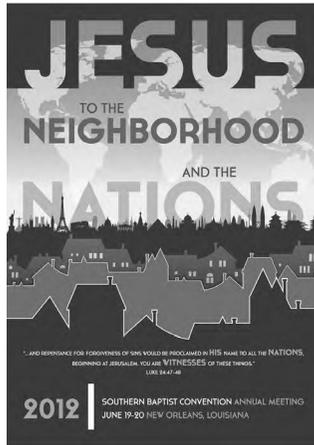


PROCEEDINGS
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
New Orleans, Louisiana, June 19–20, 2012

Annual Meeting Theme:

JESUS: TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE NATIONS



*And repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed
in His name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
You are witnesses of these things.*

(Luke 24:47-48, Holman Christian Standard Bible)

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 19, 2012

1. Mark Cottingham (GA), Convention music director, led congregational praise and worship.
2. A concert of praise was led by Mark Cottingham (GA), worship pastor, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, GA, with combined choir and orchestra: Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, GA; First Baptist Church, Jackson, MS; First Baptist Church, Kenner, LA; First Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA; Williams Boulevard Baptist Church, Kenner, LA; Centreville Baptist Church, Centreville, AL.
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-fifth session of the Southern Baptist Convention in the one hundred sixty-seventh year of its history at 8:13 a.m. in the Ernest M. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, LA.
4. President Bryant Wright (GA) introduced the parliamentarians: C. Barry McCarty (GA), Chief Parliamentarian, John Sullivan (FL), and Jimmy E. Jackson (AL), *in absentia*. 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 (MO), recording secretary, standing in for James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), SBC registration secretary, for the registration report and the constituting of the Convention. Wright noted that Don Currence (MO) was appointed by the SBC Executive Committee as acting registration secretary in Wells' absence. Wright then had special prayer for Wells as he recovered from surgery.
6. John L. Yeats (MO), SBC recording secretary, reported that on June 19, 2012, as of 8:13 a.m., 6,685 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 17, 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) introduced Captain Endel Lee, Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy, who recognized past and present members of the military and their families, led in the pledge to the flag, and then led the congregation in prayer.
8. President Wright (GA) recognized Stan Buckley (MS), chairman, Committee on Order of Business. Buckley moved the adoption of the agenda as printed in the 2012 Convention Program and also in the *SBC Bulletin, Tuesday, Part I*. The motion was adopted.

Order of Business, 2012 Southern Baptist Convention

Tuesday Morning, June 19, 2012

- 8:00 Worship through Music** - Mark Cottingham, *Convention music director; worship pastor*, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, GA; and combined choir and orchestra: Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, GA; First Baptist Church, Jackson, MS; First Baptist Church, Kenner, LA; First Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA; Williams Boulevard Baptist Church, Kenner, LA; Centreville Baptist Church, Centreville, AL
- 8:10 Call to Order** - Bryant Wright, *president*, Southern Baptist Convention; *senior pastor*, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, GA
- Registration Report and Constitution of the Convention** - James H. (Jim) Wells, *SBC registration secretary; strategic partners team leader*, Missouri Baptist Convention, Jefferson City, MO
- 8:15 Prayer** - Captain Endel Lee, *Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy; NAMB National Missionary for Chaplain Crisis Response*
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
- 8:20 Committee on Order of Business (First Report)** - Stan Buckley, *chair; executive director*, But God Ministries, Jackson, MS
- 8:25 Welcome** - Bobby Jindal, *governor of the state of Louisiana*, introduced by Charles S. (Chuck) Kelley, Jr., *president*, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA
- 8:30 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Credentials, Resolutions, and Tellers** - Bryant Wright
- 8:35 Introduction of Motions** - Bryant Wright
- 9:00 Worship through Music** - Mark Cottingham
- 9:05 Local Arrangements Committee Presentation** - William E. (Bill) Townes, *vice president for Convention Finance*, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, TN
- 9:10 Crossover Evangelism Report** - Kevin Ezell, *president*, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA
- 9:15 Woman's Missionary Union Report** - Wanda S. Lee, *executive director*, Birmingham, AL
- 9:25 Executive Committee Report (Part 1)** - Frank S. Page, *president and CEO*, Nashville, TN
- 10:25 Worship through Music** - Mark Cottingham
- 10:30 LifeWay Christian Resources Report** - Thom S. Rainer, *president and CEO*, Nashville, TN
- 10:40 LifeWay Christian Resources Presentation** - Thom S. Rainer
- 11:00 Traditional Worship** - Mark Cottingham; Charles Billingsley, *worship leader and guest artist*; and combined choirs
- 11:15 SBC President's Address** - Bryant Wright
- 11:55 Benediction** - John Barnes, *pastor*, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Mize, MS

Tuesday Afternoon, June 19, 2012

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| <p>1:30 Concert of Praise - Combined choirs and orchestras; Mark Cottingham, <i>Convention music director; worship pastor</i>, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, GA</p> <p>1:40 Prayer - Ron Lentine, <i>pastor</i>, Myrtle Grove Baptist Church, Pensacola, FL</p> <p>1:45 SBC Historical Library and Archives Report - Charles S. (Chuck) Kelley, Jr., <i>chair</i>; council of seminary presidents; <i>president</i>, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA</p> <p>1:50 Business - Committee on Order of Business (Second Report) - Stan Buckley, <i>chair; executive director</i>, But God Ministries, Jackson, MS</p> <p>Referrals/Introduction of Motions</p> <p>2:05 Executive Committee Report (Part 2) - Frank S. Page, <i>president and CEO</i>, Nashville, TN</p> <p>2:35 Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Report - Jeff Iorg, <i>president</i>, Mill Valley, CA</p> <p>2:50 Election of Officers (First)</p> <p>3:00 Committee on Nominations Report - Waylon Bailey, <i>senior pastor</i>, First Baptist Church, Covington, LA</p> | <p>3:10 Worship through Music - Mark Cottingham</p> <p>3:15 The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission Report - Richard D. Land, <i>president</i>, Nashville, TN</p> <p>3:30 The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission Presentation - Richard D. Land</p> <p>3:50 Executive Committee Report (Part 3) - SBC Name Change - Frank S. Page</p> <p>4:20 Election of Officers (Second)</p> <p>4:30 Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report - Paige Patterson, <i>president</i>, Fort Worth, TX</p> <p>4:45 Introduction of New Motions (Last Opportunity) - Bryant Wright, <i>president</i>, Southern Baptist Convention; <i>senior pastor</i>, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, GA</p> <p>4:55 International Mission Board Report - Tom Elliff, <i>president</i>, Richmond, VA</p> <p>5:05 International Mission Board Presentation - Tom Elliff</p> <p>5:55 Benediction - Bruce Chesser, <i>senior pastor</i>, First Baptist Church, Hendersonville, TN</p> |
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Wednesday Morning, June 20, 2012

- 8:00 Worship through Music** - Mark Cottingham, *Convention music director; worship pastor*, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, GA
- 8:10 Prayer** - Frankie Clark, *senior pastor*, First Baptist Church, Taylorsville, MS
- 8:15 Business** - Committee on Order of Business (Third Report) - Stan Buckley, *chair; executive director*, But God Ministries, Jackson, MS
- 8:35 Election of Officers** (Third)
- 8:45 Committee on Committees Report** - Buddy Champion, *pastor*, First Baptist Church, Trussville, AL
- 8:55 Worship through Music** - Mark Cottingham
- 9:05 Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report** - Robin D. Hadaway, *interim president*, Kansas City, MO
- 9:20 New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Report** - Charles S. (Chuck) Kelley, Jr., *president*, New Orleans, LA
- 9:35 Previously Scheduled Business** - Bryant Wright, *president*, Southern Baptist Convention; *senior pastor*, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, GA
- 9:55 Committee on Resolutions** (First Report) - Jimmy Scroggins, *senior pastor*, First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, FL
- 10:25 Election of Officers** (Fourth)
- 10:35 Worship through Music** - Mark Cottingham
- 10:40 GuideStone Financial Resources Report** - O. S. Hawkins, *president and CEO*, Dallas, TX
- 10:55 Previously Scheduled Business** - Bryant Wright
- 11:15 Election of Officers** (Fifth)
- 11:25 Contemporary Worship** - Bobby Smith, *worship and creative arts associate*; John McCullough, *worship leader*; and the worship band, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, GA
- 11:40 Convention Message** - David Uth, *senior pastor*, First Baptist Church, Orlando, FL
- 12:15 Benediction** - Mark Vincent, *pastor*, Clarke-Venable Baptist Church, Decatur, MS

Wednesday Afternoon, June 20, 2012

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| <p>3:00 Worship through Music -
Mark Cottingham, <i>Convention music director; worship pastor</i>, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, GA</p> <p>3:05 Prayer - Gil McKee, <i>senior pastor</i>, First Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, AL</p> <p>3:10 Presentation of Outgoing Officers - Frank S. Page, <i>president and CEO</i>, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, TN</p> <p>3:15 Presentation of New Officers - Frank S. Page</p> <p>3:20 Business - Committee on Order of Business (Fourth Report) - Stan Buckley, <i>chair; executive director</i>, But God Ministries, Jackson, MS</p> <p>Election of 2013 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, <i>president</i>, Southern Baptist Convention; <i>senior pastor</i>, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, GA</p> <p>3:50 Previously Scheduled Business - Bryant Wright</p> <p>4:05 Committee on Resolutions (Final Report) - Jimmy Scroggins, <i>senior pastor</i>, First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, FL</p> <p>4:30 The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Report - R. Albert (Al) Mohler, Jr., <i>president</i>, Louisville, KY</p> <p>4:45 Worship through Music - Mark Cottingham</p> <p>4:55 North American Mission Board Report - Kevin Ezell, <i>president</i>, Alpharetta, GA</p> <p>5:05 North American Mission Board Presentation - Kevin Ezell</p> <p>5:55 Benediction - Eddie Wren, <i>senior pastor</i>, First Baptist Church, Rayville, LA</p> |
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9. President Wright (GA) introduced Charles S. (Chuck) Kelley, Jr. (LA), president, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, to welcome the messengers. He introduced a video welcome from Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal.
10. 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, page 6*.

2012 Committee on Committees*: Buddy Champion, AL, *chair*

Timothy Cox, AL; Sherry Worthy, AK; David George, AK; Jeff Thompson, AR; Craig Jenkins, AR; W. Berry Norwood, AZ; Mark Mucklow, AZ; David Powell, CA; Ray Grubb, CA; Mickey Dubs, CO; Kenny Long, CO; Joseph Lyles, DC; Kendrick Curry, DC; Otto Fernandez, FL; Steve Morris, FL; Jason Dees, GA; Owen Bozeman, GA; Charlie Westbrook, Jr., HI; Charles Beaucond, HI; Kevin Carrothers, IL; Wesley Feltner, IL; Jim Bohrer, IN; Reginald Fletcher, IN; Bob Fleener, KS/NE; Charles Boswell, KS/NE; Chad Fugitt, KY; Tom James, KY; Terry Booth, LA; Matthew Endris, LA; Byron Day, MD/DE; Ellis Prince, MD/DE; Roscoe Belton, MI; Jamie Lynn, MI; Cindy Taylor, MO; David Brown, MO; Frankie Clark, MS; David Eldridge, MS; Joel Stephens, NC; Aaron Wallace, NC; Sam Coberley, New England; Samuel Taylor, New England; Rick Sullivan, NM; John Torrison, NM; Eddie Hancock, NV; Hoyt Savage, NV; Greggery Teel, Northwest; William Taylor, Northwest; Bruce Aubrey, NY; Jonathan Santiago, NY; Jim Williford, OH; Steve Spurgin, OH; Eddie Lindsey, OK; Otis Cayton, OK; Joseph Velarde, PA/South Jersey; David Pearson, PA/South Jersey; Peter Beck, SC; Rick Martin, SC; Cal Hampton, TN; Wesley Baldwin, TN; Chet Haney, TX; Joe Rivera, TX; Jamie Chermie, UT/ID; Jim Gregory, UT/ID; Timothy Hight, VA; Stewart McCarter, VA; Matthew Shamblin, WV; Maxine Bumgarner, WV; John Larramendy, WY; David Grace, WY

2012 Credentials Committee*: Larry Craig, TX, *chair*

Alan Brown, AR; Greg Nimmo, KY; Kevin Parker, NM; Tom Edwards, KS/NE; George Barnett, GA; Shawn Wasson, MO; Raymond Jones, AL; Michael Waldrop, UT; Charles Womack, OK; Paul Murphy, AL; Kenneth Cloud, GA; Adrian Frazier, LA; Cody Hensley, LA; Owen Neese, LA; Jin Kown, LA; Mike Massaro, LA; Ed Herring, LA; Larry Dukes, TN; Andrew Hebert, TX

2012 Resolutions Committee*: Jimmy Scroggins, FL, *chair*

Stephen Farish, IL; Cheri Jimenez, SC; Manpoong Dennis Kim, MD; Gary Lowe, UT; Tim Ohls, KS; Kevin Smith, KY; Kevin Ueckert, TX; Stephen Wilson, KY; Joe Wright, TN

2012 Tellers Committee*: A.B. Vines, CA, *chair*

Ruby Stogsdill, AK; Larry Fillingim, GA; Tom Rush, GA; Arnold Goto, HI; Rick Durham, KS; Shin Doek RA, LA; Britt Moore, LA; Lorien Pirtle, LA; Blaine Stafford, LA; Jason Thomas, LA; Steve Hardnett, MD; Josh Hall, MO; Daniel Heeringa, MS

**Of the 114 individuals appointed by the SBC president to serve on committees under his purview, eight are African American, five are Asian American, three are Hispanic American, and one is Native American; the remainder are Anglo American.*

11. 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.

12. Dan Biser (WV) made a motion: Requesting that the SBC Seek God for Mercy Corporately.
“That this body, an arm of the body of the Lord Jesus Christ, make time today or at the first available opportunity to seek God for mercy, corporately. This convention is only two days that we are together. And at such a time as this, we need to respond immediately before our state conventions, associations, regions and local churches return to their autonomy. May we not only corporately cry to God “in wrath remember mercy” O Lord, but may you do it at home before it is too late.” (Items 12 and 99)
13. Todd A. Littleton (OK) made a motion: Requesting the Convention to Speak to Recent Events Involving Richard Land.
“That the Southern Baptist Convention publicly agree with Dr. Richard Land when on May 9, 2012, he acknowledged his words regarding the Trayvon Martin-George Zimmerman incident were harmful thereby repudiating the notion Dr. Land initially expressed when he suggested most Southern Baptists feel the same way. And, further that the Southern Baptist Convention publicly affirm the reprimands issued by the trustees of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission in their review of the issues thereby publicly exhibiting our willingness to own our mistakes and reestablish our public commitment to racial reconciliation.” (Items 13 and 99)
14. David Atchison (TN) made a motion: Requesting the Executive Committee to Create a Program for Training all Convention-Elected Trustees.
“That the Southern Baptist Convention, through the Executive Committee, establish a process and curriculum for properly training and equipping all elected trustees of all SBC agencies that is preliminary to and separate from the individual agencies’ processes of orientation, and due to the fact that many of those Baptists elected as trustees have little or no experience in serving institutions as large and complex as Southern Baptist agencies, this training and equipping process for all incoming trustees include the dissemination of duties, responsibilities, and appropriate behavior required to faithfully execute the office of trustee as each one serves the Lord and Southern Baptists in these agencies.” (Items 14, 59, and 97)
15. Wiley Drake (CA) made a motion: Requesting the New SBC President to Study Imprecatory Prayer and Report to the Convention.
“That the Southern Baptist Convention meeting June 19-20, 2012, call for the specific action of requesting the newly elected president to personally examine the biblical theology and application of imprecatory prayer and bring a report to the 2013 convention meeting June 2013.” (Items 15 and 99)
16. Tim Overton (IN) made a motion: Requesting LifeWay to Reconsider Selling the NIV 2011.
“That a request be made of LifeWay Christian Resources to reconsider selling the inaccurate gender-neutral NIV by allowing Dr. Paige Patterson, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Louis Markos, author of a recent article published in the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood’s journal, as well as one or two other qualified translation experts who have concerns about the NIV 2011, to make a presentation to LifeWay trustees on the gender-neutral translation issue. (Dr. Patterson and Dr. Markos have agreed to speak if invited by the trustees with the support of the Southern Baptist Convention through this motion.)” (Items 16 and 56)

17. Brad Atkins (SC) made a motion: Requesting the Seminaries and the Executive Committee to Concur in a Cooperative Program Reallocation to Benefit the International Mission Board.

“That in view of the historic national GCR adoption in Orlando, Florida, 2 years ago and in response to the subsequent actions that have been taken by our state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, that the presidents and trustees of our Southern Baptist Convention seminaries prayerfully consider the possibility of them blessing the efforts of the International Mission Board by allowing their current portion of the Cooperative Program budget be reallocated from 21.92% to 21.0% and request that the Executive Committee channel this percentage difference to then be given to the International Mission Board in an effort to help our Southern Baptist Convention missionaries reach the unreached people groups around the world, and that after prayerfully researching over the feasibility of this action, report back to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting next year in Houston, Texas.” (Items 17 and 56)

18. R. Richard Tribble Jr. (IL) made a motion: Requesting Limitations on the Use of the Platform Microphone.

“That for the duration of this Convention no one be allowed to speak in support of or in opposition to any motion being considered by this body or to present a nominating speech from the platform microphone.

Because of its impact upon Convention proceedings, I request the Committee on Order of Business, under the provision of Bylaw 21, schedule this motion for discussion and Convention action before the close of this business session or as the first motion to be considered at the next scheduled business session.” (Items 18, 59, 63, and 145)

19. Daniel Palmer (NC) made a motion: Requesting the SBC to Meet Every Other Year.

“That the Southern Baptist Convention amend the SBC Constitution and Bylaws to reflect moving to a biennial meeting instead of an annual meeting.

I further move that whatever adjustments to future trustee terms and limits that are necessitated by moving to a biennial meeting scheduled be approved by the Southern Baptist Convention.

I further move that, should the aforementioned changes be approved by the Convention, that any contractual obligations for existing scheduled Conventions be met by the Convention’s approval of a “special called meeting” to take place at those pre-approved convention sites during the dates that have already been scheduled.” (Items 19, 58, and 99)

20. R. Richard Tribble Jr. (IL) made a motion: Requesting a Bylaw Amendment Requiring Certain Content in Nominating Speeches.

“That Bylaw 10, paragraph C, be amended by adding the following after the period following the word “nominee,” to wit: Nominating speeches will include the following information as a minimum: the individual’s name, the office to which being nominated, the name of the nominee’s church, and the percentage of undesignated offerings given to the Cooperative Program followed by any other information deemed appropriate or desired.” (Items 20 and 58)

21. Gary Griffis (TN) made a motion: Requesting the 2015 Annual Meeting be Moved to Memphis, TN.

“To request that the Convention of 2015 be changed to Memphis, Tennessee, as its location with a theme celebrating the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Cooperative Program.” (Items 21, 59, and 97)

22. R. Richard Tribble Jr. (IL) made a motion: Requesting the Executive Committee to Schedule Future SBC Annual Meetings During the Last Week of June.
“That the Executive Committee be instructed to (1) schedule future annual meetings during the last week of June so as not to conflict with Father’s Day and (2) contact those venues we already have scheduled to try to arrange a date change to facilitate this our promotion of Father’s Day in our churches at the earliest possible date.” (Items 22 and 56)
23. R. Richard Tribble Jr. (IL) made a motion: Requesting the Executive Committee to Create an Officer Policy Manual Addressing Vacancies and Other Issues.
“That the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention be tasked with the responsibility of developing a Convention officer’s policy and procedures manual that will set forth the responsibilities and duties of each office as well as procedures for (1) the filling of Convention officer positions that may become vacant during the period between annual meetings and, (2) the establishment of the means and procedures for receiving complaints, allegations, and/or information of immoral, illegal, or questionable actions, to include misconduct of Convention officers, investigative procedures, decision-making guidelines, and disciplinary actions authorized, to include removal from office. In addition, the Executive Committee is tasked with the development of required changes to the Constitution and Bylaws that would result from adoption and implementation of this manual. These actions are to be completed and presented to the messengers at the 2013 annual meeting, Houston, Texas.” (Items 23 and 59)
24. President Wright (GA) introduced an International Mission Board video.
25. Mark Cottingham (GA), Convention music director, led in congregational praise and worship.
26. President Wright (GA) introduced William E. (Bill) Townes (TN), vice president for convention finance, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, for the recognition of co-chairmen David Crosby (LA) and Fred Luter Jr. (LA), and the Local Arrangements Committee. He thanked the Local Arrangements Committee of New Orleans for hosting the Convention and the 450 volunteers enlisted to serve during the Convention. Townes recognized Don Magee (TN) as assistant convention manager.
27. President Wright (GA) introduced Larry Wynn (GA), vice president of evangelism, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA, for the Crossover Evangelism Report. He reported 1,140 people made decisions for Christ in the New Orleans area.
28. The Crossover video was presented by the North American Mission Board. Wynn thanked the state convention, local churches, and the New Orleans Baptist Association.
29. President Wright (GA) introduced Wanda S. Lee (AL), executive director, Woman’s Missionary Union, for their report presented on page 122 of the *Book of Reports* (page 230 of this book). Lee recognized Debbie Akerman (SC) as president.
30. 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 explained the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Committee as outlined in the Bylaws.
31. Frank S. Page (TN) introduced Roger Spradlin (CA), outgoing chairman of the Executive Committee.

32. Roger Spradlin (CA) introduced Tom Biles (FL), who moved the adoption of Recommendation 1, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 1: 2012–13 SBC Cooperative Program Allocation Budget

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the 2012–13 Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program Allocation Budget in the amount of \$188,000,000, as follows:

**2012–13 SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ALLOCATION BUDGET PROPOSAL**

	Proposed 2012–2013 Budget <u>Allocation</u>	Proposed 2012–2013 % of Total <u>Allocation</u>
World Mission Ministries		
International Mission Board	\$ 94,376,000	50.20%
North American Mission Board	<u>42,845,200</u>	<u>22.79%</u>
Total World Mission Ministries	<u>\$137,221,200</u>	<u>72.99%</u>
Theological Education Ministries		
Seminaries:		
SWBTS	9,007,280	4.78%
SBTS	8,961,661	4.77%
NOBTS	7,287,870	3.88%
SEBTS	7,703,467	4.10%
GGBTS	4,020,678	2.14%
MWBTS	<u>4,228,644</u>	<u>2.25%</u>
Total Seminaries	\$ 41,209,600	21.92%
Historical Library and Archives	<u>451,200</u>	<u>0.24%</u>
Total Theological Education Ministries	<u>\$ 41,660,800</u>	<u>22.16%</u>
Christian Ethics and Religious Liberty Ministries		
Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission	\$ 3,102,000	1.65%
Total Christian Ethics & Religious Liberty Ministries	<u>3,102,000</u>	<u>1.65%</u>
Facilitating Ministries		
SBC Operating	\$ 6,016,000	3.20%
Total Facilitating Ministries	<u>\$ 6,016,000</u>	<u>3.20%</u>
Total Budget Allocation	<u>\$188,000,000</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Beginning in the 2011-12 budget year, any overage of gifts received above the Cooperative Program Allocation Budget will 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. Such a distribution of overage will continue until duly amended.

33. Frank S. Page (TN) introduced Beau Waldrep (LA), student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Waldrep brought a testimony on the Cooperative Program and the influence it has on his life and the lives of others at the seminary. Page led in prayer for Waldrep and the other 16,000+ seminary students at SBC seminaries.

34. Frank S. Page (TN) introduced Eric and Ramona Reese, International Mission Board missionaries to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for a testimony about their work in Brazil. Page led in prayer for the Reeses and their work in Brazil.
35. Frank S. Page (TN) introduced a Cooperative Program video.
36. Frank S. Page (TN) recognized Roger Spradlin (CA), who introduced Michael W. Routt (CO).
37. Michael W. Routt (CO) moved the adoption of Recommendation 2. Ted Traylor (FL) raised a question relating to the SBC budget. Roger Spradlin (CA) responded. The recommendation was adopted.

Recommendation 2: 2012–13 Proposed SBC Operating Budget

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the 2012–13 SBC Operating Budget in the amount of \$7,489,000, as follows:

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

	<u>2012–2013**</u>	<u>2011–2012*</u>
Cooperative Program	\$ 6,016,000	\$ 5,952,000
Designations	325,000	305,000
LifeWay Christian Resources	250,000	250,000
Interest/Dividends	275,000	257,000
Materials Distribution – (SBC LIFE, etc.)	348,000	341,000
Other Income	<u>275,000</u>	<u>365,000</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 7,489,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,470,000</u>
	<u>2012–2013**</u>	<u>2011–2012*</u>
Convention Administration Expenses		
SBC General Operations		\$ 707,000
-- Global Evangelical Relations		265,000
-- Empowering Kingdom Growth		0
SBC Committees		80,000
Annual Meeting		1,003,000
SBC Building Management		<u>576,564</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$ 2,621,150</u>	<u>\$ 2,631,564</u>
Executive Committee Operations Expenses		
Administration		1,634,360
Executive Committee Meetings		215,000
Southern Baptist Foundation		200,000
Convention Policy		761,204
Convention Relations		909,913
Convention News		551,540
Cooperative Program/Stewardship		<u>566,419</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$ 4,867,850</u>	<u>\$ 4,838,436</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 7,489,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,470,000</u>

* Numbers are taken from the SBC Operating Budget – approved September 2011.

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

38. Roger Spradlin (CA) introduced Darrell Orman (FL), who moved the adoption of Recommendation 4, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 4: SBC Bylaw and Business and Financial Plan Amendments Relating to the Change of Fiscal Year of the North American Mission Board: SBC Business and Financial Plan Article III. Convention Year, SBC Business and Financial Plan Article XIII. Financial Report, and SBC Bylaw 28. Closing of Books

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the request of the North American Mission Board to amend its governing documents to adopt fiscal year October 1 through September 30 be approved and that the SBC Business and Financial Plan Article III. Convention Year, SBC Business and Financial Plan Article XIII. Financial Report, and SBC Bylaw 28. Closing of Books, be amended to reflect the change as well as to correct the prior omission of GuideStone Financial Resources in SBC Bylaw 28, as shown below:

SBC Business and Financial Plan Article III. Convention Year

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

III. Convention Year: The financial affairs of the Convention and all its entities, except those of the theological seminaries, GuideStone Financial Resources, and the mission boards International Mission Board, shall be operated on the fiscal year beginning October 1 and closing September 30. The seminaries owned and operated under the authority of the Convention shall use the fiscal year beginning August 1 and closing July 31. GuideStone Financial Resources and the mission boards International Mission Board shall use the fiscal year beginning January 1 and closing December 31.

Upon approval of the amendments, SBC Business and Financial Plan Article III. Convention Year would read as follows:

III. Convention Year: The financial affairs of the Convention and all its entities, except those of the theological seminaries, GuideStone Financial Resources, and the International Mission Board, shall be operated on the fiscal year beginning October 1 and closing September 30. The seminaries owned and operated under the authority of the Convention shall use the fiscal year beginning August 1 and closing July 31. GuideStone Financial Resources and the International Mission Board shall use the fiscal year beginning January 1 and closing December 31.

SBC Business and Financial Plan Article XIII. Financial Report

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

XIII. Financial Report:

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

Upon approval of the amendments, SBC Business and Financial Plan Article XIII. Financial Report would read as follows:

XIII. Financial Report:

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

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SBC Bylaw 28. Closing of Books

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- 28. Closing of Books:** Entities of the Convention shall close their books and accounts and have them audited as of midnight September 30, or in the case of the seminaries, July 31, or in the case of the mission boards International Mission Board and GuideStone Financial Resources, December 31. Supplemental reports for the period between the closing of the books of the entities and the Convention session should be included in the reports to the Convention.

Upon approval of the amendments, SBC Bylaw 28. Closing of Books would read as follows:

- 28. Closing of Books:** Entities of the Convention shall close their books and accounts and have them audited as of midnight September 30, or in the case of the seminaries, July 31, or in the case of the International Mission Board and GuideStone Financial Resources, December 31. Supplemental reports for the period between the closing of the books of the entities and the Convention session should be included in the reports to the Convention.
39. Roger Spradlin (CA) recognized Andy Wilson (AR), who moved the adoption of Recommendation 5. Adam Townsend (OH) asked a question relating to the guidelines. Spradlin responded to the question. The motion was adopted.

Recommendation 5: Revision to SBC Convention Site and Housing Guidelines

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the revised Convention Site and Housing Guidelines for the annual meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention as follows:

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Convention Site and Housing Guidelines (2008 11)

- (1) The Convention city must be able to provide the following accommodations:
 - a. Up to ~~4,500~~ 4,000 hotel and motel rooms, with a minimum of ~~2,000~~ 1,500 rooms within 2 miles of the convention center that is contracted for the Convention.

- b. A convention center with a minimum seating capacity of 16,000 (including overflow) and exhibit space of at least 100,000 ~~90,000~~ sq. ft. The exhibit space should be located in the same building complex as the main convention hall.
 - c. Additional space in the facility complex that would be appropriate for functions and luncheons of other Southern Baptist Convention groups which meet in conjunction with the Convention.
- (2) Specific consideration will be given to future Convention sites that offer adequate cost-effective facilities, transportation accessibility, and geographical proximity to the numerically significant Southern Baptist population.
 - (3) The city will commit its housing bureau to handle reservations through an on-line housing program and/or the official housing request form (forms will be used less as the on-line system improves): The Executive Committee will work with a third party housing vendor to coordinate hotel reservations.
 - (4) Entities, groups, or individuals wishing to make a request for a sub-block of 25 or more rooms, must do so in writing prior to August 1 of each year to the housing coordinator at the Executive Committee. Requests will be assigned by September 15 prior to housing opening on October 1.
 - (5) Rooms in a sub-block not filled by March 1 will be released to the general public.
 - (6) At least 40 percent of the rooms in the convention hotel(s) will be available to individuals. The other 60 percent will be a sub-block for SBC entity presidents, officers, trustees, speakers, and Executive Committee staff that are required to be available for meetings in the hotel.

Upon approval of the amendments, the Convention Site and Housing Guidelines would read as follows:

Convention Site and Housing Guidelines (2011)

- (1) The Convention city must be able to provide the following accommodations:
 - a. Up to 4,000 hotel and motel rooms, with a minimum of 1,500 rooms within 2 miles of the convention center that is contracted for the Convention.
 - b. A convention center with a minimum seating capacity of 16,000 (including overflow) and exhibit space of at least 90,000 sq. ft. The exhibit space should be located in the same building complex as the main convention hall.
 - c. Additional space in the facility complex that would be appropriate for functions and luncheons of other Southern Baptist Convention groups which meet in conjunction with the Convention.
- (2) Specific consideration will be given to future Convention sites that offer adequate cost-effective facilities, transportation accessibility, and geographical proximity to the numerically significant Southern Baptist population.
- (3) The Executive Committee will work with a third party housing vendor to coordinate hotel reservations.
- (4) Entities, groups, or individuals wishing to make a request for a sub-block of 25 or more rooms, must do so in writing prior to August 1 of each year to the housing coordinator at the Executive Committee. Requests will be assigned by September 15 prior to housing opening on October 1.
- (5) Rooms in a sub-block not filled by March 1 will be released to the general public.
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40. Ernest Easley (GA) moved the adoption of Recommendation 6, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 6: SBC Calendar of Activities; Amendments; Addendum

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the 2016-2017 *SBC Calendars of Activities*, amendments to the 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 calendars, and addendum to the 2015-16 calendar as follows:

October 2016

Cooperative Program Emphasis

Soul-Winning Commitment Day, **October 2**

World Hunger Sunday, **October 9**

November 2016

Disaster Relief Appreciation Day, **November 6**

December 2016

Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and the

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, **December 4-11**

January 2017

Call to Prayer

January Bible Study, **January 1-8**

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, **January 22**

February 2017

“True Love Waits” Emphasis

Racial Reconciliation Sunday, **February 12**

Focus on WMU, **February 13-19**

Children’s Ministry Day, **February 18**

March 2017

Youth Week, **March 5-11**

Week of Prayer and Mission Study for North American Missions and

the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, **March 5-12**

Church Planting Emphasis Sunday, **March 19**

Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday, **March 19**

April 2017

Cooperative Program Sunday, **April 9**

Baptist Doctrine Study, **April 23**

SBC Seminaries Sunday, **April 23**

May 2017

Senior Adult Sunday, **May 7**

Christian Home Week, **May 14-20**

Baptist Association Emphasis, **May 21-28**

Life Commitment Sunday, **May 28**

June 2017

Crossover – SBC, Phoenix, AZ (June 13-14, 2017), **June 10**

Baptist Men’s Emphasis, **June 18**

Mission: Dignity Sunday, **June 25**

July 2017

LoveLoud Sunday, **July 23**

August 2017

Social Issues Sunday (Emphasis – Purity), **August 6**

Student Evangelism Day, **August 13**

Worship Music Week, **August 20-26**

September 2017

- Discipleship Rally, **September 1**
 Single Adult Sunday, **September 3**
 Anti-Gambling Sunday, **September 17**

AMENDMENTS from NAMB:**2012-2013 CALENDAR**

- November 4, 2012 Currently listed – Children’s Missions Celebration Day
 Change to – Disaster Relief Appreciation Day
- January 1-31, 2013 Currently listed – Day of Prayer for the SBC (January 27)
 Change to – Call to Prayer, January 1-31, 2013
- March 17, 2013 Currently listed – Start a Church Sunday
 Change to – Church Planting Emphasis Sunday
- June 8, 2013 Date change on Crossover
- July 21, 2013 Currently listed – Serving Your Community Sunday
 Change to – LoveLoud Sunday

2013-2014 CALENDAR

- November 3, 2013 Currently listed – Children’s Missions Celebration Day
 Change to – Disaster Relief Appreciation Day
- January 1-31, 2014 Currently listed – Day of Prayer for the SBC (January 26)
 Change to – Call to Prayer, January 1-31, 2014
- March 16, 2014 Currently listed – Start a Church Sunday
 Change to – Church Planting Emphasis Sunday
- June 7, 2014 Date change on Crossover
- July 20, 2014 Currently listed – Serving Your Community Sunday
 Change to – LoveLoud Sunday

2014-2015 CALENDAR

- November 2, 2014 Currently listed – Children’s Missions Celebration Day
 Change to – Disaster Relief Appreciation Day
- January 1-31, 2015 Currently listed – Day of Prayer for the SBC (January 25)
 Change to – Call to Prayer, January 1-31, 2015
- March 15, 2015 Currently listed – Start a Church Sunday
 Change to – Church Planting Emphasis Sunday
- June 13, 2015 Date change on Crossover
- July 19, 2015 Currently listed – Serving Your Community Sunday
 Change to – LoveLoud Sunday

2015-2016 CALENDAR

- November 1, 2015 Currently listed – Children’s Missions Celebration Day
 Change to – Disaster Relief Appreciation Day
- March 20, 2016 Currently listed – Start a Church Sunday
 Change to – Church Planting Emphasis Sunday
- June 11, 2016 Date change on Crossover
- July 17, 2016 Currently listed – Serving Your Community Sunday
 Change to – LoveLoud Sunday
- August 14, 2016 Currently listed – Student Evangelism Day (August 7)
 Change to August 14, 2016

ADDENDUM from NAMB:

- January 1-31, 2016 Add – Call to Prayer

41. Frank S. Page (TN) introduced a video relating to *Engage24*, an evangelistic initiative for Baptist Collegiate Ministries. Page introduced Rob and Lisa Warren (OH) to encourage messengers to be involved in the October 11 *Engage24* initiative and to express gratitude for the Cooperative Program funds that assist in reaching 819 campuses for Christ. Page led in prayer for the Baptist Collegiate Ministries and for the Warrens. Page continued his report challenging the messengers to consider the changing face of the Convention. He introduced church planters Kevin and Hannah Nguyen (CA) for their testimony about their church plant in Los Angeles, and their ministry to the Asian population. Page led in prayer for this couple and other church planters supported by the Cooperative Program, and mentors to assist these planters.
42. The *Empty Hands* Cooperative Program video was presented.
43. Frank S. Page (TN) announced the conclusion of the Executive Committee report, Part 1.
44. Bryant Wright (GA) introduced a video by the North American Mission Board on disaster relief.
45. Mark Cottingham (GA), Convention music director, led the combined choir and orchestra in a concert of praise.
46. Bryant Wright (GA) recognized Montia Setzler (CA), chairman of the board of LifeWay Christian Resources, who then introduced Thom S. Rainer (TN) for their report and presentations including a video on the impact of *Courageous* and *Resolution of Men*. John Marshall (MO) raised a question, and Rainer responded. Darren Lambert (NC) raised a point of order and a question, and Rainer responded.
47. Bryant Wright (GA) introduced Fred Luter Jr. (LA), first vice president, to preside over the remainder of the session. Fred Luter Jr. (LA) introduced Thom S. Rainer (TN) for the LifeWay presentation and video on *The Gospel Project*.
48. First vice president Fred Luter Jr. (LA) introduced George Wright (GA) to introduce President Bryant Wright (GA) for the president's address.
49. Mark Cottingham (GA), worship pastor, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, led in congregational worship with Charles Billingsley (VA), worship leader and guest artist, and combined choirs.
50. President Bryant Wright (GA) gave the president's address (pp. 102–108).
51. First vice president Fred Luter Jr. (LA) recognized John Barnes (MS), pastor, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Mize, MS, to lead the benediction.

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52. A concert of praise with combined choirs and orchestras was led by Mark Cottingham (GA), Convention music director.
53. Eric Thomas (VA), second vice president, introduced Ron Lentine (FL), pastor, Myrtle Grove Baptist Church, Pensacola, FL, to lead in prayer.
54. Eric Thomas (VA), second vice president, introduced Charles S. (Chuck) Kelley, Jr. (LA), chair, Council of Seminary Presidents, for the SBC Historical Library and Archives report. Al Mohler (KY) presented the report.
55. Bryant Wright (GA) recognized Stan Buckley (MS), chairman, Committee on Order of Business, to present the second report of the Committee on Order of Business.
56. Chairman Buckley (MS) 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 2013 Southern Baptist Convention. To all the seminaries and the Executive Committee: Brad Atkins (SC), Requesting the Seminaries and the Executive Committee to Concur in a Cooperative Program Reallocation to Benefit the International Mission Board. To LifeWay Christian Resources: Tim Overton (IN), Requesting LifeWay to Reconsider Selling the NIV 2011. To the Executive Committee: R. Richard Tribble Jr. (IL), Requesting the Executive Committee to Schedule Future SBC Meetings During the Last Week of June.
57. President Wright (GA) ruled that the motions be referred as indicated by the Committee on Order of Business.
58. Chairman Buckley (MS) moved the following motions be referred as follows and be reported to the 2013 Southern Baptist Convention: To the Executive Committee: Daniel Palmer (NC), Requesting the SBC to Meet Every Other Year; R. Richard Tribble Jr. (IL), Requesting a Bylaw Amendment Requiring Certain Content in Nominating Speeches. The motion by the committee was adopted, and the motion was referred to the Committee on Order of Business.
59. Stan Buckley (MS) on behalf of the Committee on Order of Business moved that the following motions be referred for consideration and report to the 2013 Southern Baptist Convention: To the Executive Committee: David Atchison (TN), Requesting the Executive Committee to Create a Program for Training all Convention-Elected Trustees; Gary Griffs (TN), Requesting the 2015 Annual Meeting Be Moved to Memphis, TN; R. Richard Tribble Jr. (IL), Requesting the Executive Committee to Create an SBC Officer Policy Manual Addressing Vacancies and Other Issues. To the Committee on Order of Business for recommendation to this 2012 convention: R. Richard Tribble Jr. (IL), Requesting Limitations on the Use of the Platform Microphone.
60. R. Richard Tribble Jr. (IL) appealed to the Convention regarding the Committee on Order of Business recommendations for the two motions that he presented under consideration. Tribble spoke for his motions. Stan Buckley (MS) spoke against Tribble's appeal.
61. Daniel Palmer (NC) sought to be recognized for a motion not in order at this time.
62. R. Richard Tribble Jr. (IL) raised a point of order that his appeal only needs a majority vote, and the chair concurred. President Wright (GA) called for a vote to refer the Tribble motion to create an officer's manual motion or to discuss it now. The motion to refer passed.

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Sarasota, Sarasota | I | *Ted I. Haney, FL
First, Panama City |
| *Roy Scarborough, Jr., GA
Curtis, Augusta | I | Ken Alford, GA
Crossroads, Valdosta |
| Scott F. Kilgore, KY
Crossland Community,
Bowling Green | DS | John E. Smith, KY
Munfordville, Munfordville |
| *Charles E. Harper, Sr., LA
Goodwood, Baton Rouge | D | *Edward J. Dease, III, LA
First, Covington |
| Robert J. Anderson, MD-DE
Colonial, Randallstown, MD | I | David A. Hall, MD-DE
Oak Grove, Bel Air, MD |
| Robert O. (Rob) Freshour, MI
First, South Lyon | E | Robert O. (Rob) Freshour, MI
First, South Lyon |
| Clarence J. Cooper, Jr., MS
Emmanuel, Grenada | I | *Bobby L. Kirk, MS
Roundway, Doddsville |
| Randy A. Johnson, MO
Calvary, Republic | I | John H. Moore, MO
First, Branson |
| John Mark Simmons, NV
Highland Hills, Henderson | E | John Mark Simmons, NV
Highland Hills, Henderson |
| Al Gilbert, NC
Calvary, Winston-Salem | R | Ed Yount, NC
Woodlawn, Conover |
| Tim R. Crownover, NW
Northside, Vancouver, WA | DS | Ralph (Dale) Jenkins, NW
Airway Heights, Airway Heights,
WA |
| *Charles R. Chambers, OH
First, Perrysburg | E | *Charles R. Chambers, OH
First, Perrysburg |
| Jeff W. Moore, OK
First, Altus | I | Shane B. Hall, OK
First, Lawton |
| *Jack E. Shaw, SC
First, Taylors | I | Robert Alan Quigley, SC
South Main Street, Greenwood |
| *Phil Harper, TN
Northside, Murfreesboro | E | *Phil Harper, TN
Northside, Murfreesboro |
| *G. Harris Warner, Jr., VA
First, Roanoke | E | *G. Harris Warner, Jr., VA
First, Roanoke |
| *Martha Lawley, WY
First Southern, Worland | I | Bedford F. (Buddy) Hanson, WY
Mountain View, Mills |

GUIDESTONE FINANCIAL RESOURCES

State Representation

Term Expiring 2015

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| John T. Raymond, FL
Central, Corbin | R | Ken Whitten, FL
Idlewild, Lutz |
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Term Expiring 2016

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| *Jeffrey P. (Jeff) Amberg, CA
Immanuel, Highland | I | Rob Zinn, CA
Immanuel, Highland |
| Robert Lee (Bob) Bender, CO
First Black Forest,
Colorado Springs | E | Robert Lee (Bob) Bender, CO
First Black Forest,
Colorado Springs |
| New Member, DC | N | *Sebastian Traeger, DC
Capitol Hill, Washington |

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| *Michael C. Williams, IL
First, University Park | I Donald L. Sharp, IL
Faith Tabernacle, Chicago |
| *J. Dudley May, LA
First, Baton Rouge | E *J. Dudley May, LA
First, Baton Rouge |
| Forrest D. Sheffield, MS
Harrisburg, Tupelo | I Barry C. Corbett, MS
First, Kosciusko |
| *Barry D. Hartis, NC
Lawndale, Greensboro | I *John R. Morris, NC
Mt. Vernon, Boone |
| *Ronald L. Bryant, NW
Highland, Redmond, OR | I *Steven D. Bryant, NW
Highland, Redmond, OR |
| R. Craig Parker, TN
Germantown, Cordova | R *Robert L. (Bob) Sorrell, TN
First, Collierville |
| *M. Douglas Adkins, TX
First, Dallas | E *M. Douglas Adkins, TX
First, Dallas |
| Forrest Donald (Don) Davidson, VA E
First, Alexandria | Forrest Donald (Don) Davidson, VA
First, Alexandria |

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

State Representation

Term Expiring 2013

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| John W. Keith, UT-ID
Red Hills, Cedar City, UT | R *Connie E. Ward, UT-ID
Calvary, Boise, ID |
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State Representation

Term Expiring 2016

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| Robert E. Jackson, AL
Central, Decatur | DS *Kenneth J. Burnham, AL
Meadowbrook, Oxford |
| Richard L. Richie, AL
First, Decatur | E Richard L. Richie, AL
First, Decatur |
| Simon H. Tsoi, AZ
Valley Chinese, Phoenix | I *Lucinda W. (Cindy) Snead, AZ
North Phoenix, Phoenix |
| Richard A. Powell, FL
McGregor, Fort Myers | E Richard A. Powell, FL
McGregor, Fort Myers |
| *H. Marvin Pittman, FL
First, Bartow | E *H. Marvin Pittman, FL
First, Bartow |
| Roger L. Henderson, GA
Warren, Augusta | E Roger L. Henderson, GA
Warren, Augusta |
| *Mary H. Fullhart, IN
Old Town Hill, Muncie | E *Mary H. Fullhart, IN
Old Town Hill, Muncie |
| Norman W. Coe, KY
Highview, Louisville | I *Susan M. Bryant, KY
Graefenburg, Waddy |
| *Jay S. Collins, LA
Temple, Ruston | E *Jay S. Collins, LA
Temple, Ruston |
| *Vickie H. Mascagni, MS
Morrison Heights, Clinton | E *Vickie H. Mascagni, MS
Morrison Heights, Clinton |
| John M. Edie, MO
Second, Springfield | E John M. Edie, MO
Second, Springfield |
| *David T. Button, NY
Emmanuel, Canton | I *Rodney A. Freeman, NY
Somerset Hills, Basking Ridge, NJ |
| *Elizabeth B. (Beth) Harris, NC
First, Charlotte | DS *Roberta N. (Bobbi) Ashford, NC
Coats, Coats |

*O. G. (Tim) Locher, NC First, Hendersonville	I	NOT TO BE REPLACED
Richard H. (Rick) Thompson, OK Council Road, Bethany	I	*Cheryl L. Wright, OK Immanuel, Shawnee
Tracy M. Mackall, SC Cedar Shoals, Enoree	E	Tracy M. Mackall, SC Cedar Shoals, Enoree
Roger P. Freeman, TN First, Clarksville	E	Roger P. Freeman, TN First, Clarksville
*A. C. Halsell, TX Prestonwood, Plano	I	*Jaye B. Martin, TX First, Houston
Byron V. McWilliams, TX First, Odessa	E	Byron V. McWilliams, TX First, Odessa
John M. Meador, TX First, Euless	E	John M. Meador, TX First, Euless
Ronald K. Wade, VA Smith Memorial, Williamsburg	E	Ronald K. Wade, VA Smith Memorial, Williamsburg
Paul R. Blizard, WV Memorial, Beckley	E	Paul R. Blizard, WV Memorial, Beckley

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD

State Representation

Term Expiring 2013

Douglas A. (Doug) Jones, CO High View, Woodland Park	R	William G. (Bill) Ingram, CO Mississippi Avenue, Aurora
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Term Expiring 2014

Todd W. Green, NC Piney Grove, Lincolnton	R	*Cynthia E. (Cindy) Bush, NC Bay Leaf, Raleigh
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State Representation

Term Expiring 2016

William M. (Bill) Logan, CA Immanuel, Ridgecrest	E	William M. (Bill) Logan, CA Immanuel, Ridgecrest
*Elaine F. O. Hall, DC Hillcrest, Temple Hills, MD	E	*Elaine F. O. Hall, DC Hillcrest, Temple Hills, MD
Timothy P. (Tim) Dowdy, GA Eagle's Landing First, McDonough	I	Jay L. Watkins, GA Redland, Valdosta
*Keith Fordham, GA Harp's Crossing, Fayetteville	E	*Michael B. Edwards, GA Burnt Hickory, Powder Springs
*Ferrel K. Wiley, GA Schomburg Road, Upatoi	E	*Ferrel K. Wiley, GA Schomburg Road, Upatoi
Robert E. Dickerson, IL First, Marion	E	Robert E. Dickerson, IL First, Marion
*Sissy M. Franks, LA Philadelphia, Deville	E	*Sissy M. Franks, LA Philadelphia, Deville
David E. Washington, Jr., MI Canton Christian Fellowship, Canton	E	David E. Washington, Jr., MI Canton Christian Fellowship, Canton
Barry K. Anderson, NV Green Valley, Henderson	E	Barry K. Anderson, NV Green Valley, Henderson
*Bruce L. Franklin, NC New Sandy Creek, Henderson	E	*Bruce L. Franklin, NC New Sandy Creek, Henderson

Chuck Herring, TN First, Collierville	E	Chuck Herring, TN First Collierville
Larry D. Robertson, TN Hilldale, Clarksville	E	Larry D. Robertson, TN Hilldale, Clarksville
*Robert E. (Ed) Parker, VA Liberty, Hampton	DS	*Gary M. Jenkins, VA Old Powhatan, Powhatan
Joey T. Anthony, VA Midway, Phenix	E	Joey T. Anthony, VA Midway, Phenix

LIFEWAY CHRISTIAN RESOURCES

State Representation

Term Expiring 2016

Charles C. (Craig) Carlisle, AL Twelfth Street, Gadsden	E	Charles C. (Craig) Carlisle, AL Twelfth Street, Gadsden
Montia Setzler, CA Magnolia Avenue, Riverside	I	Kent Dacus, CA Magnolia Avenue, Riverside
New Member, DC	N	* John C. Hardin, DC Capitol Hill, Washington
Terry L. Braswell, GA Beulah, Lithia Springs	E	Terry L. Braswell, GA Beulah, Lithia Springs
George A. Moyer, Jr. Hawaii Kai, Honolulu	I	Michael J. Inouye, HI Kaunakakai, Kaunakakai
*William M. Talbott, MD-DE White Marsh, Baltimore, MD	I	Robert M. (Bob) Simpson, MD-DE Church at Severn Run, Severn, MD
*Gary A. Grunick, MO First, Troy	I	*Jay D. Swope, MO First, Nixa
Kathleen A. (Kathy) Todd, NE Maine Street, Brunswick, ME	E	Kathleen A. (Kathy) Todd, NE Maine Street, Brunswick, ME
Milton E. Kornegay, NY Central, Syracuse	I	Kenneth A. Bledsoe, NY Calvary, Aberdeen, NJ
*Jesse W. Messer, NC Merrimon Avenue, Asheville	E	*Jesse W. Messer, NC Merrimon Avenue, Asheville
Kevin K. White, NW First, Longview, WA	I	Millie A. (Mildred) Burkett, NW Greater Gresham, Gresham, OR
*Jeanne Davis, TN First, Sevierville	E	*Jeanne Davis, TN First, Sevierville
Johnny F. Dickerson, TX First, Mansfield	E	Johnny F. Dickerson, TX First, Mansfield
Douglas S. Echols, VA Bethel, Yorktown	I	Michael J. Osborne, VA Colonial Heights, Colonial Heights

SOUTHERN SEMINARY

State Representation

Term Expiring 2013

Bruce McCoy, MO Canaan, St. Louis	R	Phillip A. Bray, MO First, Macon
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Term Expiring 2017

*Archie Stephens, AZ First Southern, Phoenix	E	*Archie L. Stephens, AZ First Southern, Phoenix
Schanon D. Caudle, AR North Park, Van Buren	E	Schanon D. Caudle, AR North Park, Van Buren

*James O. Norman, AR Valley, Searcy	I	Nick Floyd, AR Cross, Fayetteville
Walter A. Price, CA Fellowship Pass, Beaumont	I	Alfred M. (Merril) Smoak, Jr., CA Trinity, Livermore
John T. (Tommy) Green, FL First, Brandon	I	Randall B. (Randy) Kuhn, FL Howard Carlisle, Panama City
Elizabeth H. (Ellie) Coursey, KY First, Henderson	E	Elizabeth H. (Ellie) Coursey, KY First, Henderson
*John M. Mathena, OK Quail Springs, Edmond	I	*Scott Pruitt, OK First, Broken Arrow
*J. Michael (Mike) King, TN Brainerd, Chattanooga	E	*J. Michael (Mike) King, TN Brainerd, Chattanooga
Joseph M. (Mike) Mericle, TX Great Hills, Austin	E	Joseph M. (Mike) Mericle, TX Great Hills, Austin

Local Representation**Term Expiring 2017**

*H. Randall McGee Highview, Louisville, KY	R	*Stanley L. Craig Walnut Street, Louisville, KY
*Gregory Dorris First, Mt. Washington, KY	DS	*Patricia A. Skelton Salem, Shelbyville, KY

At-Large Representation**Term Expiring 2017**

Pusey A. Losch Mountain View, Richfield, PA	E	Pusey A. Losch Mountain View, Richfield, PA
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SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY**State Representation****Term Expiring 2013**

Anthony George, FL Aloma, Winter Park	R	Herb M. Reavis, Jr., FL North Jacksonville, Jacksonville
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Term Expiring 2017

Jeff W. Crook, GA Blackshear Place, Flowery Branch	E	Jeff W. Crook, GA Blackshear Place, Flowery Branch
Scott Hobbs, IN First, Griffith	I	Stephen P. Davis, IN Living Faith, Indianapolis
Steven M. James, LA Trinity, Lake Charles	E	Steven M. James, LA Trinity, Lake Charles
Travis C. Tobin, NC First, Garner	E	Travis C. Tobin, NC First, Garner
John Allen Hays, OH Jersey, Pataskala	I	Cornelius C. (Connie) Hancock, OH Springboro, Springboro
Lashley T. (Lash) Banks, TX Murphy Road, Murphy	E	Lashley T. (Lash) Banks, TX Murphy Road, Murphy

At-Large Representation**Term Expiring 2017**

*Gary W. Loveless Second, Houston, TX	E	*Gary W. Loveless Second, Houston, TX
*Jack Sherrod Smith First, Dallas, TX	I	*Michael Don Whorton First, Dallas, TX

NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY

State Representation

Term Expiring 2017

*James Craig Campbell, AR First, Russellville	I	Gary L. Hollingsworth, AR Immanuel, Little Rock
*Donald L. Doby, DC Hillcrest, Oxon Hill, MD	I	*Daniel Shieh, DC Capitol Hill, Washington
Alan Floyd, FL First, Middleburg	E	Alan Floyd, FL First, Middleburg
*William Phillip (Phil) Hanberry, MS Temple, Hattiesburg	I	Robert B. (Bryant) Barnes, Jr., MS First, Columbia
*Douglas H. McKinnon, NM X-Factor Fellowship, Albuquerque	E	*Douglas H. McKinnon, NM X-Factor Fellowship, Albuquerque
Steven Renfrow, OH Bluffton, Hamilton	I	George B. Bannister, OH Central, Niles

Local Representation

Term Expiring 2017

*Bud Young Dauphin Way, Mobile, AL	I	Michael E. (Mike) Shaw First, Pelham, AL
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SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY

State Representation

Term Expiring 2013

Norman Cannada, WV West Charleston, Charleston	R	*Albert E. (Earl) Finley, NC Providence, Raleigh
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Term Expiring 2017

R. E. Clark, AR First, Gravette	E	R. E. Clark, AR First, Gravette
David E. Brown, CO Applewood, Wheat Ridge	E	David E. Brown, CO Applewood, Wheat Ridge
*Paul S. Tankersley, NM First, Clovis	I	Alan W. McAlister, NM Central, Clovis
William J. (Jack) Homseley, NC Christ Community, Cornelius	I	*Thomas S. Mach, OH Dayton Avenue, Xenia

Local Representation

Term Expiring 2017

*James David (Jim) Goldston, III Bay Leaf, Raleigh, NC	I	*Charles H. Cranford Carmel, Charlotte
*Terrence R. Collier Ridgeview, Pound, VA	I	*James R. Marston, Jr. Hyland Heights, Rustburg, VA

MIDWESTERN SEMINARY

State Representation

Term Expiring 2015

*W. Harold Rawlings, KY Florence, Walton	R	Justin M. Shamblin, WV North Charleston, Charleston
*Wendell Hudson, MS First, Purvis	R	Daniel R. Heeringa, MS First, Houston

Term Expiring 2016

Michael G. (Mike) McCoy, MI Holland, Holland	R	Dennis J. Brown, FL First, Niceville
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Term Expiring 2017

*Robert E. (Bob) Ball, IN Old Town Hill Southern, Muncie	I	*Ben O. Character, AL Meadowbrook, Oxford
Bob Hartmann, KS-NE First Shawnee, Shawnee, KS	I	James L. (Jim) Downey, IN Calvary, Seymour
Harry E. Watson, NV College Park, Las Vegas	I	Randall H. Tompkins, LA Calvary, Alexandria
*Gene L. Downing, OK Southern Hills, Oklahoma City	I	*Larry W. Sheppard, OK Clearview, Broken Arrow
*K. Wayne Lee, TX First, Euless	E	*K. Wayne Lee, TX First, Euless

Local Representation**Term Expiring 2015**

*James F. Freeman, III Country Meadows, Kansas City, MO	R	Doug D. Richey Pisgah, Excelsier Springs, MO
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Term Expiring 2017

*Richard Z. Cox Oakwood, Lee's Summit, MO	DS	William H. (Hosea) Bilyeu Ridgecrest, Springfield, MO
Jeffrey L. Dial Life Line, Little Rock, AR	I	Bryan C. Pain First, Duncan, OK

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

Sean D. Cole, CO Emmanuel, Sterling	R	Janet Y. Springer, CO North Metro, Commerce City
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Term Expiring 2015

*Paul Langston, MD-DE Ogletown, Newark, DE	R	Victor L. Simpson, MD-DE Emmanuel, Huntingtown, MD
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Term Expiring 2016

Roger (Buck) Webb, TN Grace, Tullahoma	R	*Cathy D. Moore, TN Idlewild, Bradford
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Term Expiring 2017

*Arthur W. Barrett, Jr., AR First, Harrison	I	Ronnie H. Deal, AR First, Greenwood
D. Scott Andrews, IL Grace Fellowship, Decatur	I	D. Chet Cantrell, IL Winstanley, Fairview Heights
Robert W. (Bob) Galey, MI Oakland Woods, Clarkston	I	Robert Santos, MI Philippine International, Taylor
E. Randall Adams, Jr., OK Quail Springs, Oklahoma City	I	Dale Griffin, OK Immanuel, Shawnee
Steven R. Sheldon, PA-SJ Wrightsdale, Peach Bottom, PA	E	Steven R. Sheldon, PA-SJ Wrightsdale, Peach Bottom, PA
*Stuart L. Smith, SC First, Spartanburg	E	*Stuart L. Smith, SC First, Spartanburg

At-Large Representation

Term Expiring 2017

- Margaret M.S. Chan R *David Tate
First, Newark, CA Trinity, Vacaville, CA
- Jeff Evans E Jeff Evans
The Vine, Rancho Cucamonga, CA The Vine, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

ETHICS AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COMMISSION

State Representation

Term Expiring 2014

- Todd E. Brady, KY R Lynn O. Traylor, KY
First, Paducah Buckner, LaGrange
- Samuel G. Simpson, NY R Robert Dean, NY
Bronx, Bronx Tonawanda Indian, Basom

Term Expiring 2015

- Stephen L. Faith, IN R J. D. Traylor, IN
Charlestown Road, New Albany Hanover, Hanover
- Gregory K. (Greg) Barefoot, NC R *Tami L. Fitzgerald, NC
Oakdale, Statesville Capital Community, Raleigh

Term Expiring 2016

- Charles R. Lord, AZ I *Roberta L. (Bobbi) Gilchrist, AZ
Royal Palms, Phoenix Sierra Vista, Sierra Vista
- *J. Michael Johnson, LA I *Ryan E. Gatti, LA
Calvary, Shreveport First, Bossier
- *Jeffrey L. Harris, MD-DE DS Brian M. Corrick, MD-DE
Calvary, Forest Hill, MD Nanjemoy, Nanjemoy, MD
- *Sharlene L. (Shar) Durbin, MI DS Ronald J. Libey, MI
Oakland Woods, Clarkston First, Gwinn
- *Walker D. Bradley, NM E *Walter D. Bradley, NM
Central. Clovis Central. Clovis
- Franklin R. Johnson, NW E Franklin R. Johnson, NW
Chestnut, Ellensburg, WA Chestnut, Ellensburg, WA
- *Christopher L. Slaughter, WV E *Christopher L. Slaughter, WV
Cross Lanes, Cross Lanes Cross Lanes, Cross Lanes

At-Large Representation

Term Expiring 2016

- *Kenda L. Bartlett E *Kenda L. Bartlett
Capitol Hill, Washington, DC Capitol Hill, Washington, DC

COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

Term Expiring 2015

- Stanley P. Buckley I Stephen N. Horn
First, Jackson, MS First, Lafayette, LA
- *Rudy C. Yakym, Jr. I *Lester O. Hoffman
New Life, South Bend, IN Trinity, Cambridge, OH

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

69. Mark Cottingham (GA), Convention music director, led the congregation in praise and worship.
70. President Wright (GA) recognized Richard D. Land (TN), president, The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, for their report. Land began by introducing Jimmy Draper (TX) and Bob Stith (TX) for the report of the joint taskforce on ministry to homosexuals. The report included a video testimony of Stith's journey. Land spoke about recent events impacting the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission and reported the Commission's deep commitment toward racial reconciliation. Land introduced Richard D. Pyles (AR), chairman of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, to present the ERLC Distinguished Service Award to Fred Luter Jr. (LA). Land gave the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission presentation articulating the vast scope of the entity's ministries.
71. President Wright (GA) recognized Frank S. Page (TN) for Part 3 of the Executive Committee Report. Page introduced Roger Spradlin (CA) for the introduction of Recommendation 3 on the SBC Name Change found in the *2012 Book of Reports* on page 33 (and below). Spradlin asked Jimmy Draper (TX), chairman of the Name Change Taskforce, to give a report. Spradlin moved that the recommendation be adopted.

Recommendation 3: Southern Baptist Convention Name Change

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention that those churches, entities and organizations in friendly cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention which may desire to utilize a descriptor other than the term "Southern Baptists" to indicate their relationship with each other and their involvement in the Southern Baptist Convention and its ministries, consider using the descriptor "Great Commission Baptists," a phrase commended as one fully in keeping with our Southern Baptist Convention identity.

72. Austin Minor (TX) raised a point of order and was ruled out of order.
73. Chris Roberts (FL) raised a question on the implementation of the descriptor by the SBC entities. Spradlin (CA) responded.
74. R. Richard Tribble Jr. (IL) objected to the consideration of the question on Recommendation 3. Barry McCarty (GA), SBC parliamentarian, gave an explanation of the Objection to Consideration. After a vote, the Objection to Consideration was not sustained, and consideration of Recommendation 3 continued. Aaron Harvie (PA) spoke for the recommendation. Bob Cleveland (AL) spoke against the recommendation. Micah Fries (MO) spoke for the recommendation. Steve Bailey (AR) asked a question. President Wright (GA) responded. Carroll Vaughn (NM) spoke against the recommendation and made a motion that the recommendation be tabled indefinitely. The president ruled that the motion to table was not in order. R. Richard Tribble Jr. (IL) raised a point of order. McCarty, SBC parliamentarian, explained the procedural rules. The chair ruled that the point was not well taken. Susie Hawkins (TX) spoke for the recommendation. Gary Hunnicutt (AR) spoke against the recommendation.
75. Jamison Work (TN) moved that debate cease and called the question. President Wright (GA) called for a vote, and the previous question was ordered.
76. President Wright (GA) called on John L. Yeats (MO), recording secretary, to give balloting instructions to messengers. Yeats reported there were 7,831 messengers registered. Ballots were cast.

77. President Wright (GA) announced the time of nominations for first vice president. Ken Whitten (FL) nominated Nathan Lino (TX). There were no other nominations. Wright (GA) recognized John L. Yeats (MO), recording secretary, to cast the ballot for the Convention. Wright declared **Nathan Lino as first vice president elect.**
78. President Wright (GA) recognized Paige Patterson (TX), president, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, for their report. The report included discussion about the seminary’s acquisition of antiquities.
79. President Wright (GA) introduced the final time for new motions.
80. Daniel Palmer (NC) appealed for his motion to be heard: Requesting that Motion 8 by Daniel Palmer (NC), Requesting the SBC to Meet Every Other Year, not Be Referred to the Executive Committee. The Committee on Order of Business agreed to take his motion under advisement.

“To discuss his previous motion concerning biennial meeting of the SBC on the floor of this year’s convention.” (Items 80 and 106)

81. Luke Johnson (MS) made a motion: Requesting Information about and Limits on Compensation for Employees of SBC and State Convention Entities.

“That any cooperating Southern Baptist church or any member in good standing of a cooperating Southern Baptist church be able to obtain full disclosure of the salary packages of any and all executives and employees of the Southern Baptist Convention with its entities and state conventions, including the Executive Committee.

And, if these salary packages are found to exceed \$150,000 per year, then these salary packages should be lowered to a maximum of \$150,000 per year by the boards of the individual agencies and entities, that the excess funds may be redirected toward the appointment and training of missionaries.

And, if the decision to lower these salaries is rejected, then for the glory of God and salvation of the lost around the world, the executives, staff, and state leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention should voluntarily lower their salary packages to the above said amount of \$150,000 per year.

And, if this voluntarily lowering of salary packages is rejected, then our leaders should seek baseline compensation comparable to the cost of living associated with their geographical area of ministry, with a helpful template being found at Southernbaptistreformation.com, called “The Base Pay Plan.”

And, that although LifeWay Christian Resources and GuideStone Financial Resources does not receive Cooperative Program funding, the executives and staff of these entities should examine their own salary packages for excessive compensation and if so led, lower their own salaries to the above stated amount and redirect the excess funds to the appointment and training of missionaries.

By taking this action, a culture of transparency will be created, causing the cooperating churches of the Southern Baptist Convention to trust the Cooperative Program and possibly increase Cooperative Program giving from cooperating Southern Baptist churches.” (Items 81 and 99)

82. Richard Sandburg (LA) made a motion: Requesting that NAMB not Reduce Funding for Disaster Relief.

“That the Convention ask NAMB to reconsider their decision to scale back disaster relief funding.” (Items 82 and 95)

83. Channing Kilgore (TN) made a motion: Requesting a Committee to Report the Views of SBC Founders on Predestination and Election.

“That the Southern Baptist Convention of New Orleans, Louisiana, 2012 commission an historical research committee to research and publish their findings, even if in summary form, in the annual Book of Reports next year at the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Texas, 2013, the theological position and view(s) of the Southern Baptist founders in 1845 regarding predestination and election and how they understood these terms.” (Items 83 and 97)

84. Ron Wilson (GA) made a motion: Requesting an Audit of NAMB’s “Mega-Focus Cities: San Diego” Program.

“That the new president, Bro. Luter, appoint a special committee to conduct an independent audit of the “Mega-Focus Cities: San Diego” program of NAMB, looking for answers to 3 questions:

- (1) Was close to \$1 million spent without oversight and approval of the NAMB trustees?
- (2) Were finances spent for support of individuals who were not approved by NAMB trustees?
- (3) Did leaders of the San Diego Association and high-level employees of NAMB hide these financial expenditures and support from NAMB trustees?” (Items 84 and 99)

85. Steve Bailey (AR) made a motion: Requesting that SBC Entities not Be Allowed to Use the Name “Great Commission.”

“That no entity of the SBC be allowed to use the name Great Commission. They are not autonomous and that we the messengers do have that authority.” (Items 85 and 99)

86. Jim Wood (TN) made a motion: Commending and Encouraging Prayer for Dr. Billy Graham.

“That the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans, June 2012, commend Dr. Billy Graham for his continued burden for evangelism and his love for Jesus Christ.

Further we encourage our brothers and sisters across the Convention to pray for the success of My Hope with Billy Graham, the largest outreach effort that the Graham organization has ever undertaken.

And, finally, I move that this message be communicated to Dr. Graham.” (Items 86 and 106)

87. Mark Cottingham (GA), Convention music director, led the congregation in praise and worship.

88. President Wright (GA) introduced Tom Elliff (VA), president, International Mission Board, for their report and presentation. Elliff introduced David Uth (FL) as the new chairman of the International Mission Board and outgoing chairman, Jimmy Prichard (TX). Ron Wilson (GA) raised questions, and Elliff responded. Clyde Meador (VA) assisted Elliff in the response.

89. Bruce Chesser (TN), senior pastor, First Baptist Church, Hendersonville, led the benediction.

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90. Mark Cottingham (GA), Convention music director, led in praise and worship.
91. President Wright (GA) recognized Frank Clark (MS), senior pastor, First Baptist Taylorsville, to lead in prayer.
92. President Wright (GA) recognized John L. Yeats (MO) for a report on the ballot for Recommendation 3. Yeats reported there were 7,831 registered messengers with 4,824 messengers casting ballots. There were 2,546 votes in favor, or 52.78% and there were 2,232 votes against, or 46.27%. There were 46 disallowed ballots, or .95%. President Wright announced that Recommendation 3 passed.
93. President Wright (GA) recognized Stan Buckley (MS), chairman, Committee on Order of Business, for their third report.
94. Stan Buckley (MS) reported to the Convention that the Committee on Order of Business is carrying the “No Evening” schedule through another year and in a southern venue with the hope that it will yield more feedback to base plans for future annual meeting programs wherein elements such as lay attendance and missionary commissioning services can be addressed and included.
95. President Wright (GA) recognized Stan Buckley (MS), chairman, Committee on Order of Business, for their third report. Chairman Buckley reported that the Committee determined that the following motion deals with the internal operations or ministries of Convention entities: Richard Sandberg (LA), Requesting that NAMB not Reduce Funding for Disaster Relief.
96. President Wright (GA) announced that this motion was referred as indicated by the Committee on Order of Business.
97. On behalf of the Committee on Order of Business, Stan Buckley (MS) moved that the following motions be referred for consideration and report to the 2013 Southern Baptist Convention: To the Executive Committee: David Atchison (TN), Requesting the Executive Committee to Create a Program for Training all Convention-Elected Trustees; Gary Griffis (TN), Requesting the 2015 Annual Meeting Be Moved to Memphis, TN. To all SBC Seminaries: Channing Kilgore (TN), Requesting a Committee to Report the Views of SBC Founders on Predestination and Election. The motion to refer carried, and the motions were referred as indicated.
98. Stan Buckley (MS) announced that the Committee on Order of Business scheduled the following motion for consideration by the Convention: R. Richard Tribble Jr. (IL), Requesting Limitations on the Use of the Platform Microphone. This motion was scheduled for discussion and vote at the 3:20 p.m. time slot for previously scheduled business.
99. Stan Buckley (MS) reported that the Committee on Order of Business requested that the chair rule the following motions not in order: Dan Biser (WV), Requesting the SBC to Seek God for Mercy Corporately. The motion was not in order because the messengers had already adopted the Convention’s agenda which included time for prayer. The Committee expressed its hope that all speakers who offer prayer during this Convention would seek God’s mercy. Todd Littleton (OK), Requesting the Convention to Speak to Recent Events Involving Richard Land (TN). This motion was in the nature of a resolution expressing the Convention’s opinion. Wiley Drake (CA), Requesting the New SBC President to Study Imprecatory Prayer and Report to the Convention. The motion would direct Fred Luter Jr. (LA) to take actions which are outside the scope of the president’s duties as described in the Convention’s Constitution and Bylaws. Daniel Palmer (NC) requested that Motion

8 requesting the SBC meet every other year not be referred to the Executive Committee. The Convention had already voted to refer the motion in question, and a reconsideration of that action was not in order. Luke Johnson (MS), Requesting Information about and Limits on Compensation for Employees of SBC and State Convention Entities. This motion would violate Articles IV and VI of the SBC Constitution, recognizing the autonomy of state conventions and giving each entity the authority to set compensation. Ron Wilson (GA), Requesting an Audit of NAMB's "Mega-focus Cities: San Diego" Program. The motion seeks to appoint a special committee to handle matters that the Convention has already assigned to entity trustees, which would violate the Convention's rules [*Reference: Robert's, p. 492*]. Steve Bailey (AR), Requesting that SBC Entities not Be Allowed to Use the Name "Great Commission." This motion conflicts with an action this Convention has previously adopted. The Committee also pointed out for information that SBC entities cannot change their names without Convention approval.

100. President Wright (GA) ruled that the motions were not in order for the reasons given.
101. Todd Littleton (OK) raised a point of order and appealed the ruling of the chair. Chair's ruling was sustained.
102. Channing Kilgore (TN) raised a question as to his motion's disposition.
103. Luke Johnson (MS) raised a question.
104. Steve Bailey (AR) raised a point of order.
105. Luke Johnson (MS) raised an additional question.
106. Stan Buckley (MS) reported for the Committee on Order of Business considered one additional motion: Jim Wood (TN), Commending and Encouraging Prayer for Billy Graham. While the Committee recognized the great love and respect the Convention holds for Dr. Graham, this motion was in the nature of a resolution and therefore was not in order at this time. However, the Committee requested our president to take a moment to lead the Convention in a special prayer for Dr. Graham and his ministry. President Wright led in a special prayer for Dr. Billy Graham and his ministry.
107. President Wright (GA) announced the time for nominations for the election of second vice-president. Clint Presley (NC) nominated Eric Hankins (MS). Johnny Touchet (SC) nominated Brad Atkins (SC). Alan Cross (AL) nominated Dave Miller (IA). President Wright called on John L. Yeats (MO), recording secretary, to give balloting instructions to messengers. Yeats reported there were 7,854 messengers registered. Ballots were cast.
108. President Wright (GA) recognized Buddy Champion (AL), chair of Committee on Committees, to bring a report, found in the *SBC Bulletin, Tuesday, Part 2*. The report was amended. Charles Lord (AZ) replaced Cheri Dempsay (AZ). The report was adopted as amended. (See following two pages.)
109. Mark Cottingham (GA) Convention music director, led in congregational praise and worship.
110. President Wright (GA) recognized Robin D. Hadaway (MO), interim president, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for their report. A promotional video assisted the seminary's report. Jay Gross (TX) asked a question. Kevin Shrum (TN), chairman of the board of trustees at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, assisted Hadaway with the response. Hollie Miller (TN) asked a question. Hadaway responded.

**Report of the 2012 SBC COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
(2012–2013 Committee on Nominations)
(State Convention/Name/Church Membership)**

** indicates layperson from each state or regional convention*

ALABAMA

- * Carol Dees Gilbreath
First Baptist
Montgomery, AL
- Travis Coleman, Jr.
First Baptist Church
Prattville, AL

ALASKA

- * Marilyn Feller-King
First Baptist
Wasilla, AK
- * Gary Elmore
Frontier Southern Baptist
Kodiak, AK

ARIZONA

- * Mona McDonald
First Southern Baptist
Scottsdale, AZ
- Charles Lord
Royal Palms Baptist
Phoenix, AZ

ARKANSAS

- * Russell Harrington
Immanuel Baptist
Little Rock, AR
- Don Pucik, *chairman*
OneChurch
Conway, AR

CALIFORNIA

- * Suzanne Kaech
Crossroad Church
Tustin, CA
- John C. Powell
Calvary Church
West Hills, CA

COLORADO

- * Richard A. Long, Jr.
Bookcliff Baptist
Grand Junction, CO
- James Vaughn
First Baptist
Bayfield, CO

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- * Donald Davis
Fort Foote Baptist
Fort Washington, MD
- * Izeola Grant
The Pennsylvania Avenue
Baptist
Washington, DC

FLORIDA

- * David M. Sullivan
First Baptist
Plant City, FL
- Mark Coleman
New Life
Davie, FL

GEORGIA

- * James B. Alexander
First Baptist
Covington, GA
- Tim Millwood
Second Baptist
Warner Robins, GA

HAWAII

- * James L. Miller
First Southern Baptist
Pearl Harbor
Honolulu, HI
- Christopher B. Martin
Lahaina Baptist
Lahaina, HI

ILLINOIS

- * Vernon Crawley
Hillcrest Baptist
Country Club Hills, IL
- Adam Cruse
First Baptist
Mt. Carmel, IL

INDIANA

- * Gail Layman
Kingston Avenue Baptist
Anderson, IN
- * Donald Lauer
Calvary Baptist
Greenwood, IN

KANSAS /NEBRASKA

- * Dennis Pettigrew
Immanuel Baptist
Wichita, KS
- Ken Bowden
First Southern Baptist
Kiowa, KS

KENTUCKY

- * Brad Nelson
Lone Oak First Baptist
Paducah, KY
- Allen Bonnell
Immanuel Baptist
Corbin, KY

LOUISIANA

- * Dorothy Young
First Baptist
Wisner, LA
- Stewart Holloway
First Baptist
Pineville, LA

MARYLAND/DELAWARE

- * Cecil B. Cunigan
Colonial Baptist
Randallstown, MD
- * Nelson Miles
Friendship Baptist
Marriottsville, MD

MICHIGAN

- * Sue A. Carpenter
Cedar Street
Holt, MI
- Jeffrey S. Buchholz
Merriman Road Baptist
Garden City, MI

MISSISSIPPI

* Kenneth David Robey
Harrisburg Baptist
Tupelo, MS

Greg Spencer
First Baptist
Indianola, MS

MISSOURI

* Kenneth Howe
First Baptist
Lebanon, MO

Randy Messer
First Baptist
Oak Grove, MO

NEVADA

Michelle Cason
Fellowship Baptist
Mission
Battle Mountain, NV

Gregory L. Fields
Nellis Baptist
Las Vegas, NV

NEW ENGLAND

* Roy Hughes
Nashua Baptist
Nashua, NH

Harv Coberley
Precision Valley Baptist
North Springfield, VT

NEW MEXICO

* Darwin Thompson
First Baptist
Artesia, NM

Garland Peek
Sandia Baptist
Albuquerque, NM

NEW YORK

* Owen Field
East Seventh Baptist
New York, NY

Freddy Noble
Primera Iglesia Bautista
Hispana Manhattan
New York, NY

NORTH CAROLINA

* Sara Tucker Knott
Christ Baptist
Raleigh, NC

Ricky Dale Speas
Old Town Baptist
Winston Salem, NC

NORTHWEST

* Brian Smith
Calvary Baptist
Burlington, WA

Randy Brown
First Baptist
Montesano, WA

OHIO

* Greg Burch
Lakota Hills Baptist
West Chester, OH

William J. Perry
First Baptist
Waynesville, OH

OKLAHOMA

* Roley D. McIntosh
Big Arbor Baptist
Eufala, OK

R. Douglas McClure
First Baptist
Hugo, OK

PENNSYLVANIA/SOUTH JERSEY

* Madeline Harris
Ezekiel Baptist
Philadelphia, PA

Larry Snyder
Living Legacy
Hershey, PA

SOUTH CAROLINA

* Robert J. Menges
Northwood Baptist
North Charleston, SC

Tom Tucker
Sisk Memorial Baptist
Ft. Mill, SC

TENNESSEE

* Mel Leatherman
Highland Park Baptist
Chattanooga, TN

Jeffrey Lynn Davis
First Baptist
Waynesboro, TN

TEXAS

* Julio A. Meza
Primera Iglesia Bautista
Grand Prairie, TX

Gregg Simmons
Church at the Cross
Grapevine, TX

UTAH/IDAHO

* James Clark
First Southern Baptist
Mountain Home, ID

Mickey Porter
Mountainview Baptist
Layton, UT

VIRGINIA

* Francis Wayne Sink
Preston Oaks Baptist
Roanoke, VA

Gary E. Vaughan
Nansemond River Baptist
Suffolk, VA

WEST VIRGINIA

* Gilbert Shade
Westview Baptist
Martinsburg, WV

Kenny Stidham
Good Shepherd Southern
Baptist
Scott Depot, WV

WYOMING

* Michael J. Dennison
Sunrise Baptist
Casper, WY

Wes White
Snowy Range Baptist
Laramie, WY

111. President Wright (GA) recognized Charles S. (Chuck) Kelley, Jr. (LA), president, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, for their report. David Worley (TN) asked a question. Tim Rogers (NC) asked a question. Peter Lumpkins (GA) asked a question. The report included the seminary's success following the damage of Hurricane Katrina.
112. President Wright (GA) recognized John L. Yeats (MO) for a report of the vote for second vice president. Yeats reported there were 7,854 registered messengers, with 1,642 casting ballots. Eric Hankins (MS) received 562 votes, for 34.23%. Brad Atkins (SC) received 370 votes, for 22.53%. David Miller (IA) received 673 votes, for 40.99%. President Wright declared there was no majority and therefore ordered a runoff ballot.
113. President Wright (GA) called on John L. Yeats (MO) to give the messengers instructions on balloting. The runoff ballot was between Eric Hankins (MS) and Dave Miller (IA). Ballots were cast.
114. President Wright (GA) introduced previously scheduled business. Stan Buckley (MS) reported there was no previously scheduled business.
115. Mark Cottingham (GA), Convention music director, led in praise and worship.
116. A video from the North American Mission Board was presented.
117. President Wright (GA) called on Stan Buckley (MS), who moved to advance the schedule by 10 minutes. The motion passed.
118. President Wright (GA) recognized Jimmy Scroggins (FL), chairman, Committee on Resolutions, for their first report.
119. Stephen Wilson (KY) moved the adoption of Resolution 1. R. Richard Tribble Jr. (IL) raised a point of order. The resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 1
ON APPRECIATION**

WHEREAS, The messengers to the 155th session of the Southern Baptist Convention have enjoyed a time of worship, encouragement, and fellowship; and

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

WHEREAS, We also acknowledge the kind hospitality of all the people of New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, We also acknowledge our local Southern Baptist churches, associations, committees, the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and the many volunteers who worked diligently to make our stay a pleasant one; and

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

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 19–20, 2012, express our profound gratitude to the Lord and to all those He used to bring about a meeting characterized by grace, evangelism, worship, encouragement, cooperation, and purpose.

120. Gary Lowe (UT) moved the adoption of Resolution 2. William Dwight McKissic (TX) raised a point of order. Lloyd Harsch (LA) moved to amend by adding the phrase “transitional housing for women and children” following “children’s home.” The committee accepted the amendment as a friendly amendment. The amendment passed. The resolution was adopted as amended.

**RESOLUTION 2
ON 200 YEARS OF BAPTIST MINISTRY IN LOUISIANA**

WHEREAS, The year 2012, the bicentennial of the state of Louisiana, also marks the 200th anniversary of the first Baptist churches in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, God has prospered Baptist work in Louisiana, where Southern Baptists have 1,600 congregations, a Baptist college, a children’s home, transitional housing for women and children, forty-one local associations, the Louisiana Baptist Convention, and numerous other ministries; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists in Louisiana across the decades have faithfully supported the work of Southern Baptists around the world with their prayers, their participation, and their financial contributions; and

WHEREAS, The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, one of six Southern Baptist seminaries, continues to thrive in Louisiana, even after the devastating damage of Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Baptists are marking their bicentennial with the emphasis “Awaken,” a call for spiritual awakening in the churches and the culture; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 19–20, 2012, thank God for His blessings on and through Louisiana Baptists for these two centuries; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we congratulate and celebrate with Louisiana Baptists on the occasion of their bicentennial; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we encourage and pray for Louisiana Baptists as they seek the Lord’s face for spiritual awakening.

121. Jimmy Scroggins (FL) moved the adoption of Resolution 3. Mike Smith (VA) raised a point of order but was asked to stand at ease. Mitch Axsom (LA) spoke for the resolution. Smith spoke against the resolution. Scroggins spoke to the motion. Bob Hadley (FL) moved to amend by adding, “is available to all who hear the Gospel. All may respond in repentance and faith and may be saved” at the end of the first WHEREAS. Scroggins responded. Brian Sandifer (MD) spoke against the amendment. Scroggins responded. The amendment was defeated. Steve Gaines (TN) spoke for the resolution. Jared Moore (KY) spoke against the resolution. Martie Mangum (NC) moved to amend by striking “a sinner’s prayer as” in the title, and in the second RESOLVE strike “often identified as a sinner’s prayer.” Mangum spoke to his motion to amend. Scroggins responded. The amendment was defeated. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 3
AN AFFIRMATION OF A “SINNER’S PRAYER”
AS A BIBLICAL EXPRESSION OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH

WHEREAS, The Gospel of Jesus Christ offers full forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with God to anyone who repents of sin and trusts in Christ; and

WHEREAS, This same Gospel commands all persons everywhere to believe this Gospel and receive Christ as Savior and Lord (Mark 1:15; John 1:12; 6:25–52; Acts 17:30); and

WHEREAS, The Scriptures give examples of persons from diverse backgrounds who cried out for mercy and were heard by God (Luke 18:13; Acts 16:29–30); and

WHEREAS, The Scriptures also give numerous examples of persons who verbally affirmed Gospel truths but who did not personally know Jesus in a saving relationship (Luke 22:47–48; John 2:23–25; 1 Corinthians 10:1–5); and

WHEREAS, Empty religion and formalism, of whatever kind, apart from personal relationship with Christ, cannot wash away sin or transform a heart (Matthew 7:21; 15:8; John 3:3); and

WHEREAS, The Bible speaks of salvation as including both a confession with the mouth that Jesus is Lord and a belief in the heart that God has raised Him from the dead (Matthew 16:16; Romans 10:9–10); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 19–20, 2012, reaffirm our Gospel conviction that repentance from sin and personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are necessary for salvation (Acts 20:20–21); and be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm that repentance and faith involve a crying out for mercy and a calling on the Lord (Romans 10:13), often identified as a “sinner’s prayer,” as a biblical expression of repentance and faith; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a “sinner’s prayer” is not an incantation that results in salvation merely by its recitation and should never be manipulatively employed or utilized apart from a clear articulation of the Gospel (Matthew 6:7; 15:7–9); and be it further

RESOLVED, That we promote any and all biblical means of urging sinners to call on the name of the Lord in a prayer of repentance and faith; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we call on Southern Baptists everywhere to continue to carry out the Great Commission in North America and around the world, so that sinners everywhere, of every tribe, tongue, and language, may cry out, “God be merciful to me a sinner” (Luke 18:13).

122. President Wright (GA) called on John L. Yeats (MO) to give a report on the runoff ballot. Yeats reported there were 7,858 messengers registered, with 2,020 messengers casting ballots. Eric Hankins received 798 votes, for 39.5%. Dave Miller (IA) received 1,202 votes, for 59.5%. President Wright (GA) declared **Dave Miller (IA) as second vice president elect.**
123. President Wright (GA) announced the time for nominations for election of recording secretary. Rodney Autry (VA) nominated John L. Yeats (MO). There were no other nominations. President Wright (GA) called on Eric Thomas (VA), second vice president, to cast the ballot for the Convention. President Wright (GA) declared **John L. Yeats (MO) as recording secretary elect.**

124. President Wright (GA) announced the time for nominations for registration secretary. Greg Hall (MO) nominated James H. (Jim) Wells (MO). There were no other nominations. President Wright (GA) called on John L. Yeats (MO), SBC recording secretary, to cast the ballot for the Convention. The congregation stood in a show of support for Wells, who was unable to attend the Convention due to illness. President Wright (GA) declared **James H. (Jim) Wells (MO) as registration secretary elect.**
125. Mark Cottingham (GA), Convention music director, led in congregational music and praise.
126. President Wright (GA) recognized O. S. Hawkins (TX), president, GuideStone Financial Resources, for their report. Hawkins introduced a video about the Mission:Dignity ministry of GuideStone.
127. President Wright (GA) announced the time for previously scheduled business. Stan Buckley (MS) reported there was no scheduled business.
128. A video was shown about the International Mission Board ministries.
129. A video was shown by the North American Mission Board.
130. President Wright (GA) announced there were no other officers to elect and called on Stan Buckley (MS) for a motion. Buckley, chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, moved that the agenda be advanced by 10 minutes.
131. President Wright introduced David Uth (FL), senior pastor, First Baptist Church, Orlando, to preach the Convention sermon (pp. 109–116) following a time of worship.
132. Contemporary Worship was presented by guest artists, Bobby Smith (GA) and John McCullough (GA), with the Johnson Ferry Baptist Church worship band.
133. David Uth (FL) preached the Convention sermon.
134. Mark Vincent (MS), pastor, Clarke-Venable Baptist Church, led the benediction.

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135. Mark Cottingham (GA), Convention music director, led in congregational praise and worship.
136. Second vice president Eric Thomas (VA) introduced Gil McKee (AL), senior pastor, First Baptist Church Tuscaloosa, who led in prayer.
137. Second vice president Eric Thomas (VA) introduced Frank S. Page (TN) to recognize the outgoing officers of the Convention: Bryant Wright (GA), president; Fred Luter Jr. (LA), first vice president; and Eric Thomas (VA), second vice president.
138. Frank S. Page (TN) introduced the newly elected officers of the Southern Baptist Convention and their wives: Fred Luter Jr. (LA), president; Nathan Lino (TX), first vice president; Dave Miller (IA), second vice president; John L. Yeats (MO), recording secretary; and James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary *in absentia*.
139. President Wright (GA) recognized the mayor of New Orleans, the Honorable Mitch Landrieu, to bring remarks.
140. President Wright recognized Stan Buckley (MS) chairman, Committee on Order of Business, for a report. Buckley moved the following nominations for the 2013 Convention sermon preacher, alternate, and music director: Danny Akin (NC) to preach the annual 2013 sermon; David Allen (TX) as the alternate Convention sermon preacher; and Charles Billingsley (VA) as the 2012 director of music. The motion was adopted.

141. Stan Buckley (MS) announced that the motion by R. Richard Tribble Jr. (IL), Requesting Limitations on the Use of the Platform Microphone, was scheduled to be discussed at 3:50 p.m.
142. President Wright (GA) recognized Daniel L. (Danny) Akin (NC), president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, to bring their report. The report expressed the scope of the work of the seminary.
143. Bobby Smith (GA) led in congregational praise and worship.
144. President Wright (GA) recognized former SBC presidents through a video of the president's preaching. President Wright presented the presidents on the platform: Dr. and Mrs. Jimmy Draper (TX), 1983-84; Dr. and Mrs. Jim Henry (FL), 1995-96; Dr. and Mrs. Frank Page (GA), 2007-08; Dr. and Mrs. L. Paige Patterson (TX), 1999-2000; Dr. Bailey Smith (GA), 1981-82; and Dr. and Mrs. Bobby Welch (FL), 2005-2006.
145. President Wright (GA) introduced the time for previously scheduled business. Stan Buckley (MS) announced that the Committee on Order of Business scheduled the following motion for consideration by the Convention at this time: R. Richard Tribble Jr. (IL), Requesting Limitations on the Use of the Platform Microphone. Tribble spoke to his motion. Buckley spoke on behalf of the Committee on Order of Business against the motion. Chet Thomas (FL) spoke for the motion. Bob Cleveland (AL) spoke against the motion. Wiley Drake (CA) spoke for the motion. Jim Kneale (MD) spoke against the motion. Phil Bray (MO) moved the previous question. Question was ordered, and the motion failed.
146. President Wright (GA) recognized Jimmy Scroggins (FL), chairman, Committee on Resolutions, for their final report.
147. Jimmy Scroggins (FL) moved the adoption of Resolution 4. Floyd Paris (KY) raised a point of order regarding a quorum, and President Wright (GA) ruled that a quorum existed. Chris Roberts (FL) spoke for the motion. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 4 ON COOPERATION AND THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION

WHEREAS, We celebrate the history of faithful cooperation of Southern Baptists in the work of world evangelism and missions; and

WHEREAS, *The Baptist Faith and Message* has been approved by our Convention as our confession of faith regarding our commonly held convictions; and

WHEREAS, *The Baptist Faith and Message* in its affirmation of local church autonomy does not define what individual Southern Baptists and Southern Baptist churches *must* believe but rather what they generally and historically *have* believed regarding the doctrine of salvation; and

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention in 2007 affirmed *The Baptist Faith and Message* as a *consensus* confession, but not a *comprehensive* confession, seeking to unify Southern Baptists, local churches, and other Baptist bodies that may also hold other confessions of faith; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 19–20, 2012, do without reservation reaffirm as our confession of faith *The Baptist Faith and Message*; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm that *The Baptist Faith and Message* provides sufficient parameters for understanding the doctrine of salvation, so that Southern Baptists may joyfully and enthusiastically partner together in obedience to the Great Commission; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we encourage all Southern Baptist churches to continue in faithful cooperation as we deepen our commitment to equip the saints and reach the lost with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

148. Cheri Jimenez (SC) moved the adoption of Resolution 5. R. Richard Tribble Jr. (IL) moved to amend in the seventh WHEREAS by striking the word “will” and inserting the words “is requiring” The committee considered the amendment friendly. The Convention approved the amendment. The resolution was adopted as amended.

RESOLUTION 5 ON PROTECTING RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

WHEREAS, God has made the human conscience inviolable (Romans 2:14–15; 1 Corinthians 4:3–5; 8:12; 10:29); and

WHEREAS, God has granted to all human beings the freedom to worship or not to worship according to the dictates of their consciences (Matthew 23:37; Revelation 3:20); and

WHEREAS, History is replete with examples of the disastrous results of governmental efforts to interfere with individual conscience and religious belief; and

WHEREAS, Our Baptist forebears suffered great persecution from civil authorities, including beatings, imprisonment, and death because of their commitment to the inviolable nature of conscience and faith; and

WHEREAS, The First Amendment to the United States Constitution protects United States citizens from any interference by the Federal Government in their “free exercise” of religion; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Health and Human Services has determined that all health care plans under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) must provide free of charge contraceptives and abortion causing drugs and devices, even if such provisions violate the faith convictions of religious employers, health plan providers, and participants; and

WHEREAS, President Obama and his administration is requiring health plans under PPACA to maintain a separate abortion fund supported by a premium surcharge on health plan participants regardless of their religiously-informed convictions about abortion; and

WHEREAS, The Justice Department (*Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church and School v. EEOC*, 2012) has asserted that government has the authority to determine which ministries of a church qualify for First Amendment staffing protections, in clear violation of the biblical teaching that churches are unique institutions by virtue of their divine origin (Matthew 16:18); and

WHEREAS, The United States military is currently engaged in efforts to normalize homosexual behavior in the armed services, threatening the ability of chaplains to perform ministry according to the dictates of their consciences and the teachings of their faith; and

WHEREAS, The Justice Department has argued that the federal definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman is unconstitutional, threatening the ability of religious business owners and religious organizations to offer their services to those only who share their faith convictions about marriage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 19–20, 2012, steadfastly object to the administration’s efforts to undermine the religious liberty of American citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call on President Obama to instruct the Department of Health and Human Services to withdraw its insistence that health care plans provide contraceptives and abortion causing drugs and devices and instead exempt from this requirement all religious organizations and people of faith, whether in their private capacity or as employers, who declare a religious objection to such coverage; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we deplore the provision in the PPACA that sets up a separate abortion fund in health care plans as well as the administration’s efforts to require United States citizens to pay for abortion through their health care premiums contrary to the dictates of their faith; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we declare our support for the Constitution’s recognition of the unique nature of the church and insist that the Justice Department retract its offensive, unconstitutional attitude toward the church; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we wholeheartedly support the ministry of chaplains in the United States military and call on the Obama administration to instruct our military leaders to ensure the freedom of chaplains to minister to members of the armed services according to the dictates of the chaplains’ consciences without fear or coercion; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express our deepest appreciation for every person who serves in the armed services of our nation and call on the Obama administration to guarantee the right of those who have volunteered to serve to express their religious convictions about homosexual behavior without fear of reprisal; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call on the Justice Department to cease its efforts to overturn the Defense of Marriage Act and instead engage in a vigorous effort to defend this law of the land from every challenge; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we pledge to defend the God-given and constitutionally guaranteed right of every American citizen to worship God freely in thought, word, and action, according to the dictates of his or her conscience.

149. Kevin Smith (KY) moved the adoption of Resolution 6. William Gemeuz (TX) moved to amend after the fifth RESOLVE and add a new RESOLVE, “WHEREAS, any pastor or representative has participated in said attitudes, rhetoric or actions, we confess and repent while we deny that preaching the truth is either disrespectful or hateful; therefore be it further.” While the motion was in route to the platform, President Wright (GA) recognized Stephen Farish (IL).

**RESOLUTION 6
ON “SAME-SEX MARRIAGE” AND CIVIL RIGHTS RHETORIC**

WHEREAS, Marriage is a covenant relationship and an institution established by God rather than simply a human social construct (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4–6; Ephesians 5:22–33); and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists have consistently affirmed our support of the biblical definition of marriage as the exclusive union of one man and one woman; and

WHEREAS, The Scriptures indicate that all sexual behavior outside of marriage is sinful; and

WHEREAS, All people, regardless of race or sexual orientation, are created in the image of God and thus are due respect and love (Genesis 1:26–27); and

WHEREAS, The Department of Justice has argued (*Perry v. Schwarzenegger*) that the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) is unconstitutional claiming that DOMA unfairly discriminates against homosexuals; and

WHEREAS, For the first time in history the President of the United States has publicly voiced his personal support of “same-sex marriage”; and

WHEREAS, While homosexuality does not present the distinguishing features of classes entitled to special protections, like the classes of race and gender, we acknowledge the unique struggles experienced by homosexuals in some parts of society; and

WHEREAS, It is regrettable that homosexual rights activists and those who are promoting the recognition of “same-sex marriage” have misappropriated the rhetoric of the Civil Rights Movement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 19–20, 2012, oppose any attempt to frame “same-sex marriage” as a civil rights issue; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we deny that the effort to legalize “same-sex marriage” qualifies as a civil rights issue since homosexuality does not qualify as a class meriting special protections, like race and gender; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage Southern Baptists everywhere to fight for the civil rights of all people where such rights are consistent with the righteousness of God; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express our love to those who struggle with same-sex attraction and who are engaged in the homosexual lifestyle; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we stand against any form of gay-bashing, whether disrespectful attitudes, hateful rhetoric, or hate-incited actions toward persons who engage in acts of homosexuality; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm that pastors should preach the truth of God’s word on human sexuality, marriage, purity, and love with all boldness and without fear of reprisal; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage our fellow Southern Baptists to consider how they and their churches might engage in compassionate, redemptive ministry to those who struggle with homosexuality; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we proclaim that Christ offers forgiveness of sin for those who turn from their sins and believe on Christ for the forgiveness of sin.

150. Stephen Farish (IL) moved the adoption of Resolution 7. Paul Smith (AZ) moved to amend the second RESOLVE by adding after the word “creation” to the phrase “of all matter in six 24 hour days.” Smith spoke to his amendment. Stephen Farish (IL) spoke for the committee. The amendment failed. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 7

ON BIBLICAL SCHOLARSHIP AND THE DOCTRINE OF INERRANCY

WHEREAS, Some biblical scholars who identify themselves as evangelicals have in recent years denied the historicity of Adam and Eve (Genesis 1–2) and of the fall of mankind into sin (Genesis 3), among other historical assertions of Scripture; and

WHEREAS, Many of these same scholars have called on other evangelical scholars to abandon the doctrine of inerrancy and to embrace on a wholesale basis the methodology of higher critical biblical scholarship in the study of Scripture; and

WHEREAS, The Bible asserts for itself that it is God-breathed and is altogether sufficient “for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16–17); and

WHEREAS, The human authors of Scripture wrote not from their own imaginations, but instead as they were “moved by the Holy Spirit, men spoke from God” (2 Peter 1:21); and

WHEREAS, The primary purpose of biblical scholarship is to glorify God through the study and proclamation of “the faith that was delivered to the saints once for all” (Jude 3), which faith is set forth in Holy Scripture; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists have affirmed historically and consistently our unshakeable belief that the Bible in its entirety has “truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter,” and is therefore “totally true and trustworthy” (*The Baptist Faith and Message*, Article I, “The Scriptures”); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 19–20, 2012, do hereby reaffirm our belief in and adherence to the doctrine of the inerrancy of Scripture, as set forth in the Bible itself and in Article I of *The Baptist Faith and Message*; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm our belief specifically in the direct creation and historicity of Adam and Eve and in a literal, space-time fall of mankind into sin; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we call on all biblical scholars serving in Southern Baptist institutions to help shape the Christian worldview of the next generation by carrying out their work of teaching, research, and writing with an excellence and freedom that is always in submission to Jesus Christ and in the service of the inerrant Word of God.

151. President Wright (GA) returned to the discussion of Resolution 6. President Wright (GA) read the amendment offered by William Gemeuz (TX). Gemeuz spoke to his amendment. Kevin Smith (KY) spoke against the amendment and in support of the Committee's wording. The amendment failed. The resolution was adopted.
152. Joe Wright (TN) moved the adoption of Resolution 8. Alan Cross (AL) moved to amend the third RESOLVE by striking the words "and as often as possible." Wright spoke for the committee and considered it friendly. The Convention approved the amendment. The resolution was adopted as amended.

**RESOLUTION 8
AFFIRMING HUMAN NEEDS MINISTRY
AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT BY LOCAL CHURCHES**

WHEREAS, Humanity's greatest problem at the root of all other problems is rebellion against God and separation from Him because of sin; and

WHEREAS, The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only solution to our problem, as it, through faith in Jesus Christ, reconciles us to God and to one another; and

WHEREAS, The work and ministry of Jesus involved both proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom and demonstrating the love of God; and

WHEREAS, We are commanded by Scripture both to preach the Gospel and to do good deeds so that God's light would shine before men; and

WHEREAS, The indwelling Spirit leads us sacrificially to love our neighbor and all those in need as we love ourselves with both material and spiritual assistance; and

WHEREAS, We are ambassadors for Christ with the ministry of reconciliation to all who are alienated from God and are living under the effects of personal, social, and structural sin; and

WHEREAS, We live in a country and world where sin and its effects greatly harm individuals, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists have a long history of providing aid to all people in times of need, including disaster relief, physical assistance, and advocacy for the oppressed, among other things; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 19–20, 2012, affirm and encourage the work of our local churches, associations, community ministry centers, state conventions, and missions agencies in their ministries to human needs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That as every local church makes disciples for Christ, it should encourage every disciple to love people; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage every local church to engage the needs of its community, supremely with a strong Gospel witness in words, accompanied by a corresponding witness of deeds; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage generous support of those ministries in Baptist life that are specifically equipped to facilitate the work of human needs ministry and the involvement of local churches in the same; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we encourage education, training, and equipping of Christians in human needs ministry as an expression of love, discipleship, and fidelity to our Lord as God gifts, directs, and enables us to be His hands and feet to a hurting and needy world.

153. Kevin Smith (KY) moved the adoption of Resolution 9 amended by the committee to add the phrase “and Fred Luter, who was elected as the first African American president of the Southern Baptist Convention.” The Convention approved the amendment. The resolution was adopted as amended.

**RESOLUTION 9
ON AFRICAN AMERICAN CONTRIBUTIONS
TO AMERICAN BAPTIST HISTORY**

WHEREAS, African Americans have played an important role in Baptist history in the United States; and

WHEREAS, It was common for white and black Baptists to worship together before the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, Historiography has not always reflected the contribution of African American Baptists; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 19–20, 2012, acknowledge and express their appreciation for the contributions of African Americans to the faithful Baptist witness in the United States; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we celebrate pioneers such as African Americans George Liele, who many acknowledge as the first overseas missionary from the United States in 1782; Lott Carey, who organized African American missions in the 1800s; S .M. Lockridge, who was a faithful preacher of the Gospel in the twentieth century; Sid Smith, who was one of the first African American Southern Baptist denominational leaders in the modern era; and Fred Luter, who was elected as the first African American president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

154. Jimmy Scroggins (FL) announced the conclusion of the report from the Committee on Resolutions. President Wright (GA) recognized William Dwight McKissic (TX), who appealed to the Convention for reconsideration of his resolution Racist Statements in Mormon Source Documents. Kevin Smith (KY) spoke for the Committee against reconsidering the resolution. The motion to reconsider failed.
155. President Wright (GA) announced that the time for resolutions had expired.
156. President Wright (GA) recognized R. Albert (Al) Mohler, Jr. (KY), president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, for their report. The report included testimony and a presentation about the scope of the seminary’s ministry.
157. President Wright (GA) recognized the Convention pages.
158. Mark Cottingham (GA), Convention music director, led in congregational praise and worship.
159. President Wright (GA) introduced Kevin Ezell (GA), president of the North American Mission Board, to bring their report. Ezell reported about the scope of ministries through the North American Mission Board. Ron Wilson (GA) asked questions. Ezell responded.
160. Kevin Ezell (GA) led in the North American Mission Board presentation.
161. President Wright (GA) recognized Stan Buckley (MS) and the members of the Committee on Order of Business.

162. President Wright (GA) expressed his appreciation for Mark Cottingham (GA), Convention music director.
163. President Wright (GA) passed the gavel to Fred Luter Jr. (LA).
164. President elect Fred Luter Jr. (LA) introduced Eddie Wren (LA), senior pastor, First Baptist Church Rayville, to lead in the benedictory prayer.
165. President elect Fred Luter Jr. (MO) pronounced the 155th Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention adjourned.

2012 SBC Annual Meeting Statistics
New Orleans, Louisiana, June 19–20, 2012

	Count	Percent		
Gender:			Spouse's Vocation:	
Male	4,833	61.38	Associational Missions	9 1.43
Female	<u>3,041</u>	<u>38.62</u>	Evangelism	3 0.48
Total Present	7,874	100.00	Homemaking	215 34.13
Total Survey Takers:	630		North American or	
Age Breakdown:			International Missions	3 0.48
18-29	50	7.94	Other	313 49.68
30-34	31	4.92	Other Church Staff	38 6.03
35-39	43	6.83	Other Denominational	4 0.63
40-44	49	7.78	Seminary Student	3 0.48
45-49	52	8.25	Senior Pastor	36 5.71
50-54	90	14.29	State Convention,	
55-59	92	14.60	Agency/Institution	<u>6 0.95</u>
60+	<u>223</u>	<u>35.40</u>	Total	630 100.00
Total	630	100.00	Number of times attended:	
Travel Mode:			1 st time	107 16.98
Car	422	66.98	5 or less	168 26.67
Plane	179	28.41	6 to 10	135 21.43
Other	<u>29</u>	<u>4.60</u>	11 or more	<u>220 34.92</u>
Total	630	100.00	Total	630 100.00
Your Vocation:			Expense Breakdown:	
Associational Missions	31	4.92	Under \$100	35 5.56
Evangelism	5	0.79	\$100-\$299	49 7.78
Homemaking	32	5.08	\$300-\$599	104 16.51
North American or			\$600-\$999	126 20.00
International Missions	7	1.11	\$1,000-1,499	187 29.68
Other	101	16.03	\$1,500-\$1,999	85 13.49
Other Church Staff	74	11.75	\$2,000+	<u>44 6.98</u>
Other Denominational	8	1.27	Total	630 100.00
Seminary Student	8	1.27	Number of other Family Members:	
Senior Pastor	334	53.02	None	237 37.62
State Convention,			1	301 47.78
Agency/Institution	<u>30</u>	<u>4.76</u>	2 to 4	78 12.38
Total	630	100.00	5+	<u>14 2.22</u>
			Total	630 100.00
			Number of unique churches that sent messengers:	
			Number of churches	3,288
			Number of states that sent messengers:	
			Number of states	48
			+ Washington, D.C.	
			+ Puerto Rico	

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
Registration of Messengers by State
New Orleans, Louisiana, June 19–20, 2012

State	Number of Messengers	Percent of Messengers	Churches with Messengers	Rank (1-25)
AK	13	0.17	6	
AL	604	7.67	259	4
AR	251	3.19	110	11
AZ	49	0.62	21	22
CA	110	1.40	61	16
CO	44	0.56	22	21
CT	4	0.05	1	
DC	14	0.18	4	
DE	1	0.01	1	
FL	518	6.58	214	7
GA	651	8.27	275	3
HI	10	0.13	7	
IA	9	0.11	6	
ID	5	0.06	4	
IL	147	1.87	70	15
IN	91	1.16	39	18
KS	49	0.62	23	20
KY	354	4.50	163	10
LA	962	12.22	305	2
MA	4	0.05	3	
MD	97	1.23	39	19
ME	1	0.01	1	
MI	36	0.46	15	25
MN	4	0.05	2	
MO	212	2.69	98	13
MS	792	10.06	327	1
MT	7	0.09	4	
NC	447	5.68	196	8
ND	0	0.00	0	
NE	4	0.05	2	
NH	4	0.05	3	
NJ	18	0.23	5	
NM	42	0.53	18	23
NV	34	0.43	16	24
NY	30	0.38	12	
OH	96	1.22	47	17
OK	205	2.60	85	14
OR	1	0.01	1	
PA	21	0.27	14	
PR	4	0.05	3	
RI	0	0.00	0	
SC	337	4.28	165	9
SD	1	0.01	1	
TN	677	8.60	253	5
TX	581	7.38	249	6
UT	12	0.15	5	
VA	264	3.35	106	12
VT	1	0.01	1	
WA	7	0.09	4	
WI	9	0.11	3	
WV	30	0.38	13	
WY	10	0.13	6	
Total	7,874	100.00	3,288	