

**PROCEEDINGS**  
**SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**  
**Indianapolis, Indiana**  
**June 10–11, 2008**

FULFILLING *The Mission*

*And every day the Lord added to them those who were being saved.*

(Acts 2:47b, Holman Christian Standard Bible)

**TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 10, 2008**

**SESSION THEME: UNDERSTANDING GOD’S PLAN**

**SCRIPTURE: *The Lord does not delay His promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.***

(2 Peter 3:9, HCSB)

1. Inspirational music was provided by the sanctuary choir of Taylors First Baptist Church, led by Jeff Hensley (SC), music associate, Taylors First Baptist Church, and the worship team and band, First Baptist Church, Jackson, MS.
2. Congregational praise and worship was led by L. Lavon Gray (MS), Convention music director, minister of music and worship, First Baptist Church, Jackson, MS.
3. Presentation of the colors was followed by the singing of “God Bless America.”
4. 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 fifty-first session of the Southern Baptist Convention in the one hundred sixty-third year of its history at 8:20 a.m. in the Indianapolis Convention Center, Indianapolis, Indiana.
5. 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.
6. James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, reported that on June 10, 2008, as of 8:25 a.m., 6,150 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 8, to enroll messengers who presented proper credentials from churches which are in friendly cooperation with this Convention and sympathetic with its purposes and work, and have during the fiscal year preceding been bona fide contributors to the Convention’s work. Wells moved that these messengers constitute the Convention and that other duly certified messengers from churches in cooperation with the Convention who arrive later be recognized as members of the Convention when they have enrolled on the basis of membership set forth in Article III of the SBC Constitution. The report was adopted.
7. Bill Bryan (GA), associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, led in prayer.
8. Gearl Spicer (GA), chairman, Committee on Order of Business, moved the adoption of the agenda printed in the *SBC Bulletin, Tuesday, Part 1*, pages 1-3 with changes. The motion was adopted.

**Order of Business, 2008 Southern Baptist Convention  
Tuesday Morning, June 10, 2008**

*The Lord does not delay His promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.*

(2 Peter 3:9, HCSB)

UNDERSTANDING *God's Plan*

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| <p><b>8:00 Concert of Praise</b> - The Sanctuary Choir, Jeff Hensley, <i>music associate</i>, Taylors First Baptist Church, Taylors, SC; Worship Team and Band, First Baptist Church, Jackson, MS</p> <p><b>8:10 Congregational Praise and Worship</b> - L. Lavon Gray, <i>Convention music director; minister of music and worship</i>, First Baptist Church, Jackson, MS</p> <p><b>8:15 Call to Order</b> - Frank Page, <i>president</i>, Southern Baptist Convention, <i>pastor</i>, Taylors First Baptist Church, Taylors, SC</p> <p><b>Registration Report and Constitution of the Convention</b> - James H. (Jim) Wells, <i>SBC registration secretary; director of missions</i>, Tri County Baptist Association, Nixa, MO</p> <p><b>8:20 Prayer</b> - Bill Bryan, <i>associate pastor</i>, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA</p> <p><b>8:25 Committee on Order of Business (First Report)</b> - Gearl Spicer, <i>chairman; senior pastor</i>, One Heart Church, Atlanta, GA</p> <p><b>8:30 Welcome</b> - Stephen P. Davis, <i>executive director</i>, State Convention of Baptists in Indiana</p> <p><b>8:35 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Credentials, Resolutions, and Tellers</b> - Frank Page</p> | <p><b>8:40 Introduction of Motions</b> - Frank Page</p> <p><b>9:05 Music Feature</b> - Gaither Vocal Band, Alexandria, IN</p> <p><b>9:15 Local Arrangements Committee Presentation</b> - R. Clark Logan, Jr., <i>vice president for business and finance</i>, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, TN</p> <p><b>9:20 Crossover Evangelism Report</b> - Ken Weathersby, <i>senior strategist; evangelization</i>, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA</p> <p><b>9:25 Executive Committee Presentation (Part 1)</b> - Morris H. Chapman, <i>president</i>, Nashville, TN</p> <p><b>10:25 Committee on Nominations Report</b> - David G. Hill, <i>chairman; senior pastor</i>, Northside Baptist Church, Springfield, OH</p> <p><b>10:35 Congregational Praise and Worship</b> - L. Lavon Gray</p> <p><b>10:40 Music Feature</b> - The Sanctuary Choir, Taylors First Baptist Church</p> <p><b>10:45 SBC President's Address</b> - Frank Page</p> <p><b>11:25 Benediction</b> - David S. Dockery, <i>president</i>, Union University, Jackson, TN</p> |
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**Tuesday Afternoon, June 10, 2008**

*Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest  
to send out workers into His harvest.* (Matthew 9:38, HCSB)

ENGAGING *God's People*

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| <p><b>1:25 Concert of Praise</b> - L. Lavon Gray, Choir and Orchestra, First Baptist Church, Jackson, MS</p> <p><b>1:35 Prayer</b> - Reginald Fletcher, <i>pastor</i>, Living Word Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN</p> <p><b>1:40 Woman's Missionary Union Report</b> - Wanda S. Lee, <i>executive director-treasurer</i>, Birmingham, AL; Kaye Miller, <i>president</i>, National WMU, Little Rock, AR</p> <p><b>1:50 SBC Historical Library and Archives Report</b> - R. Albert (Al) Mohler, Jr., <i>chairman</i>, Council of Seminary Presidents, <i>president</i>, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY</p> <p><b>1:55 Business</b> - Committee on Order of Business (Second Report) - Gearl Spicer</p> <p><b>Referrals/Introduction of Motions</b></p> <p><b>2:10 Executive Committee Presentation</b> (Part 2) - Morris H. Chapman</p> <p><b>2:40 Time of Prayer</b> - Larry Wynn, <i>senior pastor</i>, Hebron Baptist Church, Dacula, GA</p> <p><b>2:45 Election of Officers</b> (First)</p> <p><b>3:00 Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Report</b> - Jeff Iorg, <i>president</i>, Mill Valley, CA</p> | <p><b>3:15 Introduction of New Motions</b> - Frank Page</p> <p><b>3:25 Worship in Music</b> - Derrick Burt, <i>concert artist</i>, First Baptist Choir and Orchestra, Jackson, MS</p> <p><b>3:30 Challenge</b> - To Be Announced</p> <p><b>3:50 LifeWay Christian Resources Report</b> - Thom S. Rainer, <i>president</i>, Nashville, TN</p> <p><b>4:00 LifeWay Christian Resources Presentation</b> - Thom S. Rainer</p> <p><b>4:20 Congregational Praise and Worship</b> - Scott Allred, <i>minister of music and worship arts</i>, Hunter Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, AL</p> <p><b>4:25 Introduction of New Motions</b> (Last Opportunity) - Frank Page</p> <p><b>4:40 Time of Prayer</b> - J. Brian Fossett, <i>president</i>, Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists, <i>president</i>, Fossett Ministries, Dalton, GA</p> <p><b>4:45 Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report</b> - Paige Patterson, <i>president</i>, Fort Worth, TX</p> <p><b>5:00 Election of Officers</b> (Second)</p> <p><b>5:10 Benediction</b> - Lt. Richard Ryan, <i>chaplain</i>, United States Navy, O'Fallon, IL</p> |
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**Tuesday Evening, June 10, 2008**

*But how can they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe without hearing about Him? And how can they hear without a preacher?*

(Romans 10:14, HCSB)

SHARING *God's Message*

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| <p><b>6:30 Concert of Praise</b> - Indiana Baptist Combined Choirs, Steve Blanchard, <i>director; director of worship ministries</i>, State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, Indianapolis, IN; Worship Team and Band, First Baptist Church, Jackson, MS</p> <p><b>6:40 Prayer</b> - Wade Steelman, <i>director</i>, X-tended Missions Network, Hernando, MS</p> <p><b>6:45 The Ethics &amp; Religious Liberty Commission Report</b> - Richard D. Land, <i>president</i>, Nashville, TN</p> <p><b>7:00 The Ethics &amp; Religious Liberty Commission Presentation</b> - Richard D. Land</p> <p><b>7:20 Election of Officers</b> (Third)</p> <p><b>7:30 Business</b> - Committee on Order of Business (Third Report) - Gearl Spicer</p> <p><b>7:40 Previously Scheduled Business</b> - Frank Page</p> <p><b>8:05 Congregational Praise and Worship</b> - L. Lavon Gray, Worship Team and Band, First Baptist Church, Jackson, MS</p> | <p><b>8:10 Music Feature</b> - Indiana Baptist Combined Choirs</p> <p><b>8:15 New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Report</b> - Charles S. (Chuck) Kelley, Jr., <i>president</i>, New Orleans, LA</p> <p><b>8:30 Time of Prayer</b> - Bill Taylor, <i>president</i>, Unlimited Partnerships, Inc., Brentwood, TN</p> <p><b>8:35 Concert of Praise</b> - Mark Harris, <i>INO recording artist and worship leader</i>, Daphne, AL</p> <p><b>8:50 North American Mission Board Report</b> - Geoffrey A. Hammond, <i>president</i>, Alpharetta, GA</p> <p><b>9:00 North American Mission Board Presentation</b> - Geoffrey A. Hammond</p> <p><b>9:20 Benediction</b> - Gary MacManamy, <i>evangelism ministries team leader</i>; Baptist State Convention of Michigan, Fenton, MI</p> |
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**Wednesday Morning, June 11, 2008**

*Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The intense prayer of the righteous is very powerful.*

(James 5:16, HCSB)

SEEKING *God's Face*

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| <p><b>8:00 Concert of Praise</b> - Mississippi Baptist Symphony Orchestra, David Young, <i>director; instrumental consultant</i>, Mississippi Baptist Convention, Jackson, MS</p> | <p><b>10:00 Challenge</b> - Rob Blackaby, <i>president</i>, Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary, Cochrane, Alberta, Canada</p>   |
| <p><b>8:15 Prayer</b> - Marcos Elizondo, <i>associate director</i>, Hispanic &amp; Multicultural, South Carolina Baptist Convention, Columbia, SC</p>                             | <p><b>10:20 Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report</b> - R. Philip (Phil) Roberts, <i>president</i>, Kansas City, MO</p>                                      |
| <p><b>8:20 Election of Officers</b> (Fourth)</p>  | <p><b>10:35 Election of Officers</b> (Fifth)</p>  |
| <p><b>8:30 Business</b> - Committee on Order of Business (Fourth Report)</p>  | <p><b>10:45 Committee on Committees Report</b> - Stephen P. Davis, <i>chairman, executive director</i>, State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, Indianapolis, IN</p> |
| <p><b>8:50 Previously Scheduled Business</b> - Gearl Spicer</p>   | <p><b>10:55 GuideStone Financial Resources Report</b> - O. S. Hawkins, <i>president</i>, Dallas, TX</p>   |
| <p><b>9:05 Committee on Resolutions</b> (First Report) - Darrell P. Orman, <i>senior pastor</i>, First Baptist Church, Stuart, FL</p>   | <p><b>11:10 Prayer Time</b> - Rick Shepherd, <i>director</i>, Department of Prayer and Spiritual Awakening, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville, FL</p>          |
| <p><b>9:35 The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Report</b> - R. Albert (Al) Mohler, Jr., <i>president</i>, Louisville, KY</p>  | <p><b>11:15 Congregational Praise and Worship</b> - Keith and Kristyn Getty, <i>modern hymn writers</i>, Chagrin Falls, OH</p>  |
| <p><b>9:50 Congregational Praise and Worship</b> - L. Graham Smith, <i>director</i>, Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention, Jackson, MS</p>                     | <p><b>11:20 Music Feature</b> - Keith and Kristyn Getty</p>   |
| <p><b>9:55 Music Feature</b> - Louisiana College Chorale, Fred Guilbert, Jr., <i>director, coordinator of church music</i>, Louisiana College, Pineville, LA</p>                  | <p><b>11:25 Convention Message</b> - Al Gilbert, <i>senior pastor</i>, Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC</p>  |
|   | <p><b>12:00 Benediction</b> - Shane Hall, <i>pastor</i>, First Baptist Church, Clinton, OK</p>  |

**Wednesday Evening, June 11, 2008**

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

(Matthew 28:19-20, HCSB)

ACCOMPLISHING *God's Commands*

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| <p><b>6:00 Concert of Praise</b> - Combined Choirs and Orchestra, Taylors First Baptist Church, Taylors, SC; First Baptist Church, Jackson, MS; Northside Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN, John Reeder, <i>associate pastor worship and evangelism</i>; Fall Creek Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN, Rick Terry, <i>minister of music</i>; Calvary Baptist Church, Greenwood, IN, David Tripp, <i>minister of music</i>; Mississippi Baptist Symphony Orchestra</p> <p><b>6:10 Prayer</b> - Gi Youl Bahn, <i>pastor</i>; Indianapolis Korean Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN</p> <p><b>6:15 Presentation of Outgoing Officers</b> - Morris H. Chapman</p> <p><b>6:20 Presentation of New Officers</b> - Morris H. Chapman</p> <p><b>6:25 Recognition of Former SBC Presidents</b> - Frank Page</p> <p><b>6:35 Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Report</b> - Daniel L. (Danny) Akin, <i>president</i>, Wake Forest, NC</p> <p><b>6:50 Business</b> - Committee on Order of Business (Fifth Report) - Gearl Spicer</p> <p><b>Election of 2009 Convention Sermon Preacher, Alternate Preacher, and Music Director</b></p> | <p><b>7:00 Previously Scheduled Business</b> - Frank Page</p> <p><b>7:15 Committee on Resolutions</b> (Final Report) - Darrell P. Orman</p> <p><b>7:40 Congregational Praise and Worship</b> - Charles Billingsley, <i>worship leader</i>; Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, VA</p> <p><b>7:45 Special Music</b> - Charles Billingsley, Combined Choirs and Orchestra</p> <p><b>7:50 Challenge</b> - Leo A. Endel, <i>executive director</i>; Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention, Rochester, MN</p> <p><b>8:10 Concert of Praise</b> - Charles Billingsley, Combined Choirs and Orchestra</p> <p><b>8:30 International Mission Board Report</b> - Jerry A. Rankin, <i>president</i>, Richmond, VA</p> <p><b>8:40 International Mission Board Presentation</b> - Jerry A. Rankin</p> <p><b>9:00 Benediction</b> - Ken Render, <i>vice chairman</i>, SBC Committee on Order of Business, <i>senior pastor</i>; Lakeside Community Church, St. Clair Shores, MI</p> |
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9. Gearl Spicer (GA), 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.
  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.
10. Tim Rogers (NC) raised a question that was answered by the chair relating to the fixed order of business items on the agenda. Motion for the standing rules was adopted.
11. Stephen P. Davis (IN), executive director, State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, welcomed the messengers.
12. President Page (SC) introduced a video expressing appreciation for Southern Baptists by the President of the United States, George W. Bush.
13. 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:** Stephen P. Davis, IN, *chairman*

Lawrence Phipps, AL; Mike Shaw, AL; Rhys Mateo, AK; Charlotte Gomez, AK; James Hayes, AZ; Paul Daniel, AZ; Bruce Chesser, AR; Rebekah Sanders, AR; Reta Beall, CA; Phil Wilson, CA; Doug Allen, CO; Jeff Estes, CO; Benjamin Wright, DC; Phillip Hurst, MD; Marvin Pittman, FL; William Rice, FL; Tim Nobles, GA; Brett Patterson, GA; Joe Manning, HI; David Hockney, HI; John Stillman, IL; Michael Brown, IL; Monty Mullenix, IN; Ron Pracht, KS; Ron Eliason, KS; Ronnie Mayes, KY; Skip Alexander, KY; Charles Quarles, LA; Gevan Spinney, LA; Leslie Cordonnier, MD; Chris Brammer, MD; Mike Durbin, MI; Ronald Libey, MI; Rickey Blythe, MS; Randy Von Kanel, MS; Kenneth Parker, MO; Micah Fries, MO; Johnny Nantz, NV; Greg Fields, NV; George Sweet, VT; Dale Morell, ME; Bruce Kirby, NM; Bruce Morrison, NM; Deenie Meadows, NY; Michael Flannery, NY; Bill Coleman, NC; Kenny Gooden, NC; David Cooper, WA; Ron Edwards, WA; Barry Jude, OH; Amy Garner, OH; Dixie Holeman, OK; Jason Langley, OK; Brian Harrison, PA; Alva Manao, PA; Chad Rickenbaker, SC; Eddie Coakley, SC; Billy Riner, TN; Tom McCoy, TN; John Meador, TX; Kie Bowman, TX; Chris Costa, ID; Steve Oswalt, ID; Don Matthews, VA; James Cowley, VA; Seth Polk, WV; Fred Morgan, WV; Peggy Nikkel, WY; Dave Stillie, WY

**Credentials Committee:** Mark R. Elliott, NE, *chairman*

Bennie Foster, AR; David Patty, AL; Don McLaughlin, FL; Todd Unzicker, FL; Neil Franks, MO; Wayne Briant, FL; Beverly Olonoh, IN; Duffy Deardorff, CO; Delton Beall, KY; Melvin York, AR; Charles McLain, NE; Alan Karr, CO; Jerry Raines, TX; Doug Falknor, AR; Ken Fentress, MD; Ed Emmerling, MI; Blain Craig, TX; Kelly Chronister, OK; Danny Hartwell, MO; Robert Johansen, VA; Chris Musick, VA; Phil Fischbach, SC; Michael Seabaugh, OK; Sandy Mann, TX

**Resolutions Committee:** Darrell Orman, FL, *chairman*

Tony Beam, SC; Galen Jones, AL; Rick Lineberger, FL; Michael Martin, CA; Jeff Moore, OK; Frank Moreno, FL; Kevin Smith, KY; Charles Strickland, SC; Greg Thornbury, TN

**Tellers Committee:** Michael Barrett, NC, *chairman*

Wesley Green, FL; Joe Bob Mizzell, AL; Michael McCauley, AR; Daniel Wilson, AL; Dana Spurgeon, IN; Eddie Miller, NV; Randy Huckabee, FL; Thomas Jones, CA;

Glenn Davis, KS; Anthony Mattia, KS; Van Quick, MS; Byron McWilliams, TX; Robin Dickerson, IL; Robert Ehr, KY; David Mahfouz, TX; Dave Bryan, OK; Carey Trickey, AR; Louis A. Paradiso, MD; Gerald Nostrand, CO; Doug Mize, SC; Paul Purvis, MO; Don R. Cox, SC; Coye Still, NC; Todd Hallman, LA; Wayne Dickard, SC

14. 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.

15. Jack Wilkerson (TN) presented a motion: Amendment of SBC Bylaw 10, Election of Officers – Eligibility.

“That SBC Bylaw 10, Election of Officers, be amended by adding the language (possibly paragraph F) to read as follows:

No person who is serving as an entity president or president of the Executive Committee shall be eligible to serve as president of the Southern Baptist Convention.” (Items 15 and 45)

16. Chuck Sams (OH) presented a motion: Amendment of SBC Article III, Membership.

“That Article III of the SBC Constitution be amended as follows:

Article III. Membership

1. One (1) messenger from each church which: (1) is in friendly cooperation with the Convention and sympathetic with its purposes and work. Among churches not in cooperation with the Convention are churches which act to affirm, approve or endorse homosexual behavior, and churches which have female senior pastors. And (2), has been a bona fide contributor to the Convention’s work during the fiscal year preceding.” (Items 16 and 45)

17. Jon David Kittrell (MS) presented a motion: Family-Oriented Events at the Southern Baptist Convention.

“That the Southern Baptist boards, institutions, and commissions, especially the seminaries, either plan their events, surrounding and during the annual Southern Baptist Convention, to be more child-friendly and family-oriented or offer child care for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and younger children during such events in order to allow ministers with children and their spouses to participate in these events.” (Items 17 and 43)

18. Rick Reeder (KY) presented a motion: Indiana Disaster Relief Love Offering.

“That the messengers receive a love offering for the purpose of disaster relief aid to be given to the state convention of Baptists in Indiana to minister to those affected by the recent flooding. The offering is to be received today as close to the election of president as is possible as that will be the time when most of the messengers will be here.” (Items 18, 46, and 47)

19. Beauford Smith (NC) presented a motion: American Flag Honor Guard at the Southern Baptist Convention.

“That after the president calls the annual meeting to order, that the American flag be posted with an honor guard composed of the five armed forces: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.” (Items 19 and 44)

20. Larry Walker (TX) presented a motion: Reconsideration of the Southern Baptist Convention’s Affiliation with the Baptist World Alliance.

“That the Executive Committee revisit, re-evaluate, and reconsider the affiliation of the Southern Baptist Convention with the Baptist World Alliance.” (Items 20 and 44)

21. Congregational singing was led by L. Lavon Gray (MS), Convention music director, minister of music and worship, First Baptist Church, Jackson, MS.
22. Special music was presented by the Gaither Vocal Band, Alexandria, IN.
23. President Page introduced R. Clark Logan, Jr. (TN), vice president for business and finance, Executive Committee, Nashville, for the recognition of Mark Hearn (IN), chairman, and the Local Arrangements Committee. He thanked the Local Arrangements Committee of Indianapolis for hosting the Convention.
24. President Page (SC) introduced Ken Weathersby (GA), senior strategist, evangelization, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta. Weathersby reported 2,621 people registered their attendance at all the Crossover events. In spite of the weather, 17 evangelistic block parties were held. Over 500 volunteers participated in all the Crossover events. Weathersby shared that 759 people prayed to receive Christ. He invited messengers to the 2009 Louisville, Kentucky, Crossover.
25. President Page asked the will of the Convention relating to advancing the agenda. The Convention affirmed the decision by a show of ballots.
26. 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 Yong-Do Kim, President of the Korean Baptist Convention. Chapman gave special recognition to Dr. Billy Kim for his leadership as a Baptist statesmanship in the global community. Chapman presented him with the Distinguished Baptist Statesman Award and a resolution of appreciation adopted by the SBC Executive Committee.
27. Morris H. Chapman recognized William F. (Bill) Harrell (GA), chairman, Executive Committee, who introduced the Executive Committee members to make recommendations.

28. H.A. (Al) Gilbert (NC) moved the adoption of Recommendation 1. David Roberts (NC) raised a question. Bob Rodgers (TN), vice president for Cooperative Program, responded to the question. The recommendation was adopted.

**Recommendation 1: 2008-09 Proposed SBC Operating Budget**

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the 2008-09 Southern Baptist Convention Operating Budget in the amount of \$9,470,373, as follows:

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

	<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>ADOPTED*</b>
	<b><u>2008-09</u></b>	<b><u>2007-08</u></b>
Cooperative Program	\$6,995,373	**\$6,820,451
Designations	150,000	150,000
LifeWay Christian Resources	650,000	650,000
Interest/Dividends	1,000,000	550,000
<i>SBC LIFE</i>	175,000	190,000
Other Income	<u>500,000</u>	<u>865,100</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$9,470,373</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,225,551</u></b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Convention Administration Expenses		
Convention Operations		\$1,173,930
SBC Committees		80,000
SBC Building Management		467,950
Annual Meeting		1,038,500
Operating Reserve		-----
SUBTOTAL	<u>\$2,900,000</u>	<u>\$2,760,380</u>
Executive Committee Operations Expenses		
Administration		\$2,257,571
Executive Committee Meetings		250,000
EKG Initiatives		-----
Southern Baptist Foundation		300,000
Convention Relations		980,475
Convention News		822,575
Cooperative Program/Stewardship		1,429,550
SUBTOTAL	<u>\$6,145,373</u>	<u>\$6,040,171</u>
Convention Support		
Global Evangelism Relations (formerly "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>\$9,470,373</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,022,028</u></b>

\*Data reflects Executive Committee final budget approved September 17-18, 2007.

\*\*Reflects CP Allocation change approved at SBC Annual Meeting, June 12-14, 2007.

29. Michael S. Lewis (TX) moved the adoption of Recommendation 2, and it was adopted.

**Recommendation 2: 2008-09 SBC Cooperative Program Allocation Budget**

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the 2008-09 Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program Allocation Budget in the amount of \$205,716,834, as follows:

<b>2008-09 SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION</b>		
<b>COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ALLOCATION BUDGET PROPOSAL</b>		
	<b>Proposed 2008-2009 Budget <u>Allocation</u></b>	<b>Proposed 2008-2009 % of Total <u>Allocation</u></b>
<b><u>WORLD MISSION MINISTRIES</u></b>		
INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD	\$ 102,858,417.00	50.00%
NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD	<u>46,882,866.47</u>	<u>22.79%</u>
<b>TOTAL WORLD MISSION MINISTRIES</b>	<b><u>\$ 149,741,283.47</u></b>	<b><u>72.79%</u></b>
<b><u>THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES</u></b>		
SEMINARIES:		
SWBTS	9,869,277.53	4.81%
SBTS	10,234,743.04	4.98%
NOBTS	9,067,137.17	4.41%
SEBTS	8,540,412.74	4.15%
GGBTS	3,713,996.94	1.81%
MWBTS	<u>3,640,562.61</u>	<u>1.77%</u>
TOTAL SEMINARIES	\$ 45,093,130.01	21.92%
HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES	<u>493,720.40</u>	<u>0.24%</u>
<b>TOTAL THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES</b>	<b><u>\$ 45,586,850.41</u></b>	<b><u>22.16%</u></b>
<b><u>CHRISTIAN ETHICS AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY MINISTRIES</u></b>		
ETHICS & RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COMMISSION	\$ 3,394,327.76	1.65%
<b>TOTAL CHRISTIAN ETHICS AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY MINISTRIES</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,394,327.76</u></b>	<b><u>1.65%</u></b>
<b><u>FACILITATING MINISTRIES</u></b>		
GUIDESTONE FINANCIAL RESOURCES	-0-	0.00%
SBC OPERATING	<u>\$ 6,994,372.36</u>	<u>3.40%</u>
<b>TOTAL FACILITATING MINISTRIES</b>	<b><u>\$ 6,994,372.36</u></b>	<b><u>3.40%</u></b>
<b><u>CHURCH ENRICHMENT MINISTRIES</u></b>		
LIFEWAY CHRISTIAN RESOURCES	<u>-0-</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
<b>TOTAL CHURCH ENRICHMENT MINISTRIES</b>	<b><u>-0-</u></b>	<b><u>0.00%</u></b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET ALLOCATION</b>	<b><u>\$205,716,834.00</u></b>	<b><u>100.00%</u></b>

30. Bryan Easley (AL) moved the adoption of Recommendation 3, and it was adopted.

**Recommendation 3: *SBC Calendar of Activities and Amendments***

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the 2012-13 *SBC Calendar of Activities* and amendments to the 2007-08, 2008-09; 2009-10; 2010-11, and 2011-12 *SBC Calendar of Activities*, as follows:

**2012-13 *SBC Calendar of Activities***

**October 2012**

Cooperative Program Emphasis

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On Mission Together: Soul-Winning Commitment Day, **October 7**

World Hunger Sunday, **October 14**

**November 2012**

On Mission Together: Children's Missions Celebration Day, **November 4**

**December 2012**

Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, **December 2-9**

**January 2013**

January Bible Study, **January 2-6**

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, **January 20**

**February 2013**

"True Love Waits" Emphasis

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Racial Reconciliation Sunday, **February 10**

Focus on WMU, **February 11-17**

**March 2013**

Youth Week, **March 3-9**

On Mission Together in North America: Week of Prayer and Mission Study and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions, **March 3-10**

Substance Abuse Sunday, **March 17**

On Mission Together: Start a Church Sunday, **March 17**

**April 2013**

SBC Seminaries Sunday, **April 7**

Cooperative Program Sunday, **April 14**

Baptist Doctrine Study, **April 14-19**

Life Commitment Sunday, **April 21**

**May 2013**

Senior Adult Sunday, **May 5**

Christian Home Week, **May 12-18**

On Mission Together: Baptist Association Emphasis, **May 19-25**

**June 2013**

Crossover (Convention City - date has not yet been set)

Baptist Men's Day, **June 16**

Mission: Dignity Sunday, **June 23**

Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday, **June 30**

**August 2013**

Social Issues Sunday, **August 4** (Emphasis not yet determined)

On Mission Together: Student Evangelism Day, **August 11**

Worship Music Week, **August 18-24**

**September 2013**

Single Adult Sunday, **September 1**  
 Anti-Gambling Sunday, **September 15**  
 Discipleship Rally, **September 16**

**Amendments from IMB:****2010-2011**

Drop June 12, 2011 - Day of Prayer and Fasting for World Evangelism

**2011-2011**

Drop May 27, 2012 - Day of Prayer and Fasting for World Evangelism

**Amendments from NAMB:****2007-2008**

August 10, 2008

Change From: On Mission Together: Praying for Students  
 To: Living with Urgency: Student Evangelism Day

**2008-2009**

October 5, 2008

Change From: On Mission Together: To Share the Gospel Sunday  
 To: Living with Urgency: Soul-Winning Commitment Day

November 2, 2008

Change From: On Mission Together: Equipping the Next Generation Sunday  
 To: Living with Urgency: Student Evangelism Day

March 1-8, 2009

Change From: On Mission Together in North America: Week of Prayer and Mission Study and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
 To: Living with Urgency: Week of Prayer and Mission Study and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

March 22, 2009

Change From: On Mission Together: Planting New Congregations Sunday  
 To: Living with Urgency: Start a Church Sunday

May 17-23, 2009

Change From: On Mission in Baptist Associations  
 To: Living with Urgency: Baptist Association Emphasis

August 9, 2009

Change From: On Mission Together: Praying for Students  
 To: Living with Urgency: Student Evangelism Day

**2009-2010**

October 4, 2009

Change From: On Mission Together: To Share the Gospel  
 To: Living with Urgency: Soul-Winning Commitment Day

November 1, 2009

Change From: On Mission Together: Equipping the Next Generation  
 To: Living with Urgency: Children's Missions Celebration Day

August 8, 2010

Change From: On Mission Together: Praying for Students  
 To: Living with Urgency: Student Evangelism Day

**2010-2011**

November 5, 2010

Change From: On Mission Together: Reaching the Next Generation

To: Living with Urgency: Children’s Missions Celebration Day

August 14, 2011

Change From: On Mission Together: Praying for Students

To: Living with Urgency: Student Evangelism Day

**2011-2012**

November 6, 2011

Change From: On Mission Together: Reaching the Next Generation

To: Living with Urgency: Children’s Missions Celebration Day

August 12, 2012

Change From: On Mission Together: Praying for Students

To: Living with Urgency: Student Evangelism Day

31. L. Lavon Gray (MS), Convention music director, welcomed The Gaither Vocal Band to sing. A video presentation was made promoting biblical stewardship, and Bill Gaither gave a testimony about his giving practices.
32. President Page introduced William F. (Bill) Harrell (GA) who commended the Executive Committee and introduced Morris H. Chapman (TN), president and chief executive officer of the Executive Committee, Nashville, for an address to the Convention. Chapman’s address was followed by a Cooperative Program video, and concluded with a dramatic presentation and song by the Gaither Vocal Band.
33. President Page (SC) recognized David G. Hill (OH), chairman, Committee on Nominations, who presented the Committee on Nominations Report as printed on pages 15-18 in *SBC Bulletin, Tuesday, Part 2*, and moved its adoption. Motion was adopted.

**Report of the 2007–2008 Committee on Nominations**

David G. Hill, Chairman

**Members Rotating**

**Status Nominees to be Elected**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**State Representation**

**Term Expiring 2009**

* John Wallace, TN First, Morristown	R	O. Eugene (Gene) Mims, TN Judson, Nashville
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**Term Expiring 2012**

* Mitchell E. Gavin, AL First, Alexander City	E	* Mitchell E. Gavin, AL First, Alexander City
Richard J. (Dick) Sweetman, DC First, Upper Marlboro, MD	I	Salvatore Galeano, Jr., DC First, Upper Marlboro, MD
Keith Russell, FL Westside, Jacksonville	DS	Tom Biles, FL Idlewild, Tampa
* Joseph D. (Jody) Hudgins, FL Sarasota, Sarasota	E	* Joseph D. (Jody) Hudgins, FL Sarasota, Sarasota
* Roy Scarborough, GA Curtis, Augusta	E	* Roy Scarborough, GA Curtis, Augusta
Scott F. Kilgore, KY Living Hope, Bowling Green	E	Scott F. Kilgore, KY Living Hope, Bowling Green

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| * Charles E. Harper, Sr., LA<br>Goodwood, Baton Rouge     | E * Charles E. Harper, Sr., LA<br>Goodwood, Baton Rouge     |
| Robert J. Anderson, MD-DE<br>Colonial, Randallstown, MD   | E Robert J. Anderson, MD-DE<br>Colonial, Randallstown, MD   |
| Bob Carpenter, MI<br>Cedar Street, Holt                   | I Robert O. (Rob) Freshour, MI<br>First, South Lyon         |
| Clarence J. Cooper, Jr., MS<br>Emmanuel, Grenada          | E Clarence J. Cooper, Jr., MS<br>Emmanuel, Grenada          |
| Randy A. Johnson, MO<br>First Southern, Branson West      | E Randy A. Johnson, MO<br>First Southern, Branson West      |
| * Kenneth G. Frizzell, NV<br>First, Lakes                 | R John Mark Simmons, NV<br>Highland, Henderson              |
| H. Al Gilbert, NC<br>Calvary, Winston-Salem               | E H. Al Gilbert, NC<br>Calvary, Winston-Salem               |
| Mark A. Bradley, NW<br>Emmanuel, Pullman, WA              | E Mark A. Bradley, NW<br>Emmanuel, Pullman, WA              |
| * Charles R. Chambers, OH<br>Perrysburg First, Perrysburg | E * Charles R. Chambers, OH<br>Perrysburg First, Perrysburg |
| Jeff W. Moore, OK<br>First, Altus                         | E Jeff W. Moore, OK<br>First, Altus                         |
| * Jack E. Shaw, SC<br>Taylors First, Taylors              | E * Jack E. Shaw, SC<br>Taylors First, Taylors              |
| * Melissa Gay, TN<br>First, Hendersonville                | I * Phil Harper, TN<br>Northside, Murfreesboro              |
| * G. Harris Warner, Jr., VA<br>First, Roanoke             | E * G. Harris Warner, Jr., VA<br>First, Roanoke             |
| * Martha Lawley, WY<br>First Southern, Worland            | E * Martha Lawley, WY<br>First Southern, Worland            |

### GUIDESTONE FINANCIAL RESOURCES

#### State Representation

#### Term Expiring 2012

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|--|---|
| * Jeffrey P. (Jeff) Amberg, CA<br>Immanuel, Highland       | E * Jeffrey P. (Jeff) Amberg, CA<br>Immanuel, Highland          |
| * Sam Burk, Jr., CO<br>Cornerstone, Highlands Ranch        | I Bob L. Bender, CO<br>First Black Forrest,<br>Colorado Springs |
| * J. Sebastian Traeger, DC<br>Capitol Hill, Washington, DC | E NOT TO BE REPLACED  |
| * Michael C. Williams, IL<br>First, University Park        | E * Michael C. Williams, IL<br>First, University Park           |
| * David A. Galloway, LA<br>Rapides Station, Boyce          | I * J. Dudley (John) May, LA<br>First, Baton Rouge              |
| Forrest D. Sheffield, MS<br>Harrisburg, Tupelo             | E Forrest D. Sheffield, MS<br>Harrisburg, Tupelo                |
| * Barry D. Hartis, NC<br>Lawndale, Greensboro              | E * Barry D. Hartis, NC<br>Lawndale, Greensboro                 |
| * Ronald L. Bryant, NW<br>Highland, Redmond, OR            | E * Ronald L. Bryant, NW<br>Highland, Redmond, OR               |

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|---|---|---|
| * Larry A. Standridge, TN<br>First, Martin            | I | Craig Parker, TN<br>Germantown, Germantown          |
| * James D. (Jim) Caldwell, TX<br>Prestonwood, Plano   | E | * James D. (Jim) Caldwell, TX<br>Prestonwood, Plano |
| William F. (Bill) Hansen II, VA<br>Emmanuel, Manassas | I | Forrest D. (Don) Davidson, VA<br>First, Alexandria  |

**INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD**

**State Representation**

**Term Expiring 2009**

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|---|---|---|
| Wade Burlison, OK<br>Emmanuel, Enid                   | R | Doyle R. Pryor, OK<br>First, Salupa               |
| Clint E. Henry, UT-ID<br>Central Valley, Meridian, ID | R | John W. Keith, UT-ID<br>Red Hills, Cedar City, UT |

**Term Expiring 2012**

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| H. Herman Pair, AL<br>First, Oneonta                     | I | Robert E. Jackson, AL<br>Central, Decatur               |
| * William H. (Bill) Hickman, AL<br>First, Ashford        | I | G. Lance Hogan, AL<br>First, Enterprise                 |
| Simon H. Tsoi, AZ<br>Valley Chinese, Tempe               | E | Simon H. Tsoi, AZ<br>Valley Chinese, Tempe              |
| Richard A. Powell, FL<br>McGregor, Fort Myers            | E | Richard A. Powell, FL<br>McGregor, Fort Myers           |
| John C. Russell, FL<br>Bell Shoals, Brandon              | I | * H. Marvin Pittman, FL<br>First, Bartow                |
| * John N. Schaefer, GA<br>Johnson Ferry, Marietta        | I | Roger L. Henderson, GA<br>Warren, Augusta               |
| * Charles Elam, IN<br>Cline Ave. Fellowship, St. John    | R | * Mary H. Fullhart, IN<br>First, Eaton                  |
| Norman W. Coe, KY<br>Highview, Louisville                | E | Norman W. Coe, KY<br>Highview, Louisville               |
| Lonnie Wascom, LA<br>Immanuel, Hammond                   | I | Scott P. Carlin, LA<br>First, New Orleans               |
| Wayne Marshall, MS<br>Longview Heights, Olive Branch     | I | Charles L. (Chuck) Register, MS<br>First, Gulfport      |
| John M. Edie, MO<br>Second, Springfield                  | E | John M. Edie, MO<br>Second, Springfield                 |
| * David T. Button, NY<br>Emmanuel, Potsdam               | E | * David T. Button, NY<br>Emmanuel, Potsdam              |
| * Donna L. Nealy, NC<br>Mount Vernon, Boone              | E | * Donna L. Nealy, NC<br>Mount Vernon, Boone             |
| * O. G. (Tim) Locher, NC<br>First, Hendersonville        | E | * O. G. (Tim) Locher, NC<br>First, Hendersonville       |
| Richard H. (Rick) Thompson, OK<br>Council Road, Bethany  | E | Richard H. (Rick) Thompson, OK<br>Council Road, Bethany |
| Ronald N. (Ron) Bryan, SC<br>Crescent Hill, Columbia     | E | Ronald N. (Ron) Bryan, SC<br>Crescent Hill, Columbia    |
| Phillip W. (Phil) Nelson, TN<br>First Concord, Knoxville | R | Roger P. Freeman, TN<br>First, Clarksville              |

Robert A. (Bob) Graham, TX Field Street, Cleburne	E Robert A. (Bob) Graham, TX Field Street, Cleburne
* Skeet Workman, TX Southcrest, Ropesville	I Byron V. McWilliams, TX First, Odessa
* A. C. Halsell, TX Prestonwood, Plano	E * A. C. Halsell, TX Prestonwood, Plano
Jeffery B. (Jeff) Ginn, VA Mount Pleasant, Colonial Heights	R Ronald A. Wade, VA Smith Memorial, Williamsburg
Karen M. Cherry, WV Southern Baptist Fellowship, Summersville	DS * Patricia C. Place, WV Berkeley, Berkeley Springs

### NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD

#### State Representation

#### Term Expiring 2011

Dan Garland, KY Crestwood, Louisville	R * Peggy S. Ballou, KY Central, Corbin
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#### Term Expiring 2012

Ron E. Wilson, CA First, Thousand Oaks	I William M. (Bill) Logan, CA Immanuel, Ridgecrest
* Chris Bruce, DC Capitol Hill, Washington, DC	R * Elaine F. O. Hall, DC Hillcrest, Temple Hills, MD
Timothy P. (Tim) Dowdy, GA Eagle's Landing First, McDonough	E Timothy P. (Tim) Dowdy, GA Eagle's Landing First, McDonough
Robert C. (Bob) Rogers, GA First, Rincon	I Lester L. Cooper, Jr., GA 1027 Church, Atlanta
* Ferrel K. Wiley, GA Schomburg Road, Columbus	E * Ferrel K. Wiley, GA Schomburg Road, Columbus
Doug Munton, IL First, O'Fallon	I Robert E. Dickerson, IL First, Marion
Fred Lowery, LA First, Bossier City	DS * Sissy M. Franks, LA Philadelphia, Deville
Levi Parish, MI Central, Flint	I * Cameron L. Fuller, MI The Orchard Church, Traverse City
Steve Colquitt, NV First, Sparks	R * Lisa M. Knutsen, NV Green Valley, Henderson
* Willo'deane F. Tenery, NC Calvary, Mocksville	I * Bruce L. Franklin, NC New Sandy Creek, Henderson
Ted J. Ingram, TN North Knoxville, Knoxville	I Chuck Herring, TN First, Collierville
* Bobby R. Hathcock, TN Central, Martin	I Jimmy Arms, TN Stevens Street, Cookeville
* Linda A. Moon, VA Liberty, Appomattox	I * Robert (Ed) Parker, VA Liberty, Hampton
Dennis R. Culbreth, VA River Oak, Chesapeake	R Joey T. Anthony, VA Midway, Phenix

**LIFEWAY CHRISTIAN RESOURCES**

**State Representation**

**Term Expiring 2010**

* David C. Macy, OH Northside, Springfield	R	Greg F. Jackson, OH First Southern, Camden
Kirk Casey, UT-ID Calvary, Idaho Falls, ID	R	Travis Best, UT-ID First Southern, Nampa, ID

**Term Expiring 2012**

Roger D. Willmore, AL First, Boaz	I	Charles C. (Craig) Carlisle 12 <sup>th</sup> Street, Gadsden
Montia D. Setzler, CA Magnolia Avenue, Riverside	E	Montia D. Setzler, CA Magnolia Avenue, Riverside
Terry L. Braswell, Sr., GA Beulah, Lithia Springs	E	Terry L. Braswell, Sr., GA Beulah, Lithia Springs
George A. Moyer, Jr., HI Hawaii Kai, Honolulu	E	George A. Moyer, Jr., HI Hawaii Kai, Honolulu
* William M. (Bill) Talbott, MD-DE White Marsh, Perry Hall, MD	E	* William M. (Bill) Talbott, MD-DE White Marsh, Perry Hall, MD
* Gary A. Grunick, MO First, Troy	E	* Gary A. Grunick, MO First, Troy
Mark Ballard, NE Christian Fellowship, Londonderry, NH	I	Kathleen A. (Kathy) Todd, NE Maine Street, Brunswick, ME
Milton E. Kornegay, NY Central, Syracuse	E	Milton E. Kornegay, NY Central, Syracuse
* Ronald C. Barber, NC Sunset Park, Wilmington	I	* Jesse W. Messer, NC Merriman Avenue, Asheville
Kevin K. White, NW First, Longview, WA	E	Kevin K. White, NW First, Longview, WA
* Debbie A. Ramage, TN Parkway, Goodlettsville	I	* Jeanne J. Davis, TN First, Sevierville
Rocky C. Weatherfold, TX West Athens, Trinidad	I	Johnny F. Dickerson, TX First, Mansfield
Douglas S. Echols, VA Enon, Chester	E	Douglas S. Echols, VA Enon, Chester

**SOUTHERN SEMINARY**

**State Representation**

**Term Expiring 2011**

* Glenn A. Miles, MS Harmony, Crystal Springs	D	* Philip Gunn, MS Morrison Heights, Clinton
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**Term Expiring 2013**

* Steven H. Parsons, AL Maytown, Sylvan Springs	I	John C. Thweatt, AL First, Pell City
G. Scott Perry, MO Temple, Sullivan	I	H. Bruce McCoy, MO Canaan, St. Louis

**SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY****State Representation****Term Expiring 2011**

Ernest W. (Ernie) Myers, VA Deep Creek, Chesapeake	R	H. Doyle Chauncey, VA Grove Avenue, Richmond
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**Term Expiring 2013**

* Harlan D. Lee, AZ North Phoenix, Phoenix	E	* Harlan D. Lee, AZ North Phoenix, Phoenix
Charles E. Holt, CO Vista Grande, Colorado Springs	E	Charles E. Holt, CO Vista Grande, Colorado Springs
F. Anthony George, FL Aloma, Winter Park	E	F. Anthony George, FL Aloma, Winter Park
Edward N. Knox, MS Antioch, Columbus	E	Edward N. Knox, MS Antioch, Columbus
Dan R. Brandel, NW Valley Hills, Springfield, OR	E	Dan R. Brandel, NW Valley Hills, Springfield, OR
D. Hance Dilbeck, Jr., OK Quail Springs, Oklahoma City	E	D. Hance Dilbeck, Jr., OK Quail Springs, Oklahoma City

**At-Large Representation****Term Expiring 2011**

William Dwight McKissic, Sr. Cornerstone, Arlington, TX	R	* Johnny W. McGregor First, Glen Rose, TX
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**Term Expiring 2013**

* Royal E. Smith First, Dallas, TX	I	* John S. Brunson First, Houston, TX
* Don R. O'Neal First, Euless, TX	E	* Don R. O'Neal First, Euless, TX

**NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY****State Representation****Term Expiring 2013**

Larry C. Patterson, AL First, Silverhill	I	* Donald E. Setser, AL Dauphin Way, Mobile
Mitchell A. Hamilton, CO Mississippi Avenue, Aurora	E	J. Kent Shirley, CO Monument, Grand Junction
William E. (Bill) Bailey, IN Parkside, Columbus	E	William E. (Bill) Bailey, IN Parkside, Columbus
* Milton L. Godley, LA Bethany, Lecompte	I	* Gregory C. Carter, LA Franklin Avenue, New Orleans
Christopher E. Cupples, NV Cornerstone, Elko	E	Christopher E. Cupples, NV Cornerstone, Elko
Bruce F. Sloan, NW Chehalen Valley, Newberg, OR	DS	* Steven A. Meek, NW Dishmans, Spokane, OR

**Local Representation****Term Expiring 2013**

* Mack Grubbs Temple, Hattiesburg, MS	E	* Mack Grubbs Temple, Hattiesburg, MS
David E. Cranford Tioga First, Tioga, LA	E	David E. Cranford Tioga First, Tioga, LA

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| * Joel Hanberry<br>First, Larose, LA           | I * Ronald Blake Chatelain<br>Calvary, Alexandria, LA |
| * James E. (Jim) Davison<br>Temple, Ruston, LA | I * Marsha H. Dyess<br>Istrouma, Baton Rouge, LA      |

**SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY**

**State Representation**

**Term Expiring 2013**

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| Dwayne E. Mercer, FL<br>First, Oviedo                | E Dwayne E. Mercer, FL<br>First, Oviedo                |
| Russell C. (Skip) Beal, Jr., IN<br>Grace, Greenwood  | I Stephen E. Batts, GA<br>Life Point, Newnan           |
| Todd A. Linn, KY<br>First, Henderson                 | E Todd A. Linn, KY<br>First, Henderson                 |
| J. Norman Cannada, WV<br>West Charleston, Charleston | E J. Norman Cannada, WV<br>West Charleston, Charleston |

**Local Representation**

**Term Expiring 2013**

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| * David K. Wagoner<br>Hickory Grove, Charlotte, NC | E * David W. Wagoner<br>Hickory Grove, Charlotte, NC |
| Wendell R. Estep<br>First, Columbia, SC            | I Daniel G. Godfrey<br>Arrowwood, Chesnee, SC        |

**MIDWESTERN SEMINARY**

**State Representation**

**Term Expiring 2013**

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|---|---|
| Emilio M. Meza, CA<br>Emanuel, National City      | E Emilio M. Meza, CA<br>Emanuel, National City  |
| Larry T. Lewis, KY<br>Reidland, Paducah           | E Larry T. Lewis, KY<br>Reidland, Paducah       |
| Edwin C. Meyers, NM<br>First, Roswell             | E Edwin C. Meyers, NM<br>First, Roswell         |
| Charles E. Sams, OH<br>Pleasant Ridge, Cincinnati | I * Dan T. McDonald, GA<br>First, Woodstock     |
| * Richard C. Mathis, SC<br>First, Spartanburg     | E * Richard C. Mathis, SC<br>First, Spartanburg |

**Local Representation**

**Term Expiring 2013**

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| Ronald D. Elliott<br>First, Bellevue, NE | I * Sanford W. Peterson<br>Emanuel, Overland Park, KS |
| Ralph W. Sawyer<br>First, Wentzville, MO | I Kenneth J. Parker<br>First, Kearny, MO              |

**GOLDEN GATE SEMINARY**

**State Representation**

**Term Expiring 2009**

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| John Calvin Kelly, AL<br>Valleydale, Birmingham | R * Larry W. Felkins, AL<br>First, Clanton |
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**Term Expiring 2010**

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| Kenneth L. Cavey, MD-DE<br>Tri County, Laytonsville, MD | R * Paul R. Langston, MD-DE<br>Ogletown, Newark, DE |
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**Term Expiring 2012**

Adam Kravets, PA-SJ  
Colonial Hills, Bedford, PA

R Steven R. Sheldon, PA-SJ  
Bux-Mont, Harboro, PA

**Term Expiring 2013**

\* Joe W. Panter, AZ  
First Southern Paradise Valley

I Joseph C. Chan, AZ  
Tucson Chinese, Tucson

Bevan (Duffy) Deardorff, CO  
Applewood, Wheat Ridge

E Bevan (Duffy) Deardorff, CO  
Applewood, Wheat Ridge

Richard C. Edds, KS-NE  
First Southern, El Dorado, KS

E Richard C. Edds, KS-NE  
First Southern, El Dorado, KS

Michael C. Routon, MS  
Green's Creek, Petal

E Michael C. Routon, MS  
Green's Creek, Petal

Joe K. Taylor, NV  
South Reno, Reno

E Joe K. Taylor, NV  
South Reno, Reno

Steven A. Cavanaugh, OH  
Reynoldsburg, Reynoldsburg

I Dennis Humphries, OH  
Calvary, Wilmington

**At-Large Representation****Term Expiring 2012**

\* William (Ed) Armstrong  
Fully Alive Community,  
Redwood City, CA

R Jeff Evans  
The Vine,  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

**Term Expiring 2013**

\* Danny R. Dickson  
High Pointe, Tacoma, WA

I \* William C. (Bill) Moffitt  
Richland, Richland, WA

Cecil C. Sims  
Witsonville, Tigard, OR

DS Warren H. Haynes  
Pinehurst, Everett, WA

\* Milton L. Brock  
Sagemont, Houston, TX

E \* Milton L. Brock  
Sagemont, Houston, TX

**ETHICS AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COMMISSION****State Representation****Term Expiring 2012**

Charles R. Lord, AZ  
Royal Palms, Phoenix

E Charles R. Lord, AZ  
Royal Palms, Phoenix

\* J. Michael Johnson, LA  
Calvary, Shreveport

E \* J. Michael Johnson, LA  
Calvary, Shreveport

\* Joseph C. Boteler, III, MD-DE  
White Marsh, Baltimore, MD

E \* John E. Ball, MD-DE  
South End, Frederick, MD

Allan Poage, MI  
Creekside, Niles

I \* Shar Durbin, MI  
Oakland Woods, Clarkston

Abbott J. (Jay) McCollum, Jr., NM  
First, Gallup

I \* Walter Bradley, NM  
Central, Clovis

\* Jean L. Hughes, NW  
Richland, Richland, WA

I Franklin R. Johnson, NW  
Chestnut Street, Ellensburg, WA

\* Cathy L. Deel, WV  
Immanuel, Princeton

I \* Christopher L. (Chris) Slaughter,  
WV  
Cross Lanes, Cross Lanes

**At-Large Representation  
Term Expiring 2012**

\* Penna Dexter  
Prestonwood, Plano, TX

DS \* Kenda L. Bartlett  
First, Post, TX

**COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**State Representation  
Term Expiring 2011**

Gearl D. Spicer, GA  
First, Atlanta

I Emerson E. Falls, OK  
Glorieta, Oklahoma City

Joe R. Turner, MS  
First, Horn Lake

I Will H. Langford, KY  
Hickory Grove, Independence

**Definitions used in this report:**

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

34. President Page (SC) introduced first vice president Jim Richards (TX) to preside for the remainder of the morning session.
35. Congregational praise and worship was led by L. Lavon Gray (MS), Convention music director, minister of music and worship, First Baptist Church, Jackson, MS.
36. President Page (SC) introduced and sang the first part of the song, "In Christ Alone," in memory of his friend, Forrest Pollock, pastor, Bell Shoals Baptist Church, in Brandon, FL, who was killed with his son in a plane crash in May. The sanctuary choir of Taylors First Baptist Church, Taylors, SC, presented special music.
37. President Page's (SC) daughters, Melissa Strange (SC) and Allison Scott (SC), introduced President Frank Page (SC), who gave the president's address.
38. First vice president Jim Richards (TX) introduced Chris Brammer (MD), pastor, Hampstead Baptist Church, who led the benediction.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 10, 2008**

**SESSION THEME: Engaging God's People**

**SCRIPTURE:** *Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.* (Matthew 9:38, HCSB)

39. A concert of praise was led by L. Lavon Gray (MS), Convention music director, minister of music and worship, and the choir and orchestra of First Baptist Church, Jackson, MS.
40. Eric Redmond (MD), second vice president, recognized Reginald Fletcher (IN), pastor, Living Word Baptist Church, Indianapolis, to lead in prayer.
41. Second vice president Redmond (MD) 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 national president, to give a report.

Lee recognized the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Royal Ambassador organization by recognizing Rob Carr, National Royal Ambassador Director for the North American Mission Board. President Frank Page (SC) was presented the author's copy of his new book.

42. Second vice president Redmond (MD) 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.
43. President Page (SC) recognized Gearl Spicer (GA), chairman, Committee on Order of Business, to present the second report of the Committee on Order of Business. The Committee determined that the following motion deals with the internal operations or ministries of Convention entities. Under Bylaw 26B, such motions are automatically referred to the entity involved for consideration and report to the next Southern Baptist Convention. The motion: Kittrell (MS) (Item 17) Family-Oriented Events at the Southern Baptist Convention, for report to the 2009 Southern Baptist Convention. The chair ruled this motion referred.
44. Gearl Spicer (GA) made a motion that the following motions be referred: Smith (NC) (Item 19) American Flag Honor Guard at the Southern Baptist Convention, to the Committee on Order of Business; Walker (TX) (Item 20) Reconsideration of the Southern Baptist Convention's Affiliation with the Baptist World Alliance, to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for consideration and report to the 2009 Southern Baptist Convention. The motion to refer was approved.
45. Gearl Spicer (GA) made a motion on behalf of the Committee on Order of Business that the following motions be referred to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for a report back to the next annual Convention: Wilkerson (TN) (Item 15) Amendment of SBC Bylaw 10, Election of Officers - Eligibility; and Sams (OH) (Item 16) Amendment of SBC Article III, Membership. The motion to refer was approved.
46. In consultation with the Committee on Order of Business, Gearl Spicer (GA) reported that Rick Reeder (KY) asked for permission to withdraw his motion (Item 18) Indiana Disaster Relief Love Offering. The Committee on Order of Business encouraged messengers who want to contribute to disaster relief in Indiana to send the North American Mission Board a check marked for Indiana Disaster Relief. To make a gift online, go to the North American Mission Board's home page and search for "Disaster Relief Fund."
47. President Page (SC) recognized Reeder (KY) to withdraw his motion (Item 18, 46) and encouraged messengers to make contributions to Indiana Disaster Relief through the North American Mission Board Web site. The *SBC Bulletin, Wednesday, Part 3* will post a method for contributing. Motion to withdraw was approved.
48. President Page (SC) announced the time for introduction of motions.
49. Benjamin Cole (OK) presented a motion: Design and Implementation of a Standardized Form for SBC Seminary Reporting.

"That this Convention request that the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention design and implement a standard form of reporting to be used by all six SBC seminaries for inclusion in the *SBC Book of Reports* made available to messengers and that any necessary changes to the Business and Financial Plan to ensure standardized reporting from the seminaries be brought for adoption by this Convention next year." (Items 49 and 95)

50. Eric Williams (IL) presented a motion: Usage of Select Bible Translations at the Southern Baptist Convention.

“That we, the messengers, not allow the Holman Christian Standard Bible or any translation that questions the validity of any Scripture passage or verse, to be used from the podium in any of our official SBC meetings or official Convention literature; beginning next year and enduring until such time that the publishers of stated translations recant the assertion that the Scriptures may contain error.” (Items 50 and 98)

51. Barrett Lampp (FL) presented a motion: Amendment of SBC Article VI, The Boards, Institutions, and Commission – Their Constitution and Powers.

“That SBC Constitution Article VI be changed to read as follows:

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 one (1) local member 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 seven (7) groups as nearly equal as possible and one (1) group shall be elected each year to serve seven (7) years. Members having served one (1) full term of seven (7) years shall not be eligible for re-election.
- (4) Regardless of charter provisions, no trustee or director shall be eligible for re-election after the trustee or director has served a full term of seven (7) years.

3. Terms of Service: No trustees of a board, institution, or commission, or a member of the Executive Committee shall be eligible to serve for more than one term. 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.” (Items 51 and 96)

52. Ben Smith (GA) presented a motion: Additional SBC Annual Meeting Events.

“That the Executive Committee study the possibilities and recommend any bylaw changes needed to allow for the week of the Convention to also accommodate other events that support the work and mission of Southern Baptists.

I further move that as part of its study, the Executive Committee collaborate with the International and North American Mission Boards, seminaries, and other SBC entities along with state conventions and other cooperating ministries to creatively consider how the week of the Convention could also be used to educate, encourage, and equip ministers and laity through seminars, conferences, and seminary classes.

I further move that the Executive Committee report at the Southern Baptist Convention 2009 annual meeting its recommendations as to the scheduling of the Convention and the product of its discussions with the mission boards, seminaries, other SBC entities, state conventions, and other cooperating ministries.” (Items 52 and 97)

53. Rodney Fry (AR) presented a motion: SBC Seminary Fee Structure.

“That all Southern Baptist seminaries receiving Cooperative Program support provide all Southern Baptist students enrolled in internet classes be given the same tuition and fees as on campus students receive and that the CP subsidize the seminaries for the cost difference. For example, if on-campus tuition is \$130 per credit hour for a Southern Baptist, online tuition should be the same. This will enable ministers who are trying to further their education the same opportunities as those living near a seminary and/or extension center.” (Items 53 and 98)

54. William Sanderson (NC) presented a motion: Broadway Baptist Church’s Affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention.

“That this Convention declare the Broadway Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas, not to be in friendly cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention.” (Items 54 and 97)

55. Alan Thompson (CA) presented a motion: Translation of *The Baptist Faith and Message*.

“That the Southern Baptist Convention request the Executive Committee to translate *The Baptist Faith & Message* into the top five languages in the Southern Baptist Convention.” (Items 55 and 95)

56. President Page (SC) announced that those who desire to nominate a candidate for president of the Convention come to the platform for the process of determining the order for nominations.

57. President Page (SC) recognized Morris H. Chapman (TN) for Part 2 of the Executive Committee’s report. The presentation began with the recognition of William F. (Bill) Harrell (GA), chairman, Executive Committee. Harrell introduced Executive Committee members for the presentation of recommendations.

58. Roger L. Spradlin (CA) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendation 4, and it was adopted.

**Recommendation 4: SBC Referral: Requesting More Ministries for Handicapped People**

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention encourage all SBC entities, churches, and new church plants, to intentionally involve people with disabilities in ministries, create appropriate new ministries in which they can participate, and remove as many impediments as possible to fully engage people with disabilities.

59. David W. King (NM) moved the adoption of Executive Committee Recommendations 5, 6, and 7. Wayne King (NC) raised a question. Clark Logan (TN) responded. The recommendations were adopted.

**Recommendation 5: SBC Annual Meeting: Future Convention Site, 2013**

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 10-11, 2008, that Nashville, Tennessee, be selected as the Convention site for the 2013 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 18-19, 2013.

**Recommendation 6: SBC Annual Meeting: Future Convention Site, 2014**

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 10-11, 2008, that Baltimore,

Maryland, be selected as the Convention site for the 2014 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, contingent upon satisfactory contract negotiations with the convention center and area hotels. The Convention dates would be June 10-11, 2014.

**Recommendation 7: SBC Annual Meeting: Future Convention Site, 2019**

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 10-11, 2008, that Nashville, Tennessee, be selected as the Convention site for the 2019 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 18-19, 2019.

60. Morris H. Chapman (TN) presented the M. E. Dodd Cooperative Program Award to David O. Dykes (TX), pastor of the Green Acres Baptist Church, Tyler, TX.
61. The Convention watched a Cooperative Program video presentation. Morris H. Chapman (TN) recognized Bobby Welch (FL), Strategist for Evangelical Global Relations, to report on global evangelism strategies. Following a stewardship video, Bob Rodgers (TN) introduced Lloyd Savage (NV) for a stewardship testimony.
62. President Page (SC) recognized Larry Wynn (GA), senior pastor, Hebron Baptist Church, Dacula (GA), who led the messengers in a time of prayer.
63. Gearl Spicer (GA) was recognized by the chair to extend the time by five minutes. Motion was approved.
64. President Frank Page (SC) announced the time for nominations for the election of president. Junior Hill (AL) nominated Frank Cox (GA). John Marshall (MO) nominated Avery Willis (AR). Wade Burleson (OK) nominated Bill Wagner (CA). Alan Stoddard (TX) nominated Les Puryear (NC). Don Roberts (FL) nominated Wiley S. Drake (CA), and Ted Traylor (FL) nominated Johnny Hunt (GA). President Page called on James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, to give balloting instructions. Wells reported there were 7,196 messengers registered as of 3:10 p.m. Ballots were cast.
65. President Page (SC) recognized Jeff Iorg (CA), president, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, for their report and presentation.
66. President Page (SC) announced the time for introduction of motions.
67. Jeff Purvis (MO) presented a motion: Amendment of SBC Bylaws - Trustee Service Guidelines.

“That the Southern Baptist Convention amend its Bylaws to include the following guidelines for all individuals who serve on any and all Southern Baptist Convention agencies, institutions, boards, committees and/or commissions:

Persons nominated to serve on all SBC committees, commissions or as trustees/directors of SBC agencies or institutions, or as a member of the SBC Executive Committee, be individuals who demonstrate high levels of honesty, sincerity, integrity, committed to the purposes of the SBC, and show other characteristics of Christian behavior and values. Persons nominated shall have special experience or expertise which he or she can bring to the board, committee, or commission to which nominated. Each nominee shall:

1. Give evidence of having received Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior.
2. Be a member of an SBC church which cooperates with the SBC by giving through the Cooperative Program.
3. Be in good standing in their local congregation.

4. Agree to abstain from drinking alcoholic beverages and using any other recreational drugs; and
  5. Support all the principles set forth in *The 2000 Baptist Faith and Message* or any other declaration of faith which parallels the doctrines of our historic Baptist faith.” (Items 67 and 96)
68. Wiley S. Drake (CA) presented a motion: Implementation of Articles XIV and XV of *The Baptist Faith and Message*.
- “That the Convention request the Executive Committee to do a study on how we as a Convention can better implement Article XIV and XV of *The Baptist Faith and Message* especially in the areas of cooperation between various Christian denominations and how we can work with all men of good will to improve society and the establishment of righteousness rooted in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and His Word.” (Items 68 and 115)
69. Andy Perryman (GA) presented a motion: Teleconference Services Provided by LifeWay Christian Resources.
- “That LifeWay, through its Internet service provider, LifeWayLink, be authorized and funded to provide technology that will allow churches and associations the capability to videoconference and/or teleconference through their Web sites in a secure and Christian environment.” (Items 69 and 113)
70. Scott Wilfong (LA) presented a motion: Amendment of SBC Bylaw 10, Election of Officers - Voting.
- “That SBC Bylaw 10, Section B, be amended by striking the second sentence and replacing it with the following:
- If no candidate receives a majority of votes cast on the first ballot, a second ballot shall be taken containing the names of the two (2) candidates receiving the most votes on the first ballot.” (Items 70 and 114)
71. Harold Phillips (MD) presented a motion: Requirement of Schools Receiving Cooperative Program Funds to Teach Creation Science.
- “That all colleges, universities, and seminaries that receive Cooperative Program funds be responsible to report to the budget committee of the SBC that they teach creation science in their science program as the true beginnings of life on earth as recorded in Genesis. This will be reflected in the budget of 2009-2010. The Budget Committee will give report to the success of this motion at the SBC annual meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, June 2009.” (Items 71 and 116)
72. James Julian (TN) presented a motion: Availability of Pastor’s Conference and SBC Messages.
- “That the Executive Committee seek to prorate at cost (\$1.00-\$3.00) the recorded message/addresses of the Pastor’s Conference and SBC to its messengers. After all, our brother just reminded us that God blesses those who give things away for the Lord’s sake.” (Items 72 and 116)
73. Worship music was presented by Derrick Burt (MS), concert artist, and First Baptist choir and orchestra, Jackson, MS.
74. President Page (SC) introduced David Dockery (TN), president of Union University, Jackson, to present a challenge to the messengers.

75. President Page (SC) recognized William D. (Bill) Henard III (KY), chairman of LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, who introduced Thom S. Rainer (TN), president and chief executive officer, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, for the LifeWay report. Rainer recognized Katie Mitchell, the adolescent cancer survivor who created the Katie's Helping Hands ministry. A question was asked by Allan Murphy (AL), and Rainer responded. After introducing the LifeWay leadership team, Rainer welcomed the Convention to watch a media presentation about LifeWay's the Worship Project.
76. Congregational praise and worship was led by Scott Allred (AL), minister of music and worship arts, Hunter Street Baptist Church, Birmingham.
77. President Page (SC) recognized James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, for a report from the previous ballot for president. There were 7,196 messengers registered at the time the ballot was taken, and 5,856 ballots were cast. Frank Cox (GA) received 1,286 votes (21.96%), Avery Willis (AR) received 962 votes (16.43%), William L. (Bill) Wagner (CA) received 255 votes (4.35%), Les Puryear (NC) received 188 votes (3.21%), Wiley S. Drake (CA) received 45 votes (.77%), and Johnny M. Hunt (GA) received 3,100 votes (52.94%). President Page announced **Johnny Hunt as president elect**.
78. President Page (SC) announced the last time for introduction of motions.
79. Regina Schrock (IN) presented a motion: Hearing Impaired Equipment at the SBC.  
 "That during all national Convention meetings of the Southern Baptists there be equipment for the hearing impaired offered to any messenger who might require it.  
 Examples:  
 Williams Sound System  
 (wireless FM for transmissions to headphones or closed caption or both)"  
 (Items 79 and 116)
80. William Blosch (FL) presented a motion: Presentation of SBC Officer Nominees.  
 "That when a candidate is nominated for any elected office of the Southern Baptist Convention that either a picture of the nominee be shown to the messengers via the video screens or the nominee be presented on stage at the time of the nomination." (Items 80 and 115)
81. Richard W. Reeder, Sr. (IL) presented a motion: Disaster Relief Assistance for Watseka Baptist Church.  
 "That people of the Convention consider offering more financial help." (Items 81 and 116)
82. Wiley S. Drake (CA) presented a motion: Leading the Southern Baptist Convention to Repentance.  
 "That the Convention request the Executive Committee to lead our SBC to repentance and a new emphasis on biblical holiness and godly living." (Items 82, 117, and 118)
83. J. Brian Fossett (GA), president, Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists, president, Fossett Ministries, Dalton, led the messengers in a time of prayer.
84. President Page (SC) introduced Paige Patterson (TX), president, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, who began the seminary report with a video. President Page introduced a video presentation about the Baptist Bible Society.

85. President Page (SC) announced the time for nominations for election of first vice president. Kevin Ezell (KY) nominated Bill Henard (KY). Bruce Barber (TX) nominated John Connell (GA), and Andrew Higginbotham (MO) nominated Crist Camden (GA). President Page (SC) called on James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, to give balloting instructions. Wells reported there were 7,217 messengers registered as of 4:55 p.m. Ballots were cast.
86. Lt. Richard Ryan (IL), chaplain, United States Navy, O'Fallon, IL, led the benediction.

### TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 10, 2008

#### SESSION THEME: SHARING GOD'S MESSAGE

**SCRIPTURE:** *But how can they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe without hearing about Him? And how can they hear without a preacher?*  
(Romans 10:14, HCSB)

87. A concert of praise was given by the Indiana Baptist combined choirs, directed by Steve Blanchard (IN), director of worship ministries, State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, Indianapolis, and the worship team and band of First Baptist Church, Jackson, MS.
88. First vice president Jim Richards (TX) introduced Wade Steelman (MS), director, X-tended Missions Network, Hernando, MS, to lead in prayer.
89. First vice president Richards (TX) introduced Richard D. Land (TN), president, The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, Nashville, and Jimmy Draper (TX), former president, LifeWay, for a special joint ministry report. Bob Stith (TX), national strategist for gender issues, addressed the Convention's current initiatives.
90. First vice president Richards (TX) recognized Thom Rainer (TN), who presented an author's copy of the "History of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission" to Jerry Sutton (TN) and Richard Land (TN).
91. First vice president Richards (TX) introduced Hal Lane (SC), chairman of The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission. Lane recognized Richard Land (TN) for 20 years of service, and Land presented the commission's report.
92. President Page (SC) recognized James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, for the results of the ballot for first vice president. Wells reported there were 7,217 messengers registered at the time the ballot was taken, and 2,387 (33.07%) ballots were cast. Bill Henard (KY) received 1,748 votes (73.23%). John Connell (GA) received 377 votes (15.79%). Crist Camden (GA) received 224 votes (9.38%). There were 38 votes (1.59%) disallowed. President Page pronounced **Bill Henard as first vice president elect.**
93. A point of order was raised by John Goldwater (MS), and he used the time to confess his sin. President Page (SC) ruled that the point of order was not well taken, but that the sweet spirit of the messenger was well received and encouraged.
94. President Page (SC) announced nominations for the election of second vice president. Rusty Newman (GA) nominated Brian Fossett (GA). John Rogers (IN) nominated John Newland (IN). Fred MacDonald (SD) nominated Jim Hamilton (SD). Wyman Richardson (GA) nominated Doug Mulkey (GA). President Page recognized James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, to give the Convention balloting instructions. Wells announced there were 7,242 registered messengers, and the ballots were cast.

95. President Page (SC) recognized Gearl Spicer (GA), chairman, Committee on Order of Business. Spicer moved that the following motions deal with the internal operations or ministries of Convention entities, and under SBC Bylaw 26B, such motions are automatically referred to the appropriate SBC entities for consideration and report to the 2009 Southern Baptist Convention: Cole (OK) (Item 49), Design and Implementation of a Standardized Form for SBC Seminary Reporting, to the Executive Committee; and Thompson (CA) (Item 55), Translation of *The Baptist Faith and Message*, to LifeWay Christian Resources. The motion was approved.
96. Spicer (GA) moved on behalf of the Committee on Order of Business that the following motions be referred to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for report back to the next annual Convention: Lampp (FL) (Item 51), Amendment of SBC Article VI, The Boards, Institutions, and Commission – Their Constitution and Powers; and Purvis (MO) (Item 67), Amendment of SBC Bylaws – Trustee Service Guidelines. The motion was approved.
97. On behalf of the Order of Business Committee, Spicer (GA) moved that the following motions be referred as follows for consideration and report to the 2009 Southern Baptist Convention: Smith (GA) (Item 52), Additional SBC Annual Meeting Events, to the Executive Committee; and Sanderson (NC) (Item 54), Broadway Baptist Church's Affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention, to the Executive Committee. The motion was approved.
98. The Committee on Order of Business requests that the chair rule the following motions are not in order: Williams (IL) (Item 50), Usage of Select Bible Translations at the Southern Baptist Convention; and Fry (AR) (Item 53), SBC Seminary Fee Structure. The president ruled that the motions were not in order.
99. The Convention watched a video presentation about the Cooperative Program.
100. The congregation was led in praise and worship by L. Lavon Gray (MS) and the worship team and band of First Baptist Church, Jackson, MS.
101. The Indiana Baptists combined choir presented special music directed by Rick Taylor (IN).
102. Second vice president Eric Redmond (MD) introduced Charles S. (Chuck) Kelley, Jr. (LA), president, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, for their report.
103. Second vice president Redmond (MD) recognized Bill Taylor (TN), president, Unlimited Partnerships, Inc., Brentwood, TN, to make a presentation and lead the messengers in a time of prayer.
104. A concert of praise was presented by Mark Harris (AL), INO recording artist and worship leader, Daphne, AL.
105. President Frank Page (SC) recognized Tim Patterson (FL), who introduced Geoffrey A. Hammond (GA), president, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, for a report and presentation.
106. President Page (SC) challenged messengers to receive and use the North American Mission Board Prayer Card.
107. President Page (SC) recognized James H. Wells (MO) for the results of the ballot for second vice president. At the time of the ballot, there were 7,242 registered messengers

with 2,543 (35.11%) casting ballots. Fossett (GA) received 582 votes (22.89%). Newland (IN) received 769 votes (30.24%). Hamilton (SD) received 381 votes (14.98%) and Mulkey (GA) received 769 votes (30.24%). There were 42 votes disallowed. The result is a runoff ballot between John Newland and Doug Mulkey. President Page ruled the runoff ballot will be cast during the Wednesday morning session of the Convention.

108. Gary MacManamy (MI), evangelism ministries team leader, Baptist State Convention of Michigan, gave the benediction.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 11, 2008**

**SESSION THEME: Seeking God's Face**

**SCRIPTURE: *Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The intense prayer of the righteous is very powerful.***

(James 5:16, HCSB)

109. A concert of praise was presented by the Mississippi Baptist Symphony Orchestra, directed by David Young (MS), instrumental consultant, Mississippi Baptist Convention, Jackson, MS.
110. President Frank Page (SC) introduced Marcos Elizondo (SC), associate director, Hispanic & Multicultural, South Carolina Baptist Convention, Columbia, SC, to lead the Convention in prayer.
111. President Page (SC) announced the time for the runoff election for second vice president between John Newland (IN) and Doug Mulkey (GA). President Page called on the registration secretary, James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), to give balloting instructions. Wells reported there were 7,249 messengers registered.
112. President Page (SC) recognized Gearl Spicer (GA), chairman, Committee on Order of Business for a report from the Committee.
113. The Committee on Order of Business determined that the Perryman (GA) (Item 69) motion, Teleconference Services Provided by LifeWay Christian Resources, under SBC Bylaw 26B, is automatically referred to LifeWay for consideration and report to the 2009 Southern Baptist Convention. The motion to refer to LifeWay Christian Resources was approved.
114. Gearl Spicer, on behalf of the Committee on Order of Business, moved that the Wilfong (GA) (Item 70) motion, Amendment of SBC Bylaw 10, Election of Officers - Voting, be referred to the Executive Committee for report back to the next annual Convention. The motion to refer was approved.
115. Gearl Spicer (GA), on behalf of the Committee on Order of Business, moved that the following motions be referred and report to the 2009 Southern Baptist Convention: Drake (CA) (Item 68), Implementation of Articles XIV and XV of *The Baptist Faith and Message*, to the Executive Committee; and Blosch (FL) (Item 80), Presentation of SBC Officer Nominees, to the Committee on Order of Business. The motion to refer was approved.
116. Gearl Spicer (GA) reported that the Committee on Order of Business requests that the chair rule the following motions are not in order: Phillips (MD) (Item 71), Requirement of Schools Receiving Cooperative Program Funds to Teach Creation Science; Julian (TN) (Item 72), Availability of Pastor's Conference and SBC Messages; Schrock (IN) (Item 79), Hearing Impaired Equipment at the SBC; and Reeder (IL) (Item 81), Disaster

Relief Assistance for Watseka Baptist Church. The Chair agreed with the rationale of the Committee on Order of Business and ruled the motions not in order.

117. Gearl Spicer (GA) made special note of the final motion Drake (CA) (Item 82), Leading the Southern Baptist Convention to Repentance. The Committee on Order of Business commends the high ideals and actions expressed in the motion, not only to the Executive Committee, but to all of the entities and churches of the Southern Baptist Convention.
118. President Page (SC) responded to the Drake (CA) (Item 82 & Item 117) motion by affirming the call to repentance and holiness. President Page called on the Convention to stand in affirmation for this call for revival of biblical holiness in personal lives, churches, and the Convention.
119. Cooperative Program video presentations were presented.
120. Congregational praise and worship was led by L. Lavon Gray (MS), Convention music director, minister of music and worship, First Baptist Church, Jackson, MS.
121. President Page (SC) emphasized the GPS national evangelism initiative by showing his own prayer card. He also pointed out how messengers can participate in the disaster relief fund for the flooding relief in Indiana.
122. President Page (SC) recognized Gearl Spicer (GA) to make a motion to advance the agenda forward 15 minutes. Motion carried.
123. President Page (SC) recognized Darrell P. Orman (FL), chairman, Committee on Resolutions, for the committee's first report.
124. Greg Thornbury (TN) moved the adoption of Resolution 1, and it was adopted.

**Resolution No. 1  
On Appreciation**

WHEREAS, The messengers of the 151<sup>st</sup> annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention have been the recipients of the kindness and hospitality of the people of Indianapolis; and

WHEREAS, We also recognize the diligent work of our local Southern Baptist churches, associations, and volunteers in the greater Indianapolis area who have given of their time and resources to make our stay a pleasant one; and

WHEREAS, We also acknowledge the dedication and graciousness of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana for its leadership, planning, and preparations for the Convention meeting; and

WHEREAS, We also commend our president, officers, committees, and platform personnel for their exemplary Christian service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 10-11, 2008, express our gratitude and appreciation to all of those whose efforts have honored the Lord Jesus Christ during this year's annual meeting.

125. Frank Moreno (FL) moved the adoption of Resolution 2, and it was adopted.

**Resolution No. 2  
On Celebrating the Growing Ethnic Diversity  
of the Southern Baptist Convention**

WHEREAS, According to LifeWay Christian Resources, there are several thousand ethnic congregations within the Southern Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, There is among our ethnic brothers and sisters strong leadership, pulpit ability, administrative capability, and denominational, theological, and scriptural fidelity consistent with the *Baptist Faith and Message*; and

WHEREAS, Many ethnic congregations give sacrificially to support missions and evangelism through the Cooperative Program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 10-11, 2008, express our gratitude to God for His reconciling grace; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express our appreciation to those entities currently seeking to reflect a balanced representation of our ethnic diversity in denominational service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage all entities of the Southern Baptist Convention to strive toward a balanced representation of our ethnic diversity; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we encourage our president and all committees to work with state conventions and local associations to identify ethnic leadership from cooperating Southern Baptist churches to serve on boards, committees, and programs of the Southern Baptist Convention.

126. Rick Lineberger (FL) moved the adoption of Resolution 3, and it was adopted.

**Resolution No. 3  
In Celebration of Israel's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

WHEREAS, The Jewish people were without a homeland from the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70, dispersed throughout the world yet retaining their unique and biblical heritage; and

WHEREAS, During this time, Jews were severely and routinely persecuted and at times faced the threat of total extermination; and

WHEREAS, On May 14, 1948, the state of Israel was created, becoming the only majority Jewish state in the world; and

WHEREAS, The state of Israel was immediately recognized by the United States of America by President Harry S. Truman; and

WHEREAS, In spite of great opposition during these six decades, the state of Israel has recently observed its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a sovereign nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 10-11, 2008, rejoice with the state of Israel in this milestone achievement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we join in prayer for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6-7), calling upon world leaders to renounce the growing tide of anti-Semitism; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That Southern Baptists express our appreciation and pledge our prayers for Israel, the birthplace of our Lord and a bastion of democracy in the Middle East.

127. Tony Beam (SC) moved the adoption of Resolution 4, and it was adopted.

**Resolution No. 4  
On Affirming the Use of the Term "Christmas" in Public Life**

WHEREAS, Christmas celebrates one of the most holy events in Christian history, the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior (Luke 1:5-2:40; Matthew 2:1-23), the incarnation (John 1:1-18), and the good news to all people that the Messiah has come; and

WHEREAS, Secularism is a pervasive and aggressive movement in American culture to exclude religious institutions and symbols from public life; and

WHEREAS, Organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union, People for the American Way, and many others are relentless in their efforts to remove references to God and Jesus Christ from government discussion or public display; and

WHEREAS, One of the main battlefronts in this effort is the attack against all references to Christmas in the public arena, which rises to the level of a national debate with increasing intensity each year; and

WHEREAS, There is great pressure being exerted on schools, communities, businesses, and other public institutions to replace the term “Christmas” with a secular term such as “Winter Celebration” or “Holiday Festival,” and many schools and other public institutions have capitulated to this pressure, banning the use of the word Christmas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 10-11, 2008, encourage believers to be aware of businesses, schools, and all other public institutions in their areas that are removing Christmas as the official designation of the season and to use their influence to restore Christmas to its proper place in the culture; and be it further

RESOLVED, That in the Christmas season we emphasize the birth of Jesus, the celebration of the incarnation, and the spirit of giving rather than receiving; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we encourage Southern Baptists to be aware of and resist the march of secularism wherever it arises in opposition to the historic understanding of our freedom to worship and express our love for Christ in the marketplace of ideas.

128. Darrell Orman (FL) moved the adoption of Resolution 5, and it was adopted.

**Resolution No. 5  
On Political Engagement**

WHEREAS, Christians acting as the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16) have a responsibility to engage their culture, including participating in the political process; and

WHEREAS, Candidates for political office seek the endorsement of Christians for their candidacies; and

WHEREAS, Christians exercising their rights as responsible citizens may choose to endorse candidates for political office as part of the exercise of their engagement of culture; and

WHEREAS, Christians should seek to apply their spiritual and moral values to the political process rather than politicize the church; and

WHEREAS, As responsible Christian citizens we should pray for our elected officials (1 Timothy 2:1-2), submit to just laws (1 Peter 2:13-17), pay taxes (Romans 13:6-7), and serve in various capacities, such as on juries, in the military, in public office, and by voting for our representative leadership; and

WHEREAS, The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission and the North American Mission Board have partnered together to call Southern Baptists to a 40-day prayer emphasis culminating in a 40-hour prayer vigil (*40/40 Prayer Vigil*) for spiritual revival and national renewal between September 24 and November 2, 2008 ([www.ilivevalues.com/prayer](http://www.ilivevalues.com/prayer)); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 10-11, 2008, encourage Christians to take seriously their calling as salt and light; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge Christians to engage the culture through discipleship within the churches and through participation in the democratic public policy and political process in order to help fulfill the kingdom mandate taught in the Bible and expressed in the *Baptist Faith and Message* “to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness, truth, and brotherly love,” while always protecting freedom of conscience; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we plead with all Christians to exercise vigorously their responsibilities to participate in the political process by registering to vote, educating themselves about the issues, and voting according to their biblical beliefs, convictions, and values; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commend to our churches the iVoteValues initiative created by the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, an initiative joined by Focus on the Family and the Family Research Council, in order to assist efforts to register church members to vote and educate them on the moral issues being debated in the public arena; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage our churches regularly to teach and preach biblical truth on moral issues and to urge their members to vote according to their beliefs, convictions, and values; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we ask all Christians, and particularly those in leadership positions, to prayerfully seek God’s mind and will and strongly to consider the potential problems of politicizing the church and the pulpit before endorsing candidates; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call on candidates for political office to endorse the Judeo-Christian beliefs, convictions, and values upon which society should rest; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commit ourselves to pray for personal and national spiritual revival and cultural renewal; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we urge all Southern Baptists to participate in the *40/40 Prayer Vigil* for spiritual revival and national renewal sponsored by the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission and the North American Mission Board.

129. Kevin Smith (KY) moved the adoption of Resolution 6. Malcolm Yarnell (TX) made a motion to amend by inserting wording in the WHEREAS paragraphs 2 and 4. Chairman Orman (FL) responded for the committee. Motion to amend carried. Tom Ascol (FL) made a motion to amend by adding two new WHEREAS statements and two new RESOLVED statements. Orman (FL) and Jeff Moore (OK) responded. Bill Ascol (OK) spoke for the amendment. The amendment carried. The resolution, as amended, was adopted.

#### **Resolution No. 6 (as amended)**

##### **On Regenerate Church Membership and Church Member Restoration**

WHEREAS, The ideal of a regenerate church membership has long been and remains a cherished Baptist principle, with Article VI of the *Baptist Faith and Message* describing the church as a “local congregation of baptized believers”; and

WHEREAS, A New Testament church is composed only of those who have been born again by the Holy Spirit through the preaching of the Word, becoming disciples of Jesus Christ, the local church’s only Lord, by grace through faith (John 3:5; Ephesians 2:8-9), which church practices believers’ only baptism by immersion (Matthew 28:16-20), and the Lord’s supper (Matthew 26:26-30); and

WHEREAS, Local associations, state conventions, and the Southern Baptist Convention compile statistics reported by the churches to make decisions for the future; and

WHEREAS, The 2007 Southern Baptist Convention annual Church Profiles indicate that there are 16,266,920 members in Southern Baptist churches; and

WHEREAS, Those same profiles indicate that only 6,148,868 of those members attend a primary worship service of their church in a typical week; and

WHEREAS, The Scriptures admonish us to exercise church discipline as we seek to restore any professed brother or sister in Christ who has strayed from the truth and is in sin (Matthew 18:15-35; Galatians 6:1); and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 10-11, 2008, urge churches to maintain a regenerate membership by acknowledging the necessity of spiritual regeneration and Christ's lordship for all members; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we humbly urge our churches to maintain accurate membership rolls for the purpose of fostering ministry and accountability among all members of the congregation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention to repent of the failure among us to live up to our professed commitment to regenerate church membership and any failure to obey Jesus Christ in the practice of lovingly correcting wayward church members (Matthew 18:15-18); and be it further

RESOLVED, That we humbly encourage denominational servants to support and encourage churches that seek to recover and implement our Savior's teachings on church discipline, even if such efforts result in the reduction in the number of members that are reported in those churches, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we humbly urge the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention and their pastors to implement a plan to minister to, counsel, and restore wayward church members based upon the commands and principles given in Scripture (Matthew 18:15-35; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15; Galatians 6:1; James 5:19-20).

130. First vice president Jim Richards (TX) introduced R. Albert (Al) Mohler, Jr. (KY), president, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, for their report.
131. Congregational praise and worship was led by L. Graham Smith (MS), director, Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention, Jackson, MS.
132. The Louisiana College Chorale, led by Fred Guilbert, Jr. (LA), director, coordinator of church music, Louisiana College, Pineville, LA, presented special music.
133. President Page (SC) introduced Rob Blackaby, president, Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary, Cochrane, Alberta, Canada, to present a challenge to the messengers.
134. President Page (SC) introduced R. Philip (Phil) Roberts (MO), president, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, for their report and presentation.
135. President Page (SC) recognized James H. (Jim) Wells, registration secretary, for the results of the ballot for second vice president. Wells reported there were 7,249 messengers registered at the time the ballot was taken, and 807 ballots were cast. John Newland (IN) received 470 votes (58.24%). Doug Mulkey (GA) received 332 votes (41.14%). There were 5 disallowed votes (.62%). President Page declared **John Newland second vice president elect.**

136. President Page (SC) announced the time for election of recording secretary. Tommy French (LA) 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 7,268 messengers registered. President Page declared **John L. Yeats as recording secretary elect.**
137. President Page (SC) announced the time for election of registration secretary. Randall James (FL) 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. President Page declared **James H. (Jim) Wells as registration secretary elect.**
138. President Page (SC) recognized Stephen P. Davis (IN), chairman, Committee on Committees, for the Committee on Committees report. The report was adopted.

**Report of the 2008 SBC COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

*(2008–2009 Committee on Nominations)*

**(State Convention/Name/Church Membership)**

*\* indicates layperson from each state or regional convention*

**ALABAMA**

Mary Sue Bennett  
Mt. Hebron East Baptist  
Eclectic, AL

\* James P. Henderson  
First Baptist of Oneonta  
Oneonta, AL

**ALASKA**

Donald Shannon, Jr.  
First Baptist  
Ketchikan, AK

\* Kathy Denise Sorrell  
College Heights Baptist  
Soldotna, AK

**ARIZONA**

Ronald Hart  
First Southern Baptist  
Tucson, AZ

\* Rick Ong  
First Chinese Baptist  
Phoenix, AZ

**ARKANSAS**

Sid Sample  
Geyer Springs First  
Baptist  
Little Rock, AR

\* Kameron S. Slater  
Harvard Avenue Baptist  
Siloam Springs, AR

**CALIFORNIA**

Jeff Lettow  
First Baptist of Lemon  
Grove  
Lemon Grove, CA

\* David Dona  
Iglesia Bautista White  
Road  
San Jose, CA

**COLORADO**

Sean David Cole  
Emmanuel Baptist  
Sterling, CO

\* Timothy Jefferson  
Goodwin  
Applewood Baptist  
Wheat Ridge, CO

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

\* Christopher Lawrence  
Hillcrest Baptist  
Temple Hills, MD

\* Klon Kitchen  
Capitol Hill Baptist  
Washington, DC

**FLORIDA**

James L. Locke  
Hillcrest Baptist  
Pensacola, FL

\* Mike Branch  
First Baptist  
Fernandina Beach, FL

**GEORGIA**

G. Wayne Dorsett  
Westside Baptist  
Warner Robbins, GA

\* Curtis Pickels  
First Baptist  
Quitman, GA

**HAWAII**

Leon Baker  
Hilo Baptist  
Hilo, HI

\* Marc deBearn  
First Baptist of Pearl City  
Pearl City, HI

**ILLINOIS**

Tom Marsh  
First Baptist  
Casey, IL

\* Donald R. Bigham  
Park Avenue Baptist  
Mt..Vernon, IL

**INDIANA**

Scott Smith  
South Side Baptist  
South Bend, IN

\* D. Robert Dunn  
Chapelwood Baptist  
Indianapolis, IN

**KANSAS/NEBRASKA**

Brett Yohn  
New Covenant  
Community  
Lincoln, NE

\* Patricia E. Scott  
Metropolitan Baptist  
Wichita, KS

**KENTUCKY**

Micah Carter  
Mackville Baptist  
Mackville, KY

\* Michael T. Lavender  
Porter Memorial Baptist  
Lexington, KY

**LOUISIANA**

Chad Grayson  
Airline Baptist  
Bossier City, LA

\* Scott Cochran  
Kingsville Baptist  
Pineville, LA

**MARYLAND/DELAWARE**

Harold M. Phillips  
Pleasant View Baptist  
Port Deposit, MD

\* Richard S. Gebhardt  
Calvary Baptist  
Bel Air, MD

**MICHIGAN**

David Hughes  
South Hill Baptist  
Milford, MI

\* Sharon Fishell  
Roscommon Baptist  
Roscommon, MI

**MISSISSIPPI**

David Hamilton  
West Heights Baptist  
Pontotoc, MS

\* L. Lee Cope  
First Baptist of Jackson  
Jackson, MS

**MISSOURI**

Jeremy Plymale  
CrossHaven  
O'Fallon, MO

\* Jon Duncan  
Kearney First Baptist  
Kearney, MO

**NEVADA**

Warren Lee Terry  
Spring Valley Baptist  
Las Vegas, NV

\* Ronald J. Winston  
Calvary Southern Baptist  
North Las Vegas, NV

**NEW ENGLAND**

Noel Williamson  
Pleasant Street Baptist  
Worcester, MA

\* Don Sweetser  
The Baptist Fellowship  
Randolph, VT

**NEW MEXICO**

Maurice Hollingsworth  
First Baptist  
Las Cruces, NM

\* Jack Berryhill  
Rodeo Road Baptist  
Santa Fe, NM

**NEW YORK**

Bill Smith  
North Buffalo Community  
Buffalo, NY

\* Timothy Keith Christian,  
*chairman*  
Trinity Baptist  
Niskayuna, NY

**NORTH CAROLINA**

Stephen Corts  
Center Grove Baptist  
Clemmons, NC

\* Brian Hollifield  
First Baptist  
Charlotte, NC

**NORTHWEST**

John W. Batts, IV  
First Baptist of Clear Lake  
Clear Lake, WA

\* Patrick Anthony Tapia  
Tucker Road Baptist  
Hood River, OR

**OHIO**

Donald McMurry  
First Baptist of Fairborn  
Fairborn, OH

\* Sandra Scarlato  
Liberty Heights  
Liberty Township, OH

**OKLAHOMA**

Kent Choate  
Broadway Baptist  
Sand Springs, OK

\* Sidney W. Rhame, Jr.  
Northwest Baptist  
Oklahoma City, OK

**PENNSYLVANIA/SOUTH JERSEY**

Melanie H. Hart  
Lakeside Baptist  
McMurray, PA

\* Havard F. Pannebaker, Jr.  
Paoli Baptist  
Paoli, PA

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

Tim Clark  
Holly Springs Baptist  
Inman, SC

\* Hewlett K. Sullivan, Jr.  
Bethel Baptist  
Greenville, SC

**TENNESSEE**

Chuck Groover  
Victory Baptist  
Mt. Juliet, TN

\* Monty Lankford  
Thompson Station Baptist  
Thompson Station, TN

**TEXAS**

Nathan Lorick  
First Baptist, Malakoff  
Malakoff, TX

\* Clyde DeLoach  
MacArthur Boulevard  
Baptist  
Irving, TX

**UTAH/IDAHO**

Travis L. Best  
Nampa First Southern  
Baptist  
Nampa, ID

\* Sharon Kelley  
Mountain View Baptist  
Layton, UT

**VIRGINIA**

William R. Caldwell  
Concord Baptist  
Farmville, VA

\* J. Arnold Jones  
First Baptist  
Roanoke, VA

**WEST VIRGINIA**

Albert Epps, Jr.  
Westview Baptist  
Martinsburg, WV

\* Rebecca Knotts Salyers  
Brenton Baptist  
Brenton, WV

**WYOMING**

Guille Seigler  
First Southern Baptist  
Moorcroft, WY

\* Ken Clark  
First Southern Baptist  
Rawlins, WY

139. President Page (SC) recognized O. S. Hawkins (TX), president of GuideStone Financial Services, for their report and presentation. Rebecca Smilko (KS) and Ann Clark (OK) each asked a question. Hawkins responded. First vice president Jim Richards (TX) assumed the chair. Chuck Bryce (TX) and Jerry Vines (GA) each asked a question. Hawkins responded.
140. First vice president Jim Richards (TX) recognized Rick Shepherd (FL), director, Department of Prayer and Spiritual Awakening, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville, FL, who led the messengers in a time of prayer.
141. Congregational praise and worship was led by Keith and Kristyn Getty (OH), modern hymn writers, Chagrin Falls, OH.
142. Keith and Kristyn Getty (OH) presented special music.
143. President Page (SC) introduced Al Gilbert (NC), senior pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC, to preach the Convention sermon.
144. Shane Hall (OK), pastor, First Baptist Church, Clinton, OK, led the benediction.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 11, 2008****SESSION THEME: ACCOMPLISHING GOD'S COMMAND**

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

**(Matthew 28:19-20, HCSB)**

145. A concert of praise was presented by the Combined Choirs and Orchestra, Taylors First Baptist Church, Taylors, SC, First Baptist Church, Jackson, MS, and Northside Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN, led by John Reeder (IN), associate pastor worship and evangelism, Fall Creek Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN, Rick Terry (IN), minister of

- music, Calvary Baptist Church, Greenwood, IN, and David Tripp, minister of music, and the Mississippi Baptist Symphony Orchestra.
146. President Page (SC) recognized Gi Youl Bahn (IN), pastor, Indianapolis Korean Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN, who led in prayer.
  147. Morris H. Chapman (TN), president and chief executive officer of the Executive Committee, honored outgoing officers, president, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Page (SC) and their daughters, Melissa Strange and Allison Scott; first vice president, Dr. James W. (Jim) Richards (TX) and son, Nathan; second vice president, Dr. and Mrs. Eric Redmond (MD), and presented each of them a plaque of appreciation.
  148. President Page (SC) introduced the newly elected officers of the Southern Baptist Convention and their wives: Dr. and Mrs. James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary; Dr. and Mrs. John L. Yeats (LA), recording secretary; Dr. and Mrs. John Newland (IN), second vice president; Dr. and Mrs. Bill Henard III (KY) first vice president; and Dr. and Mrs. Johnny M. Hunt (GA), president.
  149. 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. and Mrs. Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK) 1997-98, and Dr. and Mrs. Bobby Welch (FL) 2005-06.
  150. President Page (SC) introduced Daniel L. (Danny) Akin (NC), president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC, for the seminary's report.
  151. Gearl Spicer (GA) moved the following nominations for the 2009 Convention Sermon Preacher, Alternate, and Music Director: John Marshall (MO) to preach the annual 2009 sermon; Larry Wynn (GA) as the 2009 alternate annual sermon preacher; and Scott Allred (AL) as the 2009 director of music. The motion was adopted.
  152. Gearl Spicer (GA) recognized the leadership of L. Lavon Gray (MS), for Convention music, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary students who monitored the microphones, D. August Boto (TN) and June Turner (TN) for their staff support, and the members of the Committee on Order of Business. Spicer moved to advance the agenda 15 minutes. Motion carried.
  153. President Page (SC) recognized Darrell P. Orman (FL), chairman, Committee on Resolutions, for a final report.
  154. Michael Martin (CA) moved the adoption of resolution 7. Cal Wallace (VA) raised a question. Chairman Orman (FL) responded to the question. Ron Wilson (CA) moved to amend the resolution by adding an additional RESOLVE. Michael Martin (CA) responded in behalf of the committee. Roger Moran (MO) spoke for the amendment. Barrett Lampp (FL) spoke against the amendment. Bruce Shortt (TX) spoke for the amendment. Debbie Jones (GA) spoke against the amendment. Cal Wallace (VA) was ruled out of order. Don Bendure (OK) moved the question on the amendment. Motion to amend failed. Walter Price (CA) moved to amend the third RESOLVE. Chairman Orman expressed that the committee concurred with the amendment. The motion to amend was adopted. The resolution, as amended, was adopted.

**Resolution No. 7 (as amended)****On the California Supreme Court Decision to Allow Same Sex Marriage**

WHEREAS, On May 15, 2008, the California Supreme Court struck down the state's ban on same-sex marriage thus frustrating the will of the people who, on March 7, 2000, voted in favor (61.4%) of Proposition 22 which affirmed, "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California"; and

WHEREAS, This decision has dire national implications because California law will allow same-sex couples from any state to marry in California, return to their home state, and challenge that state's traditional marriage laws based on the full faith and credit clause of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress has repeatedly refused to pass a constitutional amendment defining marriage as exclusively between a man and a woman, thus providing no federal protection from attacks against traditional marriage; and

WHEREAS, Marriage is ordained by God as a permanent union of one man and one woman (Genesis 1:27-28; 2:24); and

WHEREAS, Jesus reaffirmed marriage as a sacred, monogamous, and life-long institution joining one man and one woman (Matthew 19:4-6); and

WHEREAS, Any action giving homosexual unions the legal status of marriage denies the fundamental immorality of homosexual behavior (Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11); and

WHEREAS, The people of California have collected over 1.1 million signatures on a petition requiring the state to place a referendum on the ballot in November defining marriage as exclusively between a man and a woman; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 10-11, 2008, wholeheartedly support the people in California who have worked tirelessly to place this referendum on the ballot; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we strongly urge all Southern Baptists in the state of California to be informed about this issue and to exercise their civic and moral duty by working diligently to support and voting to pass this referendum; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage all Christian pastors in California and in every other state to speak strongly, prophetically, and redemptively concerning the sinful nature of homosexuality and the urgent need to protect biblical marriage in accordance with God's Word; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call on all Southern Baptists and believers from all denominations everywhere to pray for the people of California as they seek to right this terrible wrong that has been forced upon them by the California Supreme Court's overturning of the vote of the people and to pray for the people of every state where biblical marriage is under attack; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we reaffirm our historic and consistent support of the biblical definition of marriage as an exclusive union between a man and a woman; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we once again call on the United States Congress to pass, the President to sign, and the states to ratify a constitutional amendment defining marriage as exclusively between a man and a woman.

155. Jeff Moore (OK) moved the adoption of resolution 8, and it was adopted.

**Resolution No. 8  
On Planned Parenthood**

WHEREAS, Scripture speaks to the sanctity of human life in the womb (Psalm 139:13-16) and God’s abhorrence of those who murder the innocent (Proverbs 6:16-17; 24:11-12), which apply directly to Planned Parenthood, America’s largest abortion provider; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood is the offspring of Margaret Sanger, an early advocate of eugenics or the weeding out of “undesirable” people; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood markets its warped view of human intimacy and encourages promiscuity among underage girls through its *Teenwire* Web site; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood profits from helping underage girls abort their pregnancies without notice to their parents; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood has launched a massive campaign to mobilize voters this year, planning to raise at least \$10 million to recruit people to lobby legislators and vote for candidates who support the Planned Parenthood agenda of unlimited abortion, sex outside of marriage, value-free sex education in public schools, and increased taxpayer subsidies for the organization; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood is already aided by huge federal subsidies, with over 300 million of our tax dollars funding the deaths of nearly 300 thousand innocent pre-born babies every year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 10-11, 2008, decry the immoral actions of Planned Parenthood clinics across America; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage the evaluation of candidates for elected office based on their affiliation with Planned Parenthood; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call on both houses of the United States Congress to defund Planned Parenthood; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we urge President George W. Bush to veto any budget requests that include funding for this merchant of family disintegration and death.

156. Charles Strickland (SC) moved the adoption of resolution 9, and it was adopted.

**Resolution No. 9  
In Recognition of the Centennial of Royal Ambassadors**

WHEREAS, May 15, 2008, marked one hundred years since the annual meeting of the Woman’s Missionary Union in Hot Springs, Arkansas, at which Royal Ambassadors became an official organization for the purpose of teaching missions to boys in Southern Baptist churches; and

WHEREAS, The Royal Ambassador organization has served its purpose nobly, educating at least 2 million boys in biblical missionary principles and winning tens of thousands to faith in Christ through chapter meetings, Royal Ambassador Camps, and other Royal Ambassador activities; and

WHEREAS, Many thousands of missionaries, pastors, church staff members, deacons, church leadership volunteers, and other men committed to the cause of Christ and His kingdom were greatly influenced by their experiences as members or leaders of Royal Ambassadors; and

WHEREAS, Royal Ambassadors through the decades have learned to share their faith, to be strengthened in their Christian walk, and to support missions by personal involvement, stewardship, and prayer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 10-11, 2008, recognize the historic milestone achieved by the Royal Ambassador organization and give thanks to God for past leaders whose vision and magnificent efforts have led to such long-lasting results; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commend the many dedicated Royal Ambassador leaders and members, asking that God would continue to glorify His name and build His kingdom by blessing the Royal Ambassador organization in its mission efforts.

157. President Page (SC) recognized Keith Jones (GA) for a point of order.
158. Congregational praise and worship was led by Charles Billingsley (VA), worship leader, Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, VA.
159. Charles Billingsley (VA) and the combined choirs and orchestra presented special music.
160. President Page (SC) introduced Leo A. Endel (MN), executive director, Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention, Rochester, MN, to present a challenge to the messengers.
161. Charles Billingsley (VA), combined choirs, and orchestra presented a concert of praise.
162. President Page (SC) recognized John Floyd (TN), who introduced Jerry A. Rankin (VA), president, International Mission Board, Richmond, for a report and presentation with a focus on South America. Rankin introduced Christian music artist Travis Cottrel to conclude the presentation.
163. Ken Render (MI), vice chairman, SBC Committee on Order of Business, senior pastor, Lakeside Community Church, St. Clair Shores, MI, gave the benediction.

**2008 SBC Annual Meeting Statistics  
Indianapolis, Indiana, June 10-11, 2008**

	Count	Percent			
<b>Gender:</b>			<b>Spouse's Vocation</b>		
Male	4,475	61.50	Associational Missions	19	2.83
Female	<u>2,802</u>	<u>38.50</u>	Evangelism	5	0.74
Total Present	7,277	100.00	Homemaking	207	30.80
<b>Total Number of Surveys</b> 672			North American or		
<b>Age Breakdown</b>			International Missions	7	1.04
18-29	40	5.95	Other	181	26.93
30-34	32	4.76	Other Church Staff	40	5.95
35-39	37	5.51	Other Denominational	3	0.45
40-44	37	5.51	Seminary Student	1	0.15
45-49	88	13.10	Senior Pastor	198	29.46
50-54	99	14.73	State Convention,		
55-59	127	18.90	Agency/Institution	<u>11</u>	<u>1.64</u>
60+	<u>212</u>	<u>31.55</u>		672	100.00
	672	100.00	<b>Number of times attended</b>		
<b>Travel Mode</b>			1st Time	86	12.80
Car	454	67.56	5 or less	191	28.42
Plane	212	31.55	6-10	143	21.28
Other	<u>6</u>	<u>0.89</u>	11 or more	<u>252</u>	<u>37.50</u>
	672	100.00		672	100.00
<b>Attendee's Vocation</b>			<b>Expense Breakdown</b>		
Associational Missions	30	4.46	Under \$100	19	2.83
Evangelism	12	1.79	\$100-\$299	39	5.80
Homemaking	112	16.67	\$300-\$599	148	22.02
North American or			\$600-\$999	185	27.53
International Missions	7	1.04	\$1000-1499	167	24.85
Other	131	19.49	\$1500-\$1999	89	13.24
Other Church Staff	59	8.78	\$2000+	<u>25</u>	<u>3.72</u>
Other Denominational	18	2.68		672	100.00
Seminary Student	11	1.64	<b>Number of other Family Members</b>		
Senior Pastor	269	40.03	None	204	30.36
State Convention,			1	363	54.02
Agency/Institution	<u>23</u>	<u>3.42</u>	2-4	90	13.39
	672	100.00	5+	<u>15</u>	<u>2.23</u>
				672	100.00
			<b>Number of unique churches that sent messengers</b>		
			Number of churches	3,142	
			<b>Number of states that sent messengers</b>		
			Number of states	48	
			+ Puerto Rico		
			+ Washington, D.C.		

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**  
**Indianapolis, Indiana, June 10-11, 2008**

State	Number of Messengers	Percent of Messengers	Churches with Messengers	Rank (1-25)
AK	10	0.14	6	
AL	384	5.28	175	7
AR	226	3.11	114	12
AZ	24	0.33	15	
CA	112	1.54	51	18
CO	36	0.49	20	23
CT	2	0.03	1	
DC	9	0.12	1	
DE	1	0.01	1	
FL	411	5.65	171	8
GA	609	8.37	246	3
HI	6	0.08	4	
IA	11	0.15	5	
ID	14	0.19	7	
IL	257	3.53	110	13
IN	438	6.02	138	10
KS	56	0.77	25	21
KY	731	10.07	298	1
LA	180	2.47	84	17
MA	5	0.07	5	
MD	73	1.00	37	19
ME	3	0.04	2	
MI	67	0.92	31	20
MN	5	0.07	1	
MO	294	4.04	133	11
MS	428	5.88	193	5
MT	1	0.01	1	
NC	518	7.12	238	4
ND	0	0.00	0	
NE	7	0.10	2	
NH	1	0.01	1	
NJ	3	0.04	3	
NM	17	0.23	9	
NV	25	0.34	15	
NY	45	0.62	24	22
OH	245	3.37	102	15
OK	211	2.90	98	16
OR	1	0.01	1	
PA	27	0.37	17	25
PR	3	0.04	3	
RI	0	0.00	0	
SC	358	4.92	180	6
SD	8	0.11	4	
TN	629	8.64	249	2
TX	416	5.72	170	9
UT	10	0.14	6	
VA	281	3.86	110	14
VT	4	0.05	1	
WA	10	0.14	8	
WI	6	0.08	4	
WV	52	0.71	18	24
WY	7	0.10	4	
	<u>7,277</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>3,142</u>	