

PROCEEDINGS
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
Houston, Texas, June 11–12, 2013

Annual Meeting Theme:

REVIVE US THAT WE MAY BE ONE



*I give you a new commandment: love one another:
Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another.
By this all people will know that you are My disciples,
if you have love for one another.*

(John 13:34-35, Holman Christian Standard Bible)

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 11, 2013

1. Charles Billingsley (VA), Convention music director, worship pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, led congregational praise and worship.
2. Frank S. Page (TN), president and CEO of the SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, presented the Broadus Gavel to President Fred Luter (LA). Luter called to order the one hundred fifty-sixth session of the Southern Baptist Convention in the one hundred sixty-eighth year of its history at 8:12 a.m. in the George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX.
3. President Luter (LA) introduced the parliamentarians: John Sullivan (FL), Craig Culbreth (FL), and C. Barry McCarty, chief parliamentarian.
4. President Luter (LA) gave instructions to the messengers about how to make motions. Details are included in the *SBC Bulletin, Tuesday, Part 2*.
5. President Luter (LA) introduced James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), SBC registration secretary, for the registration report and the constituting of the annual meeting. Wells reported that as of 8:15 a.m., there were 4,205 messengers. The report was adopted.
6. President Luter (LA) introduced Clifton S. Perry, chaplain colonel, United States Air Force, to lead the Convention in prayer and in the pledge to the flag.
7. President Luter (LA) recognized Andy Chambers (MO), chairman, Committee on Order of Business. Chambers moved the adoption of the agenda as printed in the *2013 Convention Program* and also in the *SBC Bulletin, Tuesday, Part 1*. The motion was adopted. (See following pages for agenda.)
8. President Luter (LA) introduced Paige Patterson (TX), president, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, to welcome the messengers.
9. President Luter (LA) announced the following committees: Committee on Committees and Committee on Resolutions as listed in *SBC Bulletin, Tuesday, Part 1*, page 6; and Credentials Committee and Tellers Committee as listed in *SBC Bulletin, Tuesday, Part 2*, page 8 (and following).

2013 Committee on Committees*: Robert J. Anderson, Jr., MD/DE, *chair*

Chip Starnes, AL; Derek Staples, AL; Ruby Stogsdill, AK; Don Shannon, AK; Debra Wolfrey, AZ; John Guillott, AZ; Bill Bowen, AR; Archie Mason, AR; A. B. Vines, CA; Deryl Lackey, CA; AnnaLee Stultz, CO; Tom Atkinson, CO; Mike Rogers, DC; R. J. Sweetman, DC; Elizabeth Traylor, FL; Michael Orr, FL; John Waters, GA; Herman Parker, GA; Stephen Kaneshiro, HI; Josh Marburger, HI; Noah Adams, IL; Clifford Woodman, IL; J. R. Hume, IN; Rick Porter, IN; Tom Edwards, KS/NE; Voyt Lynn, KS/NE; Ben Dockery, KY; Mark Payton, KY; Merci Dixon, LA; David Goza, LA; Bucas Sterling, MD/DE; Justin Miller, MI; Scott Blanchard, MI; Jeff Anderson, MO; Sandee Hedger, MO; Ronnie Hatfield, MS; Jim Phillips, MS; Rit Varriale, NC; J. Bartley Wooten, NC; Steve Hankins, New England; David Smith, New England; Jay McCollum, NM; Jennings Hamilton, NM; William Crews, Northwest; Steve Schenewerk, Northwest; Donna Savage, NV; Lawrence Haley, NV; Cathy Meyer, NY; To Be Announced, NY; Jeremy Westbrook, OH; Marvin Sands, OH; Scott Watkins, OK; Walter Wilson, OK; Ricky Wilson, PA/S. Jersey; Darius Nable, PA/S. Jersey; David Bagwell, SC; J. Stuart Houston, SC; Melissa Gay, TN; Tim Gutrie, TN; Rebecca Lightner, TX; Keith Sanders, TX; Richard Dugger, UT/ID; Brittany McNair, UT/ID; Stewart McCarter, VA; Milton Harding, VA; Matthew Shamblin, WV; Jacob Atchley, WV; Dale Bascue, WY; Bill Morris, WY

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Order of Business, 2013 Southern Baptist Convention

Tuesday Morning, June 11, 2013

- 8:00 Worship through Music -**
Charles Billingsley, *Convention music director, worship pastor*, Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, VA
- 8:10 Call to Order -** Fred Luter, Jr., *president*, Southern Baptist Convention, *senior pastor*, Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA
- 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 -** Clifton S. Perry, *chaplain, colonel*, United States Air Force, *senior agency staff chaplain*, San Antonio, TX
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
- 8:20 Committee on Order of Business (First Report) -** Andy Chambers, *chair, senior vice president for student development*, Missouri Baptist University, St. Louis, MO
- 8:25 Welcome -** Paige Patterson, *president*, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, TX
- 8:30 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Credentials, Resolutions, and Tellers -**
Fred Luter, Jr.
- 8:35 Local Arrangements Committee Presentation -**
William E. (Bill) Townes, *vice president for Convention Finance*, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, TN
- 8:40 Crossover Evangelism Report -**
Al Gilbert, *vice president, evangelism*, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA
- 8:45 Worship through Music**
- 8:50 Introduction of Motions -**
Fred Luter, Jr.
- 9:15 Executive Committee Report (Part 1) -** Frank S. Page, *president and CEO*, Nashville, TN
- 10:15 Worship through Music**
- 10:20 SBC Historical Library and Archives Report -**
R. Albert (Al) Mohler, Jr., *president*, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY
- 10:25 Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Report -**
Daniel L. (Danny) Akin, *president*, Wake Forest, NC
- 10:40 GuideStone Financial Resources -** O. S. Hawkins, *president and CEO*, Dallas, TX
- 10:55 Worship through Music**
- 11:05 North American Mission Board Report -** Kevin Ezell, *president*, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA
- 11:15 North American Mission Board Presentation -** Kevin Ezell
- 12:05 Benediction -** Wesley Hammond, *senior pastor*, First Baptist Church, Paris, MO

Tuesday Afternoon, June 11, 2013

- 1:30 Concert of Praise -**
Charles Billingsley, *Convention music director; worship pastor*; Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, VA
- 1:40 Prayer -** Terry Turner, *pastor*; Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church, Mesquite, TX
- 1:45 Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report -**
Jason K. Allen, *president*, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO
- 2:00 Business -** Committee on Order of Business (Second Report) - Andy Chambers, *chair; senior vice president for student development*, Missouri Baptist University, St. Louis, MO
- Referrals/Introduction of Motions**
- 2:15 Executive Committee Report** (Part 2) - Frank S. Page, *president and CEO*, Nashville, TN
- 2:45 Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Report -**
Jeff Iorg, *president*, Mill Valley, CA
- 3:00 Election of Officers** (First)
- 3:10 Committee on Nominations Report -** Don Pucik, *chairman, executive support team leader and associate executive director*; Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Little Rock, AR
- 3:20 Worship through Music**
- 3:25 The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission Report -**
Richard D. Land, *president emeritus*, Nashville, TN
- 3:35 The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission Presentation -**
Richard D. Land; Russell D. Moore, *president*
- 3:55 Election of Officers** (Second)
- 4:05 Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report -**
Paige Patterson, *president*, Fort Worth, TX
- 4:20 Introduction of New Motions** (Last Opportunity) -
Fred Luter, Jr., *president*, Southern Baptist Convention, *senior pastor*; Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA
- 4:30 Worship through Music**
- 4:35 LifeWay Christian Resources Report -** Thom S. Rainer, *president & CEO*, Nashville, TN
- 4:45 LifeWay Christian Resources Presentation -** Thom S. Rainer
- 5:05 Benediction -** Adam Cruse, *senior pastor*, First Baptist Church, Mt. Carmel, IL

 Tuesday Evening, June 11, 2013

REVIVAL SERVICE
7:00 Praise and Worship -

Charles Billingsley, *Convention music director, worship pastor*, Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, VA

7:20 President's Sermon -

Fred Luter, Jr., *president*, Southern Baptist Convention, *senior pastor*, Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA

Benediction - Fred Luter, Jr.

 Wednesday Morning, June 12, 2013

8:00 Worship through Music -

Charles Billingsley, *Convention music director, worship pastor*, Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, VA

8:10 Prayer - Jason Lee, *pastor*;

Tallowood Chinese Baptist Church, Houston, TX

8:15 Business - Committee on Order of Business (Third Report) -

Andy Chambers, *chair; senior vice president for student development*, Missouri Baptist University, St. Louis, MO

8:35 Election of Officers (Third)
8:45 Committee on Committees

Report - Robert J. Anderson, Jr., *chair; senior pastor*, Colonial Baptist Church, Randallstown, MD

8:55 Worship through Music
9:00 New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Report -

Charles S. (Chuck) Kelley, Jr., *president*, New Orleans, LA

9:15 Previously Scheduled Business -

Fred Luter, Jr., *president*, Southern Baptist Convention, *senior pastor*, Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA

9:35 Election of Officers (Fourth)
9:45 Worship through Music
9:50 The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Report -

R. Albert (Al) Mohler, Jr., *president*, Louisville, KY

10:05 Woman's Missionary Union -

Wanda Lee, *executive director/treasurer*, Birmingham, AL

10:15 Previously Scheduled Business -

Fred Luter, Jr.

10:35 Election of Officers (Fifth)
10:45 Committee on Resolutions

(First Report) - Steve Lemke, *chair; provost*, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA

11:15 International Mission Board Report -

Tom Elliff, *president*, Richmond, VA

11:25 International Mission Board Presentation -

Tom Elliff

12:15 Benediction -

Danny R. Decker, *pastor*, First Baptist Church, Warsaw, MO

Wednesday Afternoon, June 12, 2013

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| <p>3:00 Worship through Music - Charles Billingsley, <i>Convention music director, worship pastor</i>, Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, VA</p> <p>3:05 Prayer - Leon Thompson, <i>deacon</i>, Broadview Missionary Baptist Church, Chicago, IL</p> <p>3:10 Previously Scheduled Business - Fred Luter, Jr., <i>president</i>, Southern Baptist Convention, <i>senior pastor</i>, Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA</p> <p>3:25 Committee on Resolutions (Final Report) - Steve Lemke, <i>chair, provost</i>, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA</p> <p>3:50 Business - Committee on Order of Business (Fourth Report) - Andy Chambers, <i>chair, senior vice president for student development</i>, Missouri Baptist University, St. Louis, MO</p> <p>Election of 2014 Convention Sermon Preacher, Alternate Preacher, and Music Director</p> | <p>4:00 Presentation of Outgoing Officers - Fred Luter, Jr.</p> <p>4:05 Presentation of New Officers - Frank S. Page, <i>president and CEO</i>, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, TN</p> <p>4:10 Recognition of Past SBC Presidents - Fred Luter, Jr.</p> <p>4:15 Worship through Music</p> <p>4:25 Convention Sermon - Daniel L. (Danny) Akin, <i>president</i>, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC</p> <p>4:55 Benediction - David Smith, <i>vice chair</i>; SBC committee on order of business, <i>executive director of missions</i>, Austin Baptist Association, Austin, TX</p> |
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2013 Committee on Resolutions*: Steve Lemke, LA, *chair*

Matthew Arbo, MO; Tom Biles, FL; David Crosby, LA; David Dykes, TX; Richard Gaines, KY; Galen Jones, GA; Manpoong Dennis Kim, MD; Joe Wright, TN; Carol Yarber, TX

2013 Credentials Committee*: Royce Sweatman, AR, *chair*

Brad Bakane, AL; Horace Brown, TN; Brian Burkhead, KY; Paul Cooper, IL; Mike Cummings, NC; Doug Echols, VA; John Freeman, WV; Paul Greene, MO; Jeff Hardy, MO; David Jones, TX; Linda Jones, LA; Gary Mack, LA; Candace McIntosh, AL; Steve Patterson, MO; Diann Patterson, MO; Van Richmond, TN; Jack Roland, FL; Paul Sadler, IL; Phillip Shuford, MO

2013 Tellers Committee*: Kenneth Priest, TX, *chair*

Brian Baker, MO; Rick Blount, TX; James Bynum, LA; Leonard Carter, LA; Ray Dean Davis, AR; Danny Decker, MO; John Elkins, TX; Daniel Hu, TX; Jack Hunter, LA; Artia Hypolite, LA; Dale Inman, TX; Ryan Jennings, TX; Ian Jones, LA; James Jordan, TX; Randy LaLanne, TX; Cliff Lea, FL; Robby Magee, TX; Jerry McCurdy, TX; Mike Naron, TX; Coleman Philley, TX; Billy Puckett, LA; Wade Rials, AL; Sonny Steed, TX; Rudy Valdes, TX

**Of the 123 individuals appointed by the SBC president to serve on committees under his purview, thirteen are African American, two are Hispanic American, three are Asian American, and one is Native American; the remainder are Anglo American.*

10. President Luter (LA) introduced William E. (Bill) Townes (TN), vice president for convention finance, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, for the Local Arrangements Committee presentation.
11. President Luter (LA) introduced Al Gilbert (GA), vice president for evangelism, North American Mission Board for the Crossover Evangelism Report. Over 4,100 volunteers participated in over 100 venues, and 582 decisions for Christ were recorded. Gilbert challenged messengers to participate in Crossover Baltimore.
12. Charles Billingsley (VA), Convention music director, led the congregation in worship and praise.
13. Due to the impact of the storm in Moore, Oklahoma, President Luter (LA) directed messengers who would like to give an offering for Oklahoma disaster relief to www.okdisasterhelp.com.
14. President Luter (LA) announced the time of introduction of motions.
15. Tim Overton (IN) presented a motion: Requesting the Executive Committee to Publish a Theological Position Paper on Using Gender Neutral Bibles.
 “That a request be made of the Executive Committee to publish a theological position paper on whether or not to recommend that Southern Baptists use gender-neutral Bibles, including the 2011 NIV, that considers the three SBC resolutions opposing the use of such translations and consults the scholarly work found in CBMW’s article entitled ‘An Evaluation of Gender Language in the 2011 Edition of the NIV Bible.’” (Items 15 and 48)
16. Harold M. Phillips (MD) presented a motion: Requesting the Executive Committee to Appoint a Task Force to Explore Alternatives to the Boy Scouts.

“That the messengers of the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston, Texas, June 11-12, 2013, request the Executive Committee appoint a special task force to consult with LifeWay, the Brotherhood Department, the WMU Department, the Sunday School Department, as well as other organizations inside our SBC or like-

minded groups outside the SBC that are affected by the recent decision of the Boy Scouts of America to alter their membership standards. We request that this task force explore any available youth programs as well as the possibility of offering a substitute program for those desiring to find an avenue for their boys to learn leadership skills and moral standards once offered by the Boy Scouts of America, seeing they have lost their way and lost their moral compass, the Bible.

We request that this task force report their progress to the state conventions in the fall of this year at their annual meetings and report their final plans, if any, at the annual meeting of Southern Baptists in Baltimore, MD, June of 2014.” (Items 16 and 48)

17. Wiley Drake (CA) presented a motion: Requesting the SBC President to Lead the SBC to Join a Specific Prayer Movement.

“That the SBC meeting in Houston, TX, 2013, ask the newly-elected president to lead our Convention to follow www.call2fall.com project with the 1.5 million people of the Family Research Council from Washington, DC, to designate “call 2 fall” in June 2013.” (Items 17 and 49)

18. Jay Adkins (LA) presented a motion: Requesting a List of all Convention-Elected Trustees be Posted on SBC.net.

“That a list of all Convention-elected trustees (including the name, church, state, and term) be made available through the Convention website (www.sbc.net) preferably through a tab added to the home page for convenient access.” (Items 18 and 47)

19. Under Bylaw 1D, Wiley Drake’s offer of a second motion was ruled out of order at this time.

20. Ronnie Floyd (AR) presented a motion: Requesting the Executive Committee and SBC Entities to Assist Churches with Mental Health Ministries.

“That the messengers of the 2013 Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston, Texas, request that the Executive Committee and the Bylaw 14 entities of the Southern Baptist Convention, work in cooperation to assist our churches in the challenge of ministry to those suffering from mental health issues, and that each entity in their written annual ministry report inform the messengers what they have done, are doing, and will do annually to assist our churches in equipping and ministering to the people in our churches and communities who suffer with mental health challenges.” (Items 20 and 48)

21. Steven Ball (TX) presented a motion: Requesting the SBC to Withdraw Fellowship from Lake Shore Baptist Church, Waco, TX.

“Because Lake Shore Baptist Church in Waco, Texas, actively supports the abortion provider, Planned Parenthood, even advertising on their website that Lake Shore is committed to support the efforts of our local affiliate by keeping the congregation informed about the mission and operations of Planned Parenthood and by encouraging direct support,” I move to withdraw fellowship from them; to disaffiliate Lake Shore Baptist Church from the Southern Baptist Convention.” (Items 21 and 48)

22. Wiley Drake (CA) presented a motion: Asking the SBC President to Lead the SBC in Celebrating the Saturday Sabbath and Lord’s Day on Sunday.

“That the SBC meeting in Houston, TX, 2013, to ask our newly-elected president to lead us to honor the Fourth Commandment to honor and observe the biblical celebration of the Saturday Sabbath along with our traditional Lord’s Day on Sunday.” (Items 22 and 49)

23. President Luter (LA) recognized Frank S. Page (TN), president and CEO, Executive Committee, Nashville, for the Executive Committee Report (Part 1). During his report, Page introduced Ken Weathersby (TN), vice president for convention advancement.
24. Frank S. Page (TN) introduced Ernest Easley (GA), chairman of the SBC Executive Committee, for recommendations. Easley introduced Roger Spradlin (CA) to present Recommendation 7a, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 7a: Amendment of SBC Bylaw 19, Committee on Committees, and Territorial Adjustments Involving the District of Columbia

Recommendation: The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the following:

- a) That the combination of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Delaware be designated to constitute a “defined territory” (or “cooperating” or “qualified” state) for the purpose of determining eligibility for representation on Convention committees and boards of trustees of Convention entities; and that this change not affect the present term of office to which any person has been elected or appointed prior to or in the Convention’s 2013 annual meeting; and that the Convention hereby approve the amendment of the charter of any Convention entity or the subsidiary of any entity necessitated by this change, and
25. Roger Spradlin (CA) presented Recommendation 7b, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 7b:

b) That the first sentence of SBC Bylaw 19 be amended, effective upon the adjournment of the Convention’s 2013 annual meeting, to delete “and the District of Columbia,” and add “or defined territory”, causing that sentence to read in relevant part: “A Committee on Committees, composed of two (2) members from each qualified state or defined territory and the District of Columbia, shall be appointed by the president”

26. Rodney Autry (VA) presented Recommendation 1, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 1: 2013–14 SBC Cooperative Program Allocation Budget

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the 2013–14 Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program Allocation Budget in the amount of \$191,500,000, as follows:

**2013–14 SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ALLOCATION BUDGET PROPOSAL**

	Proposed 2013–2014 Budget <u>Allocation</u>	Proposed* 2013–2014 % of Total <u>Allocation</u>
World Mission Ministries		
International Mission Board	\$ 96,535,150	50.41%
North American Mission Board	<u>43,642,850</u>	<u>22.79%</u>
Total World Mission Ministries	<u>\$140,178,000</u>	<u>73.20%</u>
Theological Education Ministries		
Seminaries:		
SWBTS	8,796,539	4.58%
SBTS	9,196,638	4.80%
NOBTS	7,282,933	3.80%
SEBTS	8,011,668	4.18%
GGBTS	4,021,314	2.10%
MWBTS	<u>4,667,718</u>	<u>2.44%</u>
Total Seminaries	\$ 41,976,800	21.92%
Historical Library and Archives	<u>459,700</u>	<u>0.24%</u>
Total Theological Education Ministries	<u>\$ 41,436,400</u>	<u>22.16%</u>
Christian Ethics and Religious Liberty Ministries		
Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission	\$ 3,159,750	<u>1.65%</u>
Total Christian Ethics & Religious Liberty Ministries	<u>3,159,750</u>	<u>1.65%</u>
Facilitating Ministries		
SBC Operating	\$ 5,725,850	<u>2.99%</u>
Total Facilitating Ministries	<u>\$ 5,725,850</u>	<u>2.99%</u>
Total Budget Allocation	<u>\$191,500,000</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

27. Frank S. Page (TN) continued the Executive Committee report emphasizing the reach and impact of the Cooperative Program, the missions funding process of Southern Baptists. Page introduced Gregg and Donna Fort and family who have served as International Mission Board missionaries to Zimbabwe. Page prayed for the Fort family and their ministry. The presentation included a video explaining the Cooperative Program.

28. Chris Osborne (TX) presented Recommendation 2, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 2: 2013–14 Proposed SBC Operating Budget

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the 2013–14 SBC Operating Budget in the amount of \$7,286,350, as follows:

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

	<u>2013–2014**</u>	<u>2012–2013*</u>
Cooperative Program	\$ 5,725,850	\$ 6,016,000
Designations	352,000	325,000
LifeWay Christian Resources	250,000	250,000
Interest/Dividends	400,000	275,000
Materials Distribution – (<i>SBC LIFE</i> , etc.)	356,000	348,000
Other Income	<u>202,500</u>	<u>275,000</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 7,286,350</u>	<u>\$ 7,489,000</u>
	<u>2013–2014**</u>	<u>2012–2013*</u>
Convention Administration Expenses		
SBC General Operations		\$ 672,000
-- Global Evangelical Relations		107,500
SBC Committees		90,000
Annual Meeting		970,000
SBC Building Management		<u>644,127</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$ 2,428,783</u>	<u>\$ 2,483,627</u>
Executive Committee Operations Expenses		
Administration		1,655,867
Executive Committee Meetings		215,000
Southern Baptist Foundation		100,000
Convention Policy		789,813
Convention Relations		855,927
Convention News		607,371
Cooperative Program/Stewardship		<u>781,395</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$ 4,857,567</u>	<u>\$ 5,005,373</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 7,286,350</u>	<u>\$ 7,489,000</u>

* Numbers are taken from the SBC Operating Budget – approved September 2012.

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

29. Tommy Middleton (LA) presented Recommendation 4, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 4: North American Mission Board: Contingency Reserve Fund

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention approve the request of the North American Mission Board that the maximum amount of the contingency reserve fund for the North American Mission Board be changed to an amount equal to six months of the operating budget requirement of the North American Mission Board.

30. Tim Ohls (KS) presented Recommendation 5, and it was adopted.

Recommendation 5: *SBC Calendar of Activities*

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the 2017–2018 *SBC Calendar of Activities* as follows:

October 2017

Cooperative Program Emphasis

Soul-Winning Commitment Day, **October 1**

World Hunger Sunday, **October 8**

November 2017

Disaster Relief Appreciation Day, **November 5**

December 2017

Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, **December 3-10**

January 2018

Call to Prayer

January Bible Study, **January 7-14**

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, **January 21**

February 2018

“True Love Waits” Emphasis

Racial Reconciliation Sunday, **February 11**

Focus on WMU, **February 12-18**

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

March 2018

Youth Week, **March 4-10**

Week of Prayer and Mission Study for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, **March 4-11**

Church Planting Emphasis Sunday, **March 18**

Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday, **March 18**

April 2018

Cooperative Program Sunday, **April 8**

Baptist Doctrine Study, **April 15**

SBC Seminaries Sunday, **April 22**

May 2018

Senior Adult Sunday, **May 6**

Christian Home Week, **May 13-19**

Baptist Association Emphasis, **May 20-27**

Life Commitment Sunday, **May 27**

June 2018

Crossover – SBC, Dallas, TX (June 12-13, 2018), **June 9**

Baptist Men’s Emphasis, **June 17**

Mission:Dignity Sunday, **June 24**

July 2018

Citizenship and Religious Liberty Sunday, **July 1**
 LoveLoud Sunday, **July 22**

August 2018

Social Issues Sunday, **August 5**
 Student Evangelism Day, **August 12**
 Worship Music Week, **August 19-25**

September 2018

Discipleship Rally, **September 2**
 Single Adult Sunday, **September 2**
 Anti-Gambling Sunday, **September 16**

31. Frank S. Page (TN) continued the Executive Committee report emphasizing the Cooperative Program with college and university students. Page introduced Keith and Paige Weiser (WA) and Jacob and Jessica Dahl (WA) to share a testimony about the work of the Cooperative Program. After the couples shared specific prayer requests, Page prayed for the couples.
32. Frank S. Page (TN) continued his report and introduced Jeremy Westbrook (OH) for a testimony on the value of the Cooperative Program to church planters. Westbrook shared specific prayer requests, and Page interceded in their behalf.
33. Rodney Autry (VA) presented Recommendation 3, and it was adopted.

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

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the following amendments to the ministry statement of GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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

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

MINISTRIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Upon approval of the amendments, GuideStone’s Ministry Statement would read as follows:

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

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

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

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

34. Bill Prince (GA) presented Recommendation 6, and it was adopted. Frank S. Page (TN) presented a plaque to Richard D. Land (TN), honoring him upon his retirement after 25 years of service. Land, joined by his wife Becky, responded.

Recommendation 6: Resolution of Appreciation for Richard D. Land, President, The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention

Recommendation: The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention the following Resolution of Appreciation for Richard D. Land on the occasion of his retirement as president of The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR RICHARD D. LAND

WHEREAS, Richard D. Land will retire October 23, 2013, after twenty-five years as president of The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention (ERLC, formerly the Christian Life Commission); and

WHEREAS, As ERLC president, Land led the Commission to keep Southern Baptists and other Christians informed about and engaged in the national debate on a wide range of religious, social, moral, and ethical issues; and

WHEREAS, Land and the ERLC staff participated in thousands of meetings with congressmen, senators, congressional staff, and White House personnel throughout his tenure, advocating on behalf of Southern Baptists from a biblical perspective; mailed tens of thousands of letters to national and state-level political leaders and lawmakers, informing them of Southern Baptists' viewpoints on moral and ethical issues; and participated in hundreds of television, print, and radio interviews each year advocating for religious liberty and ethical issues from a biblical worldview; and

WHEREAS, During Land's tenure, the ERLC filed sixty-two amicus briefs with the Supreme Court and lower courts championing religious freedom, basic human rights for all people, sanctity of human life from conception to natural death, the role and sanctity of biblical marriage, and addressing other issues such as education, fiscal policy, gambling, health care, homosexuality, and obscenity from a biblical perspective; and

WHEREAS, Land worked tirelessly to effect racial reconciliation in the Convention and in American life through service on the Baptist World Alliance Special Commission on Racism; as a principal architect of the SBC's 1995 Resolution on Racial Reconciliation;

as chair of the SBC Inter-Agency Council Task Force on Racial Reconciliation; and as a member of the 2000 *Baptist Faith and Message* Study Committee, which included specific language identifying racism as one of the systemic social and personal sins that all Christians should oppose; and

WHEREAS, Land helped Southern Baptists take positive, proactive steps to minister to those ensnared in the homosexual lifestyle or by drug abuse, serving as a founding co-chair of the Convention Ministry to Homosexuals Task Force; chairing the SBC Drug Abuse Task Force; and serving on the board of the Alliance for a Drug-Free Society; and

WHEREAS, Land was a founding fellow of the ERLC Research Institute, an evangelical think tank designed to provide resources to equip Southern Baptists and other Christians as they engage a rapidly changing culture with the Gospel; and served as a commissioner for the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom for five terms under two presidential administrations; and

WHEREAS, Land began and served as host of four radio programs over the past thirty-two years, including the ERLC's *For Faith & Family* and *Richard Land Live!*; authored five books, including *The Divided States of America: What Liberals and Conservatives Get Wrong about Faith and Politics*; *Imagine! A God Blessed America: What It Would Look Like and How It Could Happen*; and *Real Homeland Security*; served as contributing editor for *The Criswell Study Bible* and *The Believer's Study Bible*; was the executive editor of the ERLC's *Faith & Family Values*; contributed to the electronic news digest, *ERLC Weekly*; and edited and/or contributed to many other books and publications; and

WHEREAS, Land served as a visiting or adjunct professor at Midwestern, New Orleans, Southeastern, Southern, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminaries; Beeson Divinity School; and Southwestern Seminary's Richard Land Center for Cultural Engagement for the study and research of ethics and public policy issues; and

WHEREAS, Land received numerous honors and awards including an honorary doctorate and the W. A. Criswell Award for Public Service from Criswell College; the H. Paul Pressler Service Award by Southern Baptists of Texas Convention; The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission Distinguished Service Award and the John Leland Religious Liberty Award by the ERLC; the Champions of Justice Award by the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference; the Philip E. Johnson Award for Liberty and Truth by Biola University; and the Truth and Media Award by Tennessee Right to Life; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his other awards and recognitions, Land served as administrative assistant and senior advisor to the Honorable William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas; and was named one of the "25 Most Influential Evangelicals" by *Time* Magazine in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his service at the ERLC, Land served as pastor of two churches, Vieux Carre Baptist Church in New Orleans, Louisiana, and South Oxford Baptist Church in Oxford, England; served on church staff or as interim pastor of sixteen churches in Arkansas, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas over a span of thirty-six years; and taught as professor and served as academic dean and vice president for academic affairs at Criswell College in Dallas, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Land received the Master of Theology degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, where he served as student body president and received the Broadman Seminarian Award as the outstanding graduating student in 1972 and the Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1997; and also received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton University and the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Oxford University in England; and

WHEREAS, Land and his wife, the former Rebekah Ruth Van Hooser, happily married since 1971, raised their three adult children in a Christian home, Jennifer Land Graham, Richard Dale Land Jr., and Rachel Land Lewis; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the members of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, February 18-19, 2013, and the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston, Texas, June 11-12, 2013, express sincere gratitude to God for the life and ministry of Richard and Rebekah Land; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention expresses best wishes to Richard and Becky for the years ahead and assures them of our prayers.

35. Charles Billingsley (VA), Convention music director, led in congregational praise and worship. Holly Tucker (TX) was a featured soloist.
36. President Luter (LA) introduced R. Albert (Al) Mohler (KY), president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, for the SBC Historical Library and Archives Report.
37. President Luter (LA) introduced Daniel L. (Danny) Akin (NC), president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, for the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Report.
38. President Luter (LA) introduced O.S. Hawkins, president and CEO, GuideStone Financial Resources, for the GuideStone Financial Resources 95th report. Hawkins presented the Harold and Judy Vick Mission:Dignity Award to John Morgan (TX), pastor of the Sagemont Baptist Church, Houston. Tim Rogers (NC) and Andrew Green (MO) asked questions. Hawkins responded.
39. Charles Billingsley (VA), Convention music director, led in congregational praise and worship.
40. President Luter (LA) introduced Kevin Ezell (GA), president, North American Mission Board for the North American Mission Board report. Robin Foster (AR) asked a question, and Ezell responded.
41. Kevin Ezell (GA), president, North American Mission Board, challenged messengers with the multifaceted ministries of the North American Mission Board. As a part of the presentation, testimonies and challenges were heard from church planters Scott and Karen Blanchard (MI); major general (retired) chaplain Doug Carver; Navy commander chaplain Don Biadog; Oklahoma disaster relief director Sam Porter; and NAMB vice president for the Midwest Gary Frost. The presentation closed with an emphasis on prayer.
42. President Luter (LA) recognized Wesley Hammond (MO), pastor, First Baptist Church, Paris, to lead the benediction.

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43. Charles Billingsley (VA), Convention music director, worship pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, introduced *Avalon*, Greg and Jana Long (TX), for a musical feature.
44. Dave Miller (IA), second vice president, introduced Terry Turner (TX), pastor, Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church, to lead the congregation in prayer.
45. Dave Miller (IA), recognized Kevin Shrum (TN) to introduce the family of Jason K. Allen (MO), president, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Allen presented the seminary's report.

46. President Luter (LA) recognized Andy Chambers (MO), chairman, Committee on Order of Business, to present the second report of the Committee on Order of Business.
47. Chairman Chambers (MO) stated that the Committee determined the following motion deals with the internal operations or ministries of Convention entities. Under SBC Bylaw 26B, this motion is automatically referred to the appropriate SBC entity for consideration and report to the 2014 Southern Baptist Convention: to the Executive Committee - Jay Adkins (LA), Requesting a List of all Convention-Elected Trustees be Posted on SBC.net. President Luter (LA) ruled that under the Convention's rules, this motion is referred as indicated by the Committee on Order of Business.
48. Andy Chambers (MO), chairman, Committee on Order of Business, moved that the following motions be referred as follows for consideration and report to the 2014 Southern Baptist Convention: to the Executive Committee - Tim Overton (IN), Requesting the Executive Committee to Publish a Theological Position Paper on Using Gender Neutral Bibles; Harold M. Phillips (MD), Requesting the Executive Committee to Appoint a Task Force to Explore Alternatives to the Boy Scouts; Steven Ball (TX), Requesting the SBC to Withdraw Fellowship from Lake Shore Baptist Church, Waco TX. To the Executive Committee and all SBC entities - Ronnie Floyd (AR), Requesting the Executive Committee and SBC Entities to Assist Churches with Mental Health Ministries. The motion carried.
49. Chairman Chambers (MO) stated that the Committee on Order of Business requests the chair rule the following motions are not in order: Wiley Drake (CA), Requesting the SBC President to Lead the SBC to Join a Specific Prayer Movement; Wiley Drake (CA), Asking the SBC President to Lead the SBC in Celebrating the Saturday Sabbath and Lord's Day on Sunday. The Committee determined these motions to be an effort to have the Convention express its opinion on the issues concerned, which the Convention does through the resolution process. The motions also seek to impose responsibilities on the president that are not within the scope of his duties under the Constitution and Bylaws. President Luter ruled that the motions were not in order for the reasons given.
50. President Luter (LA) announced that it was time for the introduction of new business.
51. Channing Kilgore (TN) presented a motion: Requesting that Persons Speaking in an Official SBC Capacity Refrain from Speaking about Immigration Issues as if there is an Official Position.

“In light of the diversity of views among Southern Baptists and often the manipulation of social issues by politicians, I make a motion that any person speaking for Southern Baptists in an official capacity, graciously consider to refrain from stating a supposed unified and/or official position of Southern Baptists regarding immigration, amnesty, and/or a pathway to citizenship views.” (Items 51 and 83)
52. President Luter (LA) recognized Ronnie Floyd (AR) for a point of order.
53. President Luter (LA) requested Ronnie Floyd (AR) meet with the Committee on Order of Business to address his question.
54. John Mark Yeats (TX) presented a motion: Requesting the Executive Committee to Update the Provisions of Article III of the SBC Constitution Regarding Minimal Standards and Additional Messengers.

“Since the Southern Baptist Convention is a network of autonomous churches that enjoy the sacrificial giving of its member churches to accomplish its shared Gospel mission, and since there is no threshold gift that qualifies a congregation as able to send messengers, and since the base gift of \$250 required to send each additional messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention has not changed since 1888 – a sacrificial amount then, but a token

amount today, and since reported membership numbers may vary in accuracy, I move that the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention form a study committee to re-evaluate Article III, particularly sub-points 1 & 2 for the purpose of updating our minimal standards for the purposes of defining participating churches and messengers and bring a recommendation to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in annual session at Baltimore, Maryland, June 10-11, 2014.” (Items 54 and 83)

55. President Luter (LA) recognized Frank S. Page (TN), president and CEO, SBC Executive Committee, to bring Part 2 of the Executive Committee report. He began his report calling the Convention to prayer. Page was joined by Gary Frost (TN) and Gordon Fort (VA) to lead the Convention in prayer.
56. As a part of his report, Frank Page (TN) introduced leaders of the ethnic fellowships, Daniel Sanchez (TX), A. B. Vines (CA), and K. Marshall Williams (PA) and asked them to join him in prayer.
57. Frank Page (TN) introduced the Calvinism Advisory Committee that produced a theological paper providing a conversational framework for future civil discussions about missions and ministry in the midst of theological diversity. Page led in prayer.
58. Frank Page (TN) challenged the messengers with a new initiative called *Great Commission Advance*. The initiative will be comprehensively rolled out at the 2014 Convention. His report concluded with the 1% Percent Challenge video.
59. President Luter (LA) recognized Jeff Iorg (CA), president, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, for their report.
60. President Luter (LA) recognized First Vice President Nathan Lino (TX) to preside.
61. First Vice President Nathan Lino (TX) announced the time for nominations of president. Mark Croston (VA) nominated Fred Luter, Jr. (LA). There were no other nominations. First Vice President Lino called on Registration Secretary James H. (Jim) Wells (MO) to cast the ballot for the Convention. First Vice President Nathan Lino declared **Fred Luter, Jr. president elect**.
62. President Luter (LA) recognized Don Pucik (LA), chairman, Committee on Nominations, to present the Committee on Nominations report as printed on pages 5-8 in *SBC Bulletin, Tuesday, Part 2*, and moved its adoption. The report was adopted.

Report of the 2012–2013 Committee on Nominations

Don Pucik, Chairman

Members Rotating	Status	Nominees to be Elected
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

State or Defined Territory Representation

Term Expiring 2014

Rick Lineberger, FL First, Bradenton	R	Stephen N. Rummage, FL Bell Shoals, Brandon
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Term Expiring 2016

Ed Yount, NC Woodlawn, Conover	R	Stanley J. Welch, NC West Asheville, Asheville
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Term Expiring 2017

Scott A. Ferguson, AL Westview, Opp	I	*Benjamin F. Kelley, Jr., AL First, Montgomery
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Michael W. (Mike) Routt, CO Circle Drive, Colorado Springs	E	Michael W. (Mike) Routt, CO Circle Drive, Colorado Springs
Darrell P. Orman, FL First, Stuart	I	Timothy D. Maynard, FL First Cove, Jacksonville
Wayne Robertson, GA Morningside, Valdosta	E	Wayne Robertson, GA Morningside, Valdosta
Charles W. Boling, IL Second, Marion	E	Charles W. Boling, IL Second, Marion
* Wilma J. Booth, IL Calvary, Elgin	E	* Wilma J. Booth, IL Calvary, Elgin
David F. Skidmore, IN Charlestown Road, Jeffersonville	I	* Franklin D. (Frank) Kovaleski, IN Kingston Avenue, Anderson
Timothy A. (Tim) Ohls, KS-NE Believers Southern, Wichita, KS	E	Timothy A. (Tim) Ohls, KS-NE Believers Southern, Wichita, KS
* Stephen D. Wilson, KY Lone Oak, Paducah	I	* Arnaldo (Timo) Soto-Cuevas, KY Immanuel, Corbin
* William E. (Eddie) Kinchen, MS First, Jackson	E	* William E. (Eddie) Kinchen, MS First, Jackson
Jeff L. Paul, MO Country Meadows, Kansas City	E	Jeff L. Paul, MO Country Meadows, Kansas City
Adam W. Houston, NE Providence, Chester, NH	I	Mark H. Ballard, NE Capstone, North Bennington, VT
Dale R. Suel, NY Amherst, Amherst	E	Dale R. Suel, NY Amherst, Amherst
Bryan (Scott) Davis, NC Pitts, Concord	E	Bryan (Scott) Davis, NC Pitts, Concord
* Jeffrey B. (Jeff) Watson, NC Center Grove, Winston-Salem	E	* Jeffrey B. (Jeff) Watson, NC Center Grove, Winston-Salem
* J. Paul Cunningham, OK Northwest, Oklahoma City	DS	* Michael L. (Mike) Scifres, OK North Fork, Eufaula
Joe E. Wright, Jr., TN First, Dyersburg	I	Tony L. Crisp, TN Eastanallee, Riceville
Danny S. Sinquefield, TN Faith, Bartlett	E	Danny S. Sinquefield, TN Faith, Bartlett
Michael L. (Mike) Lawson, TX First, Sherman	E	Michael L. (Mike) Lawson, TX First, Sherman
* James T. (Jim) Davis, VA Kingsland, Chester	I	Phillip Herring, VA First, Norfolk
* Sarah C. (Lynn) Talley, WV Cross Lanes, Nitro	I	* Robert E. Stennett, WV Good Shepherd, Scott Depot

GUIDESTONE FINANCIAL RESOURCES

**State or Defined Territory Representation
Term Expiring 2017**

Wes George, AR First, Rogers	E	Wes George, AR First, Rogers
* Harold D. Vick, FL First, West Palm Beach	I	Darren Gaddis, FL First, Ocala
Bryant Wright, GA Johnson Ferry, Marietta	E	Bryant Wright, GA Johnson Ferry, Marietta

J. Wesley Noss, KY New Hope, Versailles	E	J. Wesley Noss, KY New Hope, Versailles
* James W. (Jim) Hixson, MI Bethany, Lansing	E	* James W. (Jim) Hixson, MI Bethany, Lansing
Gerald R. Davidson, MO First, Arnold	E	Gerald R. Davidson, MO First, Arnold
* Kirk R. Hudson, NM Hoffmantown, Albuquerque	E	* Kirk R. Hudson, NM Hoffmantown, Albuquerque
* George B. Walker, NC Comerstone, Greensboro	I	* Jack M. Stancil, NC Christ, Raleigh
* Ronald E. (Ron) Brown, OH First, Newton Falls	E	* Ronald E. (Ron) Brown, OH First, Newton Falls
William R. (Bill) Dunning, PA-SJ North Park, Allison Park, PA	E	William R. (Bill) Dunning, PA-SJ North Park, Allison Park, PA
* Shadd Kennedy, WV Cross Lanes, Cross Lanes	E	* Shadd Kennedy, WV Cross Lanes, Cross Lanes

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

State or Defined Territory Representation

Term Expiring 2014

Glynn Stone, Jr., TX Mobberly, Longview	R	Robert M. (Mike) Simmons, TX Hillcrest, Cedar Hill
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Term Expiring 2016

Paul Blizard, WV Memorial, Beckley	R	Seth N. Polk, WV Cross Lanes, Cross Lanes
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Term Expiring 2017

Rick L. Lewis, CO Ken Caryl, Littleton	E	Rick L. Lewis, CO Ken Caryl, Littleton
David F. Uth, FL First, Orlando	E	David F. Uth, FL First, Orlando
Marty A. Carnes, GA First, Thomasville	R	J. Allen Hill, GA Clarkston International, Clarkston
* Kenneth I. (Ken) Kuwahara, HI Olivet, Honolulu	I	Blane A. DeLoach, HI Palisades, Pearl City
* Harold C. Booze, IL Woodland, East Peoria	I	NOT TO BE REPLACED
* Nelda Y. Smothers, IL First, Metropolis	DS	* Sheila K. Satterthwaite, IL First, Maryville
Sandra E. (Sandie) Anderson, KS-NE New Hope, Manhattan, KS	E	Sandra E. (Sandie) Anderson, KS-NE New Hope, Manhattan, KS
Charlie W. Davis, KY Hunsinger Lane, Louisville	E	Charlie W. Davis, KY Hunsinger Lane, Louisville
* Richard E. (Dick) Landry, LA Trinity, Lake Charles	I	Dawson L. Bailey, LA Trinity, Lake Charles
Maureen Collins, MI Crossroads Community, Brighton	DS	* Karen A. Villalpando, MI Memorial, Sterling Heights
James W. (Jim) Barnhart, MO Miner, Sikeston	I	Matt Taylor, MO First, Lebanon

Jeffrey A. (Jeff) Long, NC Parkwood, Gastonia	E	Jeffrey A. (Jeff) Long, NC Parkwood, Gastonia
Richard A. (Rick) Byrd, NC Cornerstone, Summerfield	I	NOT TO BE REPLACED
*Audrey L. Smith, NW Embrace, Burlington, WA	E	*Audrey L. Smith, NW Embrace, Burlington, WA
Michael A. (Mike) Butler, OK First, Purcell	I	NOT TO BE REPLACED
Doyle R. Pryor, OK First, Sapulpa	E	Doyle R. Pryor, OK First, Sapulpa
Kenneth P. (Ken) Cademartori, PA-SJ Friendship, New Freedom, PA	I	*Nancy J. Patrick, PA-SJ Living Legacy, Harrisburg, PA
Scott C. Harris, TN Brentwood, Brentwood	E	Scott C. Harris, TN Brentwood, Brentwood
Charles A. Fowler, TN Germantown, Germantown	I	David B. Miller, TN Green River, Waynesboro
John B. Mann, TX LaJunta, Springtown	E	John B. Mann, TX LaJunta, Springtown
Michael A. (Mike) Gonzales, TX First, Colleyville	I	*Geronimo M. Disla, TX Primera Iglesia Bautista, Grand Prairie
*Connie E. Ward, UT-ID Calvary, Boise, ID	E	*Connie E. Ward, UT-ID Calvary, Boise, ID
Herbert Brisbane, VA Antioch, Haymarket	R	Ken R. McLemore, VA Liberty, Hampton

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD

State or Defined Territory Representation

Term Expiring 2014

Randall E. Ingram, AL Riverside, Mobile	R	Danny Wood, AL Shades Mountain, Birmingham
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Term Expiring 2017

William L. (Billy) VanCamp, Jr., AZ Heart Cry, Queen Creek	E	William L. (Billy) VanCamp, Jr., AZ Heart Cry, Queen Creek
William G. (Bill) Ingram, CO Mississippi Avenue, Aurora	E	William G. (Bill) Ingram, CO Mississippi Avenue, Aurora
Robert V. Roberts, FL Scott Lake, Lakeland	I	Daniel W. deArmas, FL First, Orlando
Shane H. Sowers, HI Central, Honolulu	E	Shane H. Sowers, HI Central, Honolulu
Brent L. Campbell, MO First, Troy	E	Brent L. Campbell, MO First, Troy
Natalie White, NY North Buffalo Community, Buffalo	E	Natalie White, NY North Buffalo Community, Buffalo
William (Blake) Gideon, OK First, Edmond	E	William (Blake) Gideon, OK First, Edmond
*Richard G. (Rick) Pudliner, PA-SJ Charleroi, Charleroi, PA	DS	*Paula M. Cordray, PA-SJ Living Faith, Coraopolis, PA
Cleatus J. Blackmon, Jr., SC First, Greer	E	Cleatus J. Blackmon, Jr., SC First, Greer

* Donna C. Medcalf, SC Edwards Road, Greenville	R	* Betty Jo (B.J.) Bateman, SC First, Taylors
David D. Green, TN First, Greeneville	E	David D. Green, TN First, Greeneville
Heath C. Peloquin, TX Rockpointe, Mound	E	Heath C. Peloquin, TX Rockpointe, Mound
* Mark J. Dyer, TX Parkway Hills, Plano	E	* Mark J. Dyer, TX Parkway Hills, Plano
Michael G. (Mike) Palmer, UT-ID Salmon Valley, Salmon, ID	I	Dan Walker, UT-ID Alta Canyon, Sandy, UT

LIFEWAY CHRISTIAN RESOURCES

State or Defined Territory Representation Term Expiring 2017

Cliff L. Knight, AL Lakeview, Auburn	I	* Trudie Beth Guffin, AL Liberty Park, Birmingham
* Howard L. Zach, AK University, Fairbanks	I	Peter J. MacMaster, AK Morning Star, Healy
* David R. Love, CO Comerstone, Parker	I	* Charles E. Green, CO Monument, Grand Junction
Robert D. (Bob) Greene, FL Olive, Pensacola	E	Robert D. (Bob) Greene, FL Olive, Pensacola
James A. Wells, FL First, Eustis	E	James A. Wells, FL First, Eustis
Paul R. Baxter, GA First, LaGrange	E	Paul R. Baxter, GA First, LaGrange
* Faye King, GA Dawson Street, Thomasville	I	* Wayne C. Morgan, GA First, Covington
Timothy D. Turner, KY Porter Memorial, Lexington	E	Timothy D. Turner, KY Porter Memorial, Lexington
* Ronald G. (Ronnie) Smith, MS Broadmoor, Jackson	R	* D. Weldon Aultman, MS First, Indianola
Don Clifford (Cliff) Day, MO Cross Keys, Florissant	I	Darron L. Edwards, MO United Believers, Kansas City
David H. Homer, NC Providence, Raleigh	E	David H. Horner, NC Providence, Raleigh
* Larry Payton, OK Parkview, Tulsa	D	* Christopher (Blake) Lindley, OK Trinity, Norman
* Franklin R. (Frank) Reeder, SC Northwood, North Charleston	I	Jerry C. White, SC Casey Creek, Chesnee
* Joseph A. (Alan) Hayes, TN Victory, Mt. Juliet	E	* Joseph A. (Alan) Hayes, TN Victory, Mt. Juliet
* Robert A. Pryor, Sr., VA Kempsville, Virginia Beach	E	* Robert A. Pryor, Sr., VA Kempsville, Virginia Beach

SOUTHERN SEMINARY

State or Defined Territory Representation Term Expiring 2014

James A. (Jim) Smith, Sr., FL Grace Pointe, St. Augustine	R	James B. (Jim) Henry, FL First, Orlando
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	Term Expiring 2015	
Rick W. Byargeon, LA Temple, Ruston	D	*Julie C. Emerson, LA First, Lafayette
	Term Expiring 2018	
John C. Thweatt, AL First, Pell City	E	John C. Thweatt, AL First, Pell City
Phillip A. (Phil) Bray, MO First, Macon	E	Phillip A. (Phil) Bray, MO First, Macon
New Trustee	N	James L. Walls, IN First, Charlestown

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

State or Defined Territory Representation

	Term Expiring 2015	
Jimmy Jackson, AL Whitesburg, Huntsville	R	*Mark Hindman, AL First, Prattville
	Term Expiring 2017	
Stephen P. Davis, IN Living Faith, Indianapolis	R	*Kerry N. Jones, IN Halteman Village, Muncie
	Term Expiring 2018	
*Harlan D. Lee, AZ North Phoenix, Phoenix	I	Mark S. Mucklow, AZ First Southern, Glendale
Charles E. (Bobby) Holt, CO Vista Grande, Colorado Springs	I	Calvin R. Wittman, CO Applewood, Wheat Ridge
Herb M. Reavis, Jr., FL North Jacksonville, Jacksonville	E	Herb M. Reavis, Jr., FL North Jacksonville, Jacksonville
Edward N. (Ed) Knox, MS Antioch, Columbus	I	*David F. Maron, MS First, Jackson
Dan Brandel, NW Valley Hills, Springfield, OR	I	Ronny L. Cooksey, NW Valley, McMinnville, OR
D. Hance Dilbeck, Jr., OK Quail Springs, Oklahoma City	I	Michael W. Mings, OK First, Valliant

At-Large Representation

	Term Expiring 2016	
*Johnny W. McGregor, TX First, Gainesville	R	Kevin M. Ueckert, TX South Side, Abilene
	Term Expiring 2018	
*John S. Brunson, TX First, Houston	E	*John S. Brunson, TX First, Houston
*Don R. O'Neal, TX First, Euless	I	*Jamie R. Green, TX First, Houston

NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY

State or Defined Territory Representation

	Term Expiring 2016	
*Lonnie Riley, KY Teetersville, Harlan	R	*Ralph C. Prince, KY Lone Oak, Paducah

Term Expiring 2017

Alan Floyd, FL First, Middleburg	R	George H. Kemp, FL First, Jacksonville
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Term Expiring 2018

* Donald E. (Don) Setser, AL Dauphin Way, Saraland	E	* Donald E. (Don) Setser, AL Dauphin Way, Saraland
J. Kent Shirley, CO Monument, Grand Junction	R	Mitchell A. Hamilton, CO Mississippi Avenue, Aurora
William E. (Bill) Bailey, IN Parkside, Columbus	I	* John C. Greenbank, IN Northwoods, Evansville
* Gregory C. Carter, LA Franklin Avenue, New Orleans	DS	* Jackie A. Myers, LA First, Sicily Island
Rob Boyd, NV Green Valley, Henderson	E	Rob Boyd, NV Green Valley, Henderson
* Steven A. Meek, NW Dishman, Spokane, WA	E	* Steven A. Meek, NW Dishman, Spokane, WA

Local Representation**Term Ending 2018**

* Mack Grubbs, MS Temple, Hattiesburg	I	* Gary W. Fordham, MS First, Petal
David E. Cranford, LA First, Ponchatoula	E	David E. Cranford, LA First, Ponchatoula
* Marsha H. Dyess, LA Victory, Walker	E	* Marsha H. Dyess, LA Victory, Walker
Thomas F. Harrison, LA Broadmoor, Shreveport	E	Thomas F. Harrison, LA Broadmoor, Shreveport

SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY**State or Defined Territory Representation****Term Expiring 2016**

Kevin L. Apperson, NV North Las Vegas, North Las Vegas	R	Jeremy E. Dollar, NV Grace City Romanian, Las Vegas
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Term Expiring 2018

Dwayne E. Mercer, FL First, Oviedo	I	Israel Kim, CA New Life One Way, Irvine
* Joe Forrester, GA Hebron, Dacula	E	* Joe Forrester, GA Hebron, Dacula
Todd A. Linn, KY First, Henderson	E	Todd A. Linn, KY First, Henderson
* A. Earle Finley, II, NC Providence, Raleigh	E	* A. Earle Finley, II, NC Providence, Raleigh

Local Representation**Term Expiring 2018**

* David K. Wagoner, NC Hickory Grove, Charlotte	I	* Melinda Delahoyde, NC Providence, Raleigh
Daniel G. Godfrey, SC Arrowwood, Chesnee	E	Daniel G. Godfrey, SC Arrowwood, Chesnee

MIDWESTERN SEMINARY

**State or Defined Territory Representation
Term Expiring 2018**

Emilio M. Meza, CA Iglesia Bautista Emanuel, Chula Vista	I	Wayne H. Parker, MI Merriman Road, Garden City
* Dan T. McDonald, GA First, Woodstock	E	*Dan T. McDonald, GA First, Woodstock
Larry T. Lewis, KY Reidland, Paducah	E	Larry T. Lewis, KY Reidland, Paducah
Edwin C. Meyers, NM First, Raton	I	Gordon R. Sidwell, NM Bethel, Roswell
* Richard Mathis, SC First, Spartanburg	I	Frankie J. Melton, SC Heath Springs, Heath Springs

**Local Representation
Term Expiring 2018**

* Sanford W. Peterson, KS Emmanuel, Overland Park	E	*Sanford W. Peterson, KS Emmanuel, Overland Park
Kenneth J. Parker, MO First, Kearney	E	Kenneth J. Parker, MO First, Kearney

GOLDEN GATE SEMINARY

**State or Defined Territory Representation
Term Expiring 2018**

Joseph C. Chan, AZ Tucson Chinese, Tucson	E	Joseph C. Chan, AZ Tucson Chinese, Tucson
Janet Y. Springer, CO North Metro, Thornton	E	Janet Y. Springer, CO North Metro, Thornton
Richard Edds, KS-NE First Southern, Salina, KS	I	Cody D. Busby, KS-NE First, Mulvane, KS
Michael C. Routon, MS Greens Creek, Petal	E	Michael C. Routon, MS Greens Creek, Petal
Joe K. Taylor, NV South Reno, Reno	I	*Gayle A. Fee, NV Summerlin Community, Las Vegas
Dennis Humphreys, OH Calvary, Wilmington	E	Dennis Humphreys, OH Calvary, Wilmington

**At-Large Representation
Term Expiring 2018**

* William C. (Bill) Moffitt, WA Richland, Richland, WA	E	*William C. (Bill) Moffitt, WA Richland, Richland, WA
Rickey P. Scott, OR Harvest Community, Eugene	E	Rickey P. Scott, OR Harvest Community, Eugene
* Milton L. Brock, TX Sagmont, Houston	I	*Timothy J. (Tim) Rost, TX Church at the Cross, Grapevine

ETHICS AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COMMISSION**State or Defined Territory Representation
Term Expiring 2017**

* Eunie W. Smith, AL First, Birmingham	I	William R. (Bill) Morgan, AL First, Prattville
Richard D. Piles, AR First, Camden	E	Richard D. Piles, AR First, Camden
Dennis M. Schmierer, CA Woodward Park, Fresno	E	Dennis M. Schmierer, CA Woodward Park, Fresno
* Stephen G. Veteto, CO Community of Grace, Centennial	I	Lewis Adkison, CO Circle Drive, Colorado Springs
Glen E. Owens, Jr., FL First, Jacksonville	I	Ron D. Harvey, FL First, Pompano Beach
* Donald L. Mason, GA First, Locust Grove	I	Timothy D. Jones, GA Britt David, Columbus
James L. Reamer, NV Renaissance, North Las Vegas	E	James L. Reamer, NV Renaissance, North Las Vegas
* Lee Bright, SC Roebuck, Roebuck	E	* Lee Bright, SC Roebuck, Roebuck

**At-Large Representation
Term Expiring 2017**

* Reed E. Johnston, III, VA Wayne Hills, Waynesboro	E	* Reed E. Johnston, III, VA Wayne Hills, Waynesboro
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COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS**Term Expiring 2016**

Andy Chambers, MO West County Community, Ballwin	I	Ron L. Crow, MO First, Diamond
* John B. Hoychick, LA First, Rayville	I	* Cathy A. McAdoo, NV Calvary, Elko

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	

63. Charles Billingsley (VA), Convention music director, led the congregation in praise and worship.
64. President Luter (LA) recognized Richard D. Land (TN), president emeritus, The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, for their report. John Killian (AL) asked a question. Richard Land responded. Lee Bright (SC) asked a question. Russell Moore (TN) and Richard Land responded.
65. Richard Land (TN) introduced Richard Piles (AR), chairman of The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, for a presentation. A video was shown honoring the ministry of Richard Land for his 25 year tenure at the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission. Richard Piles introduced the new president of The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, Russell Moore (TN), to give the entity's presentation to the Convention.

66. President Luter (LA) announced the time of nominations for first vice president. Steve Gaines (TN) nominated Bart Barber (TX). There were no other nominations. President Luter called on Registration Secretary James H. (Jim) Wells (MO) to cast the ballot for the Convention. President Luter announced **Bart Barber, first vice president elect**.
67. President Luter (LA) recognized Paige Patterson (TX), president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, to bring the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report. Brad Atkins (SC) asked a question. Patterson responded.
68. President Luter (LA) announced he was extending a courtesy to Ronnie Floyd (AR) to speak to a motion that he presented earlier in the day.
69. President Luter (LA) introduced the final time for new motions.
70. Phillip Senn (TN) presented a motion: Requesting Entities “Overseeing the Ministries of the Churches of this Convention” to Refrain from Using Commercial Advertising to Solicit Funds.
 “That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston, TX, June 11-12, ask the entities overseeing the ministries of the churches of this Convention to refrain from utilizing commercial advertisements to solicit funding from sources other than from the churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.” (Items 70 and 84)
71. Kenneth Reiter (TX) presented a motion: Instructing The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission to Investigate the American Cancer Society’s Stand on Stem Cell Research.
 “That The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission investigate the American Cancer Society’s stand on stem-cell research and release a statement regarding the ethics of their stand.” (Items 71 and 84)
72. Paul Cunningham (OK) presented a motion: Requesting a Change in Reserve Seating Allocations at the Convention.
 “That except for seating for the press and the handicapped, all reserved seating on the Convention floor be open to any messenger on a first come, first served basis.” (Items 72 and 83)
73. Charles Billingsley (VA), Convention music director, led the congregation in praise and worship.
74. President Luter (LA) recognized Adam Greenway (KY), chairman of the LifeWay trustees, to introduce Thom S. Rainer (TN), Nashville, president & CEO, LifeWay Christian Resources. Rainer presented the LifeWay Christian Resources Report. Kent Cochran (MO) asked a question. Rainer responded.
75. Thom Rainer (TN), president & CEO, LifeWay Christian Resources, introduced the LifeWay Christian Resources presentation.
76. Adam Cruse (IL), senior pastor, First Baptist Church, Mt. Carmel, led the benediction.

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 12, 2013

REVIVAL SERVICE

77. Charles Billingsley (VA), Convention music director, worship pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, led congregational praise and worship.
78. President Fred Luter, Jr. (LA), senior pastor, Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans, brought a message from God’s Word to a standing room only crowd of messengers and guests.
79. President Luter (LA) led the benediction.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 12, 2013

80. Charles Billingsley (VA), Convention music director, worship pastor, Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, led in praise and worship.
81. President Fred Luter, Jr. (LA) recognized Jason Lee (TX), pastor, Tallowood Chinese Baptist Church in Houston, to lead the congregation in prayer.
82. President Luter (LA) recognized Andy Chambers (MO), chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, to give the third Committee on Order of Business report.
83. Andy Chambers (MO), chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, reported that the committee determined that the following motions deal with the internal operations or ministries of Convention entities. Under SBC Bylaw 26B, these motions are automatically referred to the appropriate SBC entities for consideration and report to the 2014 Southern Baptist Convention: to the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission - Channing Kilgore (IN), Requesting that Persons Speaking in an Official SBC Capacity Refrain from Speaking about Immigration Issues as if there is an Official Position; to the Executive Committee - John Mark Yeats (TX), Requesting the Executive Committee to Update the Provisions of Article III of the SBC Constitution Regarding Minimal Standards and Additional Messengers; Paul Cunningham (OK), Requesting a Change in Reserve Seating Allocations at the Convention. President Luter (LA) ruled that under the Convention's rules, these motions are referred as indicated by the Committee on Order of Business.
84. On behalf of the Committee on Order of Business, Chairman Chambers (MO) requested that the chair rule the following motions are not in order: Phillip Senn (IN), Requesting Entities "Overseeing the Ministries of the Churches of this Convention" to Refrain from Using Commercial Advertising to Solicit Funds (There are no SBC entities which "oversee the ministries of the churches of this Convention."); Kenneth Reiter (TX), Instructing the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission to Investigate the American Cancer Society's Stand on Stem Cell Research (The work of an SBC entity is directed by its board of trustees. A motion which seeks to have the Convention exercise the authority of an entity's board is not in order. Messengers may offer motions which request, but not direct, that an entity take an action.). President Luter (LA) ruled that the motions are not in order for the reasons given.
85. Chairman Chambers (MO) announced that the report of the Committee on Order of Business was complete at this time.
86. President Luter (LA) announced the time of nominations for second vice president. Jeff Wright (TN) nominated Jared Moore (KY). Bob Pearle (TX) nominated Don Cass (TX).
87. President Luter (LA) called on James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, to give balloting instructions to the messengers. Wells reported that at 8:15 a.m. on June 12, 2013, there were 5,066 messengers registered. Ballots were cast.
88. President Luter (LA) expressed thanks to the messengers for their participation in last night's revival service.
89. President Luter (LA) recognized Robert J. Anderson, Jr. (MD), chairman of the Committee on Committees, to bring their report. Anderson moved the adoption of the report found in the *SBC Bulletin*, Tuesday, Part 2, page 4. (See following pages.) Jerry Johnson (TX), president, Criswell College, was nominated to serve as chairman. The report was adopted.
90. Charles Billingsley (GA) introduced featured soloist Tommy Walker (CA).

Report of the 2013 SBC COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Robert J. Anderson, Jr., Chair

(2013–2014 Committee on Nominations)

(State Convention/Name/Church Membership)

** indicates layperson from each state or regional convention*

ALABAMA

- * Barbara Moore
First Baptist
Pelham, AL
- David Chambers
First Baptist of Fairview
Cullman, AL

ALASKA

- * Judy Rice
First Baptist
Anchorage, AK
- Thomas Hoffman
Fairview Loop Baptist
Wasilla, AK

ARIZONA

- * Julie Evans
Second Mile Baptist
Tucson, AZ
- Cecil Pratt
First Southern Baptist
Wellton, AZ

ARKANSAS

- * Richard Proctor
Wynne Baptist
Wynne, AR
- Michael G. Seabaugh
Central Baptist
Magnolia, AR

CALIFORNIA

- * Herbert Brown
New Seasons
Spring Valley, CA
- Ruben Galarza
The Vine
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

COLORADO

- * James W. Parr, Jr.
Applewood Baptist
Wheat Ridge, CO
- Patrick “Ross” Jagers
Circle Drive Baptist
Colorado Springs, CO

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- * James Kneale
First Baptist
Upper Marlboro, MD
- * Salvatore Galeano
First Baptist
Upper Marlboro, MD

FLORIDA

- * Randy Knepper
Hibernia Baptist
Fleming Island, FL
- Ricky E. Powell
Fort Caroline Baptist
Jacksonville, FL

GEORGIA

- * Dianne Fountain
Cedar Creek Baptist
Winder, GA
- Fred McCoy
Houston Lake Baptist
Perry, GA

HAWAII

- * Kenneth Sakai
Valley Isle Fellowship
Wailuku, HI
- Richard “Rick” Lazor
Olanui Baptist
Honolulu, HI

ILLINOIS

- * Sharon Carty
Emmanuel Baptist
Carlinville, IL
- Wes Feltner
Tabernacle Baptist
Decatur, IL

INDIANA

- * Deborah Dills Davidson
First Baptist
Sellersburg, IN
- Wayne Gullion
Wayneboro Baptist
Ft. Wayne, IN

KANSAS/NEBRASKA

- * Susan Pederson
Prairie Hills Baptist
Augusta, KS
- Timothy Boyd
First Baptist
Shawnee, KS

KENTUCKY

- * David Chrisman
Kings Mountain Baptist
Mt. Washington, KY
- Ed Amundson
High Street Baptist
Somerset, KY

LOUISIANA

- * Carolyn Sue French
Jefferson Baptist
Baton Rouge, LA
- Ray Swift
First Baptist
Lafayette, LA

MARYLAND/DELAWARE

- * José Anderson
Colonial Baptist
Randallstown, MD
- André Williams
Kettering Baptist
Upper Marlboro, MD

MICHIGAN

- * Sharon Greer
The Orchard
Traverse City, MI
- Marc Bewley
LakePointe
Clinton Township, MI

MISSISSIPPI

- * Jim Edwards
Harrisburg Baptist
Tupelo, MS
- Randy Turner
First Baptist
Laurel, MS

MISSOURI

* Jennifer Farr
First Baptist
Speelville, MO

Ted D. Middleton
First Baptist
Lewistown, MO

NEVADA

* Lisa McCabe
Mason Valley Southern
Baptist
Yerington, NV

Rodney Melhuish
Shadow Hills Baptist
Las Vegas, NV

NEW ENGLAND

* Jay Smith
Seacoast Community
Portsmouth, NH

Neal Davidson
Hope Chapel Baptist
Sterling, MA

NEW MEXICO

* Paul Tankersley
First Baptist
Clovis, NM

Kevin Parker
First Baptist
Aztec, NM

NEW YORK

* Robert (Bob) Cope
Christ Community
Waldwick, NJ

James D. Hundley
Emmanuel Baptist
Cortland, NY

NORTH CAROLINA

* Kenneth W. Goetze
Wake Cross Roads Baptist
Raleigh, NC

Sandy Maurice Marks
Alexis Baptist
Alexis, NC

NORTHWEST

* Rusty Allen
Greater Gresham
Baptist
Gresham, OR

Scott Brewer
Meadowbrook
Redmond, WA

OHIO

* Larry Randolph
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Marysville, OH

Matthew Stauffer
First Baptist
Miamisburg, OH

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* Shirley Pogue
First Baptist
Ada, OK

Artie E. Hudson, Jr.
First Baptist
Pawhuska, OK

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* Stephen King
The Church of the Good
Shepherd
Cherry Hill, NJ

Ed Roman
Carlisle Baptist
Carlisle, PA

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* Haley Atkins
Powdersville First Baptist
Easley, SC

Brad Goodale
Philippi Baptist
Union, SC

TENNESSEE

* Dena Rivers Lee
Third Baptist
Murfreesboro, TN

David Worley
Bethel Baptist
Greenfield, TN

TEXAS

* Sarah Pitts
Minden Baptist
Minden, TX

Jerry A. Johnson
First Baptist
Rockwall, TX

UTAH/IDAHO

* Judy Barking
First Baptist
West Valley City, UT

Lionel D. (Dan) Robinson
Calvary Baptist
Boise, ID

VIRGINIA

* Terry R. Tinsley
Centreville Baptist
Centreville, VA

Reggie Hester
Bethel Baptist
Chesapeake, VA

WEST VIRGINIA

* Christopher Gomes
The Church at
Martinsburg
Martinsburg, WV

Andrew DeHart
Centerpointe
Hurricane, WV

WYOMING

* Larry Wilke
Wilderness Baptist
Dubois, WY

Mark Hensley
Hilltop Baptist
Green River, WY

91. President Luter (LA) recognized Charles S. (Chuck) Kelley, Jr. (LA), president, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, to bring their report. Kelley announced the seminary is launching the Fred Luter Jr. PhD Fellowship for African American students.
92. President Luter (LA) called on Andy Chambers (MO), chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, for a report. Chambers moved that the time be adjusted ahead 20 minutes. The motion was adopted.
93. President Luter (LA) announced the time of nominations for recording secretary. John Mark Yeats (TX) nominated John L. Yeats (MO). There were no other nominations, and Luter called on James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary, to cast the Convention ballot for John L. Yeats. President Luter announced **John L. Yeats recording secretary elect**.
94. President Luter (LA) recognized James H. (Jim) Wells (MO) for a report on the election of second vice president. Wells reported that 682 ballots were cast. Jared Moore (KY) received 451, or 66.13%, and Don Cass (TX) received 223, or 32.70%. President Luter announced Jared Moore as **second vice president elect**.
95. Charles Billingsley (GA), introduced featured soloist Tommy Walker (CA), who led in praise and worship.
96. President Luter (LA) recognized R. Albert Mohler, Jr. (KY), president, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, to give their report. Mohler shared that twenty years ago, he was introduced in Houston as the new president of Southern Seminary.
97. President Luter (LA) recognized Wanda Lee, executive director/treasurer, Woman’s Missionary Union, to give their report. Lee celebrated the 125 years of the WMU. She introduced the newly re-elected WMU president, Debbie Akerman (SC). They promoted a stand against pornography because of the importance of believers living worthy of their devotion to God’s calling.
98. President Luter (LA) introduced Andy Chambers (MO) for a motion. Chambers moved that the morning agenda be advanced 20 minutes. The motion was adopted.
99. President Luter (LA) announced the time for nominations for Registration Secretary. Jim Richards (TX) nominated James H. (Jim) Wells (MO). There were no other nominations, and Luter called on John L. Yeats (MO), recording secretary, to cast the Convention ballot for James H. (Jim) Wells. President Luter declared **James H. (Jim) Wells registration secretary elect**.
100. President Luter (LA) recognized Steve Lemke (LA), chairman of the Resolutions Committee and provost, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, to give the first report of The Committee on Resolutions.
101. Manpoong Dennis Kim (MD) moved the adoption of Resolution 1, and it was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 1
ON APPRECIATION**

WHEREAS, The messengers to the 156th session of the Southern Baptist Convention have enjoyed a time of worship, encouragement, and fellowship in the Lord Jesus Christ; and

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston, Texas, June 11–12, 2013, express our profound gratitude to the Lord and to all those He has used to bring about an annual meeting characterized by grace, evangelism, worship, encouragement, cooperation, and purpose.

102. Tom Biles (FL) moved the adoption of Resolution 2, and it was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 2
IN RECOGNITION OF THE BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC TEAM**

WHEREAS, William Franklin “Billy” Graham II has been a monumental force for the Gospel of Jesus Christ for sixty-three years as the founder, chairman, and CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association; and

WHEREAS, George Beverly Shea went to be with his Lord on April 16, 2013, at age 104, having sung to more people in person than anyone else in history as the featured soloist with the Billy Graham evangelistic crusades; and

WHEREAS, Clifford Burton Barrows, who led music for the Billy Graham crusades and hosted “The Hour of Decision” radio and television programs, celebrated his 90th birthday on April 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Billy Graham team shared the Good News of God's love with nearly 215 million people at more than four hundred crusades, missions, and evangelistic rallies in North America and around the world, and with more than two billion people via their radio and television ministry, leading millions to a personal relationship with Jesus; and

WHEREAS, Billy Graham will celebrate his 95th birthday on November 7, 2013; and

WHEREAS, In conjunction with his 95th birthday, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association is partnering with churches across the United States and Canada to present “My Hope” with Billy Graham, a neighborhood-focused outreach event designed to share the Gospel with millions of people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That in celebration of his 95th birthday, the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston, Texas, June 11–12, 2013, express our profound appreciation for the evangelistic zeal, the missionary spirit, and the personal integrity of Billy Graham and his team; and be it further

RESOLVED, That churches in the Southern Baptist Convention be encouraged to participate in and pray for the “My Hope” campaign in the autumn of 2013; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That following the example of Billy Graham, George Beverly Shea, and Cliff Barrows, we encourage all Christians in the United States and Canada to reach their friends, neighbors, and co-workers with the Gospel of Jesus Christ during the “My Hope” campaign.

103. Joe Wright (TN) moved the adoption of Resolution 3. Peter Lumpkins (GA) moved to amend by striking the word “Finally” from the next to last paragraph and inserting “RESOLVED, that we encourage all denominational leaders and employees of the Southern Baptist Convention to utilize the highest sense of discernment in affiliating with groups and/or individuals that possess questionable policies and practices in protecting our children from criminal abuse.” Steve Lemke (LA) spoke against the amendment and in support of the Committee’s report. Tim Rogers (NC) spoke for the amendment. Scott Gordon (MO) spoke against the amendment. John Yeats (MO) reread the amendment. The amendment was adopted. Bob Cleveland (AL) moved to amend in the second resolve following the words “moral responsibility to report to authorities” by adding the words “any accusations of child abuse.” Joe Wright (TN) spoke for the committee to receive the amendment. The amendment was adopted. Wiley Drake (CA) moved the previous question. The previous question was ordered. Resolution 3 was adopted as amended.

**RESOLUTION 3
ON SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN**

WHEREAS, The Bible is clear in its affirmation that children are a gift from the Lord (Psalm 127:3–5); and

WHEREAS, The Lord Jesus demonstrated His love for children by encouraging them to follow Him, correcting those who hindered them, and condemning those who harmed them (Matthew 18:3–6; Mark 10:13–14); and

WHEREAS, The sexual abuse of children remains an ever-increasing criminal offense with more than 1.8 million reported victims of sexual abuse by more than 750,000 child abuse perpetrators identified in the United States alone; and

WHEREAS, Tragically, instances of sexual abuse have been perpetrated within Southern Baptist congregations, churches of other denominations, and other Christian ministries; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston, Texas, June 11–12, 2013, call upon Southern Baptists to stand with our Lord Jesus in loving and protecting children as He does; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we remind all Southern Baptists of their legal and moral responsibility to report any accusations of child abuse to authorities in addition to implementing any appropriate church discipline or internal restoration processes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we likewise call upon all Southern Baptists to cooperate fully with law enforcement officials in exposing and bringing to justice all perpetrators, sexual or otherwise, who criminally harm children placed in our trust; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we strongly urge Southern Baptist churches to utilize background checks like those provided through LifeWay Christian Resources (www.lifeway.com/backgroundchecks), databases of sexual predators such as the US Department of Justice sex offender database linked at SBC.net (www.SBC.net/localchurches/ministryhelp.asp), or other relevant resources in screening all potential staff and volunteer workers, particularly those who minister to children and youth; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage pastors and church leaders to develop and implement sound policies and procedures to protect our children; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage all denominational leaders and employees of the Southern Baptist Convention to utilize the highest sense of discernment in affiliating with

groups and or individuals that possess questionable policies and practices in protecting our children from criminal abuse; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we urge all Southern Baptists to pray for children who are victims of abuse, to stand for their protection from abuse, and to support safe and healthy children's ministries in our churches and communities.

104. Galen Jones (GA) moved the adoption of Resolution 4. Jim Gregory (ID) raised a point of order on Resolution 3. The chair received the messenger's point, and the Convention proceeded. Resolution 4 was adopted.

RESOLUTION 4 ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

WHEREAS, Human trafficking is criminal activity in which human beings are treated as possessions to be controlled and exploited through the use of force, threats of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of involuntary subjection to labor or commercial sex acts (see Trafficking Victims Protection Acts of 2000 and 2013); and

WHEREAS, The form of slavery known as human trafficking knows no borders and preys on victims of any age, race, gender, or nationality, involving an estimated 600,000 to 800,000 persons being transported from place to place each year into some form of forced labor, including about 17,500 persons who are trafficked into the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that as many as twenty-seven million persons worldwide are now being held in some form of slavery, including commercial sexual exploitation, forced labor, child labor, and forced organ harvesting, producing annual profits of over \$32 billion; and

WHEREAS, Human trafficking preys upon the poor and the most vulnerable members of a society, especially women and children, the overwhelming majority of whom are younger than twenty-four years old, and many who are young children; and

WHEREAS, About 1.2 million children are trafficked every year, with two children being sold into slavery every minute; and

WHEREAS, The irresponsible use of salacious explicit sexual material through various media is promulgated in cultures around the world, thus perpetuating demand for selfish sexual gratification, reducing the stigma of commercial sex, and creating a demand for sexual slavery; and

WHEREAS, The Bible describes each individual as being created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26–27), affirms the sanctity and dignity of all human life (Psalm 8:4–5), and calls upon believers to speak up for those who cannot defend themselves (Proverbs 31:8–9); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston, Texas, June 11–12, 2013, commit to pray for the victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge all Southern Baptists to educate themselves and others about the various expressions of modern-day slavery, how to prevent it, and how to minister to those who have been victimized by it; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commend the Southern Baptist churches and individuals who are already bringing healing and restoration to trafficking victims in the name of Jesus Christ; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage Southern Baptists to support agencies and ministries which help rescue and rehabilitate trafficking victims; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call upon Southern Baptists to support public policies at the local, state, national, and international level which combat human trafficking; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we affirm the important work of persons in law enforcement, education, medicine, counseling, and other professions who address human trafficking through their assigned responsibilities, pledging our prayerful support.

105. Manpoong Dennis Kim (MD) moved the adoption of Resolution 5. Channing Kilgore (TN) moved to amend by adding a new second “RESOLVED, That we affirm Scripture to be the final authority on all mental health issues.” Kilgore spoke to his amendment. Steve Lemke (LA) spoke against the amendment for the Resolutions Committee. Michael Crisp (TX) spoke for. Bob Cleveland (AL) spoke against the amendment. Wiley Drake (CA) spoke for the amendment. Tom Ascol (FL) spoke against the amendment and moved the previous question. The question was ordered. Luter (LA) reread the amendment. The amendment failed. Steven Owensby (SC) moved to amend by adding a new resolution following the first RESOLVED to add “RESOLVED, that the mission Jesus described as His own in Luke 4:18-19 should also be the mission of His church, namely to proclaim liberty to those who are oppressed with godly biblical counsel.” Lemke (LA) shared that the committee received the amendment. The amendment was adopted.
106. Chairman Chambers (MO) moved to extend the time 25 minutes. The time was extended.
107. Channing Kilgore (TN) moved to amend before the last RESOLVED, “RESOLVED, that we affirm Scripture to be the final authority on all mental health issues.” Kilgore spoke to the amendment. Resolutions Committee member David Crosby (LA) spoke against the amendment. President Luter (LA) reread the amendment. The amendment failed. Resolution 5 was adopted as amended.

**RESOLUTION 5
ON MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS AND THE HEART OF GOD**

WHEREAS, God made all things perfectly good in design for His glory and the good of humanity (Genesis 1–2); and

WHEREAS, Adam and Eve rebelled against Him, choosing their own way and the way of the Evil One, and consequently ushered sin and disorder into our world and the whole human race (Genesis 3; Romans 5:12–21; 8:22); and

WHEREAS, As a consequence of this Fall, humanity is subjected to many kinds of mental health problems including autism spectrum disorders; intellectual disability; mental health conditions like schizophrenia, clinical depression, anxiety disorders, bipolar disorders, and eating disorders; and diseases of the aged such as dementia and Alzheimer’s disease; and

WHEREAS, God did not abandon fallen humanity but loved the world (John 3:16–17) and launched a plan of redemption—a restoration that is incomplete in this age but will be perfected in heaven (1 Peter 1:3–9); and

WHEREAS, Those with mental health concerns, like all people, are crowned with honor and dignity, being made in the image and likeness of God (Psalm 8:4–6; James 3:9); and

WHEREAS, Those with mental health concerns are disproportionately represented among the homeless and in our correctional systems, indicating a tragic neglect of these persons who are made in God’s image; and

WHEREAS, Those who are struggling with mental health concerns often feel isolated, stigmatized, and rejected, sometimes resorting to self-destructive behaviors, including suicide; and

WHEREAS, Suicide is a tragedy, leaving heartache, pain, and unanswered questions in its wake; and

WHEREAS, Recent events in our nation and among God's people have underscored the tragedy of mental health concerns and their devastating toll within our families, our churches, and our culture; and

WHEREAS, Jesus Christ spent time with and healed some of the most marginalized members of the culture of His day; and

WHEREAS, God has appointed His people to be the main representatives of His heart and values to the world; and

WHEREAS, God has called us to share the Gospel of Christ with all people, including those suffering various mental health concerns; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston, Texas, on June 11–12, 2013, affirm that those with mental health concerns are of immeasurable value to God; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the mission Jesus described as His own in Luke 4:18-19 should also be the mission of His church, namely to proclaim liberty to those who are oppressed by means of godly biblical counsel; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commit to affirm, support, and share God's love and redemption with those with mental health concerns; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we oppose all stigmatization and prejudice against those who are suffering from mental health concerns; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we support the wise use of medical intervention for mental health concerns when appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we support research and treatment of mental health concerns when undertaken in a manner consistent with a biblical worldview; and be it further

RESOLVED, That families who have lost a member to suicide deserve great care, concern, and compassion from Christians and their churches, including the assurance that those in Christ cannot be separated from the eternal love of God that is in Christ Jesus; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we call on all Southern Baptists and our churches to look for and create opportunities to love and minister to, and develop methods and resources to care for, those who struggle with mental health concerns and their families.

108. David Dykes (TX) moved the adoption of Resolution 6. Wes Taylor (FL) spoke for the resolution. Charlie Dale (AL) spoke against. Mike Janz (CA) moved to strike the 6th and 7th Resolved. Janz spoke to his amendment. Dykes spoke against the amendment. Byron Edens (GA) spoke against the amendment and moved the previous question. The previous question for the amendment was ordered. Amendment failed. Paul Taylor (TX) moved to amend by striking the words from the seventh Resolve by striking "that choose to remain in relationship with the Boy Scouts." Taylor spoke to his amendment. Dykes spoke that the committee was in friendly agreement. The amendment was adopted. David Uth (FL) moved to amend the seventh Resolve after the word "families" to read, "RESOLVED,

That we encourage churches and families that seek to remain in the Boy Scouts to impact as many boys as possible with the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ, and . . .” The resolutions committee considered the motion to amend as friendly. The motion to amend was adopted.

- 109. Mike Janz (CA) moved to replace the word “orientation” with the word “preference.” David Dykes (TX) spoke against the amendment. The amendment failed.
- 110. President Luter asked the body if they preferred to vote now or in the afternoon session. The question was ordered. The resolution as amended was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 6
ON THE CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP POLICY
OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

WHEREAS, For more than a century, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has been a values-based boys organization designed to “prepare young people for a lifetime of character and leadership,” equipping them “to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law”; and

WHEREAS, The Scout Oath contains language that is consistent with belief in God and biblical precepts that serve as the basis for Christian faith: “On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight”; and

WHEREAS, The leadership of the Boy Scouts throughout its history has restricted from membership and leadership those persons who would affect the group’s ability to advocate its viewpoints in regard to belief in God and His moral precepts; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, and again in 2000, the Southern Baptist Convention adopted resolutions affirming the Boy Scouts in their stand that homosexual conduct is inconsistent with the obligations of the Scout Oath, encouraging the BSA “to maintain its historic commitments” (1992) and “to hold fast to its traditional ideals” (2000); and

WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court ruled in 2000 that the constitutional right to freedom of association allows a private organization, as part of its “expressive message,” to exclude a person from membership when “the presence of that person affects in a significant way the group’s ability to advocate public or private viewpoints” and that allowing homosexuals as adult leaders would interfere with that message (*Boy Scouts of America et al. v. Dale*); and

WHEREAS, In 2004, the Boy Scouts adopted a policy statement that said, in part, “Boy Scouts of America believes that homosexual conduct is inconsistent with the obligations in the Scout Oath and Scout Law to be morally straight and clean in thought, word, and deed”; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, an eleven-person committee appointed by the National Council of the Boy Scouts completed a two-year study and reported its unanimous decision that the Boy Scouts retain the current policy as outlined above; and

WHEREAS, NBC News reported in breaking news on January 28, 2013, that the BSA executive leadership, in concert with certain members of the BSA board of directors, was poised to change the Scouts’ historic policy at its February 4–5 board meeting the following week to allow avowed homosexuals into membership and leadership positions within the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, During the week between when news broke of this proposed policy change and the February board meeting, the Boy Scouts received an outpouring of feedback from Scouts, Scouting families, sponsoring organizations, and the American public; and

WHEREAS, On February 6, 2013, the BSA board determined that, “due to the complexity of this issue, the organization needs time for a deliberate review of its membership policy”; and

WHEREAS, The National Council of the Boy Scouts voted on May 23, 2013, to approve new membership guidelines that state, “no youth may be denied membership in the Boy Scouts of America on the basis of sexual orientation or preference alone”; and

WHEREAS, While those who embrace a biblical worldview are grateful that the leadership policy of the BSA remains unchanged, the executive leadership and certain members of the Boy Scouts board clearly signaled their desire to change both the membership and leadership policies of the BSA; and

WHEREAS, This decision of the BSA is viewed by many homosexual activists as merely the first step in a process that will fundamentally change the BSA, putting the Scouts at odds with a consistent biblical worldview on matters of human sexuality; and

WHEREAS, This decision has the potential to complicate basic understandings of male friendships, needlessly politicize human sexuality, and heighten sexual tensions within the Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Many Southern Baptist churches sponsor Boy Scout troops and many Southern Baptists are involved in Scouting; and

WHEREAS, *The Baptist Faith and Message* states that “Christians should oppose . . . all forms of sexual immorality, including adultery, homosexuality, and pornography,” and Southern Baptists consistently have expressed their opposition to the normalization of homosexual behavior in American culture through more than a dozen resolutions over the past thirty years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston, Texas, June 11–12, 2013, express our continued opposition to and disappointment in the decision of the Boy Scouts of America to change its membership policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express our gratitude for the thousands of individuals within the Scouting family and the culture at large who expressed their opposition to the BSA executive leadership’s intent to change its membership and leadership policies in regard to homosexuality, leading to the compromise recommendation it presented to the BSA National Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express our gratitude to each voting member of the National Council who voted in opposition to the policy change for membership; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express our well-founded concern that the current executive leadership of the BSA, along with certain board members, may utilize this membership policy change as merely the first step toward future approval of homosexual leaders in the Scouts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call on the Boy Scouts to remove from executive and board leadership those individuals who, earlier this year, sought to change both the membership and leadership policy of the Scouts without seeking input from the full range of the Scouting family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm the right of all families and churches prayerfully to assess their continued relationship with the BSA, expressing our support for those churches and families that as a matter of conscience can no longer be part of the Scouting family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage churches and families that remain in the Boy Scouts to seek to impact as many boys as possible with the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ, to work toward the reversal of this new membership policy, and to advocate against any future change in leadership and membership policy that normalizes sexual conduct opposed to the biblical standard; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage churches that choose to sever ties with the Boy Scouts not to abandon their ministry to boys but consider expanding their Royal Ambassadors ministry, a distinctively Southern Baptist missions organization to develop godly young men; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we declare our love in Christ for all young people regardless of their perceived sexual orientation, praying that God will bring all youth into a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

111. President Luter (LA) introduced Tom Elliff (VA), president, International Mission Board, to give their report. Elliff challenged the messengers to expend greater energy declaring the faith than defending the faith. Although thrilled with the third highest Lottie Moon Offering, Elliff pointed out the difference between the amount of offerings Southern Baptists receive and the amount invested in missions. Doug Wendling (NM) asked a question. Elliff responded.
112. Tom Elliff (VA) led the International Mission Board presentation and challenged messengers and Southern Baptists with the importance of cooperative missions to reach the vast lostness of the world. He implored Southern Baptists to personally and generationally embrace the heart of God for the unreached people groups.
113. Danny Decker (MO), senior pastor, First Baptist Church, Warsaw, led the benediction.

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114. Charles Billingsley (VA), Convention music director, worship pastor, Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, led in praise and worship.
115. Leon Thompson (IL), deacon, Broadview Missionary Baptist Church, Chicago, led the congregation in prayer.
116. President Fred Luter, Jr. (LA) called on James H. (Jim) Wells (MO) for a registration report. At 12:00 p.m. there were 5,112 registered messengers. Wells took a moment of personal privilege to say thanks to the messengers for their intercession in his behalf. President Luter prayed for Wells.
117. President Luter (LA) introduced Andy Chambers (MO), chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, for a motion. Chambers moved that the schedule be advanced by 10 minutes. The motion was adopted.
118. President Luter (LA) recognized Steve Lemke (LA), chairman of the Resolutions Committee and provost, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, to give the final report of the Committee on Resolutions.
119. Carol Yarber (TX) moved the adoption of Resolution 7. James Hammack (KY) moved to amend the resolution after the word “cheerfully” by adding the words “and give sacrificially as good stewards of God’s blessings” and then complete the balance of the

sentence. Yarber shared that the committee considered it to be a friendly amendment. The amendment was adopted. Field Thigpen (LA) moved to amend the resolution after the first RESOLVE: “RESOLVED, that Southern Baptists and Southern Baptist churches evaluate the faithfulness of their stewardship to financially support missionaries and ministries at home and abroad through the Cooperative Program and Great Commission Giving.” The committee considered it to be a friendly amendment. The amendment was adopted. The resolution was adopted as amended.

RESOLUTION 7

ON TITHING, STEWARDSHIP, AND THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Biblical stewardship is a generous response of loving obedience that constitutes an essential part of our worship of God (2 Corinthians 9:6–7); and

WHEREAS, Tithing predates the Law of Moses (Genesis 14:20; 28:22; Hebrews 7:2) and is affirmed in the Old Testament (Numbers 18: 21–24) as well as in the New Testament (Luke 11:42); and

WHEREAS, The Scripture equates failure to tithe with robbing God (Malachi 3:8); and

WHEREAS, Christ affirmed the tithe (Matthew 23:23); and

WHEREAS, Proportional giving of at least a tithe is expected by God throughout Scripture (Numbers 18:21–24; 1 Corinthians 16:1–2; Hebrews 7:2); and

WHEREAS, Tithing is essential for Kingdom work through the local church and ministries around the world (1 Corinthians 9:13–14); and

WHEREAS, According to the Great Commission Task Force Report, Southern Baptists give just 2.5 percent of their annual income to the local church, demonstrating the need for Southern Baptists to teach and faithfully obey the biblical command to tithe; and

WHEREAS, The current economic climate and other factors have resulted in financial challenges for many of our churches and mission entities; and

WHEREAS, Faithful stewardship is a privilege and an honor for all Christians; and

WHEREAS, The Cooperative Program is funded solely by tithes, offerings, and gifts through the churches; and

WHEREAS, Cooperative Program giving from the churches has declined significantly from \$548 million in 2007–2008 to \$488 million in 2010–2011, reducing our support of missions and ministries by \$60 million; and

WHEREAS, Frank S. Page, president of the SBC Executive Committee, has challenged Southern Baptist churches to increase their Cooperative Program giving by at least 1 percent; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston, Texas, June 11–12, 2013, exhort all Southern Baptists to tithe cheerfully and give sacrificially as good stewards of God’s blessings to their local churches; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Southern Baptists and Southern Baptist churches evaluate the faithfulness of their stewardship to financially support missionaries and ministries at home and abroad through the Cooperative Program and Great Commission Giving; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we commend those who tithe faithfully in loving obedience to God.

120. David Crosby (LA) moved the adoption of Resolution 8, and it was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 8
ON RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE WOMAN’S MISSIONARY UNION**

WHEREAS, The Woman’s Missionary Union (WMU) was created in 1888 with Annie Armstrong as its first corresponding secretary; and

WHEREAS, WMU has been an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention for the past 125 years, supporting Southern Baptist missions through prayer, missions education, sacrificial giving, and mission activities; and

WHEREAS, The passion for missions stirred and channeled through WMU has assisted Southern Baptists in developing one of the most extensive mission networks in church history; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston, Texas, June 11–12, 2013, express gratitude to God for our partnership with WMU in impacting the nations with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, joining WMU in celebrating 125 years of mission support to the Southern Baptist Convention and its cooperating churches for international and North American missions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commend WMU for its faithful and continued partnership in Southern Baptist missions through prayer support, and educational programming such as, Women on Mission, Adults on Mission, myMISSION, Acteens, Challengers, Youth on Mission, Girls in Action, Royal Ambassadors, Children in Action, and Mission Friends; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commend WMU for its faithful financial support of missions through the special offerings for international, North American, and state missions, and through the Cooperative Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commend the members of WMU for their personal engagement in mission activities, such as Baptist Nursing Fellowship, Christian Men’s Job Corps, Christian Women’s Job Corps, International Initiatives, Missionary Housing, Project HELP, Pure Water, Pure Love, WorldCrafts, Acteens Activators, Acteens Activators Abroad, MissionsFEST, FamilyFEST, and Youth Missions Teams; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we encourage WMU to continue to fan the flames for missions with Southern Baptists until our Lord returns.

121. Galen Wendell Jones (GA) moved the adoption of Resolution 9, and it was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 9
ON PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT AND OTHER POLITICAL LEADERS**

WHEREAS, Scripture teaches that God is sovereign over all nations of the earth (Psalm 93:1–2; 103:19; 113:4–5); and

WHEREAS, God, in His permissive will, may allow political leaders, both in biblical times and the present day, to enact policies that are opposed to His revealed will (1 Kings 16:25, 30); and

WHEREAS, It is in God’s power to prompt the hearts and minds of political authorities to His purposes and furnish wisdom and guidance in their decisions (Ezra 1:1–3; Proverbs 21:1; Daniel 3:26–30; 4:34–37); and

WHEREAS, Government is appointed by God as His servant to encourage good and restrain evil to the end that all people are blessed and His people are enabled to live quiet and peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness (Romans 13:1–7; 1 Timothy 2:1–3; 1 Peter 2:14); and

WHEREAS, God commands His people to respect the authority of political leaders and honor them (1 Peter 2:13–17); and

WHEREAS, God commands His people to pray for their political leaders (1 Timothy 2:1–3); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston, Texas, June 11–12, 2013, urge the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention to pray confidently, regularly, and fervently for our President, members of Congress, Supreme Court justices, and all local, state, and national governmental leaders.

122. Matthew Arbo (MO) moved the adoption of Resolution 10, and it was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 10
ON VIOLATIONS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
AND ASSEMBLY IN THE UNITED STATES**

WHEREAS, God has granted religious freedom to humanity, even in matters of eternal significance (Genesis 2:16–17; Luke 13:34; Acts 4:19–21; 5:29; 17:16–34); and

WHEREAS, Religious freedom is an indispensable human right and an essential component of a free society; and

WHEREAS, Religious freedom by definition includes the freedom of the individual to live in accordance with his or her religiously-informed values and beliefs as illustrated by Article 18 of the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights: “Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance”; and

WHEREAS, The First Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees religious freedom for everyone under its jurisdiction, declaring that “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof”; and

WHEREAS, Religious freedom must include the freedom of assembly based on religiously-informed beliefs and is guaranteed by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, In deciding *NAACP v. Alabama, 357 U.S. 449 (1958)* the United States Supreme Court declared, “It is beyond debate that freedom to engage in association for the advancement of beliefs and ideas is an inseparable aspect of the ‘liberty’ assured by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, which embraces freedom of speech”; and

WHEREAS, In order to retain their official standing as a campus organization, Christian and other religious groups on some prominent college and university campuses are being required to allow into membership and leadership individuals who do not affirm the moral and religious convictions of the organizations; and

WHEREAS, Some people of faith are being denied the right to operate their businesses in a manner consistent with their religiously-informed beliefs, especially with regard to their convictions about homosexuality, resulting in loss of status, income, and livelihood; and

WHEREAS, Some officials and municipalities have discriminated against constitutionally-protected religious activities in public housing, public schools, and other tax-supported spaces; and

WHEREAS, Despite the long and honorable tradition of respect for religious freedom within the ranks of the United States armed services, many members of the United States military are experiencing heightened levels of animosity and hostility because of their faith; and

WHEREAS, Chaplains in the United States military are growing increasingly concerned about their freedom to minister to America's servicemen and women according to the dictates of their faith without fear of reprisal or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, The federal government is denying the right of its citizens to exercise their religious freedom by its insistence that they provide in their employee healthcare plans for contraceptives and abortion-causing drugs and devices; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston, Texas, June 11–12, 2013, express our gratitude for our God-granted religious freedom; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call on college administrators to respect the right of students to freedom of association and stop requiring religious student groups to accept as members or select as leaders those who do not share their core religiously-informed beliefs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call upon the federal, state, and local governing authorities to hold any college or university accountable that discriminates on the basis of religion, violating students' constitutionally-guaranteed freedom of religion and association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we implore the United States Department of Defense and each branch of the military to reaffirm their commitment to the freedom of all servicemen and women to conduct themselves in accordance with the dictates of their faith; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call on these same military organizations to respect and continue to uphold the right of their chaplains to minister freely according to the dictates of their faith; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we ask these military entities to communicate consistently throughout every branch of the armed forces and to every person who provides instruction or guidance to our servicemen and women the right of all servicemen and women, and the chaplains who serve them, to conduct themselves in accordance with the dictates of their faith; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call on every branch of government to investigate all claims of First Amendment violations and to educate, discipline, or prosecute any who are involved in these violations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call on the current administration to uphold the constitutional protections accorded people of faith to provide healthcare for their employees that is consistent with their core religious beliefs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge those who engage in defending the legal rights of people of faith to come to the aid of those who are facing discrimination for their faith by federal, state, and local governments, institutions, or individuals; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention to continue its faithful defense and advocacy of the God-given and constitutionally-guaranteed rights of freedom of religion and assembly; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we commit to stand with and pray for those in our nation and around the world who are persecuted for their faith.

123. Steve Lemke (LA) moved the adoption of Resolution 11, and it was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 11
ON THE DANGER OF AGE DISCRIMINATION
IN HEALTHCARE RATIONING**

WHEREAS, The Bible regards senior adults as persons deserving of honor and esteem (Leviticus 19:32; Proverbs 16:31); and

WHEREAS, Scripture affirms the sanctity of life for all persons, including senior adults, and regards all persons as bearers of God's image (Genesis 1:26–28); and

WHEREAS, There are credible reports that the elderly who are extremely sick are routinely neglected—and in some instances die prematurely—under the national healthcare systems in other countries; and

WHEREAS, Some notable policy advocates have argued that healthcare for the elderly should be rationed in the United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston, Texas, June 11–12, 2013, express our opposition to any public policy which might function to discriminate against the elderly in their access to quality healthcare; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage all Southern Baptists to honor our elders and seek ways to express our appreciation for senior adults; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we encourage Southern Baptists to engage in ministry to senior adults, particularly those who are hospitalized, in nursing home facilities, and those who are homebound.

124. David Crosby (LA) moved the adoption of Resolution 12. D. Heath Woolman (KY) moved to amend the resolution after the 3rd RESOLVE. "RESOLVED, that we urge all federal, state, and local criminal justice agencies to increase the support, training and resources for their personnel and to increase their cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention and other like-minded organizations who seek to reach offenders with the life-transformational Gospel of Jesus Christ; and be it further". Crosby stated that the committee considered the amendment friendly. The motion to amend was adopted. Doug Wendling (NM) spoke against the resolution. Crosby responded. The resolution was adopted as amended.

**RESOLUTION 12
ON AMERICA'S GROWING PRISON POPULATION**

WHEREAS, The rate of incarceration in the United States is among the highest of all nations; and

WHEREAS, Prison populations in the United States have risen from approximately 100 prisoners per 100,000 in 1974 to a current number of about 750 per 100,000, resulting in an unprecedented percentage of adults behind bars; and

WHEREAS, The cost of incarceration, averaging more than \$30,000 per inmate per year, absorbs a significant percentage of governmental budgets at the federal, state, and local levels; and

WHEREAS, The number of elderly inmates, whose healthcare costs are a growing part of the overall cost of incarceration, has increased dramatically due to longer sentences; and

WHEREAS, Probation and parole systems, if utilized effectively, offer less expensive supervision, employ new monitoring techniques, reunite families, and actively work toward social reintegration of prisoners; and

WHEREAS, Public revenues saved by lower incarceration rates could be applied to improve and expand parole, probation, and reintegration programs; and

WHEREAS, Prolonged incarceration of nonviolent offenders, who make up roughly half of all inmates, frequently contributes to the disintegration of family structures, increases dependency on state aid, and reduces the economic viability of individuals, families, and communities, thus hindering their reintegration into society; and

WHEREAS, Incarceration rates are at or near the highest levels in Southern states, as is the case, for instance, in Louisiana which now incarcerates one out of every eighty-six adults, the highest documented rate of incarceration in the world; and

WHEREAS, Many people serving disproportionately long sentences for nonviolent offenses are routinely housed with hardened offenders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston, Texas, June 11–12, 2013, declare our support and appreciation for all who work in the criminal justice system to protect our communities, often bearing heavy loads with limited resources; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express our support of legislative policies that seek to reduce high incarceration rates without jeopardizing public safety; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm that probation and parole may serve as a wise, just, and effective alternative to prolonged incarceration for certain nonviolent offenders; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge all federal, state, and local criminal justice agencies to increase the support, training, and resources for their personnel and to increase their cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention and other like-minded organizations who seek to reach offenders with the life-transformational Gospel of Jesus Christ; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm our prison chaplains, local church ministries, seminary educational initiatives, and other ministries that serve in prisons and youth detention centers and operate programs that seek to reintegrate prisoners into their communities, and reduce recidivism through moral and spiritual transformation; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we urge churches and other ministries to participate in programs that assist prisoners with reintegration into society, including transitional housing, vocational and drug rehabilitation, and family support, heeding the words of Jesus, “I was in prison, and you came to visit me” (Matthew 25:36)

125. President Luter asked if there were any other Resolutions for consideration. There were none, and the Resolutions Committee was dismissed.

126. President Luter (LA) recognized Andy Chambers (MO), chair, to give the fourth report of the Committee on Order of Business. Chambers moved to nominate John Meador (TX) as Convention preacher, John Avant (TN) as the alternate preacher, and Roger McGee (VA) as the Convention music director. The motion was adopted.
127. Chairman Chambers recognized the members of the Committee on Order of Business. Chambers recognized John B. Hoychick (LA), Marvin Parker (IL), Lester Hoffman (OH), Stephen Horn (LA), and David Smith (TX).
128. Chairman Chambers took personal privilege to recognized June Turner, who is retiring soon after the Convention for her many years of service with the Executive Committee and LifeWay.
129. President Luter (LA) honored the outgoing officers. President Luter recognized David Miller (IA) for his service as second vice president and Nathan Lino (TX) as first vice president.
130. Frank S. Page (TN), president and chief executive officer of the Executive Committee, introduced the newly elected officers of the Southern Baptist Convention and their wives: Dr. and Mrs. Fred Luter (LA), president; Dr. Bart Barber (TX), first vice president; Rev. Jared Moore (KY), second vice president; Dr. and Mrs. John L. Yeats (MO), recording secretary; Dr. and Mrs. James H. (Jim) Wells (MO), registration secretary.
131. President Luter (LA) recognized former SBC Presidents on the platform: Dr. and Mrs. Jimmy Draper (TX); Joyce Rogers (TN), wife of the late Dr. Adrian Rogers; Dr. and Mrs. Frank Page (TN); Dr. and Mrs. Bryant Wright (GA).
132. Charles Billingsley (GA), Convention music director, led in praise and worship.
133. President Luter (LA) introduced Daniel L. (Danny) Akin (NC), president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, to preach the Annual Sermon.
134. President Luter (LA) expressed gratitude for the Convention allowing him to serve, for chief parliamentarian Barry McCarty, others on the platform, Frank Page, and the Executive Committee.
135. President Luter recognized David Smith (TX), vice chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, to lead the messengers and guests in the final benediction.
136. President Luter (LA) pronounced the 156th Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention adjourned.

**2013 SBC Annual Meeting Statistics
Houston, Texas, June 11–12, 2013**

	Count	Spouse's Vocation	
Gender:		Associational Missions	20
Male	3,255	Evangelism	6
Female	1,848	Homemaking	438
Total Present	5,103	North American or Int'l. Missions	6
		Other	315
Total Survey Takers	1,001	Other Church Staff	51
		Other Denominational	7
Age Breakdown		Seminary Student	7
18-29	47	Senior Pastor	126
30-34	72	State Convention,	
35-39	84	Agency/Institution	25
40-44	108	Total	1,001
45-49	97		
50-54	156	Number of times attended	
55-59	171	1st Time	186
60+	266	5 or less	338
Total	1,001	6-10	209
		11 or more	268
Travel Mode		Total	1,001
Car	503		
Plane	459	Expense Breakdown	
Other	39	Under \$100	51
Total	1,001	\$100-\$299	57
		\$300-\$599	119
Your Vocation		\$600-\$999	235
Associational Missions	44	\$1,000-1,499	276
Evangelism	14	\$1,500-\$1,999	186
Homemaking	112	\$2,000+	77
North American or Intl Missions	14	Total	1,001
Other	154		
Other Church Staff	111	Number of other Family Members	
Other Denominational	18	None	329
Seminary Student	20	1	492
Senior Pastor	464	2-4	157
State Convention,		5+	23
Agency/Institution	50	Total	1,001
Total	1,001		
		Number of unique churches that sent messengers	
		Number of churches	2,370
		Number of states that sent messengers	
		Number of states + D.C. + PR	49

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Registration of Messengers by State

Houston, Texas, June 11–12, 2013

State	Number of Messengers	Percent of Messengers	Churches with Messengers	Rank (1-25)
AK	12	0.24%	8	
AL	258	5.06%	131	6
AR	188	3.68%	84	13
AZ	25	0.49%	13	25
CA	113	2.21%	66	15
CO	41	0.80%	20	21
CT	2	0.04%	1	
DC	11	0.22%	2	
DE	3	0.06%	1	
FL	259	5.08%	123	8
GA	313	6.13%	151	3
HI	12	0.24%	7	
IA	7	0.14%	5	
ID	8	0.16%	6	
IL	95	1.86%	42	16
IN	63	1.23%	31	19
KS	39	0.76%	18	22
KY	226	4.43%	107	9
LA	383	7.51%	143	5
MA	3	0.06%	2	
MD	67	1.31%	32	18
ME	1	0.02%	1	
MI	10	0.20%	7	
MN	6	0.12%	3	
MO	184	3.61%	83	14
MS	295	5.78%	149	4
MT	2	0.04%	1	
NC	281	5.51%	131	7
ND	0	0.00%	0	
NE	0	0.00%	0	
NH	1	0.02%	1	
NJ	17	0.33%	7	
NM	45	0.88%	22	20
NV	30	0.59%	15	23
NY	28	0.55%	15	24
OH	71	1.39%	33	17
OK	195	3.82%	92	10
OR	2	0.04%	2	
PA	17	0.33%	10	
PR	3	0.06%	3	
RI	1	0.02%	1	
SC	144	2.82%	85	12
SD	6	0.12%	3	
TN	379	7.43%	169	2
TX	1,032	20.22%	428	1
UT	9	0.18%	5	
VA	173	3.39%	88	11
VT	0	0.00%	0	
WA	12	0.24%	7	
WI	5	0.10%	2	
WV	15	0.29%	8	
WY	11	0.22%	6	
Total	5,103	100.00%	2,370	