

PROCEEDINGS
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
Phoenix, Arizona, June 14–15, 2011



Annual Meeting Theme:

A GREAT *Commission* PEOPLE
 with a GREAT *Commandment* HEART

¹⁹Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.
 (Matthew 28:19-20, Holman Christian Standard Bible)

³⁷He said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the greatest and most important commandment. ³⁹The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.”
 (Matthew 22:37-39, Holman Christian Standard Bible)

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 14, 2011

1. A concert of praise was led by Jason Breland (AL), worship pastor, First Baptist Church North Mobile, and North Mobile Worship Band, Saraland, AL.
2. Jason Breland (AL), Convention music director, led congregational praise and worship.
3. Frank S. Page (TN), president and chief executive officer of the Executive Committee, Nashville, presented the Broadus Gavel to President Bryant Wright (GA). Wright called to order the one hundred fifty-fourth session of the Southern Baptist Convention in the one hundred sixty-sixth year of its history at 8:10 a.m. in the Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix, AZ.
4. President Bryant Wright (GA) introduced the parliamentarians: C. Barry McCarty (GA), Chief Parliamentarian, Jimmy E. Jackson (AL), and John Sullivan (FL). President Wright explained the microphone system to the messengers and how messengers can make a motion.
5. President Bryant Wright (GA) introduced John L. Yeats (LA), recording secretary, for the registration report and the constituting of the Convention since James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), SBC registration secretary, was unable to attend the annual meeting due to illness.
6. John L. Yeats (LA), SBC recording secretary, reported that on June 14, 2011, as of 8:10 a.m., 4,065 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 12, 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. Yeats 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. President Wright (GA) announced the presentation of the colors.
8. Chaplain Major General Doug Carver, U. S. Army Chief of Chaplains, Office of the Chief of Chaplains, Army Pentagon, Washington, D.C., led in prayer.
9. President Wright (GA) recognized Will Langford (VA), chairman, Committee on Order of Business, who spoke to the messengers about the bylaws on page 12 of the Convention Program and moved the adoption of the agenda as printed in the 2011 Convention Program on pages 2-9, and also in the *SBC Bulletin, Tuesday, Part 1*, pages 1-3. The motion was adopted.

**Order of Business, 2011 Southern Baptist Convention
Tuesday Morning, June 14, 2011**

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| <p>8:00 Congregational Worship -
Jason Breland, <i>Convention music director, worship pastor</i>, First Baptist Church North Mobile, North Mobile Worship Band, Saraland, AL</p> <p>8:10 Call to Order - Bryant Wright, <i>president</i>, Southern Baptist Convention, <i>pastor</i>, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, GA</p> <p>Registration Report and Constitution of the Convention -
James H. (Jim) Wells, <i>SBC registration secretary, director of missions</i>, Tri County Baptist Association, Nixa, MO</p> <p>8:15 Prayer - Chaplain Major General Doug Carver, <i>U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains</i>, Office of the Chief of Chaplains, Army Pentagon, Washington, D.C.</p> <p>8:20 Committee on Order of Business (First Report) - Will Langford, <i>chair, pastor</i>, Great Bridge Baptist Church, Chesapeake, VA</p> <p>8:25 Welcome - Steve Bass, <i>immediate past state missionary</i>, Arizona Southern Baptist Convention; <i>vice president West Region</i>, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA</p> <p>8:30 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Credentials, Resolutions, and Tellers -
Bryant Wright</p> <p>8:35 Introduction of Motions -
Bryant Wright</p> <p>9:00 Congregational Worship -
Jason Breland, North Mobile Worship Band</p> | <p>9:05 Local Arrangements Committee Presentation -
William E. (Bill) Townes, <i>vice president for Convention finance</i>, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, TN</p> <p>9:10 Crossover Evangelism Report -
Kevin Ezell, <i>president</i>, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA</p> <p>9:15 Woman's Missionary Union Report - Wanda S. Lee, <i>executive director</i>, Birmingham, AL</p> <p>9:25 Executive Committee Report (Part 1) - Frank S. Page, <i>president</i>, Nashville, TN</p> <p>10:25 Congregational Worship -
Mark Cottingham, <i>worship pastor</i>, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, GA, and combined choirs: Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, GA; First Southern Baptist Church, Scottsdale, AZ; Foothills Baptist Church, Ahwatukee, Phoenix, AZ; North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, AZ</p> <p>10:30 LifeWay Christian Resources Report - Thom S. Rainer, <i>president and CEO</i>, Nashville, TN</p> <p>10:45 LifeWay Christian Resources Presentation - Thom S. Rainer</p> <p>11:05 Traditional Worship -
Mark Cottingham and combined choirs</p> <p>11:20 SBC President's Address -
Bryant Wright</p> <p>12:00 Benediction - George B. Wright, III, <i>pastor</i>, Cedarcrest Church, Acworth, GA</p> |
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Tuesday Afternoon, June 14, 2011

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| <p>1:45 Congregational Worship -
Jason Breland, <i>Convention music director, worship pastor</i>, First Baptist Church North Mobile, North Mobile Worship Band, Saraland, AL</p> <p>1:50 Prayer - Emerson Falls, <i>pastor</i>, Glorieta Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma</p> <p>1:55 SBC Historical Library and Archives Report - R. Albert Mohler, council of seminary presidents, <i>president</i>, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY</p> <p>2:00 Business - Committee on Order of Business (Second Report) - Will Langford, <i>chair, pastor</i>, Great Bridge Baptist Church, Chesapeake, VA</p> <p>Referrals/Introduction of Motions</p> <p>2:15 Executive Committee Report (Part 2) - Frank S. Page</p> <p>2:45 Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Report - Jeff Iorg, <i>president</i>, Mill Valley, CA</p> <p>3:00 Election of Officers (First)</p> <p>3:10 Special Music - Starla Harbin, <i>recording artist, worship leader</i>, Hoschton First Baptist Church, Hoschton, GA</p> <p>3:15 Committee on Nominations Report - Doug Richey, <i>chair, pastor</i>, Pisgah Baptist Church, Excelsior Springs, MO</p> | <p>3:25 New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Report - Charles S. (Chuck) Kelley, Jr., <i>president</i>, New Orleans, LA</p> <p>3:40 The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission Report - Richard D. Land, <i>president</i>, Nashville, TN</p> <p>3:50 The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission Presentation - Richard D. Land</p> <p>4:10 Congregational Worship - Jason Breland, North Mobile Worship Band</p> <p>4:15 Election of Officers (Second)</p> <p>4:25 Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report - Paige Patterson, <i>president</i>, Fort Worth, TX</p> <p>4:40 Introduction of New Motions (Last Opportunity) - Bryant Wright, <i>president</i>, Southern Baptist Convention, <i>pastor</i>, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, GA</p> <p>4:50 North American Mission Board Report - Kevin Ezell, <i>president</i>, Alpharetta, GA</p> <p>5:00 North American Mission Board Appointment Service - Kevin Ezell</p> <p>5:50 Benediction - Fernando Amaro, <i>Hispanic ministries facilitator</i>, Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, Scottsdale, AZ</p> |
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Part 2



Wednesday Morning, June 15, 2011

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| <p>8:00 Congregational Worship -
Jason Breland, <i>Convention music director, worship pastor</i>; First Baptist Church North Mobile; North Mobile Worship Band, Saraland, AL</p> <p>8:10 Prayer - Richard Gomez, <i>mission service corps coordinator</i>, New Mexico Baptist Convention, Albuquerque, NM</p> <p>8:15 Business - Committee on Order of Business (Third Report) - Will Langford, <i>chair, pastor</i>; Great Bridge Baptist Church, Chesapeake, VA</p> <p>8:35 Election of Officers (Third)</p> <p>8:45 Previously Scheduled Business - Bryant Wright, <i>president</i>, Southern Baptist Convention, <i>pastor</i>; Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, GA</p> <p>9:00 Committee on Committees Report - Gregg Matte, <i>chair, pastor</i>; Houston's First Baptist Church, Houston, TX</p> <p>9:10 Congregational Worship - Jason Breland, North Mobile Worship Band</p> | <p>9:20 Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report - R. Philip (Phil) Roberts, <i>president</i>, Kansas City, MO</p> <p>9:35 Committee on Resolutions (First Report) - Paul Jimenez, <i>chair, pastor</i>; Taylors First Baptist Church, Taylors, SC</p> <p>10:05 Election of Officers (Fourth)</p> <p>10:15 Congregational Worship - Jason Breland, North Mobile Worship Band</p> <p>10:20 GuideStone Financial Resources Report - O. S. Hawkins, <i>president</i>, Dallas, TX</p> <p>10:35 Previously Scheduled Business - Bryant Wright</p> <p>10:55 Election of Officers (Fifth)</p> <p>11:05 Contemporary Worship - guest artists, 33Miles (<i>Chris Lockwood & Jason Barton</i>), Nashville, TN</p> <p>11:20 Convention Message - David Platt, <i>pastor</i>; The Church at Brook Hills, Birmingham, AL</p> <p>11:55 Benediction - A. B. Vines, <i>pastor</i>; New Seasons Church, Spring Valley, CA</p> |
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| <p>3:00 Congregational Worship -
Jason Breland, <i>Convention music director, worship pastor</i>, First Baptist Church North Mobile, North Mobile Worship Band, Saraland, AL</p> <p>3:05 Prayer - Mat McIntosh, <i>pastor</i>, University Fellowship Church, Norman, OK</p> <p>3:10 Presentation of Outgoing Officers - Bryant Wright, <i>president</i>, Southern Baptist Convention, <i>pastor</i>, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, GA</p> <p>3:15 Presentation of New Officers - Frank S. Page, <i>president</i>, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, TN</p> <p>3:20 Business - Committee on Order of Business (Fourth Report) - Will Langford, <i>chair, pastor</i>, Great Bridge Baptist Church, Chesapeake, VA</p> <p>Election of 2012 Convention Sermon Preacher, Alternate Preacher, and Music Director</p> <p>3:30 Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Report - Daniel L. (Danny) Akin, <i>president</i>, Wake Forest, NC</p> | <p>3:45 Recognition of Past SBC Presidents - Bryant Wright</p> <p>3:50 Previously Scheduled Business - Bryant Wright</p> <p>4:05 Committee on Resolutions (Final Report) - Paul Jimenez, <i>chair, pastor</i>, Taylors First Baptist Church, Taylors, SC</p> <p>4:30 The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Report - R. Albert (Al) Mohler, Jr., <i>president</i>, Louisville, KY</p> <p>4:45 Congregational Worship - Jason Breland, North Mobile Worship Band</p> <p>4:55 International Mission Board Report - Tom Elliff, <i>president</i>, Richmond, VA</p> <p>5:05 International Mission Board Appointment Service - Tom Elliff</p> <p>5:55 Benediction - Stan Buckley, <i>vice-chair</i>, SBC Committee on Order of Business, <i>pastor</i>, First Baptist Church, Jackson, MS</p> |
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10. President Wright (GA) introduced Steve Bass (AZ), state missionary, Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, Scottsdale, to welcome the messengers.
11. President Wright (GA) announced the following committees: Committee on Committees, Credentials Committee, Resolutions Committee, and Tellers Committee as listed in *SBC Bulletin, Tuesday, Part 1*, p. 6.

2011 Committee on Committees: Gregg Matte, TX, *chair*

Danny Wood, AL; Roy Hill, AL; Ruby Stogsdill, AK; Jack Sherman, AK; Susan Bellflower, AZ; Steve Hanna, AZ; Scott Maze, AR; Donnie Edwards, AR; Reta Beall, CA; Deryl Lackey, CA; Steve Turrentine, CO; Ray Shirley, CO; Deepak Reju, DC; Matt Merker, DC; John Bozard, FL; Steve Morris, FL; Darrell Henry, GA; Michael Bass, GA; Patrick Underwood, HI; Chris Martin, HI; Michael Allen, IL; Mark Emerson, IL; Scott Miller, IN; Don Morris, IN; Derrick Lynch, KS/NB; Charles Boswell, KS/NB; Charles Barnes, KY; Robert Lowery, KY; Ray Raney, LA; Bert Langley, LA; Fred Caudle, MD/DE; Brian Corrick, MD/DE; Kevin Knox, MI; Sharon Greer, MI; Kendra Franks, MO; Matt Kearns, MO; Matt Buckles, MS; Shawn Parker, MS; Andy Winn, NC; Rick Langston, NC; Samy Ibrahim, New England; Mark Smith, New England; Dave McFadden, NM; Gavin Vaughan, II, NM; Marsha Gray, Northwest; Scott Brewer, Northwest; Pei Jones, NV; David Pretlove, NV; Eddie Hatcher, NY; Ted Harvey, NY; Mark Wilson, OH; Rick Shoemaker, OH; Dennis Dawson, OK; Bob Green, OK; Roger Manao, PA/SJ; Aaron Harvie, PA/SJ; Marshall Blalock, SC; Brad Bessent, SC; Roland Maddox, TN; Michael Day, TN; Terry Turner, TX; Mike Gray, UT/ID; Larry Maxwell, UT/ID; Randy Hahn, VA; Tim Piland, VA; Todd Hill, WV; Warren Gilpin, WV; Peggy Nikkel, WY; John Constantine, WY

2011 Credentials Committee: Larry Craig, TX, *chair*

Greg Addison, AR; Susan Akin, AR; Otto Fernandez, FL; Richard Gomez, NM; Benny Jo, NV; Tom Jones, GA; Frank Kingsley, CA; Don Mayberry, KS; Jason McNair, UT; T. A. Nguyen, CA; Jason Noel, AR; Herman Parker, GA; Seth Polk, WV; Matt Shamblin, WV; Michael Waldrop, TX; Pat Windham, MO

2011 Resolutions Committee: Paul Jimenez, SC, *chair*

Jamie Work, TN; Linda Clark, IN; Stephen Farish, IL; Mark Howell, TX; Tim McCoy, GA; Russell Moore, KY; Michael Pigg, GA; Jimmy Scroggins, FL; Carol Yarber, TX

2011 Tellers Committee: Eddie Miller, NV, *chair*

Wes Fletner, IL; Gary Harr, NV; Daniel Heeringa, MS; Francis Howard, NV; Joe Jemigan, TN; Thor Madsen, MO; Wayne Marcus, GA; Steve Martin, AR; Steve Patterson, MO; Tom Pendergrass, OH; Pedro Ramirez, CA; Greg Savage, KS; Betty Shinkle, MO; Bruce Smith, OH; A. B. Vines, CA

12. President Wright (GA) 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.
13. Wiley Drake (CA) made a motion: On Sending a Letter of Gratitude to Texas Governor Rick Perry.

“That the Southern Baptist Convention meeting June 14th and 15th, 2011 in Phoenix, AZ, direct the newly elected president of the SBC to send a letter of thanksgiving and praise to God and to Governor Rick Perry of Texas, for his leadership in calling America to August 6th as a day of prayer and fasting.” (Items 13 and 59)

14. Keith Rogers (AZ) made a motion: On Having at Least One Evening Session at the Annual Meeting.

“Believing that in deleting the two evening sessions, many of our lay leaders, including some from the church that I pastor, and bivocational pastors who could only attend an evening session were not afforded that opportunity this year, I, therefore, move that future Committees on Order of Business consider planning at least one evening session, preferably on Tuesday evening, and that this session include any scheduled missionary appointment services of both mission boards in order that more lay members and bivocational pastors can rejoice with newly appointed missionaries of either mission board.” (Items 14 and 57)

15. Adam Sanders (TN) made a motion: On Support of Israel.

“WHEREAS, We believe that the Jewish people have a right to live in their ancient land of Israel, and that the modern State of Israel is the fulfillment of this historic right,

WHEREAS, We maintain that there is no excuse for acts of terrorism against Israel and that Israel has the same right as every other nation to defend her citizens from such violent attacks,

WHEREAS, We pledge to stand with our brothers and sisters in Israel and to speak out on their behalf whenever and wherever necessary until the attacks stop and they are finally living in peace and security with their neighbors,

WHEREAS, Our Bible is our road map to serving God, let us not forget His Holy Word concerning Israel.

WHEREAS, In Genesis 12:3 God has promised to bless the man or nation that blesses Israel,

WHEREAS, In Romans 15:27 Christians owe a debt to the Jewish people because of Christ, the Bible, the prophets, the patriarchs, the 12 disciples, and the apostles,

WHEREAS, 1 John 3:18 teaches us to put love in action,

WHEREAS, Jesus was born Jewish, circumcised on the 8th day according to Jewish tradition, kept the law of Moses, Jesus never denied He was Jewish,

WHEREAS, Jesus considered the Jewish people His family – Matthew 25:40,

WHEREAS, We are commanded to pray for the peace of Jerusalem – Psalm 122:6,

WHEREAS, We support Israel because all other nations were created by an act of man, but Israel was created by an act of God,

WHEREAS, The royal land grant that was given to Abraham and his seed through Isaac and Jacob with an everlasting and unconditional covenant – Gen. 12:1-3; 13:14-18; 15:1-21; 17:4-8; 26:1-5; Psalm 89:28-37,

WHEREAS, Every word written in your Bible was written by a Jewish hand, the point is this: if you take away the Jewish contribution to Christianity, there would be no Christianity,

WHEREAS, Be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting on June 12-15, 2011, declare our support for the Jewish people and,

RESOLVED, That we call upon all members of both houses of Congress to support Israel and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call upon Southern Baptists and all members of the body of Christ to provide their elected representatives at the federal and state levels with verbal and written encouragement to support Israel, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we request President Barak Obama to support Israel in the defense of their people, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we challenge pastors and leaders within the body of Christ to support and faithfully promote Israel as the family of God.” (Items 15 and 59)

16. James Goforth (MO) made a motion: On Studying Online Messenger Participation in the Annual Meeting.

“That the messengers of the 2011 annual meeting request the Executive Committee to investigate and develop a plan and implementation strategy for online, live participation of messengers across the country and globally who are otherwise unable to participate in person. We request the Executive Committee to assign to the applicable convention entities this assignment to create this opportunity for online messenger participation in the voting and decision making process, thus broadening the involvement of small churches, bi-vocational pastors, and ethnic pastors as well as SBC churches internationally.” (Items 16 and 55)

17. Kent Cochran (MO) made a motion: On Establishing a Committee to Study the Impact of the GCR Task Force.

“That the Convention create a special committee to be called the ‘*Unity Committee*’, to review, evaluate, and make recommendation(s) about perceptions and realities, and impact and implementation of the GCR Task Force Report during the past year by SBC entities, state conventions and related organizations and networks; that the committee bring a report and recommendations(s) to the 2012 SBC annual meeting; and the Committee be comprised of 21 members to be appointed by the president, fully representational of Southern Baptists and that the minutes, records and proceedings from the Committee’s meetings and work be open to the Southern Baptist public and available to all Southern Baptists no later than 12 months after it has given its report to the SBC.” (Items 17 and 59)

18. Tim Overton (IN) made a motion: On Equipping Fathers to Lead Family Devotions.

“That LifeWay Christian Resources be asked to prayerfully consider creating material to equip fathers to lead their families in regular home devotionals.” (Items 18 and 55)

19. Wiley Drake (CA) made a motion: On Requesting the U. S. President to Declare National Days of Solemn Assembly and Prayer.

“That the Southern Baptist Convention meeting June 14-15 in the year of our Lord Jesus Christ 2011, direct the newly-elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention to send a letter to the President of the United States, requesting that as a professed Christian, he as President, call the USA to a special day of solemn assembly and prayer for our nation; requesting that the United State’s President follow suit of the Governor of Texas and other governors who are calling this day on August 6, 2011.” (Items 19 and 59)

20. Wiley Drake (CA) made a motion: On Investigating and Reporting about Social Security Abuse.

“That the Southern Baptist Convention meeting June 14-15, 2011, in Phoenix, Arizona, direct The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission to investigate and report back to the Convention, the abuse of Social Security money under Title 4D Child Support, and Title 4E Child Protective Services that were originally for the welfare of children, and now have become child abuse, according to the 9th Circuit Court of Federal Appeals, and making Social Security run out of money.” (Items 20 and 59)
21. Jason Breland (AL), Convention music director, led in congregational praise and worship.
22. President Wright (GA) introduced William E. (Bill) Townes (TN), vice president for convention finance, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, for the recognition of David Jakes (AZ), chairman, and the Local Arrangements Committee. He thanked the Local Arrangements Committee of Phoenix for hosting the Convention.
23. President Wright (GA) introduced Larry Wynn (GA), vice president of evangelization, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, for the Crossover Evangelism Report. He reported that Southern Baptists participated in 56 Crossover venues, and 1,131 indicated they made a profession of faith.
24. Crossover video was presented by NAMB.
25. President Wright (GA) introduced Wanda S. Lee (AL), executive director, Woman’s Missionary Union, for their report. WMU president, Debby Akerman (SC) joined her at the podium to introduce the National Acteen panelists.
26. Disaster Relief video was presented by NAMB.
27. President Wright (GA) called the Convention to prayer for those individuals, families and churches impacted by the recent storms and for disaster relief efforts currently under way to provide assistance.
28. President Wright (GA) called Frank S. Page (TN) and his wife, Dayle, to the platform for a special time of commissioning as president and chief executive officer of the Executive Committee. Executive Committee chairman, Roger L. Spradlin (CA) led in the commissioning prayer.
29. President Wright (GA) recognized Frank S. Page (TN), president and chief executive officer of the Executive Committee, Nashville, for the Executive Committee Report, Part 1. Page challenged the Convention to be engaged in a concerted effort to reach the world with the message of the gospel. He introduced a series of principles endorsed by the leadership of the SBC entities, the state executive directors, and the leaders of the ethnic fellowship associated with the SBC. Each of the leaders signed the “*Affirmation of Unity and Cooperation*” and joined Page on the platform in support of the document.

Part 2

Affirmation of Unity and Cooperation

We the undersigned affirm our commitment to cooperative ministry as a testimony of our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. The passion which drives our unity is twofold: to clarify our evangelistic fervor for the souls of men and women across the nation and around the world, and to magnify the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

In the past, we have identified our doctrinal heritage through adoption of the *Baptist Faith and Message*. In this confessional statement of faith, we affirmed our unswerving allegiance to the following:

- Belief in the Bible as God's inerrant, infallible, authoritative, and sufficient Word;
- Belief in and commitment to the Person and work of the one true God who has revealed Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
- Belief in the doctrine of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone, accessible to everyone who believes, regardless of their heritage, race, ethnicity, language, or socio-economic station in life;
- Belief in the ecclesiological affirmations of believer's baptism and the gathered church, each church being governed congregationally under the Lordship of Jesus Christ;
- Belief in our duty and privilege, consciously and cooperatively, to carry the message of Jesus Christ across the street and around the world;
- Belief in our core commitment that as members of New Testament churches we should cooperate with one another in carrying forward the missionary, educational, and benevolent ministries for the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

As we look to the future, reflecting a conscious desire to walk in unity as brothers and sisters in Christ, we pledge the following:

1. We pledge to maintain a relationship of mutual trust, behaving ourselves trustworthily before one another and trusting one another as brothers and sisters indwelt by the Holy Spirit of God. (Philippians 4:8; Ephesians 4:20- 32; 2 Peter 1:3-8)
2. We pledge to attribute the highest motives to those engaged in local church ministries and those engaged in denominational service in any level of Convention life—motives that originate within hearts truly desiring to serve the Lord Jesus Christ, whom we also serve. (1 Samuel 2:3; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 7:1-5)
3. We pledge to affirm the value of cooperative ministry as the most effective and efficient means of reaching a lost world with the message of the Gospel. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Psalm 68:11; Acts 9:31; 1 Corinthians 16:1-23)
4. We pledge to embrace our brothers and sisters of every ethnicity, race, and language as equal partners in our collective ministries to engage all people groups with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 16:25-27; Revelation 7:9)
5. We pledge to continue to honor and affirm proportional giving through the Cooperative Program as the most effective means of mobilizing our churches and extending our outreach as Southern Baptists, enabling us to work together to evangelize the lost people of our world locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. (2 Corinthians 8:1-13; 9:1-15; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8, 20:20-21; Romans 10:14-17)

We affirm these principles of cooperation this thirteenth day of June, 2011, in Phoenix, Arizona.

(Signed by the SBC president, SBC entity presidents,
state convention executive directors, and leadership from ethnic fellowships.)

30. Page introduced Quincy Jones and his wife, Rhonda, students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, TX, and Kevin White and his wife, DeeEdra, a pastor in Longview, WA, to give testimonies on how their lives and ministries have been impacted by the Cooperative Program. Following the testimonies, Page introduced the 1% Challenge to the Convention and followed with a video on the 1% Challenge.
31. Frank S. Page (TN) introduced Roger Spradlin (CA), chairman of the Executive Committee. Spradlin introduced the presenters for the Executive Committee recommendations.
32. Al Gilbert (NC) moved the adoption of Recommendation 1, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 1: GCTF Recommendation: Reallocation of 1 Percent from Executive Committee to the International Mission Board

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention affirms the expressed desires of the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force to provide additional funding via the Cooperative Program for international missions, and recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention that beginning with the Cooperative Program Allocation Budget for 2011-2012, the Executive Committee’s allocation be reduced from 3.4% to the pre-1997 allocation level of 3.20%, and the International Mission Board’s allocation be increased from 50.0% to 50.20%, possessing a hope of further reducing the Executive Committee’s allocation percentage as Southern Baptists increase their support of SBC missions and ministries through the Cooperative Program in the years to come, and encourages the trustees of the six Southern Baptist seminaries and the North American Mission Board to assess whether the institutions they serve might likewise voluntarily recommend adjustments to their allocations in favor of the International Mission Board, and

That, beginning in the 2011-2012 budget year, any overage of gifts received above the Cooperative Program Allocation Budget be distributed as follows: 51% to IMB, 2.4% to the SBC Operating Budget, and the balance of the overage to the other distributees in accord with the percentages approved for them in the Cooperative Program Allocation Budget, and that such a distribution of overage continue until duly amended.

33. Al Gilbert (NC) moved the adoption of Recommendation 2, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 2: GCTF Recommendation: Great Commission Giving

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, in response to the third recommendation of the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force regarding Great Commission Giving, reports that it wholeheartedly affirms the overwhelming vote of the SBC messengers in Orlando in 2010 to reaffirm the Cooperative Program as the most effective means of mobilizing our churches, extending our outreach, and penetrating lostness, and therefore will continue to promote the entire Cooperative Program and celebrate Great Commission work and giving in each issue of *SBC LIFE* and regularly in Baptist Press, and further, the Executive Committee recommends that:

- The Convention respectfully request all Southern Baptist churches to make or retain the Cooperative Program as the principal component of their missions-giving strategy, and
- The Convention respectfully request all Southern Baptist churches strive to meet a goal of increasing their Cooperative Program gifts by 2 1/2% of undesignated gifts by the end of the 2013 calendar year, and
- The Convention respectfully request LifeWay to retain the current category and definition of “Total Mission Expenditures” in its Annual Church Profile (intended as a comprehensive category), and add a new ACP category called “Great Commission Giving,” which category should only include contributions to any Baptist association, Baptist state convention, and causes and entities of the Southern Baptist Convention.

34. Scott Ferguson (AL) moved the adoption of Recommendation 10, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 10: GCTF Referral: International Mission Board Ministry in the United States

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, June 14-15, 2011, that the ministry statement of The International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention be amended as follows:

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

THE INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD
of the Southern Baptist Convention

MISSION

The International Mission Board exists to assist the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention to be on mission with God in penetrating the unevangelized world outside the United States and Canada with the gospel and making Christ known among all people.

MINISTRIES

1. **Assist churches by evangelizing persons, planting Baptist churches, and nurturing church planting movements among all people groups outside the United States and Canada; and, provide specialized, defined and agreed upon assistance to the North American Mission Board in assisting churches to reach unreached and underserved people groups within the United States and Canada.**

Develop and maintain a systematic strategy for gospel proclamation and planting churches that will result in the rapid reproduction and multiplication of local indigenous congregations that will make the gospel accessible to all persons among every ethno-linguistic people group; assist national conventions and unions in providing programs of discipleship and leadership training; develop and distribute relevant electronic and print media that support evangelism and church planting, and facilitate the translation and distribution of the Bible, Scripture portions, and other materials in indigenous languages.

2. **Assist churches in sending and supporting Southern Baptist missionaries and volunteers by enlisting, equipping, and enabling them to fulfill their calling.**

Enlist, appoint, equip, and provide support for God-called Southern Baptist missionaries to serve in long-term and short-term channels of service who give evidence of piety, zeal for their Master's kingdom, conviction of truth as held by Southern Baptists, and giftedness for cross-cultural witness; inform, promote, and provide opportunities for Southern Baptist volunteers to assist in the ministries of the International Mission Board through projects of various duration, and provide resources and materials for training and equipping these volunteers.

3. **Assist churches and partners to mobilize Southern Baptists to be involved in international missions through praying, giving, and going.**

Inform, challenge, and work in partnership with local churches, associations, state conventions, and other SBC entities to enable Southern Baptists to fulfill the Great Commission overseas by facilitating involvement in prayer strategies, encouraging generous and sacrificial giving to missions through the Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and promoting channels for volunteer and missionary service.

4. **Assist churches in fulfilling their international missions task by developing global strategies, including human needs based ministries, and providing leadership, administrative support, and financial accountability for implementation of these strategies.**

Provide and maintain an organizational structure and support staff with appropriate leadership and financial management that are designed to implement a comprehensive program to reach the whole world with the gospel through direct evangelism and creative access platform ministries; utilize hospitals, clinics, community health, agricultural, and other development programs, hunger relief and disaster response to meet human needs and share the gospel.

RELATIONSHIPS

The International Mission Board will work within the Southern Baptist Convention entity relationship guidelines approved by the Great Commission Council and the Executive Committee and printed in the *Organization Manual of the Southern Baptist Convention*.

Upon approval of the amendments, the International Mission Board’s ministry statement would read as follows:

THE INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD
of the Southern Baptist Convention

MISSION

The International Mission Board exists to assist the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention to be on mission with God in penetrating the unevangelized world outside the United States and Canada with the gospel and making Christ known among all people

MINISTRIES

1. **Assist churches by evangelizing persons, planting Baptist churches, and nurturing church planting movements among all people groups outside the United States and Canada; and, provide specialized, defined and agreed upon assistance to the North American Mission Board in assisting churches to reach unreached and underserved people groups within the United States and Canada.**

Develop and maintain a systematic strategy for gospel proclamation and planting churches that will result in the rapid reproduction and multiplication of local indigenous congregations that will make the gospel accessible to all persons among every ethno-linguistic people group; assist national conventions and unions in providing programs of discipleship and leadership training; develop and distribute relevant electronic and print media that support evangelism and church planting, and facilitate the translation and distribution of the Bible, Scripture portions, and other materials in indigenous languages.

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RELATIONSHIPS

The International Mission Board will work within the Southern Baptist Convention entity relationship guidelines approved by the Great Commission Council and the Executive Committee and printed in the *Organization Manual of the Southern Baptist Convention*.

35. Scott Ferguson (AL) moved the adoption of Recommendation 11, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 11: GCTF Referral: New North American Mission Board Ministry Assignments

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, June 14-15, 2011, that the mission and ministry statements of the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention be amended as follows:

(The text indicated by ~~strikethrough~~ below will be placed in a different order or replaced by new language.)

THE NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD
of the Southern Baptist Convention

MISSION

The North American Mission Board exists to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, start New Testament congregations, minister to persons in the name of Christ, and assist churches in the United States and Canada in effectively performing these functions.

MINISTRIES

~~1. Assist churches by the appointment and support of missionaries in the United States and Canada.~~

~~Appoint, approve, support, and equip missions personnel; endorse chaplains; enlist and assist bivocational ministers in mission service.~~

~~2. Assist churches in the ministry of evangelism.~~

~~Serve as a channel in motivating and helping churches, associations, and state conventions to develop and implement effective strategies of evangelism; implement direct evangelism projects in strategic areas.~~

~~3. Assist churches in the establishment of new congregations.~~

~~Work in partnership with churches, associations, and state conventions to start new congregations among all people groups; implement direct church-starting projects in strategic areas.~~

~~4. Assist churches through Christian social ministries.~~

~~Work with churches, associations, and state conventions in ministering to people with distinctive needs, seeking to bring them to wholeness in Jesus Christ; implement direct ministry projects in strategic areas.~~

~~5. Assist churches through the involvement and coordination of their members in volunteer missions throughout the United States and Canada.~~

~~Coordinate volunteer enlistment and training for volunteer mission and ministry projects in the United States and Canada; assist the International Mission Board in volunteer enlistment and training.~~

~~6. Assist churches by involving their members in missions and missions education.~~

~~Develop organizations, services, and materials for establishing, enlarging, and improving missions and ministry learning and involvement experiences in churches, associations, state conventions, and Canada.~~

~~7. Assist churches by communicating the gospel throughout the United States and Canada through communication technologies.~~

~~Produce and present radio and television programming that extends the message of Southern Baptist churches; provide counseling services to persons who respond to radio and television programs; assist churches, associations, state conventions, and Southern Baptist Convention entities to effectively use radio and television in accomplishing their tasks.~~

~~8. Assist churches by strengthening associations and providing services to associations.~~

~~Strengthen the work of associations by assisting them in developing, resourcing, and implementing effective strategies that undergird churches and their work.~~

~~9. Assist churches in relief ministries to victims of disaster.~~

~~Provide appropriate assistance to special disaster relief ministries such as the National Fellowship of Baptists in Missions and Disaster Relief.~~

RELATIONSHIPS

The North American Mission Board will work within the Southern Baptist Convention entity relationship guidelines approved by the Great Commission Council and the Executive Committee and printed in the *Organization Manual of the Southern Baptist Convention*.

Text shown as underlined below indicates new language or newly ordered language stricken above.

THE NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD
of the Southern Baptist Convention

MISSION

The North American Mission Board exists to work with churches, associations and state conventions in mobilizing Southern Baptists as a missional force to impact North America with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through evangelism and church planting by:

MINISTRIES

1. Assisting churches in planting healthy, multiplying, evangelistic Southern Baptist churches in the United States and Canada.

Work in partnership with churches, associations, and state conventions to start new congregations with a priority to reach population centers and underserved people groups; lead a missional movement to encourage Southern Baptist churches to become church planting congregations.

2. Assisting churches in the ministries of evangelism and making disciples.

Equip Southern Baptists for faithful evangelism; encourage churches in evangelism and discipleship; implement direct evangelism projects; prioritize spiritual awakening; develop an evangelism strategy for reaching North America with the Gospel.

3. Assisting churches by appointing, supporting and assuring accountability for missionaries serving in the United States and Canada.

Appoint, approve, support and supervise missionaries assigned to accomplish the ministries of NAMB; endorse chaplains; enlist and assist bivocational ministers in mission service.

4. Assisting churches by providing missions education and coordinating volunteer missions opportunities for church members.

Develop organizations, services, and materials for establishing, enlarging, and improving missions and ministry learning and involvement experiences in churches; assist in volunteer mission involvement.

5. Assisting churches by providing leadership development.

Equip pastors for effective congregational leadership, contextual evangelism, and church planting; connect pastors to pastors through leadership development; encourage pastors as they serve in diverse congregational settings.

6. Assisting churches in relief ministries to victims of disaster and other people in need.

Provide appropriate assistance and coordination in service to state Baptist conventions when multi-state and national disaster responses are needed; coordinate with federal

government as well as national disaster relief entities to ensure good response coordination on behalf of Southern Baptist Disaster Relief; direct and assist Christian social ministries.

RELATIONSHIPS

The North American Mission Board will work within the Southern Baptist Convention entity relationship guidelines approved by the Great Commission Council and the Executive Committee and printed in the *Organization Manual of the Southern Baptist Convention*.

Upon approval of the amendments, the North American Mission Board’s mission and ministry statements would read as follows:

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MISSION

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4. Assisting churches by providing missions education and coordinating volunteer missions opportunities for church members.

Develop organizations, services, and materials for establishing, enlarging, and improving missions and ministry learning and involvement experiences in churches; assist in volunteer mission involvement.

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Provide appropriate assistance and coordination in service to state Baptist conventions when multi-state and national disaster responses are needed; coordinate with federal government as well as national disaster relief entities to ensure good response coordination on behalf of Southern Baptist Disaster Relief; direct and assist Christian social ministries.

RELATIONSHIPS

The North American Mission Board will work within the Southern Baptist Convention entity relationship guidelines approved by the Great Commission Council and the Executive Committee and printed in the *Organization Manual of the Southern Baptist Convention*.

36. Ernest Easley (GA) moved the adoption of Recommendation 4, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 4: 2011–12 SBC Cooperative Program Allocation Budget

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the 2011–12 Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program Allocation Budget in the amount of \$186,000,000, as follows:

**2011–12 SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ALLOCATION BUDGET PROPOSAL**

	Proposed 2011–2012 Budget Allocation	Proposed 2011–2012 % of Total Allocation
World Mission Ministries		
International Mission Board	\$ 93,372,000	50.20%
North American Mission Board	<u>42,389,400</u>	<u>22.79%</u>
Total World Mission Ministries	<u>\$ 135,761,400</u>	<u>72.99%</u>
Theological Education Ministries		
Seminaries:		
SWBTS	9,079,899	4.88%
SBTS	8,954,566	4.81%
NOBTS	7,640,179	4.11%
SEBTS	7,466,714	4.01%
GGBTS	3,744,932	2.01%
MWBTS	<u>3,884,910</u>	<u>2.09%</u>
Total Seminaries	\$ 40,771,200	21.92%
Historical Library and Archives	<u>446,400</u>	<u>0.24%</u>
Total Theological Education Ministries	<u>\$ 41,217,600</u>	<u>22.16%</u>

Christian Ethics and Religious Liberty Ministries		
Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission	\$ 3,069,000	1.65%
Total Christian Ethics & Religious Liberty Ministries	<u>3,069,000</u>	<u>1.65%</u>
Facilitating Ministries		
SBC Operating	\$ 5,952,000	3.20%
Total Facilitating Ministries	<u>5,952,000</u>	<u>3.20%</u>
Total Budget Allocation	<u>\$ 186,000,000</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

37. Michael W. Routt (CO) moved the adoption of Recommendation 3, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 3: 2011–12 Proposed SBC Operating Budget

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the 2011–12 Southern Baptist Convention Operating Budget in the amount of \$7,470,000, as follows:

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION OPERATING BUDGET SUMMARY

	<u>2011–2012**</u>	<u>2010–2011*</u>
Cooperative Program	5,952,000.00	6,793,951.07
Designations	565,000.00	400,000.00
LifeWay Christian Resources	250,000.00	450,000.00
Interest/Dividends	350,000.00	400,000.00
Materials Distribution - (SBC LIFE, etc.)	155,000.00	350,000.00
Other Income	<u>198,000.00</u>	<u>250,000.00</u>
Total Income	<u>7,470,000.00</u>	<u>8,643,951.07</u>
	<u>2010–2011**</u>	<u>2009–2010**</u>
Convention Administration Expenses		
SBC General Operations		827,259.07
-- Global Evangelical Relations		275,000.00
-- Empowering Kingdom Growth		66,250.00
SBC Committees		80,000.00
Annual Meeting		1,008,600.00
SBC Building Management		<u>473,000.00</u>
Subtotal	2,203,650.00	2,731,109.07
Executive Committee Operations Expenses		
Administration		2,314,344.00
Unbudgeted Non-Cash Post Retirement Benefits		(321,249.00)
Unbudgeted Non-Cash Depreciation Expense		(371,295.00)
Executive Committee Meetings		215,000.00
Southern Baptist Foundation		300,000.00
Convention Policy		587,300.00
Convention Relations		986,959.00
Convention News		797,808.00
Cooperative Program/Stewardship		<u>1,404,975.00</u>
Subtotal	5,266,350.00	5,913,842.00
Total Expenses	<u>7,470,000.00</u>	<u>8,643,951.07</u>

* Numbers are taken from the SBC Operating Budget – approved September 2010

** Numbers are estimates for the year requested based on anticipated income

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38. Robert J. Anderson, Jr. (MD) moved the adoption of Recommendation 5.

Channing Kilgore (TN) made a motion to amend Item b, d, and h of the recommendation. The chair ruled that only one amendment could be considered at a time. Kilgore moved to amend Item b to insert the phrase “*who are the most gospel minded regardless of their ethnic background within the convention*” following the word “individuals” and before the word “representing.” Darrell Orman (FL) responded for the committee. Joe Caldwell (CA) spoke against the motion to amend. Craig Thomas (TN) spoke for the amendment. James Goforth (MO) spoke against and called for the question. Vote for the previous question was in the affirmative. The motion to amend failed. The recommendation was adopted.

Recommendation 5: SBC Referral: Directing the Executive Committee to Study Greater SBC Involvement for Ethnic Churches and Leaders

After extensive study of a 2009 motion, the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention makes the following recommendations designed to foster conscious awareness of the need to be proactive and intentional in the inclusion of individuals from all ethnic and racial identities within Southern Baptist life and recommends the Southern Baptist Convention request:

- a. The Executive Committee to request from the Southern Baptist Convention entities to submit as part of its annual “data call” [as described in Bylaw 18E (12)], a descriptive report of participation of ethnic churches and church leaders in the life and ministry of the respective SBC entity; and
- b. The Executive Committee to include a section in the SBC President’s Notebook given to each newly-elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention encouraging the president to give special attention to appointing individuals who represent the diversity within the Convention, and particularly ethnic diversity, among his appointees to the various committees under his purview (Committee on Committees, Credentials Committee, Resolutions Committee, and Tellers Committee); and
- c. The SBC president to report the total number of appointees he selects for the committees under his purview that represent the ethnic diversity within Southern Baptist life at the time the names of the committees are released to *Baptist Press*; and
- d. The Executive Committee to include a section in the SBC President’s Notebook encouraging the president to encourage the selection of annual meeting program personalities by the Committee on Order of Business that represent the ethnic diversity within the Southern Baptist Convention; and
- e. The Committee on Order of Business to give due consideration to the ethnic identity of program personalities it enlists for each Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting; and
- f. The Executive Committee to amend the nomination form for the Committee on Nominations to provide a place where a nominee may indicate his or her ethnic identity, should he or she so choose; and
- g. The Committee on Nominations to include in its annual report the total number of new nominees and the total number of individuals among its nominees that represent the ethnic diversity within Southern Baptist life; and
- h. The SBC entities to give due consideration to the recruitment and employment of qualified individuals to serve in the various professional staff positions, on seminary faculty, and as appointed missionaries in order to reflect well the ethnic diversity within Southern Baptist life; and

- i. The Executive Committee, through its various publications and news outlets, to continue to provide news coverage of interest to individuals of all ethnic interests and to carry stories that demonstrate the wonderful works the Lord is accomplishing through the vital ministries of Baptists of “every tribe and tongue and people and nation”; and
- j. The Executive Committee, through its Communications Workgroup, to receive a report from the Executive Committee staff in its February meeting each year concerning the participation of ethnic churches and church leaders in the life and ministry of the SBC entities as reported through the various means outlined in this recommendation (letters a. through i. above); and

The Executive Committee further recommends the Southern Baptist Convention respectfully request the Southern Baptist Pastor’s Conference and other groups which meet as part of the larger event of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting be sensitive to the desire of our ethnic brothers and sisters in Christ to see and hear individuals from their respective cultural heritages address attendees of these related groups; and

The Executive Committee further recommends the Southern Baptist Convention strongly encourage church workers and leaders from all ethnic backgrounds within Southern Baptist life to involve themselves to the highest level possible in associational life and through state convention ministries so that their participation in broader denominational life becomes the platform from which their greater involvement in visible roles of leadership in the Convention will naturally follow.

- 39. Ken Jones (VA) raised a point of order and the chair ruled the point of order was not well taken.
- 40. Frank S. Page (TN) introduced a video entitled “Empty Hands”.
- 41. President Wright (GA) introduced Mark Cottingham (GA), worship pastor, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, to lead in congregational worship with combined choirs from Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, GA; First Southern Baptist Church, Scottsdale, AZ; Foothills Baptist Church, Ahwatukee, Phoenix, AZ; North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, AZ.
- 42. President Wright (GA) introduced Bob Stith (TX), National Strategist, SBC Task Force on Ministry to Homosexuals, and he gave a report.
- 43. President Wright (GA) introduced Montia Setzler, (CA), LifeWay Chairman of the Board, who introduced Thom Rainer (TN), President and CEO, LifeWay, for their report. Channing Kilgore (TN) asked a question about LifeWay’s response to his 2010 motion. Rainer responded. Cody Hinton (MO) asked a question. Rainer responded. Roger Beck (AZ) asked a question. Rainer responded.
- 44. Thom S. Rainer (TN) introduced the LifeWay presentation and video, *Biblical Solutions for Life*.
- 45. President Wright (GA) called on first vice president Ron Herrod (TN) to preside for the remainder of the session.
- 46. Mark Cottingham (GA), worship pastor, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, led in congregational worship with combined choirs.
- 47. First vice president Ron Herrod (TN) introduced President Bryant Wright (GA) for the president’s address. Frank S. Page (TN) introduced President Wright’s family.
- 48. Mark Cottingham (GA), worship pastor, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, led the orchestra and combined choirs.

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49. President Bryant Wright (GA) gave the president's address.
50. First vice president Ron Herrod (TN) recognized George B. Wright, III, pastor, Cedarcrest Church, Acworth, GA, to lead the benediction.

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51. Congregational praise and worship was led by Jason Breland (AL), Convention music director.
52. President Wright (GA) introduced Emerson Falls (OK), pastor, Glorieta Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, to lead in prayer.
53. President Wright introduced R. Albert Mohler, Jr. (KY), Council of Seminary Presidents, for the SBC Historical Library and Archives report.
54. President Wright (GA) recognized Will Langford (VA), chairman, Committee on Order of Business, to present the second report of the Committee on Order of Business.
55. Chairman Langford (VA) reported that the Committee determined that the following motions deal with the internal operations or ministries of Convention entities. Under Bylaw 26B, the motions were automatically referred to the appropriate SBC entities for consideration and report to the 2012 Southern Baptist Convention. To the Executive Committee: James Goforth (MO) On studying online messenger participation in the annual meeting; To LifeWay: Tim Overton (IN) On equipping fathers to lead family devotions.
56. President Wright (GA) ruled that the motions be referred as indicated by the Committee on Order of Business.
57. Chairman Langford (VA) moved the following motion be referred as follows and to be reported to the 2012 Southern Baptist Convention: To the Committee on Order of Business: Keith Rogers (AZ) On having at least one evening session at the annual meeting.
58. The motion by the committee was adopted, and the motion was referred to the Committee on Order of Business.
59. The Committee on Order of Business requested the chair to rule the following motions were not in order: Wiley Drake (CA) On sending a letter of gratitude to Texas Governor Rick Perry; Adam Sanders (TN) On Support of Israel; Wiley Drake (CA) On requesting the U.S. President to declare national days of solemn assembly and prayer; Kent Cochran (MO) On establishing a committee to study the impact of the GCR Task Force; Wiley Drake (CA) On investigating and reporting about Social Security abuse.
60. President Wright (GA) ruled these motions were out of order for the reasons expressed by the Committee on Order of Business.
61. President Wright (GA) 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.
62. George Kelly (TX) made a motion: On Developing Senior Adult Devotional Materials.
 "LifeWay needs to develop materials to minister to senior adults. I find no senior adult materials that help a church establish a senior adult ministry or resources that define strategies of ministering to senior adults. The first baby boomers turned 65 on January 1, 2011, – the fastest growing segment of our society – the old concept of ministering to those 65+ has a new paradigm with baby boomers and those ages 50-64 (millennials) (sic) are another paradigm." (Items 62 and 102)

63. Craig Thomas (TN) made a motion: On Including Disclaimers in Certain Published Products.

“That we recommend that LifeWay reinstate disclaimers whenever they sell *The Shack* and/or other materials that undermine and oppose Articles II and IV of *The Baptist Faith and Message 2000*.” (Items 63 and 102)

64. Young McCann (CA) made a motion: On Studying the Impact of Unbiblical Sexuality.

“Because the issue of unbiblical sexuality including pornography and homosexuality being so common in our culture and in our churches that leads to family breakups, broken ministries, leadership, and personhood of many Christians, Christian leaders, young people, and future leaders, I move to request our Convention study this issue in our culture and churches and provide guidelines for church members, leaders, and Convention leaders to promote gospel-centered sexuality to educate, train, and restore God’s people to live a life to bring maximum glory to God.” (Items 64 and 102)

65. Channing Kilgore (TN) made a motion: On Making Production Selection and Sale Criteria Public

“That the SBC recommend that LifeWay stores publish the criteria they use in determining their selection and sale of biblically-related materials.” (Items 65 and 102)

66. Wiley Drake (CA) made a motion: On Investigating and Reporting about Social Security Abuse.

“That the Southern Baptist Convention meeting June 14-15, 2011, in Phoenix, Arizona, request the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission to investigate, and report back to the Convention, the abuse of Social Security money under Title 4D Child Support and Title 4E Child Protective Services that were originally for the welfare of children, and now have become child abuse, according to the 9th Circuit Court of Federal Appeals, and making Social Security run out of money.” (Items 66 and 102).

67. President Wright (GA) recognized Roger Spradlin (CA), who introduced the presenters for the Executive Committee recommendations.

68. Jeff Moore (OK) moved the adoption of Recommendations 6, 8, and 9, and they were adopted.

Recommendation 6: SBC Annual Meeting: Future Convention Site, 2016

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention that St. Louis, Missouri, be selected as the site for the 2016 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Convention dates would be June 14-15, 2016.

Recommendation 8: SBC Annual Meeting: Future Convention Site, 2017

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, June 14-15, 2011, that Phoenix, Arizona, be selected as the site for the 2017 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. The convention dates would be June 13-14, 2017.

Recommendation 9: SBC Annual Meeting: Future Convention Site, 2018

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, June 14-15, 2011, that Dallas, Texas, be selected as the site for the 2018 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. The convention dates would be June 12-13, 2018.

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69. Barry Ladd (GA) moved the adoption of Recommendation 7, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 7: *SBC Calendar of Activities Recommendation and Amendments*

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the 2015–16 *SBC Calendar of Activities* as follows:

October 2015

Cooperative Program Emphasis

Soul-Winning Commitment Day, **October 4**

World Hunger Sunday, **October 11**

November 2015

Children’s Missions Celebration Day, **November 1**

November – December 2015

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

Christmas Offering, **November 29 – December 6**

January 2016

January Bible Study, **January 3–10**

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, **January 17**

February 2016

“True Love Waits” Emphasis

Focus on WMU, **February 8–14**

Children’s Ministry Day, **February 13**

Racial Reconciliation Sunday, **February 14**

March 2016

Week of Prayer and Mission Study for North American Missions and the

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, **March 6–13**

Youth Week, **March 6–12**

Start a Church Sunday, **March 20**

Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday, **March 20**

April 2016

Cooperative Program Sunday, **April 10**

Baptist Doctrine Study, **April 17**

SBC Seminaries Sunday, **April 24**

May 2016

Senior Adult Sunday, **May 1**

Christian Home Week, **May 8–15**

Baptist Association Emphasis, **May 15–22**

Life Commitment Sunday, **May 29**

June 2016

Crossover (Convention City – date not yet set)

Baptist Men’s Emphasis, **June 19**

Mission: Dignity Sunday, **June 26**

July 2016

Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday, **July 3**

Serving Your Community Sunday, **July 17**

August 2016

Social Issues Sunday, **August 7** (Emphasis not yet determined)

Student Evangelism Day, **August 7**

Worship Music Week, **August 21–27**

September 2016

- Single Adult Sunday, **September 4**
- Anti-Gambling Sunday, **September 18**
- Discipleship Rally, **September 19**

70. Roger Spradlin (CA) recognized Frank S. Page (TN) for a special resolution of appreciation to Kenneth S. Hemphill (SC) for his work with EKG. Hemphill made remarks of gratitude to the Convention.

Resolution of Appreciation for Kenneth S. (Ken) Hemphill, Strategist for Empowering Kingdom Growth

RECOMMENDATION: That the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention transfer the ministry initiative known as Empowering Kingdom Growth (EKG) and adopt the following Resolution of Appreciation for Kenneth S. Hemphill upon the transition of the Empowering Kingdom Growth ministry initiative oversight from the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to North Greenville University in Tigerville, South Carolina.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR
KENNETH S. HEMPHILL, NATIONAL STRATEGIST FOR
EMPOWERING KINGDOM GROWTH**

WHEREAS, The Empowering Kingdom Growth (EKG) initiative began as a state convention ministry initiative in South Carolina under the outstanding leadership of Carlisle Driggers; and

WHEREAS, The EKG initiative was used by God to sharpen the focus of churches across South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, EKG was introduced to the Southern Baptist Convention through the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in 2002 as the culmination of extensive study and prayer by the EKG Task Force, a twelve-member task force of SBC entity heads and Baptist state convention executives; and

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention during the annual meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, on June 11, 2002, embraced the vision of Empowering Kingdom Growth and affirmed it as a ministry initiative of the Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, EKG called for SBC leaders and churches to unite in seeking first the King and His Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth S. Hemphill was named as national strategist for EKG in 2003 by Morris H. Chapman, president of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, He has distinguished himself by providing outstanding and exemplary leadership as national strategist for the EKG initiative; and

WHEREAS, He has written extensively to provide resources for the EKG initiative, including, *EKG: The Heartbeat of God*, the keystone book for the EKG movement, *A 40 Day Experience: The Heartbeat of God*, *Making Change*, *Eternal Impact*, and *You Are Gifted*; and

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WHEREAS, He has traveled nationally and internationally, vigorously promoting the Kingdom emphasis and vision embodied in EKG; and

WHEREAS, Under his leadership an estimated 4,000 churches and numerous associations have utilized EKG resources as a component of their ministries; and

WHEREAS, The Louisiana Baptist Convention embraced and promoted the vision of EKG, leading to substantial growth among participating churches in baptisms, giving, and missions support; and

WHEREAS, The EKG initiative continues to be a redemptive and constructive benefit to Southern Baptist churches, associations, and state conventions; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth S. Hemphill and the leadership of North Greenville University have agreed to unite in this effort to promote a Kingdom vision as an integral part of the University's purpose and mission; and consequently, North Greenville University has offered to assume oversight of the EKG initiative; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the members of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, June 13, 2011, express profound and humble gratitude to God for what He has wrought through the EKG initiative since its inception; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention express deepest gratitude to Kenneth S. Hemphill for his unflinching devotion to, and exemplary sacrifice in, advancing God's Kingdom for His glory; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention now commends and transitions the vital ministry of EKG to the oversight of the North Greenville University, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention prays the Lord's richest blessings on both Kenneth S. Hemphill and North Greenville University as they continue to inspire Southern Baptists wholeheartedly to seek first the King and His Kingdom until He returns for His own.

71. Frank S. Page (TN) recognized Paul Thompson (ID), pastor of East Side Baptist Church, Twin Falls, for his work with orphans and subsequent unjust imprisonment in Haiti. Thompson made remarks to the Convention.
72. Frank S. Page (TN) introduced two videos about the Cooperative Program.
73. Roger Spradlin (CA) concluded the Executive Committee report.
74. Jason Breland (AL), Convention music director, led congregational praise and worship.
75. President Wright (GA) introduced a video about disaster relief work in Alabama presented by NAMB.
76. President Wright (GA) recognized Jeff Iorg (CA), president, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, for their report. Steve Bass (AZ) thanked Iorg (CA) and Golden Gate for their work with students in Arizona. Iorg concluded the report.
77. President Wright (GA) introduced a video on the *Jesus* film produced by Campus Crusade for Christ.
78. President Wright (GA) recognized Ron Herrod (TN), first vice president, to preside during the time of presidential election.

L. Douglas (Doug) Passmore, OK First East, Lawton	E L. Douglas (Doug) Passmore, OK First East, Lawton
* Procopio U. DeLeon, PA-SJ South Jersey Bible, Pitman, NJ	E * Procopio U. DeLeon, PA-SJ South Jersey Bible, Pitman, NJ
J. Paul Fleming, SC Forestville, Greenville	E J. Paul Fleming, SC Forestville, Greenville
* David C. Perdue, TN Bellevue, Cordova	E * David C. Perdue, TN Bellevue, Cordova
David Dykes, TX Green Acres, Tyler	E David Dykes, TX Green Acres, Tyler
* Carol A. Yarber, TX First, Malakoff	E * Carol A. Yarber, TX First, Malakoff

GUIDESTONE FINANCIAL RESOURCES

State Representation

Term Expiring 2013

Charles Darren Gaddis, KY Central, Corbin	R J. Wesley Noss, KY New Hope, Versailles
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Term Expiring 2015

* Frankie J. Smitherman, AL First, North Mobile	I Rick L. Lance, AL Vaughn Forest, Montgomery
Danny H. (Dan) Coker, Sr., AZ Love, Phoenix	E Danny H. (Dan) Coker, Sr., AZ Love, Phoenix
James B. (Jim) Henry, FL First, Orlando	I * John T. Raymond, FL First, Jacksonville
* Thomas A. (Tom) Seel, IN First, Clarksville	E * Thomas A. (Tom) Seel, IN First, Clarksville
* Mary C. Dighton, KS-NE Lenexa, Lenexa, KS	I * Terry A. Kilgore, KS-NE First Southern, Liberal, KS
* Gregory A. (Greg) Bibb, KY Porter Memorial, Lexington	I Rob S. Gibson, KY North Oldham, Goshen
Darryl J. Hoychick, LA Trinity, Pineville	I * John D. Cameron, LA First, West Monroe
* Joseph D. (Jody) Fail, MS Bay Springs, Bay Springs	E * Joseph D. (Jody) Fail, MS Bay Springs, Bay Springs
* James R. (Jim) Scrivner, OK First, Ada	I * David W. Morley, OK First, Enid
Timothy E. (Tim) Head, SC Lighthouse, Mt. Pleasant	I Michael S. Hamlet, SC First North Spartanburg, Spartanburg
* Ronald D. (Ron) Murff, TX Prestonwood, Plano	I * Scott Turner, TX Prestonwood, Plano
* Robert A. (Bob) Harris, Jr., VA Mt. Pleasant, Colonial Heights	I * Kenneth C. Price, VA Beaverdam, Beaverdam

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

State Representation

Term Expiring 2015

James W. (Jamey) Pruett, AL First, Prattville	I Jay L. Wolf, AL First, Montgomery
* Linda Jean Applegarth, AL Taylor Road, Montgomery	DS F. Max Croft, AL Agape, Scottsboro
* William C. (Bill) Milewski, AK First, Kenai	E * William C. (Bill) Milewski, AK First, Kenai
* Joseph W. (Joe) Hewgley, AR Pleasant Hills, Rogers	I * Don McDonald, AR First, Fort Smith
Stuart A. Bell, AR First, Centerton	E Stuart A. Bell, AR First, Centerton
Lyle B. Paul, CA First, Gridley	E Kristle K. White, CA Magnolia Avenue, Riverside
R. Blake Withers, CA Las Brisas, Murrieta	E R. Blake Withers, CA Las Brisas, Murrieta
Andrew F. (Andy) Johnson, DC Capitol Hill, Washington	E Andrew F. (Andy) Johnson, DC Capitol Hill, Washington
* Debora D. (Debbie) Brunson, FL First, Jacksonville	E Debora D. (Debbie) Brunson, FL First, Jacksonville
* Martha H. Wilson, GA Oak Hill, Millen	E * Martha H. Wilson, GA Oak Hill, Millen
* Jana T. Brown, GA Peavine, Fort Oglethorpe	E * Jana T. Brown, GA Peavine, Fort Oglethorpe
Hershael W. York, KY Buck Run, Frankfort	E Hershael W. York, KY Buck Run, Frankfort
* Kathy T. Towns, LA First, Arcadia	I James D. Rivers, LA First Moss Bluff, Lake Charles
* George Jack, MD-DE First, Perryville, MD	I Tim L. Simpson, MD-DE Greenridge, Clarksburg, MD
Marvin (Rick) Dunbar, MS First, Madison	E Marvin (Rick) Dunbar, MS First, Madison
William D. (Bill) Curp, MO Faith, Festus	I Robert G. (Gary) Barkley, MO Pisgah, Excelsior Springs
* Michael A. (Mike) Penry, NC Revolution, Raleigh	E * Michael A. (Mike) Penry, NC Revolution, Raleigh
Keith L. Stephenson, NC Second, Rutherfordton	DS Ruffin Snow, NC Tri-City, Conover
D. Allen McWhite, SC Wellford, Travelers Rest	I Claude Anthony (Tony) Smith, SC New Prospect, Anderson
John D. Floyd, TN Kirby Woods, Memphis	I H. Dean Haun, TN First, Morristown
* Marshall D. Johnson, TX MacArthur Boulevard, Irving	E * Marshall D. Johnson, TX MacArthur Boulevard, Irving
James T. (Jay) Gross, TX West Conroe, Conroe	E James T. (Jay) Gross, TX West Conroe, Conroe
* Charlene D. Hahn, VA First, Norfolk	E * Charlene D. Hahn, VA First, Norfolk

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD

State Representation**Term Expiring 2012**

Lester Cooper, GA 1027 Church, Atlanta	R * Keith Fordham, GA Harps Crossing, Fayetteville
* Cameron Fuller, MI Orchard, Williamsburg	R David Washington, Jr., MI Canton Christian Fellowship, Canton
* Lisa M. Knutsen, NV Green Valley, Las Vegas	R Barry K. Anderson, NV Green Valley, Henderson

Term Expiring 2013

* Paul A. Oyer, HI Olivet, Honolulu	R Shane H. Sowers, HI Central, Honolulu
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Term Expiring 2014

* Sharon Parker, LA Start, Start	R Lane R. Moore, LA Ellerbe Road, Shreveport
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State Representation**Term Expiring 2015**

Larry E. Gipson, AL First, Oneonta	E Larry E. Gipson, AL First, Oneonta
Ronald L. (Ronnie) Toon, AR First, Batesville	E Ronald L. (Ronnie) Toon, AR First, Batesville
Timothy C. (Tim) Patterson, FL Hillcrest, Jacksonville	I * Richard T. (Rick) Wyatt, FL First, Brandon
* Douglas K. (Doug) Dieterly, IN Plymouth, Plymouth	E * Douglas K. (Doug) Dieterly, IN Plymouth, Plymouth
Steven D. (Steve) Holdaway, KS-NE LifeSpring, Bellevue, NE	E Steven D. (Steve) Holdaway, KS-NE LifeSpring, Bellevue, NE
M. Jason Pettus, KY Living Hope, Bowling Green	E M. Jason Pettus, KY Living Hope, Bowling Green
* Peggy S. Ballou, KY Central Corbin	DS * David A. Parks, KY Porter Memorial, Lexington
* John P. Weberg, MO Garden, Overland	E * John P. Wenberg, MO Garden, Overland
* Carroll E. Vaughn, NM First, Bloomfield	E * Carroll E. Vaughn, NM First, Bloomfield
James S. (Bud) Parrish, NC Antioch, Lumberton	E James S. (Bud) Parrish, NC Antioch, Lumberton
Steven G. (Steve) Mayes, OH Good Shepherd, Amherst	E Steven G. (Steve) Mayes, OH Good Shepherd, Amherst
* Patrick L. (Pat) Adams, OK Quail Springs, Oklahoma City	E * Patrick L. (Pat) Adams, OK Quail Springs, Oklahoma City
Rodney K. Hale, WV First, Ceredo	I Gregory A. Vamdell, WV Fairlawn, Parkersburg

LIFEWAY CHRISTIAN RESOURCES

State Representation

Term Expiring 2013

Mary H. Cox, GA North Metro First, Lawrenceburg	R Paul R. Baxter, GA First, LaGrange
Larry J. Purcell, KY Second, Hopkinsville	R Timothy D. Turner, KY Porter Memorial, Lexington
Justin D. Peters, MS First, Vicksburg	R * Ronald G. (Ronnie) Smith, MS Broadmoor, Madison

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Argile Smith, MS First, Biloxi	R Gary A. Richardson, MS North Oxford, Oxford
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* Lorie Honeycutt, AZ First Southern, Wellton	E * Lorie Honeycutt, AZ First Southern, Wellton
* John D. Sagely, AR First, Fort Smith	I * Wayne G. Story, AR Cross Church, Springdale
* Judy Taylor, IL Dorrisville, Harrisburg	E * Judy Taylor, IL Dorrisville, Harrisburg
Joe Mayes, IN Bethel, North Vernon	R Steven M. McNeil, IN Northside, Indianapolis
* Carol L. Smith, KS-NE First Southern, Great Bend, KS	E * Carol L. Smith, KS-NE First Southern, Great Bend, KS
Adam W. Greenway, KY First, Mt. Washington	E Adam W. Greenway, KY First, Mt. Washington
* Tonya M. Hancock, LA North Monroe, Monroe	DS Harry Forrester, LA Emmanuel, Shreveport
* Sharon B. Williams, MI Cedar Street, Holt	E * Sharon B. Williams, MI Cedar Street, Holt
Mike B. Farris, NV First, Tonopah	E Mike B. Farris, NV First, Tonopah
Simeon (Lee) Childs, NC First, Garner	E Simeon (Lee) Childs, NC First, Garner
Mark Estep, TX Spring, Spring	I Michael J. (Mike) Stevens, TX Bannockburn, Austin
Jennie L. Hughes, WV Immanuel, Princeton	E Jennie L. Hughes, WV Immanuel, Princeton

SOUTHERN SEMINARY

State Representation

Term Expiring 2012

Craig A. Loscalzo, KY Immanuel, Lexington	R Elizabeth H. (Ellie) Coursey, KY First, Henderson
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Term Expiring 2016

Edwin J. Hayes, AL First, Cullman	E Edwin J. Hayes, AL First, Cullman
* Larry Moxley, CA Valley, Bakersfield	I John A. Montgomery, CA Pathway, Redlands
Philip W. West, GA First, Valdosta	E Philip W. West, GA First, Valdosta

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Penny D. Davis, IL Tabernacle, Decatur	I * Nina J. Wilson, IL First, Machesney Park
* Philip A. Gunn, MS Morrison Heights, Clinton	E * Philip A. Gunn, MS Morrison Heights, Clinton
Steve D. Gouge, NC Cub Creek, Wilkesboro	E D. Steven Gouge, NC Cub Creek, Wilkesboro
E. Todd Fisher, OK Immanuel, Shawnee	E E. Todd Fisher, OK Immanuel, Shawnee
L. Perrin Powell, Jr., SC Peach Valley, Spartanburg	E L. Perrin Powell, Jr., SC Peach Valley, Spartanburg
* Paul B. Taylor, TX First, Mauriceville	E * Paul B. Taylor, TX First, Mauriceville
Brian D. Autry, VA Parkway, Moseley	E Brian D. Autry, VA Parkway, Moseley

Local Representation**Term Expiring 2016**

* J. Barry McRoberts LaGrange, LaGrange, KY	E * J. Barry McRoberts LaGrange, LaGrange, KY
* Randall L. Murray Clifton, Louisville, KY	I * Marla R. Sanders Highview, Louisville, KY

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY**State Representation****Term Expiring 2014**

T. Michael Lawrence, DC Capitol Hill, Washington	R * Jonathan D. Leeman, DC Capitol Hill, Washington
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Term Expiring 2015

Mike Lee, MI Grace, Jackson	R Herschel D. Smith, MI Northpoint, Marquette
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Term Expiring 2016

Danny L. Johnson, AR First Southern, Bryant	E Danny L. Johnson, AR First Southern, Bryant
Lyman (Hutch) Hutcheson, KY Twelve Oaks, Paducah	E Lyman (Hutch) Hutcheson, KY Twelve Oaks, Paducah
Jonathon C. (Jon) Murchison, NV First, Las Vegas	DS Eddie Miller, NV South Reno, Reno
Alan L. (Larry) Miller, NM Eastern Hills, Albuquerque	I Robert E. Myers, NM Del Norte, Albuquerque
H. Doyle Chauncey, VA Grove Avenue, Richmond	E H. Doyle Chauncey, VA Grove Avenue, Richmond
* Dorothy L. (Dottie) Tommey, WV Grace, Parkersburg	I Johnny H. Kelly, WV Westview, Martinsburg

At-Large Representation**Term Expiring 2016**

* Johnny W. McGregor First, Glen Rose, TX	E * Johnny W. McGregor First, Glen Rose, TX
Tony Mathews North Garland, Garland, TX	E Tony Mathews North Garland, Garland, TX

NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY

State Representation

Term Expiring 2014

David L. Daffern, AZ First Southern, Phoenix	R * William R. Bagwell, AZ First Southern, Scottsdale
James Anderson, GA Westside, Warner Robins	R Frank Cox, GA North Metro First, Lawrenceville
Terry Douglas, PA-SJ Wrightsdale, Peach Bottom, PA	R * Melanie H. Hart, PA-SJ Faith Community, McMurray, PA

Term Expiring 2016

* Lonnie Riley, KY Teetersville, Harlan	E * Lonnie Riley, KY Teetersville, Harlan
Danny M. Crow, MD-DE Covenant, Columbia, MD	I * Kenneth W. White, MD-DE El Bethel, Fort Washington, MD
Donald L. (Don) Currence, MO First, Ozark	E Donald L. (Don) Currence, MO First, Ozark
Jeffrey L. Black, NY New Life, Pittsfield, MA	E Jeffrey L. Black, NY New Life, Pittsfield, MA
Steven A. Jirgal, NC Lakeview, Monroe	E Steven A. Jirgal, NC Lakeview, Monroe
Caudle J. (C. J) Adkins, WV Westmoreland, Huntington	E Caudle J. (C. J.) Adkins, WV Westmoreland, Huntington

Local Representation

Term Expiring 2016

Dean Stewart Good Hope, Purvis, MS	E Dean Stewart Good Hope, Purvis, MS
T. C. French, Jr. Jefferson, Baton Rouge, LA	I Leland H. Crawford First, Minden, LA
* Lawson L. Swearingen Woodland Park, Hammond, LA	DS Jerry W. Price First, West Monroe, LA

SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY

State Representation

Term Expiring 2012

* George T. Schroeder, AR First, Little Rock	R R. E. Clark, AR First, Gravette
Michael K. McCarthy, CO High Country, Silverthorne	R David E. Brown, CO Applewood, Wheat Ridge

Term Expiring 2013

Stephen E. Batts, GA Life Point, Newnan	R * Joe Forrester, GA Hebron, Dacula
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Term Expiring 2016

* Patrick (Pat) Hudson, KS-NE First, Haysville, KS	R Jerry Smith, KS-NE Faith, Andover, KS
* J. Stacy Davidson, MS First, Jackson	E * J. Stacy Davidson, MS First, Jackson
Kevin L. Apperson, NV North Las Vegas, North Las Vegas	E Kevin Apperson, NV North Las Vegas, North Las Vegas
* Ronald W. Cherry, TX Prestonwood, Plano	I Jason Allen, MO Life Connection, Independence

Local Representation**Term Expiring 2016**

Christopher J. Griggs Denver, Denver, NC	E	Christopher J. Griggs Denver, Denver, NC
* Henry G. Williamson, Jr. Calvary, Winston-Salem, NC	E	* Henry G. Williamson, Jr. Calvary, Winston-Salem, NC

MIDWESTERN SEMINARY**State Representation****Term Expiring 2016**

* Larry E. Hoffman, IL Eternity, Centralia	I	Michael G. (Mike) McCoy, MI Holland, Holland
* Richard L. Baker, MO Second, Springfield	E	* Richard L. Baker, MO Second, Springfield
* Patrick McKay, NY Hope, Flanders	I	Charles W. Campbell, IL Delta, Springfield
Kevin L. Shrum, TN Inglewood, Nashville	E	Kevin L. Shrum, TN Inglewood, Nashville
Donald L. (Don) Paxton, VA Rosedale, Abingdon	E	Donald L. (Don) Paxton, VA Rosedale, Abingdon

Local Representation**Term Expiring 2016**

* Patricia Bowen First, Little Rock, AR	I	* Margaret N. Godwin-Opara Immanuel, Wichita, KS
* Clarence Nolan Duke First, Belton, MO	I	Duncan Locke Lincoln Avenue, Jacksonville, IL

GOLDEN GATE SEMINARY**State Representation****Term Expiring 2013**

Bevan (Duffy) Deardorff, CO Applewood, Wheat Ridge	R	Sean D. Cole, CO Emmanuel, Sterling
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Term Expiring 2015

* Gustavo Della Corte, NY Iglesia Bautista David Livingston, Elizabeth, NJ	R	Freddy T. Wyatt, Jr., NY Gallery, New York
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Term Expiring 2016

* Ronald J. Sweetman, DC First, Upper Marlboro, MD	E	* Ronald J. Sweetman, DC First, Upper Marlboro, MD
Gregory P. (Greg) Byman, IN St. Joe Community, Fort Wayne	E	Gregory P. (Greg) Byman, IN St. Joe Community, Fort Wayne
James Keith Vawter, MO First, Mansfield	I	* C. Keith Goeking, MO Frederick Boulevard, St. Joseph
Joseph L. Bunce, NM Hoffmantown, Albuquerque	E	Joseph L. Bunce, NM Hoffmantown, Albuquerque
* Robert M. (Bob) Fargason, TN Brownsville, Brownsville	I	Roger D. (Buck) Webb, TN Grace, Tullahoma

At-Large Representation**Term Expiring 2014**

Don Kim New Community, Mountain View, CA	R	* Cathy Bates Pathway, Redlands, CA
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Term Expiring 2016

Mike McGuffee Clovis Hills Community, Clovis, CA	E	Mike McGuffee Clovis Hills Community, Clovis, CA
* Jane U. (Janie) Finlay First, Houston, TX	I	Terry M. Turner Mesquite Friendship, Mesquite, TX
* Misty W. Turco Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA	I	Seung Hwan Choi Korean Baptist, San Jose, CA

ETHICS AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COMMISSION

State Representation

Term Expiring 2014

Skip Alexander, KY Campbellsville, Campbellsville	Todd E. Brady, KY First, Paducah
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Term Expiring 2015

Stephen L. Faith, IN Charlestown, New Albany	E	Stephen L. Faith, IN Charlestown, New Albany
* L. Doug Austin, MO Bethany, Cape Girardeau	I	* Tammie F. Andrews, MO Prairie Home, Kearney
Gregory K. (Greg) Barefoot, NC Oakdale, Statesville	E	Gregory K. (Greg) Barefoot, NC Oakdale, Statesville
Stephen W. Long, OH First, Perrysburg	E	Stephen W. Long, OH First, Perrysburg
* Patrick G. Kinnison, OK First, Broken Arrow	E	* Patrick G. Kinnison, OK First, Broken Arrow
Steven F. Baker, PA-SJ Memorial, Gettysburg, PA	I	* Michael R. Stike, PA-SJ Wrightsdale, Peach Bottom, PA
Ronnie J. Wilburn, TN Meridian, Jackson	E	Ronnie J. Wilburn, TN Meridian, Jackson
Gene Kendrick, TX Mims, Conroe	I	* Barry K. Creamer, TX First, Dallas

At-Large Representation

Term Expiring 2015

H. Ray Newman, Sr. North Metro First, Lawrenceville, GA	E	H. Ray Newman, Sr. North Metro First, Lawrenceville, GA
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COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

Term Expiring 2014

Emerson E. Falls Glorieta, Oklahoma City, OK	I	Marvin G. Parker Broadway Missionary, Broadview, IL
Will H. Langford Hickory Grove, Independence, KY	I	David Smith Hyde Park, Austin, TX

Definitions used in this report:	
DS	Declined to Serve
E	Eligible for Second Term
I	Ineligible for Second Term
R	Resigned
*	Non-Church/Denominational-Related (Vocation)

82. Michael Proud (CA) offered a substitute nomination to replace Cathy Bates (CA), at-large representative for Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, term expiring 2014, with Ray Jones (CA). Proud responded to the substitute nomination. Doug Richey (MO) responded for the committee. The amendment failed. Paul Smith (AZ) offered Martin Johnson (AZ) to serve on the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary board replacing David Daffern (AZ), who had relocated out of the state. Doug Richey (MO) responded for the committee stating that they had already responded to that particular nomination with William R. Bagwell (AZ). Smith withdrew his motion, and the messengers affirmed the withdrawal of his motion. Del Allen (OK) asked a demographic question regarding input into the process. Doug Richey (MO) responded. The report was adopted.
83. President Wright (GA) recognized Charles S. (Chuck) Kelley, Jr. (LA), president, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, for their report. William Blosch (GA) asked a question. Kelley responded.
84. President Wright (GA) recognized first vice president Ron Herrod (TN) for the report of the previous ballot for president.
85. Ron Herrod (TN) recognized John L. Yeats (LA) for the report from the tellers committee. Yeats reported that at the time of the vote there were 4,780 registered messengers, and 2,384 messengers cast ballots. Bryant Wright (GA) received 2,274 votes for 95.39%, and Wiley Drake (CA) received 102 votes for 4.28%. Herrod declared **Bryant Wright as president elect**. He also prayed for President Wright.
86. President Wright (GA) recognized Richard D. Land (TN), president, The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, for their report.
87. Richard D. Land (TN) addressed the convention sharing his personal testimony about the power of the Cooperative Program and spoke to the current moral and social issues impacting the nation. President Wright (GA) led in prayer for revival.
88. Jason Breland (AL), Convention music director, led the congregation in praise and worship.
89. President Wright (GA) announced the time for nominations for first vice president. Danny Akin (NC) nominated Fred Luter, Jr. (LA). Billy Van Camp (AZ) nominated Rick Ong (AZ). There were no other nominations. Wright called on John L. Yeats (LA), recording secretary, to give balloting instructions to messengers. Yeats reported there were 4,791 messengers registered. Ballots were cast.
90. President Wright (GA) recognized Paige Patterson (TX), president, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, for their report.
91. President Wright (GA) announced the time for introduction of motions.
92. George Kelly (TX) made a motion: On Providing Funding for Small Church Pastors.
“NAMB needs a strategy and resources to help small and struggling churches to come alive by providing funds to call full-time pastors. While we have an intense passion of establishing new church starts, there are countless churches that are small and struggling with bivocational pastors, that are dying on the vine. If they could have a full-time pastor they could come alive again. This is no condemnation of bivocational pastors, but here you already have a church building and a group of believers with a potential to grow.” (Items 92 and 102)

93. Wiley Drake (CA) made a motion: On Providing 24-Hour Availability for the Annual Meeting Prayer Room.
 “That the SBC meeting June 14-15, in Phoenix recommend to the local arrangements committee that the prayer room be open 24 hours a day during the remainder of this Convention and future Conventions.” (Items 93 and 102)
94. Mickey Porter (UT) made a motion: On Reassigning Collegiate Ministries
 “That the primary responsibility for ministry to university and college students be moved from LifeWay Christian Resources to the North American Mission Board.” (Items 94 and 102)
95. Stephen Haffly (NC) made a motion: On Encouraging Publishers to Produce Electronic Publications.
 “That the SBC request that LifeWay encourage publishers to make electronic editions of academic works available for devices such as Kindle, Nook, and other devices. This would be a benefit to our students who would then be able to purchase such works at a cost savings over that of hard-bound or paperback works.” (Items 96 and 102)
96. President Wright (GA) introduced Timothy P. Dowdy (GA), chairman of NAMB, who introduced Kevin Ezell (GA), president, North American Mission Board, for their report.
97. President Wright (GA) asked Timothy P. Dowdy (GA) and Ted Traylor (FL) to pray for Kevin Ezell (GA) and his wife, commissioning them for leadership of the North American Mission Board.
98. Kevin Ezell (GA) presided over the North American Mission Board Appointment Service. President Wright (GA) prayed over the newly appointed missionaries and chaplains.
99. President Wright (GA) recognized John L. Yeats (LA), recording secretary, for the result of the ballot for first vice president. Yeats reported at the time of the ballot there were 4,791 messengers registered, and 2,012 ballots were cast. Fred Luter, Jr. (LA) received 1,558 votes for 77.4%, and Rick Ong (AZ) received 441 votes for 21.92%; 13 votes were disallowed. President Wright (GA) declared **Fred Luter, Jr. first vice president elect.**
100. Fernando Amaro (AZ), Hispanic ministries facilitator with Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, led the benediction.

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101. Jason Breland (AL), Convention music director, led North Mobile Worship Band in praise and worship.
102. President Wright (GA) recognized Richard Gomez (NM), mission service corps coordinator for the New Mexico Baptist Convention, to lead in prayer.
103. President Wright (GA) recognized Will Langford (VA), chairman, Committee on Order of Business, for their third report. Chairman Langford reported that the Committee determined that the following motions deal with the internal operations or ministries of Convention entities. Under SBC Bylaw 26B, such motions are automatically referred to the appropriate SBC entities for consideration and report to the 2012 Southern Baptist Convention: To LifeWay Christian Resources: George Kelly (TX) (Item 62) Requesting that LifeWay develop senior adult devotional materials specifically for senior adults; Craig Thomas (TN) (Item 63) Requesting LifeWay to place disclaimers on certain products; Channing Kilgore (TN) (Item 65) Requesting that LifeWay publish their criteria for publishing and

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distributing of products; Stephen Haffly (NC) (Item 95) Requesting LifeWay to work with other publishers of academic works to make them digital and downloadable. To LifeWay Christian Resources and the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission: Young McCann (CA) (Item 64) Requesting the Convention to study the impact of unbiblical sexuality. To LifeWay Christian Resources and the North American Mission Board: Mickey Porter (UT) (Item 94) requesting that collegiate ministries be moved from LifeWay to NAMB. To the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission: Wiley Drake (CA) (Item 66) Requesting that the ERLC study the abuse of Social Security. To the Executive Committee: Wiley Drake (CA) (Item 93) Requesting that the local arrangements committee consider making the SBC prayer room open 24 hours. To the North American Mission Board: George Kelly (TX) (Item 92) Requesting NAMB to develop a strategy for assisting the small and struggling congregations with growth and leadership.

104. President Wright (GA) announced that these motions were referred as indicated by the Committee on Order of Business.
105. President Wright (GA) introduced a video presented by the International Mission Board and indicated that the focus for this day would be on international missions.
106. President Wright (GA) announced the time for nominations for second vice president. Clint Pressley (NC) nominated Eric Thomas (VA). There were no other nominations. Wright called on John L. Yeats (LA), recording secretary, to cast the Convention ballot. Yeats reported 4,804 messengers were registered and cast the Convention ballot for Eric Thomas. Wright declared **Eric Thomas (VA) second vice president elect**.
107. President Wright (GA) announced the time for previously scheduled business. There was no scheduled business.
108. President Wright (GA) called for congregational singing. Jason Breland (AL), Convention music director, led in congregational praise and worship.
109. President Wright (GA) called for a season of prayer for missions.
110. President Wright (GA) recognized Gregg Matte (TX), chair of Committee on Committees, to bring a report. The report is found in the *SBC Bulletin, Tuesday, Part 2*, page 6. The report was adopted. (See following pages.)
111. President Wright (GA) introduced a video presented by the International Mission Board.
112. Jason Breland (AL), Convention music director, led in congregational praise and worship.
113. President Wright (GA) recognized R. Philip (Phil) Roberts (MO), president, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for their report.
114. President Wright (GA) recognized Will Langford (VA) for a motion from the Committee on Order of Business. Langford moved to advance the agenda by fifteen minutes. Motion was adopted.

**Report of the 2011 SBC COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
(2011–2012 Committee on Nominations)
(State Convention/Name/Church Membership)**

** indicates layperson from each state or regional convention*

ALABAMA

- *Ed Lawley
The Baptist Church at
McAdory
McCalla, AL
- Michael G. Holcomb
Iron City Baptist Church
Anniston, AL

ALASKA

- *Kenneth Ishmael
First Baptist Palmer
Palmer, AK
- Edward C. Gregory
First Baptist of Anchorage
Anchorage, AK

ARIZONA

- *Gloria Stakemiller
North Phoenix Baptist
Phoenix, AZ
- *Kay Harms
Sierra Vista First Baptist
Sierra Vista, AZ

ARKANSAS

- *Grant Rackley
First Baptist
Van Buren, AR
- Jeff Crawford
Grand Avenue Baptist
Ft. Smith, AR

CALIFORNIA

- *David Rutledge
Trinity Baptist
Livermore, CA
- Dale Garland
Hemet Valley Baptist
Hemet, CA

COLORADO

- *Charles Green
Monument Baptist
Grand Junction, CO
- David A. Tomme
First Southern Baptist
Colorado Springs, CO

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- *Papu Sandhu
Capitol Hill Baptist
Washington, DC
- *Paul Miller
Capitol Hill Baptist
Washington, DC

FLORIDA

- *Larry Carr
Idlewild Baptist
Lutz, FL
- Craig Conner
First Baptist
Panama City, FL

GEORGIA

- *Randall Steele
Oakwood Baptist
Chickamauga, GA
- Ben Smith
First Baptist
Adel, GA

HAWAII

- *Steven Knight
Lahaina Baptist
Lahaina, HI
- *Donald Sprinkle
Lahaina Baptist
Lahaina, HI

ILLINOIS

- *Mark Shipley
Roland Manor Baptist
Washington, IL
- Adron Robinson
Hillcrest Baptist
Country Club Hills, IL

INDIANA

- *Dave Leffler
Harrison Hills Baptist
Lanesville, IN
- Roger Kinion
Calvary Baptist
Greenfield, IN

KANSAS /NEBRASKA

- *Tom Madison
Immanuel Baptist
Wichita, KS
- Mike Bronson
West Haven Baptist
Tonganoxie, KS

KENTUCKY

- *J. Dudley Reaves
Bethlehem Baptist
Louisville, KY
- James Hill
Salem Baptist
Shelbyville, KY

LOUISIANA

- *Robert H. Gatti, Jr.
First Baptist
Bossier City, LA
- Waylon Bailey, *chair*
First Baptist
Covington, LA

MARYLAND/DELAWARE

- *Gregory Keith Corrick
Leonardtwn Baptist
Leonardtwn, MD
- Steve Fehrman
Southern Calvert Baptist
Lusby, MD

MICHIGAN

- *Karen Villapando
Memorial Baptist
Sterling Heights, MI
- Ron Emmerling
Westside Baptist
Flushing, MI

MISSISSIPPI

- *Scotty Swillie
First Baptist
Vicksburg, MS
- Allen Simpson
First Baptist
Amory, MS

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MISSOURI

*Marcy R. Carter
Covenant Baptist
Mt. Vernon, MO

Derek A. Grigg
First Baptist
Nixa, MO

NEVADA

Ron Klass
College Park Baptist
Las Vegas, NV

Tim Patton
South Reno Baptist
Reno, NV

NEW ENGLAND

*Ken Smith
Southcoast Community
Scarborough, ME

David Saylor
First Baptist
Manchester, CT

NEW MEXICO

*Phil Downs
First Baptist
Roswell, NM

Hilcias Barrios
Iglesia Bautista Bethania
Central
Albuquerque, NM

NEW YORK

*Peter John Garner
Northside Baptist
Liverpool, NY

Paul M. Flores
Nazareth Baptist
West New York, NJ

NORTH CAROLINA

*Jack Fallaw
First Baptist Charlotte
Charlotte, NC

Chad Hood
Bay Leaf Baptist
Raleigh, NC

NORTHWEST

*Cindy Schenewerk
Community Baptist
Winston, OR

Timothy D. Palmer
Tammany View Baptist
Lewiston, ID

OHIO

*Sharline Sisk
North Fairfield Baptist
Hamilton, OH

Johnathan Newman
Koinos Christian
Fellowship
Troy, OH

OKLAHOMA

*Pat Hutchens
Eastwood Baptist
Tulsa, OK

Russell Cook
Immanuel Baptist
Shawnee, OK

PENNSYLVANIA/**SOUTH JERSEY**

*Murtay Mullins
The Journey
West Chester, PA

Brian Harrison
Eastshore Baptist
Harrisburg, PA

SOUTH CAROLINA

*Ruth McWhite
Locust Hill Baptist
Travelers Rest, SC

*Cora B. Adams
Kilbourne Park Baptist
Columbia, SC

TENNESSEE

*Glenn K. Turner
First Baptist
Sevierville, TN

Tommy Vinson
First Baptist
Collierville, TN

TEXAS

*Carol Lewis
Houston's First Baptist
Houston, TX

Larry J. Sanders
Keller Springs Baptist
Carrollton, TX

UTAH/IDAHO

*John Gregory Morgan
Calvary Baptist
Boise, ID

Dan Walker
Canyons Church
Salt Lake City, UT

VIRGINIA

*George William Stephens
Colonial Heights Baptist
Colonial Heights, VA

Donald R. Cokes
River Oak
Chesapeake, VA

WEST VIRGINIA

*Bob Boyles
Good Shepherd Baptist
Scott Depot, WV

James H. Messenger
Faith Baptist
West Union, WV

WYOMING

*Ron Alexander
Boyd Avenue Baptist
Casper, WY

Clay Alexander
Big Horn Baptist Church
Buffalo, WY

115. President Wright (GA) recognized Paul Jimenez (SC), chairman, Committee on Resolutions, for their first report.
116. Russell Moore (KY) moved the adoption of Resolution 1, and it was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 1
ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN A GLOBAL SOCIETY**

WHEREAS, Popular movements calling for greater freedom and democracy are afoot in nations such as Libya, Tunisia, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Pakistan, Iran, Yemen, and Saudi Arabia, the governments of which deny their citizens religious liberty; and

WHEREAS, Many others in the Islamic world are denied the right to convert from Islam, because Sharia law makes such conversion a crime subject to penalties as severe as capital punishment; and

WHEREAS, Others around the world suffering under totalitarian regimes are denied the right to worship freely; and

WHEREAS, The diplomatic, economic, and military engagement of the United States of America in some of these countries brings with it a unique responsibility to promote religious liberty; and

WHEREAS, Advocacy for religious liberty is crucial not only abroad but also at home; and

WHEREAS, The rapidly changing religious diversity in the United States makes it important to reassert what Baptists have affirmed historically about complete religious liberty for all persons and a free church in a free state; and

WHEREAS, This conviction is grounded in the teaching of our Lord Jesus who declared that His Kingdom is “not of this world” (John 18:36), and therefore He has not authorized any earthly realm to advance His Kingdom by the power of the sword; and

WHEREAS, The transformation of the heart comes through the action of the Holy Spirit (John 3:3-8), and thus cannot be legislated or forced; and

WHEREAS, Efforts to confront spiritual matters with carnal, coercive means are both morally wrong and counter-productive (2 Corinthians 10:4; Ephesians 6:12); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, June 14-15, 2011, restate our long-standing view that religious liberty is an inalienable human right, rooted in the image of God and possessed by all human beings; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm that this freedom entails the civil liberty to convert to another religion or to no religion, to seek to persuade others of the claims of one’s religion, and to worship without harassment or impediment from the state; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we oppose the imposition of any system of jurisprudence by which people of different faiths do not enjoy the same legal rights; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we deny that any government should use any coercive measure—including zoning laws or permits—to restrict religious speech or worship, based on the theological content of that speech or worship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call on the United States government to maintain complete religious liberty for all Americans, as guaranteed in the First Amendment to the Constitution; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we petition our political, diplomatic, and military leaders to make religious liberty for all people a priority in decisions of foreign policy and international aid; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world who are now persecuted, imprisoned, or facing execution for their testimony of faith in Jesus.

Part 2

117. Jimmy Scroggins (FL) moved the adoption of Resolution 2, and it was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 2
ON PROTECTING THE DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT (DOMA)**

WHEREAS, The Defense of Marriage Act of 1996 was passed with overwhelming majorities in the 104th Congress (House: 342-67; Senate: 85-14); and

WHEREAS, The Defense of Marriage Act was signed into law by President William J. Clinton on September 21, 1996; and

WHEREAS, The Defense of Marriage Act defines the words *marriage*, *spouse*, *husband* and *wife* for the purpose of application to United States law; and

WHEREAS, The Defense of Marriage Act defines marriage as “only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife”; and

WHEREAS, The Defense of Marriage Act defends individual states from having a redefinition of marriage forced upon them by another state; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists have on multiple occasions (1996, 2003, 2008) affirmed through resolutions the truth and principles the Defense of Marriage Act seeks to defend; and

WHEREAS, The current administration, under the leadership of President Barack Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder, has refused to fulfill its constitutional responsibility to defend the Defense of Marriage Act against legal challenges currently before numerous federal courts; and

WHEREAS, The Defense of Marriage Act is under attack by legislation introduced in the 112th Congress seeking to repeal it; and

WHEREAS, The federal government has an appropriate role in preserving the foundations of a healthy society; and

WHEREAS, Redefining the concept and legality of marriage to mean anything other than the union between one man and one woman would fundamentally undermine the historic and biblical foundation of a healthy society (Genesis 1:28; 2:24; Matthew 19:4-6); and

WHEREAS, Equating same-sex relationships with heterosexual marriage would create a host of religious liberty and freedom of conscience conflicts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, June 14-15, 2011, call on President Obama to direct the United States Department of Justice to follow through on its constitutional responsibility to defend vigorously the Defense of Marriage Act against all legal challenges with the full power of its office; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commend the United States House of Representatives, under the leadership of Speaker John Boehner, for ensuring the rule of law by accepting the duty rejected by the United States Department of Justice to defend the Defense of Marriage Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we once again call on the United States Congress to pass and the states to ratify a constitutional amendment defining marriage as exclusively between one man and one woman; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, That we encourage pastors to speak strongly, prophetically, and redemptively concerning the sinful nature of homosexual behavior, the urgent need to protect biblical marriage, and the certainty that the blood of Christ can atone for any sin.

118. Paul Jimenez (SC) moved the adoption of Resolution 3. Richard Huff (AZ) moved to strike the fifth resolve. Jimenez responded on behalf of the committee. Huff responded and spoke to his motion to amend. Stephen Haffly (NC) spoke in favor of the amendment but was not in order. Stuart Sumrall (LA) spoke against the amendment. John H. Killian (AL) spoke for the motion. Jimenez spoke for the committee to amend. Wiley Drake (CA) spoke for the amendment. Robin Hadaway (MO) spoke against the amendment. Huff spoke to his motion to amend. Ken Jones (VA) called the question. The previous question was ordered. A raised ballot vote for the motion to amend was not clear, so President Wright (GA) ordered a ballot and called on John L. Yeats (LA), recording secretary, to give the messengers balloting instructions. Yeats announced that 4,821 messengers were registered. Ballots were cast.
119. Stephen Farish (IL) moved the adoption of Resolution 4. Jim Masters (AZ) moved to amend the resolution by inserting “Christ and” in the first line of the last resolve between the words, “for” and “lost” and insert “for the glory of Christ and” between the words “desire” and “that”. The committee considered the amendment friendly and asked that it read, “That out of our love for Christ and for His glory, and our love for lost people . . .” Masters agreed, and the messengers affirmed the amendment. The amended resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 4
ON THE REALITY OF HELL**

WHEREAS, Rob Bell, in his 2011 book, *Love Wins*, has called into question the church’s historical teaching on the doctrine of eternal punishment of the unregenerate; and

WHEREAS, The church has addressed this issue throughout her history, yet orthodox Christians have affirmed consistently and resoundingly the reality of a literal Hell; and

WHEREAS, The Bible clearly teaches that God will judge the lost at the end of the age (Matthew 25:41-46; 2 Peter 2:9; Revelation 20:11-15); and

WHEREAS, God must judge the unregenerate because He is a holy God whose judgments are altogether righteous (Psalm 96:10; Romans 2:1-5; Revelation 15:3); and

WHEREAS, The Scriptures affirm that this judgment of the unconverted is a judgment unto conscious, eternal suffering apart from the steadfast love and grace of God (Matthew 7:23; 25:46; Luke 16:22-25; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10); and

WHEREAS, The Bible precludes the possibility of any opportunity for salvation after death (Hebrews 9:27), urging sinners instead to embrace the glorious gospel today (2 Corinthians 6:2; Hebrews 2:3; 3:13); and

WHEREAS, Jesus Christ and the apostles, out of their love for lost people, affirmed the reality of Hell in their own preaching to urge sinners to receive the grace of God, to repent of their sins, and to believe the gospel, and thereby to enter into abundance of eternal life (Matthew 10:28; John 10:10; Acts 17:30-31); and

WHEREAS, The prospect of fellow human beings, created in the image of God, spending eternity in Hell grieves us deeply; and

WHEREAS, The Scriptures exhort the church to hold fast to and proclaim the “faith once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 3) and to “guard the good deposit” of truth the Lord has entrusted to us in His Word (1 Timothy 6:20; 2 Timothy 1:14), including difficult truths; and

WHEREAS, *The Baptist Faith & Message* affirms the biblical teaching that “Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment” (Article X. Last Things); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, June 14-15, 2011, do hereby affirm our belief in the biblical teaching on eternal, conscious punishment of the unregenerate in Hell; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That out of our love for Christ and for His glory, and our love for lost people and our deep desire that they not suffer eternally in Hell, we implore Southern Baptists to proclaim faithfully the depth and gravity of sin against a holy God, the reality of Hell, and the salvation of sinners by God’s grace alone, through faith alone, in Jesus Christ alone, to the glory of God alone.

120. Jamie Work (TN) moved the adoption of Resolution 5, and it was adopted.

RESOLUTION 5 ON CORPORATE PRAYER AND REPENTANCE

WHEREAS, Both the Old and New Testaments, as well as church history, attest to the reality that God works powerfully and manifests His presence among His people through authentic God-seeking prayer and repentance; and

WHEREAS, Jesus expressed deep grief and righteous anger when He came to the temple and found it to be something other than a “house of prayer for all nations” (Mark 11:17); and

WHEREAS, The book of Acts teaches through the birth of the church that what is birthed in prayer is of necessity sustained by prayer (e.g., Acts 1:14; 2:1, 42; 4:31); and

WHEREAS, The common corporate sins of many churches include, but are not limited to, prayerlessness, lukewarmness, neglect of biblical church discipline, and shallow relationships with God and with one another; and

WHEREAS, In our preoccupation with Mammon, we have too often embraced unbiblical priorities in our spending, our giving, our response to the poor, and our allocation of resources, assuming by our actions, contrary to our Lord’s explicit teaching, that our lives consist in the abundance of our possessions (Luke 12:15); and

WHEREAS, For the past fifty years wickedness and family collapse have been increasing rapidly, and at the same time we have seen that programs and strategies alone cannot revive lagging baptism rates or anemic discipleship; and

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention adopted the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force report in 2010, a part of which called for pastors to lead their churches in Solemn Assemblies “for the purpose of calling Christ’s people to return to God, to repentance, and to humility in service to a renewed commitment to Christ and the Great Commission”; and

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention adopted the addition to the Convention Calendar of Activities a focused Day of Prayer for the SBC in 2011 and for the years to follow; and

WHEREAS, God has already promised that He will not despise a “broken and contrite heart” (Psalm 51:17); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, June 14-15, 2011, do hereby beseech all pastors, congregations, ministry leaders, and denominational workers to seek the Lord in the manner of 2 Chronicles 7:14 and Joel 2:12-17, and to repent corporately in their various churches of all sins which God’s Spirit reveals; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call on all Southern Baptist churches to renew their first-love devotion to Jesus Christ through full confession of and repentance from all revealed sin, and that they humbly declare their utter dependence upon, and glad surrender to, His grace; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage all Southern Baptists to pursue a life of genuine repentance, Kingdom-focused prayer times for sweeping revival and spiritual awakening, and consistent prayer for specific lost people, missions, and ministry; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we urge Southern Baptist churches to embrace corporate prayer and repentance for revival in the hope that God would be merciful to our churches, the Southern Baptist Convention, the United States of America, and the peoples of the world for the glory of His great Name.

121. Mark Howell (TX) moved the adoption of Resolution 6, and it was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 6
ON CIVIL PUBLIC DISCOURSE**

WHEREAS, Our nation is polarized concerning many moral, ethical, and political issues; and
WHEREAS, Christians have strongly-held convictions as to how the Bible speaks to these issues; and

WHEREAS, Christians have a God-ordained responsibility to give public voice to these issues biblically, authoritatively, and specifically (2 Timothy 4:1-2); and

WHEREAS, Such issues have generated heated public discourse that often has resulted in personal attacks and volatile protests; and

WHEREAS, Some groups and individuals have gained national publicity by protesting funerals, by burning the Koran, and by calling for prayers for the deaths of public officials; and

WHEREAS, The Bible clearly instructs Christians to conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel (Ephesians 4:1-2; 2 Timothy 2:23-26); and

WHEREAS, This mandate orders all our interactions regardless of our level of agreement with one another (Colossians 4:5-6); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, June 14-15, 2011, denounce the speech or activities of any individual or group that brings shame upon the name of Christ and His gospel; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we urge Southern Baptists to continue to speak biblically and authoritatively with conviction, kindness, and gentleness.

122. Linda Clark (IN) moved the adoption of Resolution 7, and it was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 7
ON APPRECIATION**

WHEREAS, The messengers to the 154th session of the Southern Baptist Convention have enjoyed a time of worship, encouragement, and fellowship in the Lord Jesus Christ; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, We especially acknowledge the Lord's grace in enabling our president, officers, various committees, musicians, and other platform personnel to conduct the affairs of this Convention with dignity and a Christ-like spirit; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, June 14-15, 2011, express our profound gratitude to the Lord and to all those He has used to bring about an annual meeting characterized by grace, evangelism, worship, encouragement, cooperation, and purpose.

123. Paul Jimenez (SC) requested President Wright (GA) pray for the persecuted church.
124. President Wright (GA) announced the time for nominations for election of recording secretary. Russell Moore (KY) nominated John L. Yeats (LA). There were no other nominations. Wright called on Eric Moffett (AR), second vice president, to cast the Convention ballot for Yeats. Moffett cast the Convention ballot for Yeats. Wright declared **John L. Yeats (LA) recording secretary elect.**
125. President Wright (GA) introduced Jason Breland (AL), Convention music director. Breland introduced *33 miles*, Chris Lockwood and Jason Barton (TN).
126. President Wright (GA) recognized O. S. Hawkins (TX), president, GuideStone Financial Resources, for their report. The report included a video on *Mission Dignity*. Andrew Higginbotham (MO) expressed appreciation for GuideStone's ministry.
127. President Wright (GA) introduced a video presented by the International Mission Board.
128. President Wright (GA) called on Will Langford (VA) to advance the schedule ten minutes, and the motion was adopted.
129. President Wright (GA) announced the time for nominations for registration secretary. Neil Franks (MO) nominated James H. (Jim) Wells (MO). There were no other nominations. Wright called on John L. Yeats (LA), recording secretary, to cast the Convention ballot. Yeats reported 4,841 messengers were registered and cast the Convention ballot for James H. (Jim) Wells. Wright declared **James H. (Jim) Wells (MO) registration secretary elect.**
130. Contemporary worship was presented by guest artists *33 Miles*, Chris Lockwood and Jason Barton (TN).
131. President Wright (GA) introduced David Platt (AL), pastor, The Church at Brook Hills, to preach the Convention sermon.
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134. President Wright (GA) introduced A.B. Vines (CA), pastor, New Seasons Church, to lead the benediction.

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135. Jason Breland (AL), Convention music director, led in congregational praise and worship.
136. Eric Moffett (AR), second vice president, recognized Mat McIntosh (OK), pastor, University Fellowship Church, to lead in prayer.
137. Second vice president Eric Moffett (AR) recognized President Wright (GA) to honor outgoing officers and their wives: first vice president, Ron Herrod (TN), and second vice president, Eric Moffett (AR), and presented each of them with a plaque of appreciation.
138. Frank S. Page (TN) introduced the newly elected officers of the Southern Baptist Convention and their wives: Bryant Wright (GA), president; Fred Luter, Jr. (LA), first vice president; Eric Thomas (VA), second vice president; John L. Yeats (LA), recording secretary; and *in absentia*, James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary.
139. President Wright (GA) recognized Will Langford (VA), chairman, Committee on Order of Business. Langford (VA) announced there was no business for the messengers. At this time he recognized his committee members.
140. Will Langford (VA), chairman, Committee on Order of Business, moved the following nominations for the 2012 Convention sermon preacher, alternate, and music director and alternate: David Uth (FL) to preach the annual 2012 sermon; Kenny Qualls (MO) as the alternate annual sermon preacher; Mark Cottingham (GA) as the 2012 director of music; and Michael Adler (AL), alternate 2012 director of music. The motion was adopted.
141. President Wright (GA) recognized Daniel L. (Danny) Akin (NC), president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, to bring their report. Brandon Shields (FL) asked a question. Akin responded.
142. President Wright (GA) recognized former SBC presidents on the platform. A video was shown to remember the legacy of the past SBC presidents.
 - Dr. Bailey Smith (GA) 1981-1982
 - Dr. and Mrs. Jimmy Draper (TX) 1983-1984
 - Dr. and Mrs. L. Paige Patterson (TX) 1999-2000
 - Dr. Bobby Welch (FL) 2005-2006
 - Dr. and Mrs. Frank S. Page (TN) 2007-2008
 - Dr. and Mrs. John Hunt (GA) 2009-2010
143. President Wright (GA) took a moment of personal privilege to introduce his wife, Ann, to the convention.
144. President Wright (GA) introduced Will Langford to make a motion to advance the agenda thirty minutes. The motion passed.
145. President Wright (GA) called on John L. Yeats (LA), recording secretary, to provide results of the vote of the amendment on Resolution #3. Yeats announced there were 4,821 registered messengers; 1,493 ballots were cast; 723, or 48.43%, were in favor of the amendment, and 766, or 51.31%, were against, with 4 ballots disallowed. The amendment was defeated.
146. President Wright (GA) recognized Paul Jimenez (SC), chairman, Committee on Resolutions, for their final report.
147. Paul Jimenez (SC) offered an amendment from the committee to Resolution 3 by adding a new sixth resolve stating: "*Resolved, that this resolution is not to be construed as support for amnesty for any undocumented immigrant;*" The amendment was adopted.

Part 2

148. Stephen Haffly (NC) moved to amend Resolution 3 by substituting the fifth resolve with *“Resolved, that we ask our governing authorities to implement a program to assist those persons here illegally to return to their home countries so that they may apply to enter legally and to institute a viable guest-worker program to provide such a legal means whereby those who desire to home here may do so.”*

Paul Jimenez (SC) responded on behalf of the Committee. Mike Janz (CA) spoke for the amendment. Daniel Bannister (VA) spoke against the amendment.

Keith Rogers (AZ) raised a point of order, and it was ruled out of order. Jimenez (SC) responded for the Resolution Committee. John Boquist (VA) spoke against the amendment and moved the previous question on the amendment. The previous question was called. Motion to amend failed.

149. Mark Gallups (AL) moved that Resolution 3 be tabled. The chair ruled that the Resolution could not be tabled.
150. Alvin Ellis (TN) appealed to the committee to withdraw Resolution 3. The Chair explained that the committee does not own the Resolution because it is now on the floor of the Convention, to be decided by the Convention. The vote for Resolution 3 was taken, and it was adopted as amended.

RESOLUTION 3 ON IMMIGRATION AND THE GOSPEL

WHEREAS, The Kingdom of God is made up of persons from every tribe, tongue, nation, and language (Revelation 7:9); and

WHEREAS, Our ancestors in the faith were sojourners and aliens in the land of Egypt (Exodus 1:1-14; 1 Chronicles 16:19; Acts 7:6); and

WHEREAS, Our Lord Jesus Christ lived His childhood years as an immigrant and refugee (Matthew 2:13-23); and

WHEREAS, The Scriptures call us, in imitation of God Himself, to show compassion and justice for the sojourner and alien among us (Exodus 22:21; Deuteronomy 10:18-19; Psalm 94:6; Jeremiah 7:6; Ezekiel 22:29; Zechariah 7:10); and

WHEREAS, The Great Commission compels us to take the gospel to the nations (Matthew 28:18-20), and the Great Commandment compels us to love our neighbor as self (Mark 12:30-31); and

WHEREAS, The gospel tells us that our response to the most vulnerable among us is a response to Jesus Himself (Matthew 25:40); and

WHEREAS, The Bible denounces the exploitation of workers and the mistreatment of the poor (Isaiah 3:15; Amos 4:1; James 5:4); and

WHEREAS, The United States of America is increasingly diverse in terms of ethnicity, language, and culture; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 12 to 15 million undocumented immigrants live and work within our borders; and

WHEREAS, The relative invisibility of the immigrant population can lead to detrimental consequences in terms of health, education, and well-being, especially of children; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing that Romans 13:1-7 teaches us that the rule of law is an indispensable part of civil society and that Christians are under biblical mandate to respect the divinely-ordained institution of government and its just laws, that government has a duty to fulfill its ordained mandate, and that Christians have a right to expect the government to fulfill its ordained mandate to enforce those laws; and

WHEREAS, The governing authorities of a nation have the right and responsibility to maintain borders to protect the security of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, Undocumented immigrants are in violation of the law of the land; and

WHEREAS, Many of these persons, desiring a better future for themselves and their families, are fleeing brutal economic and political situations; and

WHEREAS, The issue of immigration has prompted often-rancorous debate in the American public square; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, June 14-15, 2011, call on our churches to be the presence of Christ, in both proclamation and ministry, to all persons, regardless of country of origin or immigration status; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we declare that any form of nativism, mistreatment, or exploitation is inconsistent with the gospel of Jesus Christ; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we deplore any bigotry or harassment against any persons, regardless of their country of origin or legal status; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we ask our governing authorities to prioritize efforts to secure the borders and to hold businesses accountable for hiring practices as they relate to immigration status; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we ask our governing authorities to implement, with the borders secured, a just and compassionate path to legal status, with appropriate restitutionary measures, for those undocumented immigrants already living in our country; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution is not to be construed as support for amnesty for any undocumented immigrant; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we pray for our churches to demonstrate the reconciliation of the Kingdom both in the verbal witness of our gospel and in the visible makeup of our congregations; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we affirm that while Southern Baptists, like other Americans, might disagree on how to achieve just and humane public policy objectives related to immigration, we agree that, when it comes to the gospel of Jesus Christ and to His church, the message, in every language and to every person, is “Whosoever will may come.”

151. Tim Overton (IN) appealed to the Convention to consider his Resolution on the Gender-Neutral 2011 New International Version and moved that his resolution be considered. Paul Jimenez (VA) recognized Russell Moore (KY) to address the concerns of Overton. Motion to consider passed.
152. President Wright (GA) requested that Paul Jimenez (VA) read the following resolution into the record:

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RESOLUTION 8
ON THE GENDER-NEUTRAL 2011 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

WHEREAS, Many Southern Baptist pastors and laypeople have trusted and used the 1984 New International Version (NIV) translation to the great benefit of the Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, Biblica and Zondervan Publishing House are publishing an updated version of the New International Version (NIV) which incorporates gender neutral methods of translation; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists repeatedly have affirmed our commitment to the full inspiration and authority of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:15-16) and, in 1997, urged every Bible publisher and translation group to resist “gender-neutral” translation of Scripture; and

WHEREAS, This translation alters the meaning of hundreds of verses, most significantly by erasing gender-specific details which appear in the original language; and

WHEREAS, Although it is possible for Bible scholars to disagree about translation methods or which English words best translate the original languages, the 2011 NIV has gone beyond acceptable translation standards; and

WHEREAS, Seventy-five percent of the inaccurate gender language found in the TNIV is retained in the 2011 NIV; and

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention has passed a similar resolution concerning the TNIV in 2002; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, June 14-15, 2011 express profound disappointment with Biblica and Zondervan Publishing House for this inaccurate translation of God’s inspired Scripture; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage pastors to make their congregations aware of the translation errors found in the 2011 NIV; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we respectfully request that LifeWay not make this inaccurate translation available for sale in their bookstores; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we cannot commend the 2011 NIV to Southern Baptists or the larger Christian community.

153. Darren Lambert (NC) spoke for the resolution. A vote was taken, and the Resolution on the Gender-Neutral 2011 International Version was adopted.
154. President Wright (GA) recognized R. Albert (Al) Mohler, Jr. (KY), president, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, for their report. Peter Lumpkins (GA) asked a question. Mohler responded.
155. Jason Breland (AL), Convention music director, led in congregational praise and worship.
156. President Wright (GA) recognized Jimmy Pritchard (TX), chairman of the International Mission Board to introduce Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (VA), president of the International Mission Board, for their report.
157. President Wright (GA) was joined by Jimmy Pritchard (TX) to pray a commissioning prayer for Tom and Jeannie Elliff.
158. Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (VA) led in the International Mission Board Appointment Service.
159. President Wright (GA) pronounced the 154th Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention adjourned.
160. Stan Buckley (MS), vice chairman, Committee on Order of Business, led the benediction prayer.

2011 SBC Annual Meeting Statistics
Phoenix, Arizona, June 14-15, 2011

	Count	Percent
Gender:		
Male	3,029	62.43
Female	<u>1,823</u>	<u>37.57</u>
Total Present	4,852	100.00
Total Numbers of Surveys: 770		
Age Breakdown:		
18-29	33	4.29
30-34	37	4.81
35-39	55	7.14
40-44	59	7.66
45-49	59	7.66
50-54	132	17.14
55-59	118	15.32
60+	<u>277</u>	<u>35.97</u>
	770	100.00
Travel Mode:		
Car	184	23.90
Plane	569	73.90
Other	<u>17</u>	<u>2.21</u>
	770	100.00
Your Vocation:		
Associational Missions	40	5.19
Evangelism	10	1.30
Homemaking	70	9.09
North American or Int'l Missions	19	2.47
Other	148	19.22
Other Church Staff	90	11.69
Other Denominational	11	1.43
Seminary Student	8	1.04
Senior Pastor	336	43.64
State Convention, Agency/Institution	<u>38</u>	<u>4.94</u>
	770	100.00

	Count	Percent
Spouse's Vocation:		
Associational Missions	16	2.08
Evangelism	6	0.78
Homemaking	205	26.62
North American or Int'l Missions	14	1.82
Other	344	44.68
Other Church Staff	61	7.92
Other Denominational	5	0.65
Seminary Student	1	0.13
Senior Pastor	102	13.25
State Convention, Agency/Institution	<u>16</u>	<u>2.08</u>
	770	100.00
Number of times attended:		
1st Time	112	14.55
5 or less	217	28.18
6-10	149	19.35
11 or more	<u>292</u>	<u>37.92</u>
	770	100.00
Expense Breakdown:		
Under \$100	24	3.12
\$100-\$299	30	3.90
\$300-\$599	78	10.13
\$600-\$999	148	19.22
\$1000-1499	176	22.86
\$1500-\$1999	195	25.32
\$2000+	<u>119</u>	<u>15.45</u>
	770	100.00
Number of other Family Members:		
None	268	34.81
1	403	52.34
2-4	80	10.39
5+	<u>19</u>	<u>2.47</u>
	770	100.00
Number of unique churches that sent messengers:		
Number of churches	2,158	
Number of states that sent messengers:		
Number of states	48	
	+Puerto Rico	
	+Washington D.C.	

Part 2

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
Registration of Messengers by State
Phoenix, Arizona, June 14–15, 2011

State	Number of Messengers	Percent of Messengers	Churches with Messengers	Rank (1-25)
AK	13	0.27	5	
AL	245	5.05	115	5
AR	163	3.36	72	15
AZ	384	7.91	112	7
CA	242	4.99	100	10
CO	43	0.89	23	24
CT	1	0.02	1	
DC	12	0.25	2	
DE	1	0.02	1	
FL	242	4.99	95	11
GA	360	7.42	168	1
HI	13	0.27	7	
IA	6	0.12	4	
ID	17	0.35	8	
IL	82	1.69	43	17
IN	78	1.61	36	20
KS	56	1.15	25	23
KY	234	4.82	114	6
LA	183	3.77	78	14
MA	8	0.16	3	
MD	57	1.17	28	22
ME	1	0.02	1	
MI	27	0.56	14	25
MN	5	0.10	3	
MO	169	3.48	80	13
MS	201	4.14	103	9
MT	9	0.19	5	
NC	336	6.92	146	4
ND	0	0.00	0	
NE	1	0.02	1	
NH	11	0.23	1	
NJ	11	0.23	7	
NM	85	1.75	38	19
NV	69	1.42	32	21
NY	13	0.27	7	
OH	88	1.81	43	18
OK	148	3.05	69	16
OR	11	0.23	4	
PA	22	0.45	12	
PR	3	0.06	2	
RI	0	0.00	0	
SC	194	4.00	106	8
SD	1	0.02	1	
TN	389	8.02	156	2
TX	344	7.09	155	3
UT	24	0.49	10	
VA	191	3.94	86	12
VT	1	0.02	1	
WA	20	0.41	12	
WI	3	0.06	2	
WV	22	0.45	12	
WY	13	0.27	9	
	4,852	100.00	2,158	