewish community.” (Items 78 and 96)
79. Graham Jones (SC) presented a motion: Requesting More Ministries for Handicapped People.  
 “That the Southern Baptist Convention implement more ministries for handicapped people.” (Items 79 and 92)

80. Stephen Fox (UT) presented a motion: Instructing SBC Entities to Avoid Promoting the “Emerging Church.”
- “That the messengers of the SBC instruct all SBC agencies, their employees, and their representatives to avoid promoting or in any way encouraging participation with the “Emerging Church,” its doctrines, leaders, publications, and Web sites.
- “This includes, but is not limited to, positively citing emergent leaders or publications in publications produced by agencies or their employees, providing links to emergent web sites, or providing material support to emergent communities.
- “Emerging is defined as any person, entity, or institution that identifies itself as an “Emerging Church” or that participates in the emerging community.” (Items 80 and 95)
81. President Page (SC) recognized John Franklin (TN), president, John Franklin Ministries, Nashville, to lead in a time of prayer.
82. President Page (SC) introduced Paige Patterson (TX), president, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, for their report. Wes Kenney (OK), Joe Stewart (TX), Jack Maddox (TX), and Sonny Hathaway (TX) each asked a question and Patterson responded to each.
83. President Page (SC) announced the time for nominations for election of first vice president. David Dykes (TX) nominated David Rogers (TN). Donald M. (Mac) Brunson (FL) nominated James W. (Jim) Richards (TX). President Page (SC) called on James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, to give balloting instructions. Wells reported there were 8,521 messengers registered. Ballots were cast.
84. Darey Kittle (GA), pastor, Salem Baptist Church, Dalton, led in the benediction.

#### TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 12, 2007

#### SESSION THEME: “LORD, UNITE US IN A COOPERATIVE MISSION TASK.”

*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, Holman Christian Standard Bible)*

85. A concert of praise was given by the combined choirs of First Baptist Church, Woodstock, GA, led by Scott C. White (GA), senior minister of music & worship; Taylors First Baptist Church, Taylors, SC, led by Gary Hallquist (SC), minister of music and worship; First Baptist Church, Grapevine, TX led by Dan Liles (TX), minister of music; Castle Hills First Baptist Church, San Antonio, TX; and Joel Allen (GA), minister of music and worship, and the worship team and band of First Baptist Church, Woodstock.
86. President Page (SC) recognized James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, for a report from the previous ballot for first vice president. There were 8,521 messengers registered at the time the ballot was taken and 3,167 ballots cast. David Rogers (TN) received 966 votes (30.5%) and Jim Richards (TX) received 2,177 votes (68.72%). President Page pronounced **James W. (Jim) Richards as the first vice president elect.**
87. President Page recognized Loui Canchola (TX), senior pastor, Cornerstone Church, McAllen, to lead in prayer.
88. President Page (SC) introduced Richard D. Land (TN), president, The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission (Celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), Nashville, for their report and presentation.

89. President Page (SC) led in prayer for the families of the late William (Bill) Tanner and the late Jerry Falwell.
90. President Page (SC) announced nominations for the election of second vice president. H. Doyle Chauncey (VA) nominated Eric Redmond (MD). Brian Fossett (TX) nominated Bill Britt (TN). President Page recognized James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, to give the Convention balloting instructions. Wells announced there were 8,560 registered messengers and the ballots were cast.
91. President Page (SC) recognized Allan Blume (NC) who on behalf of the Committee on Order of Business, moved that the following motion be referred to the Committee on Order of Business, for its consideration in planning future Convention programs; Smith (NC) (Item 52) Presenting the American Flag with a Military Honor Guard at the SBC. The motion carried, and this motion was referred to the Committee on Order of Business.
92. The Committee on Order of Business determined that the following motions deal with the internal operations or ministries of the Executive Committee or an entity of the Convention. Under SBC Bylaw 26B, the following motions were automatically referred for consideration and report to the 2008 Southern Baptist Convention as follows: to LifeWay and the North American Mission Board - Piearcy (OK) (Item 77), Requesting Resources for One Staff Member Churches; to the Executive Committee and all SBC entities: Jones, (SC) (Item 79), Requesting More Ministries for Handicapped People.
93. On behalf of the Committee on Order of Business, Allan Blume (NC) moved that the following motions be referred to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for a report back to the next annual Convention: Rogers (NC) (Item 49) Amending SBC Bylaw 15(J) Disclosing Disagreements with the *Baptist Faith and Message*; Saunders (TX) (Item 50), Developing a Convention Policy Regarding the Gift of Tongues; Drake (CA) (Item 51), Expenses for Convention Officers to Attend the SBC Annual Meeting.
94. On behalf of the Committee on Order of Business, Allan Blume (NC) also moved that the following motion be referred to the Executive Committee, which has oversight of arrangements for annual SBC meetings: Lilly (MD) (Item 75) Selection of SBC Annual Meeting Sites. The motion carried, and these motions were referred to the Executive Committee.
95. The Committee on Order of Business requested that the chair rule the following motions not in order: Barber (TX) (Item 53) Committee to Study the Salaries of Seminary Faculty; Green (OK) (Item 76) Policies on Distribution of Fables and Allegories; Fox (UT) (Item 80) Instructing SBC Entities to Avoid Promoting the “Emerging Church.”
96. Alan Blume (NC), chair of the Committee on Order of Business, provided the following information to the messengers regarding Connie Saffle’s (KS) (Item 78) question on the 2005 SBC Motion Regarding Southern Baptist Messianic Fellowship. Although this was a request for information and not a motion, the Committee did attempt to locate this information for her. The 2005 Southern Baptist Convention voted to refer Saffle’s motion to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Executive Committee considered the motion and reported its response in the *2006 Book of Reports*, p. 15.
97. Bart Barber (TX) (Items 53, 95) appealed the ruling of the chair regarding the disposition of his motion. Barber spoke to his motion and C. Barry McCarty (TX) explained the rationale for the recommendation of the Order of Business Committee.

98. Nick Bukis (TX) asked a question on the process of the motions. The Chair requested he wait until the motion on the floor was settled.
99. Robin Foster (OK) spoke for the motion to overrule the chair. The ruling of the chair was sustained.
100. President Page (SC) explained to Nick Bukis (TX) the motion process.
101. President Page (SC) announced the time for discussion of the Rick Garner (OH) (Items 12, 46) motion. Garner spoke to his motion. Robin Hadaway (MO) spoke against the motion. Dwight McKissic (TX) spoke for the motion. Barbara Turner (CA) spoke against the motion.
102. Leroy Cole (AL) moved for the previous question. The motion failed.
103. Bob Cleveland (AL) spoke for the motion. Jeremy Green (TX) spoke against the motion. President Page (SC) asked the body if they wished to extend the time. The body chose not to extend the time.
104. President Page (SC) called on James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, to give the Convention instructions on casting the ballot. There were 8,566 registered messengers at the time of the ballot. The ballot was cast.
105. Congregational praise and worship was led by Jason Breland (AL), worship pastor, First Baptist North Mobile, Saraland.
106. The combined choirs presented special music.
107. President Page (SC) introduced Charles S. (Chuck) Kelley, Jr. (LA), president, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, for their report. Randy White (TX) asked a question. Kelley responded.
108. President Page (SC) recognized Gregory Frizzell (OK), prayer and spiritual awakening specialist, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, to lead in a time of prayer.
109. The Convention was led in praise and worship by Travis Cottrell (TN), Christian music artist, Nashville.
110. Special music was presented by Travis Cottrell (TN), Christian music artist, Nashville, and the combined choirs.
111. Allan Blume (NC), chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, moved that due to no previous business, time was available in the schedule during the Wednesday morning session. Therefore, he moved that the Wednesday morning session schedule be adjusted to begin fifteen minutes later, at 8:15 a.m. Motion carried.
112. President Page (SC) introduced John Floyd (TN), who introduced Jerry A. Rankin (VA), president, International Mission Board, Richmond, for a report and presentation. Mike Madaris (FL), Ron McGowin (TX), Jack Maddox (TX), and Wes Kenney (OK) each asked a question. Rankin responded to each.
113. Bobbye (Mrs. Jerry A.) Rankin (VA), Richmond, gave the benediction.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 13, 2007

SESSION THEME: "LORD, SEND REVIVAL TO OUR CONVENTION."

**SCRIPTURE:** *"and [if] My people who are called by My name humble themselves, pray and seek My face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land."* (2 Chronicles 7:14, Holman Christian Standard Bible)

114. Inspirational music was provided by the Immanuel choir and orchestra, Jeff Bumgardner (CA), minister of worship, Immanuel Baptist Church, Highland.
115. President Page introduced Bong Hee Han (TX), pastor, Tyler Korean Baptist Church, Tyler, to lead in prayer.
116. Charles R. Wade (TX), executive director, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas, gave a welcome to the messengers.
117. President Page (SC) recognized James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, for a report of the previous ballot on the Rick Garner (OH) (Item 12, 46, 101) motion. There were 8,566 messengers registered at the time of the ballot and 3,713 cast ballots. There were 2,137 votes (57.55%) for the motion and 1,565 votes (42.15%) against the motion. The motion carried.
118. James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, also reported on the ballot for second vice president. 8,560 messengers were registered at the time of the ballot and 2,861 cast ballots. 1,765 ballots were cast for Eric Redmond (MD) (61.61%) and 1,077 for Bill Britt (TN) (37.64%). President Page declared **Eric Redmond (MD) as second vice president elect**.
119. President Page (SC) announced the time for election of recording secretary. Gerald Smith (TX) nominated John L. Yeats (LA). There were no other nominations, and Page called on James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, to cast the Convention ballot for John L. Yeats (LA). Wells reported there were 8,581 messengers registered. President Page declared **John L. Yeats (LA) as recording secretary elect**.
120. President Page (SC) recognized J. Gerald Harris (GA), chairman, Committee on Resolutions, for the committee's first report.
121. David George (AK) moved the adoption of Resolution 1, and it was adopted.

**Resolution No. 1  
On Appreciation**

WHEREAS, The messengers to the 150<sup>th</sup> session of the Southern Baptist Convention have enjoyed a time of worship, encouragement, cooperation, and fellowship; and

WHEREAS, We acknowledge God's providence for all of these blessings; and

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

WHEREAS, We also acknowledge our local Southern Baptist churches, associations, committees, and volunteers of the San Antonio area who worked diligently to make our stay a pleasant one; and

WHEREAS, We especially acknowledge the Lord's work in enabling our president, officers, various committees, Convention speakers, musicians, and other platform personnel to conduct 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 San Antonio, Texas, June 12-13, 2007, express our profound gratitude to the Lord and to all those He used to

bring about a meeting characterized by grace, evangelism, worship, encouragement, cooperation, and purpose.

122. Galen Jones (AL) moved the adoption of Resolution 2, and it was adopted.

**Resolution No. 2**  
**On the Cooperative Giving by Southern Baptists**

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845 for the purpose of “eliciting, combining and directory for the energies of the whole denomination in one sacred effort, for the propagation of the Gospel,” supporting missions through the Domestic Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board, predecessors of the North American Mission Board and International Mission Board, respectively; and

WHEREAS, The Woman’s Missionary Union, organized in 1888, established and has since promoted offerings that became the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for support of North American missionaries and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for support of international missionaries; and

WHEREAS, The Cooperative Program was launched in 1925 to enhance giving to missions at every level, along with balanced support to other denominational programs and entities at the state and national level; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists have historically been characterized as a missions people, committed to the priority of fulfilling the Great Commission to extend an evangelistic witness throughout North America and to the ends of the earth; and

WHEREAS, 2006 represented a record year in giving to the Cooperative Program, exceeding \$200 million in allocations to the Southern Baptist Convention for the first time in history; and

WHEREAS, The 2006 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering set a record of \$58.5 million, exceeding the goal of \$56 million and becoming the largest offering collected since the \$53.8 million collected in 2004; and

WHEREAS, The 2006 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering set a record of \$150.1 million, exceeding the goal of \$150 million and becoming the largest offering collected since the \$137.9 million collected in 2005; and

WHEREAS, This record level of giving by Southern Baptists will enable more missionaries to be sent and supported to share Christ with a lost world; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists continue to place a high priority on missions, recognizing we can do more cooperatively than each church functioning independently; and

WHEREAS, There are billions of lost people throughout the world, many having no access to the Gospel and needing to know of God’s love and the salvation He has provided through Jesus Christ; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in San Antonio, Texas, June 12-13, 2007, express appreciation to Southern Baptists who have faithfully and generously supported the Cooperative Program, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions, and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we also express appreciation to the churches, associations, state conventions, Southern Baptist Convention entities, and Woman’s Missionary Union for their faithful partnership and diligent promotion of missions support among Southern Baptist churches; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we give thanks to God for allowing us to join Him on mission through praying, giving, and going to bring all peoples to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

123. Charles Strickland (GA) moved the adoption of Resolution 3, and it was adopted.

**Resolution No. 3**  
**On the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dred Scott Decision**

WHEREAS, March 6, 2007, marked the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the infamous Dred Scott Decision by the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, The majority opinion of the Court concluded that people of African ancestry and their descendants “had no rights which the white man was bound to respect” and ruled that an entire race of people did not have personhood nor right of citizenship; and

WHEREAS, We affirm the Declaration of Independence which says, “we hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights”; and

WHEREAS, This deplorable decision required action by all three branches of government to eventually overturn: *Emancipation Proclamation* (1863); *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954); and *Civil Rights Act of 1964*; and

WHEREAS, We are complicit with this erroneous Supreme Court decision when we fail to love, minister to, and share the Gospel with people because of their ethnicity, ability, or station in life; and

WHEREAS, We are all born as slaves to sin and have no rights to the throne of God except through Jesus Christ; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in San Antonio, Texas, June 12-13, 2007, wholly lament and repudiate the Dred Scott Decision and fully embrace the Lord’s command to love our neighbors as ourselves; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we reaffirm the historic action in 1995 of the Southern Baptist Convention to “unwaveringly denounce racism, in all its forms, as deplorable sin,” and to view “every human life as sacred . . . of equal and immeasurable worth, made in God’s image, regardless of race or ethnicity”; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we fully concur that “racism profoundly distorts our understanding of Christian morality”; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commend our churches who intentionally reach out to all persons regardless of ethnicity, and we encourage all other Southern Baptist churches to emulate their example, as the Body of Christ is commanded and called to do; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we pray for and eagerly await the day that the scourge and blight of racism is totally eradicated from the Body of Christ so that the world may see the love of Christ incarnated in and through us.

124. Greg Thornbury (TN) moved the adoption of Resolution 4, and it was adopted.

**Resolution No. 4**  
**On Hate Crimes Legislation**

WHEREAS, The U.S. House of Representatives has passed the *Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007*, H.R. 1592, and a similar bill has been introduced in the U.S. Senate; and

WHEREAS, These bills create special protected classes of homosexual and transgendered persons; and

WHEREAS, The Bible is clear in its denunciation of homosexual behavior (Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:21-28; 1 Corinthians 6:9), and upon that basis, our Founding Fathers and early laws opposed its practice in American society; and

WHEREAS, Proponents argue that the establishment of such protected classes is a civil rights issue, yet neither homosexuals nor transgendered persons constitute a class like race, ethnicity, or gender because their identity is based upon a lifestyle choice; and

WHEREAS, Such hate crimes legislation violates the U.S. Constitution's Fourteenth Amendment guarantee of equal protection under the law by extending special protected status to certain groups of people that is not available for others; and

WHEREAS, Such hate crimes legislation criminalizes beliefs as well as actions, creating a form of thought crime; and

WHEREAS, In many jurisdictions where such thought crimes laws have been passed, they have been used to actively punish Christians who peacefully voice their moral opposition to homosexual conduct; and

WHEREAS, Harry Hammond, an evangelical Christian in Britain, was arrested for holding a sign protesting homosexuality, and Britain's High Court ruled in 2004 that he was "properly convicted" of a criminal offense, despite the fact that he was demonstrating peacefully and was assaulted by homosexual onlookers enraged by his sign; and

WHEREAS, Hugh Owens of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, was found guilty in 2001 of "inciting hatred" by the Human Rights Commission and ordered to pay C\$1,500 to three homosexual activists for publishing an advertisement quoting Bible verses about homosexuality; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Ake Green of Borgholm, Sweden, was sentenced to a month in jail in 2003 for "inciting hatred" based on that nation's hate crimes laws when he preached a grace- and truth-filled message concerning homosexuality, comparing the sins of Sweden to the sins of Sodom; and

WHEREAS, Eleven Christians in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, were physically accosted by homosexual demonstrators in 2004 and yet were themselves arrested on felony counts based on hate crimes laws for lawfully and peacefully protesting and sharing the Gospel at a "gay pride" event; and

WHEREAS, Many Christian leaders and pro-family groups are alarmed at the prospect of a law in which a person's thoughts or opinions alone—particularly disapproval of homosexual behavior—would lead to federal prosecution; and

WHEREAS, The inevitable application of this legislation would abridge our First Amendment freedom of speech and thus criminalize biblical preaching and speaking truth about homosexuality, achieving a key goal of homosexual activists and their allies, which is to muzzle the church in its moral opposition to their sinful lifestyle; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in San Antonio, Texas, June 12-13, 2007, express profound disappointment in the members of the U.S. House who passed the *Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007*; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we strongly urge the members of the U.S. Senate to reject this and any other bill that creates a special protected status for certain groups, violating the U.S. Constitution's Fourteenth Amendment guarantee of equal protection; and be it further

RESOLVED, That if Congress passes this hate crimes bill, or any similar bill, we strongly encourage the president to veto such unconstitutional legislation because it undermines the Fourteenth Amendment's equal protection guarantee, and its application poses a direct threat to the First Amendment freedom of speech of those morally opposed to homosexuality; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge all Americans to avoid acts of hatred and violence toward homosexuals and transgendered people, but instead to treat our fellow citizens with the kind of civility we would prefer to receive ourselves (Matthew 7:12); and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we encourage all believers to love and show compassion toward homosexuals and transgendered persons, sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who is able to bring true freedom from error and to set free the captives of sin (John 8:34-36).

125. Martha Lawley (WY) moved the adoption of Resolution 5. Bob Carpenter (MI) moved to amend the motion, striking RESOLVED paragraphs 2 and 8. Lawley (WY) responded. Wiley Drake (CA) spoke for the amendment. Lawley responded. President Page called for a ballot and recognized James H. (Jim) Wells, registration secretary, for instructions on taking a ballot, and the ballot was cast. (See Item 154.)
126. Robin Hadaway (MO) moved the adoption of Resolution 6. Wiley Drake (CA) moved to amend the resolution. Hadaway (MO) responded. Bob Cleveland (AL) spoke against the amendment. A vote was taken, and the amendment failed. Michael Gilbert-Smith (D.C.) presented an amendment adding "for the world" to the last sentence of the resolution. The committee considered the amendment to be friendly. President Page ruled by common consent that the amendment be added. The resolution was adopted as amended.

**Resolution No. 6**  
**On Pastors, Culture, and Civic Duty**  
**(with amendment)**

WHEREAS, Scripture directs Christ's followers, including spiritual leaders, to function as salt and light in the culture and to fulfill their civic responsibilities (Matthew 5:13-16, 40-42; 17:24-27; 22:21; Romans 13:1-7); and

WHEREAS, The Old Testament contains many examples of spiritual leaders engaging culture and government, such as: Moses, who petitioned Pharaoh for the liberty of God's people (Exodus 5-12); Elijah, who confronted King Ahab for promoting idolatry and immorality (1 Kings 18); Isaiah, who condemned moral decay in the culture (Isaiah 1); Amos, who inveighed against injustice in society (Amos 5); and a host of other prophetic leaders; and

WHEREAS, The New Testament also contains examples of spiritual leaders engaging culture and government, such as: John the Baptist, who pointed out the adultery of a political ruler (Mark 6:17-18); the Lord Jesus, who encouraged the payment of taxes (Matthew 17:24-27; 22:21), but also challenged a government official (Luke 13:31-32); Peter, who faced off against the Jewish leadership restricting his freedom to preach (Acts 5:27-29); Paul, who insisted on justice from civil authorities (Acts 16:35-39); as well as others; and

WHEREAS, American history is replete with examples of spiritual leaders influencing culture and government, such as: Rev. Thomas Hooker, whose sermon served as the basis for the first constitution in America; Rev. Jonas Clarke, who wrote position papers on tyrannical British laws for the Massachusetts legislature and raised the militia that met the British army on Lexington Green behind his church; Rev. John Leland, the Baptist pastor who successfully lobbied James Madison to provide for freedom of religion in his proposed Bill of Rights; and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who valiantly fought for racial justice and civil rights and was martyred for his bold preaching and actions; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists have been blessed with many prophetic pastors whose pulpits flame with righteousness, some of whom have recently retired from the cultural battlefield through death, such as W. A. Criswell, Adrian Rogers, Jerry Falwell, and others; and

WHEREAS, There is a great need for a new generation of pastors to take the lead in courageously confronting an American culture and government that is hurtling downward to new depths of moral decadence and for pastors to stand firm in the face of continued threats to the sanctity of human life, the sacredness of marriage between one man and one woman, and the fundamental freedom to express our faith in the public arena; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in San Antonio, Texas, June 12-13, 2007, urge our pastors to preach the whole counsel of God, not only passionately inviting people to Jesus, but also prophetically declaring biblical truth concerning the burning moral issues that are being debated in the culture and government; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage pastors to model and promote informed and active Christian citizenship among the membership of our churches; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we support our pastors as they lead their congregations to engage their communities, our culture, and our nation as salt and light, showing the way to the only hope for America and for the world, who is Jesus Christ.

127. Al Gilbert (NC) moved the adoption of Resolution 7, and it was adopted.

**Resolution No. 7**  
**On Protecting Children from Abuse**

WHEREAS, The Bible stresses the protection of and care for children, as evidenced by: its condemnation of the ancient pagan practice of child sacrifice (Leviticus 20:1-7; Ezekiel 16:20-21); its special regard for orphans in the nation of Israel (Deuteronomy 24, 26); and the teaching of Jesus, who welcomed and valued little children (Matthew 18:1-5; 19:14); and

WHEREAS, Faithful Christians throughout history have risen to the defense of children, as seen in the Early Church's protest of the practice of "child exposure"—in which unwanted infants were abandoned and left to die; the work of nineteenth-century Christians such as Lord Shaftesbury and others, who campaigned against child slavery and enacted child labor laws; and the diligence of those who defend the right to life of unborn children today; and

WHEREAS, Violent physical and sexual crimes against children have reached alarming levels in our nation, thus showing child abuse to be a leading issue requiring the urgent response of God's people; and

WHEREAS, This abuse has occurred too often in churches and homes—which ought to be places of shelter and safety—and it has happened at the hands of family, educators, ordained ministers, and ministry workers—who ought to be trusted persons of authority; and

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention in 2002: called Southern Baptists to practice integrity and fidelity to God; urged accountability among spiritual leaders to the highest standards of Christian moral practice; urged seminaries and related educational institutions to emphasize ministerial integrity; encouraged religious bodies to rid their ranks of predatory ministers; called on civil authorities to punish to the fullest extent of the law sexual abuse among clergy and counselors; called on our churches to discipline those guilty of any sexual abuse as well as to cooperate with civil authorities in the prosecution of those cases; and urged our churches to offer support, compassion, and biblical counseling to victims and their families; and

WHEREAS, LifeWay Christian Resources and many state conventions offer extensive resources designed to assist churches in addressing this issue; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in San Antonio, Texas, June 12-13, 2007, express our deep level of moral outrage and concern at any instance of child victimization; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we implore Southern Baptist churches to utilize materials from LifeWay Christian Resources and state conventions and other relevant research that help churches prevent child abuse; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we strongly recommend that Southern Baptist churches and Convention entities respond to any suspicions or allegations of child abuse in a timely and forthright manner; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge Southern Baptist churches and Convention entities to exercise moral stewardship by observing responsible employment practices, including performing criminal background checks on all ministers, employees, and volunteers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we renounce individuals who commit heinous acts against children; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we renounce individuals, churches, or other religious bodies that cover up, ignore, or otherwise contribute to or condone the abuse of children; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we pray for righteousness and justice to prevail in our land and intercede on behalf of victimized children, asking God to heal their deep emotional and physical wounds, grow them into mature and healthy adults, and stop the cycle of abuse from repeating itself in another generation.

128. Michael Lewis (TX) moved the adoption of Resolution 8, and it was adopted.

### **Resolution No. 8**

#### **On Personal and Corporate Repentance**

WHEREAS, The president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Frank Page, has reminded Southern Baptists of God's call to humble ourselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from our wicked ways so that our land can be healed (2 Chronicles 7:14); and

WHEREAS, Spiritual awakening and renewal are not possible where pride, disobedience, bitterness, enmity, and strife exist (Isaiah 59:1-2); and

WHEREAS, The Scriptures teach us that we should "be like-minded and sympathetic, should love believers, and be compassionate and humble, not paying back evil for evil or insult for insult but, on the contrary, giving a blessing, since you were called for this, so that you can inherit a blessing" (1 Peter 3:8-9, HCSB); and

WHEREAS, God's Word teaches, "All bitterness, anger and wrath, insult and slander must be removed from you, along with all wickedness. And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ" (Ephesians 4:31-32, HCSB); and

WHEREAS, God's Word further teaches, "sexual immorality and any impurity or greed should not even be heard of among you, as is proper for saints" (Ephesians 5:3, HCSB); and

WHEREAS, God's Spirit is grieved; Christ's Bride, the church is sullied; and our witness is diminished by our failure to obey God (Psalm 66:18; Galatians 5:19-20; Ephesians 4:30-32; 1 Peter 2:1); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in San Antonio, Texas, June 12-13, 2007, urge all Southern Baptists to humble ourselves before God (James 4:6-10); and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge Southern Baptists to embrace a spirit of repentance, pursue face-to-face reconciliation where necessary, and enter into a time of fasting and prayer for the lost; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we humble ourselves in individual and corporate repentance so that we may seek the face of the Lord, that He would become preeminent in our lives, and that the world would see a clear demonstration of His presence in our lives, churches, and denomination.

129. Thomas K. Ascol (FL) moved that his resolution “On Integrity in Church Membership” be reconsidered by the Convention. Gerald Harris (GA) responded. Bob Cleveland (AL) spoke for the motion. Malcolm Yarnell (TX) spoke against the motion. Doug Richie (MO) spoke for the motion. Chris Conner (GA) spoke against the motion. Motion to reconsider failed.
130. President Page (SC) introduced R. Albert (Al) Mohler, Jr. (KY), president, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, for their report. Nathan Lino (TX), Shane Hall (OK), and Michael Madaris (FL) each asked a question. Mohler responded to their questions.
131. The Convention was led in praise and worship by Jeff Bumgardner (CA).
132. Special music was presented by the Immanuel choir and orchestra, Immanuel Baptist Church, Highland, CA.
133. President Page (SC) recognized David Garrison (VA), regional leader of the South Asia region, International Mission Board, Richmond, to present a challenge.
134. President Page (SC) introduced R. Philip (Phil) Roberts (MO), president, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, for their report and announcement of the seminary’s fiftieth anniversary.
135. President Page directed the attention of the Convention to a live satellite address by United States President, George W. Bush.
136. The Convention was led in praise and worship by L. Levon Gray (MS), minister of music and worship, First Baptist Church, Jackson.
137. President Page (SC) announced the time for election of registration secretary. Randy Johnson (MO) nominated James H. (Jim) Wells (MO). There were no other nominations and Page recognized John L. Yeats (LA), recording secretary, to cast the Convention ballot for James H. (Jim) Wells. Yeats reported there were 8,613 messengers registered at the time of the ballot. President Page declared **James H. (Jim) Wells (MO) as registration secretary elect.**
138. President Page (SC) recognized John C. Bryan (GA), chairman, Committee on Committees, for the Committee on Committees report. The report, as corrected, was adopted.
139. President Page (SC) introduced Eddie Cox (VA), director, International Prayer Strategy Office, International Mission Board, Richmond, to lead in a time of prayer.
140. President Paige (SC) recognized Wiley Drake (CA), second vice president, for the introduction of the Convention preacher for the annual sermon.

141. Special music was presented by the Immanuel Choir and Orchestra, Immanuel Baptist Church, Highland, CA.
142. Rob Zinn (CA), senior pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Highland, presented the Convention sermon.
143. Fermín A. Whittaker (CA), executive director, California Southern Baptist Convention, Fresno, gave the benediction.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 13, 2007**

**SESSION THEME: “LORD, ENERGIZE OUR EVANGELISTIC EFFORTS.”**

***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, Holman Christian Standard Bible)

144. A concert of praise was presented by the combined choirs, orchestra, and band, First Baptist Church, Woodstock, GA; First Baptist Church, Taylors, SC; Castle Hills First Baptist Church, San Antonio, TX; First Baptist Church, Grapevine, TX; Immanuel Baptist Church, Highlands, CA; and the worship team and band, First Baptist Church, Woodstock, GA.
145. President Page expressed gratitude for the churches in the local area and recognized R. James Shupp (TX), senior pastor, Castle Hills First Baptist Church, San Antonio, to lead in prayer.
146. Morris H. Chapman (TN), president and chief executive officer of the Executive Committee, honored outgoing officers, Jimmy Jackson (AL), first vice president, and Wiley Drake (CA), second vice president, and presented each of them a plaque of appreciation.
147. 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. Frank Page (SC); Dr. and Mrs. James W. (Jim) Richards (TX), first vice president; Rev. and Mrs. Eric S. Redmond (MD), second vice president; Dr. and Mrs. John L. Yeats (LA), recording secretary; and Dr. and Mrs. James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary.
148. President Page (SC) recognized former SBC presidents: Dr. and Mrs. Morris H. Chapman (TN) 1991-92; Dr. and Mrs. James T. (Jimmy) Draper, Jr. (TN) 1983-84; Dr. and Mrs. L. Paige Patterson (TX) 1999-2000; Dr. Charles Stanley (GA) 1985-1986; and Dr. and Mrs. Bobby Welch (FL) 2005-06.
149. President Page (SC) introduced Daniel L. (Danny) Akin (NC), president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, for their report. Martin Duren (GA) and Ben Cole (TX) each asked a question. Akin responded to each.
150. President Page (SC) called the Convention to prayer for Ruth Graham and her husband, Billy, and their family. News services were reporting her grave illness.
151. Allan Blume (NC) moved the following nominations for the 2008 Convention Sermon Preacher, Alternate, and Music Director: Al Gilbert (NC) to preach the annual 2008 sermon; Jim Shaddux (CO) as the 2008 alternate annual sermon preacher; and L. Lavon Gray (MS) as the 2008 director of music.

152. Allan Blume (NC), chairman, Committee on Order of Business, recognized the individual members of the Committee on Order of Business and thanked the students from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX, who manned the floor microphones.
153. Blume (NC) moved that the time for previously scheduled business be stricken because no business was pending, and the schedule moved forward fifteen minutes. The motion carried.
154. President Page (SC) recognized James H. (Jim) Wells (MO) to give a report on the previous ballot on the amendment to Resolution 5. 8,618 messengers were registered at the time of the ballot, and 2,200 ballots were cast; 1,309 voted (59.5%) for the amendment, and 881 (40.05%) voted against the amendment. President Page (SC) ruled that the amendment to the resolution passed. Resolution 5 was adopted as amended.

**Resolution No. 5  
On Global Warming**

WHEREAS, God is not a distant bystander with respect to human affairs, but judges all people and holds them accountable for their thoughts and actions (Psalm 24:1; Isaiah 45:5-8; Hebrews 4:12-13); and

WHEREAS, Christians are called by God to exercise caring stewardship and dominion over the earth and environment (Genesis 1:28; Psalm 8); and

WHEREAS, We share God’s concern that the poor should not be abused, taken advantage of, nor overburdened (Psalm 140:12; Proverbs 14:31; 29:7; Isaiah 25:4; Ezekiel 22:29, 31; Matthew 25:40; John 14:15); and

WHEREAS, The record shows that global temperature has risen and fallen cyclically throughout geologic history, with some periods warmer and others cooler than the present; and

WHEREAS, The global temperature has generally risen since 1850 as it recovers from the “Little Ice Age” (1550-1850 A.D.); and

WHEREAS, The ten warmest years since 1850 have occurred in the last fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, The scientific community is divided regarding the extent to which humans are responsible for recent global warming; and

WHEREAS, Many scientists reject the idea of catastrophic human-induced global warming; and

WHEREAS, Sixty international experts in climate and related sciences signed an open letter on April 6, 2006, to Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper stating that scientific evidence does not support the computer models of catastrophic human-induced global warming; and

WHEREAS, The United Nations’ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), while remaining politically active in warning of catastrophic human-induced global warming, has recently altered many of its previous statements, reducing its projections of the magnitude of global warming and its impacts on the world; and

WHEREAS, Many scientists argue that natural causes such as El Niño, alterations in solar energy, solar wind output, cycles of cosmic ray influx, precipitation microphysics, and changes in cloud forcing—along with human-land-use conversion for cities and agricultural use and deforestation—are much more significant in climate change than CO<sub>2</sub> emissions; and

WHEREAS, Certain areas of the world, where some say warming is most pronounced, were actually much warmer than they are today, like Greenland, which was extensively farmed by the Vikings from around 1000 to 1300 A.D., before colder temperatures made farming virtually impossible for them; and

WHEREAS, Measures to curb global warming, such as those contained in the United Nations-sponsored Kyoto Protocol, are estimated to only reduce the likely rise in the average global temperature by 10 percent or less, from an increase of 2.0° C to 1.9° C by 2100, for example; and

WHEREAS, Some estimate that compliance with Kyoto would cost the global economy from about \$200 billion to \$1 trillion each year without a policy that would allow for global carbon emissions trading and \$75 billion each year even with a worldwide trading scheme; and

WHEREAS, Large developing countries such as China, India, and Brazil are currently exempt from Kyoto; and

WHEREAS, Exempting emerging economies like China, India, and Brazil from CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gas emissions reductions would significantly undermine the minute effect on average global temperature gained through reductions by developed nations; and

WHEREAS, Forcing developing countries to comply with Kyoto will significantly inhibit their economic development and the development of the international economy; and

WHEREAS, Proposed carbon offset programs will have little impact on reducing rising temperatures if human activity is not a significant cause of recent global warming; and

WHEREAS, Some are proposing that a maximum acceptable global temperature increase should serve as the guideline for determining reductions in CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, Businesses and municipalities will likely pass along the cost of emissions reduction programs to consumers, driving up the cost of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, Poor people and underdeveloped regions of the world will be impacted the most severely by higher costs; and

WHEREAS, The poor and most vulnerable people around the world are faced with many more quantifiable, immediate, devastating problems; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in San Antonio, Texas, June 12-13, 2007, urge Southern Baptists to proceed cautiously in the human-induced global warming debate in light of conflicting scientific research; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we consider proposals to regulate CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gas emissions based on a maximum acceptable global temperature goal to be very dangerous, since attempts to meet the goal could lead to a succession of mandates of deeper cuts in emissions, which may have no appreciable effect if humans are not the principal cause of global warming, and could lead to major economic hardships on a worldwide scale; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge Congress and the president to only support cost-effective measures to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gas emissions and to reject government-mandated reductions in greenhouse gas emissions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge governments to begin to take steps to help protect vulnerable communities and regions from the effects of the inevitable continued cycles of warming and cooling that have occurred throughout geologic history; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we strongly request that all public policy decision makers ensure an appropriate balance between care for the environment, effects on economies, and impacts on the poor when considering programs to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gas emissions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we support the development of environmental public policy that will improve the stewardship of the earth's resources without resulting in significant negative consequences not only on the United States and other developed economies, but also, and most importantly, on the poor and on developing economies; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we support public policy that helps provide immediate assistance to the poor and most vulnerable people around the world, including access to clean drinking water and electricity, AIDS care and prevention, vaccinations, malaria eradication, and education programs; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we continually reaffirm our God-given responsibility to care for the earth by remaining environmentally conscious and taking individual and collective efforts to reduce pollution, decrease waste, and improve the environment in tangible and effective ways.

155. Gerald Harris (GA) introduced Charles Strickland (GA) for a positive testimony regarding Resolution 3 "On the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dred Scott Decision."
156. A concert of praise was presented by the combined choirs under the leadership of Scott C. White (GA).
157. President Page (SC) introduced Ed Stetzer (TN), director of LifeWay Research, missiologist for LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, to present a challenge.
158. The Convention was led in praise and worship by Travis Cottrell (TN), Christian music artist, Nashville.
159. President Page (SC) introduced Bill Curtis (SC) chairman of the North American Mission Board, who recognized several people: Roy Fish, ambassador at large and former interim president of the North American Mission Board; the state executive directors represented by Jim Austin (SC), executive director in South Carolina, and Joe Butts (NM), executive director in New Mexico; and the directors of missions in attendance at the Convention.
160. Curtis (SC) presented Geoffrey A. Hammond (GA), the new president, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, for the entity's report and presentation.
161. President Page (SC) expressed his gratitude to all who had a part in making this Convention possible and recognized Gary Bowlin (MS), evangelist, president, Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists, Summit, to pronounce the benediction.
162. President Page (SC) pronounced the one hundred and fiftieth session of the Southern Baptist Convention adjourned.

**2007 SBC Annual Meeting Statistics  
San Antonio, Texas, June 12-13, 2007**

	Count	Percent		Count	Percent
<b>Gender:</b>			<b>Spouse's Vocation:</b>		
Male	5,067	58.71	Associational Missions	21	3.27
Female	3,563	41.29	Evangelism	8	1.25
Total Present	8,630	100.00	Homemaking	233	36.29
<b>Total Number of Surveys:</b>	642		North American or		
<b>Age Breakdown:</b>			International Missions	5	0.78
18-29	20	3.12	Other	179	27.88
30-34	30	4.67	Other Church Staff	48	7.48
35-39	34	5.30	Other Denominational	6	0.93
40-44	38	5.92	Seminary Student	2	0.31
45-49	71	11.06	Senior Pastor	124	19.31
50-54	101	15.73	State Convention,		
55-59	121	18.85	Agency/Institution	16	2.49
60+	<u>227</u>	<u>35.36</u>		642	100.00
	642	100.00	<b>Number of times attended:</b>		
<b>Travel Mode:</b>			1st Time	95	14.80
Car	309	48.13	5 or less	162	25.23
Plane	314	48.91	6-10	124	19.31
Other	<u>19</u>	<u>2.96</u>	11 or more	<u>261</u>	<u>40.65</u>
	642	100.00		642	100.00
<b>Attendee's Vocation:</b>			<b>Expense Breakdown:</b>		
Associational Missions	26	4.05	Under \$100	10	1.56
Evangelism	11	1.71	\$100-\$299	23	3.58
Homemaking	115	17.91	\$300-\$599	76	11.84
North American or			\$600-\$999	179	27.88
International Missions	15	2.34	\$1000-1499	164	25.55
Other	138	21.50	\$1500-\$1999	133	20.72
Other Church Staff	62	9.66	\$2000+	<u>57</u>	<u>8.88</u>
Other Denominational	8	1.25		642	100.00
Seminary Student	10	1.56	<b>Number of other Family Members:</b>		
Senior Pastor	237	36.92	None	139	21.65
State Convention,			1	417	64.95
Agency/Institution	<u>20</u>	<u>3.12</u>	2-4	76	11.84
	642	100.00	5+	<u>10</u>	<u>1.56</u>
				642	100.00
			<b>Number of unique churches that</b>		
			<b>sent messengers:</b>		
			Number of churches	3,567	
			<b>Number of states that sent messengers:</b>		
			Number of states	49	
			+ Puerto Rico		
			+ Washington, D.C.		

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State	Number of Messengers	Percent of Messengers	Churches with Messengers	Rank (1-25)
AK	9	0.10	6	
AL	517	6.00	226	5
AR	336	3.90	148	11
AZ	56	0.63	26	21
CA	160	1.86	75	14
CO	43	0.50	23	22
CT	0	0.00	0	
DC	8	0.09	2	
DE	1	0.01	1	
FL	525	6.09	200	8
GA	602	6.99	230	4
HI	11	0.13	6	
IA	11	0.13	6	
ID	12	0.14	6	
IL	143	1.66	67	15
IN	73	0.85	36	18
KS	63	0.73	25	20
KY	400	4.64	178	9
LA	371	4.30	152	10
MA	3	0.03	3	
MD	75	0.87	35	19
ME	4	0.05	2	
MI	28	0.32	16	23
MN	7	0.08	126	12
MO	282	3.27	1	
MS	477	5.53	214	6
MT	2	0.02	2	
NC	627	7.28	253	2
ND	5	0.06	2	
NE	9	0.10	1	
NH	3	0.03	2	
NJ	2	0.02	2	
NM	89	1.03	38	17
NV	32	0.37	12	
NY	30	0.35	12	
OH	107	1.24	47	16
OK	370	4.28	161	9
OR	3	0.03	2	
PA	22	0.26	14	24
PR	4	0.05	3	
RI	2	0.02	1	
SC	428	4.97	202	7
SD	3	0.03	2	
TN	653	7.58	249	3
TX	1,605	18.52	589	1
UT	13	0.15	7	
VA	331	3.84	122	13
VT	9	0.10	3	
WA	11	0.13	10	
WI	9	0.10	5	
WV	37	0.43	13	25
WY	7	0.08	3	
	<u>8,630</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>3,567</u>	