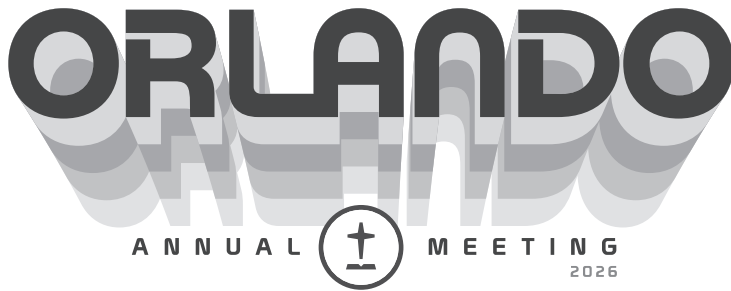




DAILY BULLETIN

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026

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WELCOME TO ORLANDO

Welcome to Orlando and thank you for joining us for the 2026 SBC Annual Meeting and Pastors' Conference! I pray that the Lord will be honored as we gather together to carry out the business of our Convention.

This year's theme, "Walking Worthy," comes from Ephesians 4:1, which says, "Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called," and it is my hope and prayer that we take this to heart, pressing the joyful truths of the gospel into every part of our fellowship and deliberations.

Dr. Iorg has described our Convention as "a force for good," and I believe that to be true. As we gather over the next several days, my hope is that we will live out that truth.

Let us rejoice in the great things God has done within our churches. Let us, with resolve, stay on mission, asking that the good hand of God would remain upon us for generations to come. It has been a great joy and honor to serve as President of the Southern Baptist Convention these past two years, and I look forward to the next few days together.

Clint Pressley, SBC President

PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS

TUESDAY MORNING June 9, 2026

- 8:00 Worship** • Gerald Malloy, *Convention music director; worship ministry pastor*, Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC
- 8:10 Prayer** • Stephen Rummage, *executive director-treasurer*, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville, FL
- 8:15 Welcome and Call to Order** • Clint Pressley, *SBC president; senior pastor*, Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC
- 8:25 Crossover Report** • Tim Dowdy, *vice president of evangelism*, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA
- 8:35 Registration Report and Constitution of Convention** • Don Currence, *SBC registration secretary; administrative pastor*, First Baptist Church, Ozark, MO
- 8:40 Committee on Order of Business Report (First)** • Bryant Sims, *chair; chief operations officer*, South Carolina Baptist Convention, Columbia, SC
- 8:50 Celebrating Freedom** • Chaplain Major General Doug Carver, *U.S. Army retired, executive director of chaplaincy*, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA
- 9:00 Committee on Resolutions Report (First)** • Hunter Baker, *chair; provost and dean of faculty*, North Greenville University, Greenville, SC
- 9:10 Committee on Committees Report** • Cory Horton *chair; senior pastor*, Brushy Creek Baptist Church, Taylors, SC
- 9:20 Committee on Nominations Report** • Jeff Moore, *chair; senior pastor*, First Baptist Church, Altus, OK
- 9:35 Introduction of New Motions (First)**
- 9:50 GuideStone Financial Resources Report** • D. Hance Dilbeck Jr., *president and CEO*, GuideStone Financial Resources, Dallas, TX
- 10:02 The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission Report** • Gary Hollingsworth, *outgoing interim president*; Evan Lenow, *president*, The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, Nashville, TN
- 10:14 Lifeway Christian Resources Report** • Joe Walker, *outgoing interim president and CEO; vice president and chief operating officer*; Ryan Blackwell, *president & CEO*, Lifeway Christian Resources, Brentwood, TN
- 10:26 Cooperative Program Spotlight**
- 10:30 International Mission Board Sending Celebration** • Paul Chitwood, *president*, International Mission Board, Richmond, VA

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The 2026 SBC Annual Meeting app is home to everything you need to know for this year's gathering in Orlando. Scan the code or search "SBC Annual Meeting" in your phone's app store.



- 11:15 **Worship** • Gerald Malloy
- 11:25 **President's Address** • Clint Pressley
- 12:05 **Closing Prayer** • Breck Ladd, *senior pastor*, First Baptist Church, Madison, MS

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

June 9, 2026

- 2:00 **Worship** • Gerald Malloy, *Convention music director; worship ministry pastor*, Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC
- 2:10 **Opening Prayer** • Jonathan Parnell, *lead pastor*, Cities Church, St. Paul, MN
- 2:15 **Joint Seminary Reports** • Daniel L. Akin, *president*, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC; Jason K. Allen, *president*, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO; James K. Dew Jr., *president*, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA; David Dockery, *president*, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX; Adam P. Groza, *president*, Gateway Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention, Ontario, CA; R. Albert Mohler Jr., *president*, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY
- 3:27 **Cooperative Program Spotlight**
- 3:30 **Election of President**
- 3:45 **Introduction of New Motions (Last Opportunity)**
- 4:00 **Election of Recording Secretary**
- 4:15 **Executive Committee Report (First)** • Jeff Iorg, *president and CEO*, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, TN
- 4:55 **Miscellaneous Business**
- 5:15 **Committee on Order of Business Report (Second)** • Bryant Sims, *chair; chief operations officer*, South Carolina Baptist Convention, Columbia, SC
- 5:40 **Closing Prayer** • Jordon Willard, *senior pastor*, First Baptist Church, Weddington, NC

WEDNESDAY MORNING

June 10, 2026

- 8:00 **Worship** • Gerald Malloy, *Convention music director; worship ministry pastor*, Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC
- 8:10 **Prayer** • Chris Griggs, *lead pastor*, First Baptist Church Welcome, Lexington, NC
- 8:15 **Committee on Order of Business Report (Third)** • Bryant Sims, *chair; chief operations officer*, South Carolina Baptist Convention, Columbia, SC
- 8:35 **Election of First Vice President**
- 8:45 **Previously Scheduled Business** • Clint Pressley, *SBC president; senior pastor*, Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC

- 9:05 **Worship** • Gerald Malloy
- 9:15 **Convention Sermon** • Caleb Turner, *senior pastor*, Mesquite Friendship Baptist Church, Mesquite, TX
- 9:55 **Election of Second Vice President**
- 10:05 **Executive Committee Report (Second)** • Jeff Iorg, *president and CEO*, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, TN
- 10:45 **Woman's Missionary Union Report** • Sandra Wisdom-Martin, *executive director-treasurer*, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, AL
- 10:53 **Send Relief Presentation** • Kevin Ezell, *president*, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, Georgia; Paul Chitwood, *president*, International Mission Board, Richmond, VA
- 11:03 **International Mission Board Report** • Paul Chitwood
- 11:15 **Cooperative Program Spotlight**
- 11:18 **Election of Registration Secretary**
- 11:25 **Committee on Resolutions Report (Second)** • Hunter Baker, *chair; provost and dean of faculty*, North Greenville University, Greenville, SC
- 11:55 **Closing Prayer** • Ronnie Parrott, *lead pastor*, Christ Community, Huntersville, NC

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

June 10, 2026

- 2:30 **Worship** • Gerald Malloy, *Convention music director; worship ministry pastor*, Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC
- 2:45 **Prayer** • Mike Powers, *elder/lead pastor*, Richland Creek Community Church, Wake Forest, NC
- 2:50 **Committee on Resolutions Report (Third)** • Hunter Baker, *chair; provost and dean of faculty*, North Greenville University, Greenville, SC
- 3:20 **North American Mission Board Presentation** • Kevin Ezell, *president*, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA
- 3:45 **North American Mission Board Report** • Kevin Ezell
- 3:57 **Cooperative Program Spotlight**
- 4:00 **Previously Scheduled Business** • Clint Pressley, *SBC president; senior pastor*, Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC
- 4:20 **Committee on Order of Business Report (Fourth)** • Bryant Sims, *chair; chief operations officer*, South Carolina Baptist Convention, Columbia, SC
- Election of 2027 Convention Preacher, Alternate Preacher, and Music Director**
- 4:30 **Presentation of Officers** • Jeff Iorg, *president and CEO*, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, TN
- 4:40 **Closing Prayer** • Nicholas Clark, *executive director*, State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, Martinsville, IN

CONVENTION STANDING RULES

1. A messenger may seek recognition in one of 5 ways:
 - a. **For**—Allows a messenger to debate in favor of a motion or make any motion in order.
 - b. **Against**—Allows a messenger to debate in opposition to a motion or make any motion in order.
 - c. **Motion/Amendment**—Allows a messenger to make a new main motion, an amendment or other secondary motion such as the previous question.
 - d. **Urgent Request**—Allows a messenger to raise a point of order or appeal the ruling of the chair and may only be used when a rule has been broken or the chair has made a ruling on an item.
 - e. **Other**—Allows a messenger to make a motion that would normally interrupt a speaker such as a request for information, parliamentary inquiry, or question of privilege. If a messenger wishes to make one of these interrupting motions, they must relay to the page their intent to receive priority in recognition. A messenger recognized for preference may not debate or offer any other secondary motion. This may not be used to circumvent the line for debate. Please note that a request for information is a request to receive not give factual information.
2. In the Southern Baptist Convention, a **motion** shall be defined as calling for specific action by the Southern Baptist Convention or requesting specific action by one or more of its entities.
3. In the Southern Baptist Convention, a **resolution** is defined as an expression of opinion or concern at the time of adoption. Resolutions adopted by messengers during a previous Annual Meeting cannot be amended or rescinded by messengers at a subsequent Annual Meeting. However, messengers are free to adopt a new resolution to express their opinion on a given issue, including a resolution that may be contrary to one adopted by a prior Convention.
4. The time limits in the adopted program are enforceable. The start times in the adopted program do not constitute special orders for a specific time and are for guidance only.
5. A motion to call for the previous question is not in order until at least one (1) speaker “for” and one (1) speaker “against” a pending motion have been recognized.¹
6. All motions to amend the governing documents² of the Southern Baptist Convention or *The Baptist Faith and Message* (2000) not placed before the Convention by the Executive Committee shall be automatically referred to the Executive Committee for review and report back to the following Convention.³
7. In accordance with a long-standing custom of the Convention, affirmed by messengers in previous annual meetings, motions to censure, votes of no-confidence, and other disciplinary procedures for offenses outside the annual meeting are not in order.

¹ This rule may be suspended by a majority vote

² SBC governing documents include the SBC Constitution, Bylaws, and Business Financial Plan

³ This rule may be suspended by a majority vote

SEMINARY LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

Gateway Seminary

OCCC, Room 307

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

OCCC, Room 304

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

OCCC, Valencia Ballroom C/D

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Rosen Centre Hotel, Grand Ballroom

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

OCCC, Valencia Ballroom A/B

The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

OCCC, Room 311

Luncheons will begin following the conclusion of the Wednesday morning session.



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM *in Action*

Did you know your church can share Cooperative Program stories each and every week? Visit sbc.net/cpstories for weekly stories and downloads telling the story of how gifts to the Cooperative Program are making a difference for Christ all around our nation and the world!

Baptist Press

Get the latest Southern Baptist Convention news and see how your Cooperative Program dollars are making an impact by going online to BaptistPress.com or by following on Facebook (BaptistPress), X (@BaptistPress), or Instagram (@baptistpress).

Baptist Press is the official news service of the Southern Baptist Convention. Visit the website above to subscribe to daily morning and/or afternoon email newsletters.

GENERAL INFORMATION

INFORMATION CENTER

If you have questions concerning the SBC Annual Meeting or the Orange County Convention Center, visit the Information Center located in the lobby of Halls A4/B1 of the Convention Center. Lost and found, as well as emergency messages (which will be projected on the screens with the name of persons affected), can be found in the Convention Office (Room 205A) or by calling (615) 782-8612.

SAFETY & SECURITY

- The SBC Annual Meeting is a private religious gathering. The Southern Baptist Convention reserves the right to limit attendance to SBC messengers and invited guests and will take legal recourse against disruptive persons.
- Personal safety of those attending the Annual Meeting has been a high priority in the planning process. Please be alert and report any suspicious activity to the nearest security officer, Convention usher, or by contacting the Convention Office in Room 205A or by calling (615) 782-8612.
- Please do not leave packages unattended in the Convention Center at any time. Unattended packages will be confiscated by security personnel and may be subject to damage or destruction during examination. If you notice unattended packages, please inform those listed above.

LIVE STREAM AND LANGUAGE OPTIONS

- All SBC Annual Meeting sessions will be livestreamed in the *Baptist Press App*. You can learn more about *Baptist Press* and download the app at BaptistPress.com/app.
- Captions and ASL interpreting are also available at the front of the main hall to the side of the stage.
- We are pleased to announce that text translations for SBC26 will be available in five languages to ensure a more engaging experience for all our attendees. The languages offered are:

Spanish (Español)

Portuguese (Português)

Korean (한국어)

Cantonese (廣東話)

Mandarin (普通话)



Our goal is to make SBC26 accessible to all Southern Baptists, and we hope that these translations will help you fully participate and enjoy the event.

To access the translations, visit sbcannualmeeting.net/translations.

PRESS/MEDIA INFORMATION

- Members of the news media must be credentialed through the SBC Press Room, located in Rooms 208 B/C. Any messengers, guests, or exhibitors functioning as media are also required to register for media credentials.
- Credentialed media are required to abide by ground rules designed to ensure messengers and invited guests maintain their right to privacy. Media credentials must be visible at all times.
- Messengers who grant interviews are responsible for their own actions and statements.
- Credentialed videographers and photographers are permitted to work in the Convention Center within pre-approved, authorized areas. But film crews for non-profit ministries or advocacy groups are only allowed to conduct their business outside of the Convention Center and Convention hotels.
- Outside interest groups are not permitted to distribute material nor engage messengers for interviews.
- Should any messenger or invited guest witness activity in violation of this policy by credentialed press or outside interest groups, report the offending party to the Convention press office at (615) 782-8611.

MEETING PUBLICATIONS

- **Book of Reports**—Contains the annual reports of committees and entities of the Convention as well as any recommendations that may require a vote.

**Physical copies provided to messengers only; available electronically on the mobile app*

- **Annual**—Available in the fall of this year; contains the contents of the *Book of Reports* and Annual Meeting proceedings, as well as directories of SBC organizations and state conventions. Paperback copies can be ordered, while supplies last, by contacting annual@sbc.net. The *SBC Annual* can also be viewed and downloaded at sbc.net/annual.
- **Bulletin**—Contains recommendations not available at the time the *Book of Reports* was printed, announcements of business, times and places of special meetings, and other items of vital interest; published daily on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the Annual Meeting and placed at major entry areas of the convention hall each morning.

**Delivery of the Bulletin is made by the printer prior to the morning sessions; available electronically on the mobile app.*

REGARDING HANDOUTS

All handouts must be pre-approved by the Convention Manager. Messengers, guests, and/or exhibitors are prohibited from soliciting or handing out materials except in designated exhibit hall booth spaces. For questions or concerns, contact the Convention Office in Room 205A or at (615) 782-8612.

MESSENGER INFORMATION

HELPFUL TERMINOLOGY

MOTION—A motion calls for specific action by the Southern Baptist Convention or requests specific action by one or more of its entities. A motion normally begins with “I move that . . .” See following page for instructions on how to make a motion.

URGENT REQUEST—A point of order calls the attention of the chair to a violation of the Convention’s rules and should only be raised when a messenger has good reason to believe that the chair has failed to notice and correct a breach of the rules that prevents the proper transaction of business. Because a point of order interrupts pending business, it should not be raised merely to point out minor irregularities, to debate an issue, or as a method of obstructing business or harassing the chair.

PLATFORM PERSONNEL AND COMMITTEES—Information concerning duties of platform personnel and committees can be found on page 6.

RESOLUTION—A resolution has traditionally been defined as an expression of opinion or concern, as compared to a motion, which calls for action. A resolution is not used to direct an entity of the Southern Baptist Convention to specific action other than to communicate the opinion or concern expressed. Resolutions are decided upon at the discretion of the Committee on Resolutions and can be submitted by individuals from qualified churches as early as March 15, but no later than May 15. See SBC Bylaw 20 for other requirements concerning resolutions and the Committee on Resolutions.

TO MAKE A MOTION

1. Write your motion legibly. If the motion is spontaneous and you do not have time to write it before presenting it to the Convention at a microphone, write the motion, as you stated it, before leaving the microphone area. Motions can also be pre-filed/filed digitally (see “Pre-filing Motions”).
2. Go to a floor microphone at a time when motions are being considered.
3. Notify the Page at the microphone of your desire to make a motion.
4. When your microphone is recognized by the presiding officer, state your name, the name and location of your church, and read your motion. Do not argue the merits of your motion at this time. If the motion later comes before the body for discussion, you will then be given the first opportunity to speak.
5. Provide a copy of your motion to the Recording Secretary. You can submit electronically through the SBC Annual Meeting app or by email to recordingsecretary@sbc.net, or give a typed or legibly handwritten copy on standard paper to the Page at the microphone. The Page will take the copy of your motion to the platform so the motion may be entered into the record.
6. The Committee on Order of Business will consider all presented motions and announce further action(s) to be taken, either later in the session or in a following session.

TO SPEAK FROM THE FLOOR

1. Be at a microphone at the proper time, and make sure your desire to speak is properly characterized and input to the touch screen below the microphone at which you are standing.
2. Proceed to input your desire to speak. Do not wait for the presider to ask for input from the floor. If you are recognized for another issue, tell the chair which issue you are there to speak to, and the presider will return to you when your issue comes to the floor.

The chair could use several phrases to welcome comment from the floor on any issue. If you have not entered a desire to speak on the touch screen immediately at that time (or slightly before), you will not be recognized.

3. When recognized by the chair, state your name, the fact that you are a messenger, the name and location of your church, and then voice your position and reasoning.

Bylaws Relating to Speaking from the Floor

- **SBC Bylaw 1C**—A messenger may speak in debate for longer than three minutes only with the permission of the Convention granted by a two-thirds vote.
- **SBC Bylaw 1D**—A messenger may introduce a second motion during a business session only if no other messenger is seeking the floor who has not made a motion during that session.

PRE-FILING MOTIONS

You can make an important contribution to the accurate recording of our business proceedings by submitting motions or amendments electronically through the SBC Annual Meeting app or by email to recordingsecretary@sbc.net, or give a typed or legibly handwritten copy on standard paper to a page at a microphone who will then deliver to the recording secretary. For any submission, please include your name, church, and phone number.

Pre-filing does not guarantee consideration, as you are still required to go to a microphone and be recognized at the appropriate time, only then will it be entered into the official record. Pre-filing is simply a way to help with the official record and the efficiency of our work together.

DESCRIPTIONS AND DUTIES OF ROLES

THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS—The primary duty of the president is to preside during the annual session of the Convention by introducing each item of business on the agenda, recognizing speakers when they are entitled to the floor, stating and putting to a vote all questions that should come before the assembly, ruling on all questions of order, answering parliamentary inquiries relating to pending business, and assisting messengers in using correct procedure. The First and Second Vice Presidents preside in sessions at the request of the president.

RECORDING SECRETARY—The recording secretary is responsible for recording the proceedings of the annual session which will appear in the Wednesday Daily Bulletin as well as the SBC Annual; also serves as an ex-officio member of the SBC Executive Committee.

REGISTRATION SECRETARY—The registration secretary supervises the registration process, convenes the Registration Committee, reports to the Convention the number of registered messengers; responsible for the security of the ballots and tabulation of votes by the tellers; also serves as an ex-officio member of the Credentials Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRESIDENT AND CEO/TREASURER—The President and CEO of the Executive Committee is called upon during the Executive Committee’s report and at various other times during the Convention; serves as the Convention’s treasurer and advises the president and other officers regarding the Convention’s business; assisted on the platform by Executive Committee staff.

PARLIAMENTARIANS—The chief parliamentarian is responsible for advising the president on all matters of parliamentary procedure. Though the president will frequently consult the chief parliamentarian during the Convention, the parliamentarian’s role is purely advisory. All rulings on questions of order are made by the president.

In addition to assisting the president and the chief parliamentarian, assistant parliamentarians are available to advise the Committee on Order of Business as needed, and assist messengers with questions as they are available.

LEGAL COUNSEL—Outside attorneys who provide legal counsel for the president and other officers; they are also available to the Committee on Order of Business to advise in the processing of motions.

COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS—Nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected by messengers, this committee is responsible for preparing the Convention agenda and for scheduling all matters that require a vote; the committee’s chair reports several times during the Convention to inform messengers on the status of and the schedule for considering motions.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—Appointed by the SBC President, this committee proposes resolutions for consideration by messengers and presents them for consideration and/or debate during the annual meeting.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES—Appointed by the SBC President, this committee nominates the Committee on Nominations and any special committees that are authorized during Convention sessions.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS—Nominated by the Committee on Committees and elected by messengers, this committee nominates members to the Executive Committee and directors/trustees to boards, institutions, commissions, and standing committees of the Convention.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE—Elected by messengers and composed of the Registration Secretary, Executive Committee chair, three members nominated by the Executive Committee, and four members nominated by the Committee on Nominations; this committee recommends whether a church is in cooperation with the Convention.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE—Appointed by the SBC President, this committee supervises the registration of messengers, oversees operations of the registration desk, and rules upon any questions which may arise in registration concerning the credentials of messengers.

TELLERS—Appointed by the SBC President, this group tabulates the votes of messengers at the annual meeting.

LOCAL ENCOURAGEMENT TEAM—Appointed by the Convention Manager, this committee is mainly local to the area in and around the Annual Meeting host city; they support the Annual Meeting by coordinating volunteers, hosting the prayer room, and making connections within the host city.

2026 PLATFORM PERSONNEL

- President Clint Pressley, NC
- First Vice President.....Daniel Ritchie, NC
- Second Vice President..... Craig Carlisle, AL
- Recording SecretaryNathan A. Finn, SC
- Registration Secretary..... Don Currence, MO
- Treasurer.....Jeff Iorg, TN
- Music Director Gerald Malloy, NC
- Chief Parliamentarian C. Barry McCarty, GA
- Assistant Chief Parliamentarian Al Gage, AZ
- Assistant Parliamentarian C.J. Cavin, OK
- Parliamentary Assistant.....Craig Culbreth, FL

COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

- Andrew J. Bailey, AZ**
- Paul T. Davis, MS
- Cory Hines, TX
- Jonathan C. (Cole) Penick, AR
- Clint Pressley, NC***
- Bryant Sims, SC*
- William N. Woo, CA

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

- Arthur deLeon, NC
- Andrew Dyer, KY
- Kevin James, CA
- Tam Nannen, TX
- Chris Osborne, TX
- Jonathan Sams*, GA
- John Shaw, MS
- Don Currence***, MO
- Anthony Dockery***, CA

2026 COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

- Hunter Baker, SC*
- David Crowther, KS
- Landon Dowden, GA
- Jeff Goodyear, KY
- Hank Garner, KY
- Neisha Grubaugh, OH
- Ryan Helfenbein, VA
- Evan Lenow, MS
- Jeremy Pierre, KY
- Obbie Tyler Todd, SC

* Chair ** Vice-chair *** Ex-officio

2026 COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

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| Greg Corbin, AL | Brian Jump, MO |
| Mat Alexander, AL | David Brown, MO |
| Roger Stafford, AK | Joseph Gibbons, NV |
| David Bradley, AK | Eddie Miller, NV |
| Andrew Marchbanks, AZ | Jung Choi, MA (New England) |
| Brian McCoy, AZ | Rick Harrington, MA (New England) |
| Rob Davis, AR | Jared Bridge, NM |
| Brian Whitney, AR | Nancy Faucett, NM |
| Tito Villegas, CA | Chris Turpin, NY |
| Melody Hawks, CA | Daniel Lee, NY |
| Josh Green, CO | Josh Fraley, NC |
| Sean Cole, CO | Brandon Mullis, NC |
| Justin Perry, FL | Barry Campbell, OR (Northwest) |
| Jonathan Russell, FL | Bryan Bernard, OR (Northwest) |
| Cody McNutt, GA | Rob Kane, OH |
| Martha Ann Carter, GA | Ray Umphrey, OH |
| Gay Williams, HI | Michael Taylor, OK |
| Chris Komatsu, HI | Jeff DeGiacomo, OK |
| Victoria Awbrey, IL | William Chung, PA (PA-S. Jersey) |
| Nathan Carter, IL | Greg Drayer, PA (PA-S. Jersey) |
| Don Morris, IN | Dallas Wilson, SC |
| Coye Still, IN | Cory Horton, SC* |
| Andrew Abbott, KS (KS-NE) | Mike Head, TN |
| David Gibbs, KS (KS-NE) | Nick Moore, TN |
| Benita Decker, KY | Tasha Calvert, TX |
| Steve Hussung, KY | Kyle Cavin, TX |
| Karen Middleton, LA | Clara Hohmann, UT (UT-ID) |
| Todd Strain, LA | Jason McNair, UT (UT-ID) |
| Adam Muhtaseb, MD (MD-DE) | Jim Booth, VA |
| Jason Pamblanco, MD (MD-DE) | Rick Ewing, VA |
| Chris Peoples, MI | Jeff Canterbury, WV |
| Michele White, MI | Tony Craigo, WV |
| Cindy Townsend, MS | Daniel Wright, WY |
| Jim Bradford, MS | Sasha Snidow, WY |

2026 REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

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| Dawn Akutagawa, HI | Laramie LeQuieu, AR |
| Rob Armstrong, MS | Voyt Lynn, KS |
| Jaye Biles, TX | Amber Mathis, SC |
| John Boler, MS | Greg Mathis, KY |
| Garrett Conner, MD | John Pendleton, KY* |
| Eric Flynn, OH | Justin Perry, MO |
| Amy Jo Girardier, TN | Kristen Svajda, TX |
| Jonathan Greer, MS | Ray Swift, LA |
| John Harms, KS | Becky Turner, TX |
| Melody Hawks, CA | Eric Woods, AZ |
| Bert Kirk, VA | Josh Yowell, AR |

2026 COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

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| Melissa Bowen, AL | Bill Hurt, MS |
| David Eldridge, AL | Stan Bisher, MO |
| Marilyn King, AK | Jeremiah Greever, MO |
| Roy Phillips, AK | Ron Hall, NV |
| William Bagwell, AZ | Adam Mallette, NV |
| Don Vickers, AZ | Peggy Chen, MA (New England) |
| Chris Johnson, AR | Logan Loveday, MA (New England) |
| Emery Scism, AR | Crystal Soto, NM** |
| Anthony Chute, CA | Nathan Sherman, NM |
| Gavin Crews, CA | Todd Brandt, NJ |
| Madison Dupre, CO | Ina Sheilla Rios, NJ |
| Kyle Mack, CO | Michael Waters, NC |
| Melissa Lasseter, FL | Eddy Wu, NC |
| Cody Page, FL | Daniel Englehart, WA (Northwest) |
| Slade Johnson, GA | Dave Welsch, OH |
| Emily Pixler, GA | Joe Flatt, OH |
| Dennis Andrews, HI | Jeff Moore, OK* |
| Joshua Gumbert, HI | Terri Priddle, OK |
| Jeff Logsdon, IL | Don Henrickson, PA (PA-S. Jersey) |
| Jennifer Smith, IL | Kyle Smith, PA (PA-S. Jersey) |
| Steve Cline, IN | Corletta Brown, SC |
| Kathy Taylor, IN | Brett Myers, SC |
| Carl Bartenhagen, KS (KS-NE) | Phil Newton, TN |
| Voyt Lynn, KS (KS-NE) | Al Santos, TN |
| Andy Waldroup, KY | Jennifer Brooks, TX |
| D. Michael (Mike) Richey, KY | Coleman Philley, TX |
| Heather Johnson, LA | Andrew Jones, UT (UT-ID) |
| Leo Miller, LA | Barry Smith, UT (UT-ID) |
| Katie Barnes, MD (MD-DE) | Dean P. (Pat) Bell, VA |
| Brandon Cook, MD (MD-DE) | Chris Kesler, VA |
| Nate Click, MI | Matt Smith, WV |
| Tricia Werry, MI | Bill Harvison, WY |
| Marvin R. (Rick) Dunbar, MS | Cindy Ma, WY |

2026 TELLERS

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| Bob Allen, MO | Scott Morie, OK |
| Jess Archer, SC | Allen Nichols, MO |
| Jemar Bahinting, TX | Teresa Nichols, MO |
| Delton Beall, MS | M. Ryan Ogle, TN |
| Jeannie Beall, MS | Sarah Ogle, TN |
| Zachary Bearden, TN | Dub Oliver, TN |
| Spencer Bell, AL | Landon Orr, NC |
| Katie Bennett, SC | Sara Orr, NC |
| Trent Broussard, AR | Steven Ragan, NC |
| John Cofer, MS | Juanita Shelton, TX |
| Tim Coleman, AL | Richard Starnes, MO |
| Emily Cook, IN | JD Strouth, IN |
| James Gardner, LA | Scott Talley, FL |
| Jacob Gardner, LA | Connie Taylor, MS |
| Bryce Geiger, TX | Mark Taylor, MS |
| Sophia Geiger, TX | Chris Terrell, AL |
| April Haynes, MS | Alicia Violante, TX |
| David Haynes, MS* | Raul Violante, TX |
| Evens Jules, FL | Brandon Watson, TN |
| Chad King, LA | Krissy Watson, TN |
| Dale Lingenfelter, LA | Johan Wessels, TX |
| Donny Mathis, SC | Heather Wessels, TX |
| William Maxwell, TN | Starla Wetmore, OH |
| Jeff Maynard, NC | Nathan Whisnant, KY |
| Quillian Mercer, GA | Tammy Whisnant, KY |

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HOTEL SHUTTLE SCHEDULES

NOTES

TUESDAY SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Last shuttle leaves from the OCCC at 10:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Last shuttle leaves from the OCCC at 5:30 p.m.

Shuttles will start from hotels

Shuttles operate on 20-30 minute intervals

HOTEL SHUTTLE ROUTES

ROUTE A - Picks up ALL at SpringHill Suites

- Hampton Inn - International Drive
- Residence Inn - Convention Center
- SpringHill Suites - Convention Center
- Hyatt Place - International Drive
- Homewood Suites - International Drive

ROUTE B

- Embassy Suites - Convention Center
- Avanti - International Drive

ROUTE C - Picks up along Universal Blvd.

- LaQuinta Inn - Convention Center
- Castle Hotel
- Element Orlando
- Fairfield Inn - International Drive

ROUTE D

- Embassy Suites - Icon Park
- Holiday Inn Express - International Drive
- Ramada Plaza Resort (*picks up in shopping center in front*)
- Four Points - International Drive

ROUTE E

- Tru Hotel - Convention Center
- Hilton Garden Inn - SeaWorld
- Holiday Inn & Suites - International Drive

ROUTE F - Picks up at bus stop between Courtyard & Fairfield

- Courtyard Lake Buena Vista - Marriott Village
- Fairfield Inn Lake Buena Vista - Marriott Village
- SpringHill Suites Lake Buena Vista - Marriott Village

ROUTE G

- Drury Plaza - Lake Buena Vista
- Renaissance Resort - Disney Springs

Note: The Rosen Centre, Rosen Plaza, Hyatt Regency, & Days Inn are not serviced by shuttles.

SBC EC PLANNING TEAM

Steve Cowart, *Assistant Convention Manager*
 Rachel Gullledge, *Exhibit Hall Coordinator*
 Jonathan Howe, *Vice President for Convention Administration*
 Hillary Krantz, *Marketing & Sales Coordinator*
 Lynn Richmond, *Convention Manager*

LOCAL ENCOURAGEMENT TEAM

Glenn Canup	Tim O'Carroll
Zachary Drummond	Doug Pierce
Tim Grosshans	Bruce Sabin
Jeff Lehman	Bethany Williamson
Andrew McDow	Richard Williamson*

2026 REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Cory Horton, SC, chair; Full Committee listed on page 7

Nominees to the 2026-2027 SBC Committee on Nominations

** indicates layperson from each state or region*

Alabama

*Bethany Murray
Redemption Hill, Birmingham
Taylor Rutland
First, Dothan

Alaska

Nathaniel Buck
Agape Fellowship, Wasilla
*Nicholas Dugger
University, Fairbanks

Arizona

*Steve Shook
Foothills, Phoenix
Ashley Evans
Twenty Second Street, Tucson

Arkansas

Scott Hobbs
First, Rogers
*Bill Williams
First, Searcy

California

Jim Wilson
Eagle Ridge, Menifee
*Jason Reed
Hope in the Valley, Hemet

Colorado

*Steve Bohnke
Calvary, Severance
Justin McKay
Valor, Arvada

Florida

Charlie Jackson
Covenant Life, Tampa
*Lance Bush
First, Chipley

Georgia

Jason Dees
Christ Covenant, Atlanta
*Margaret Kelley
First, Tifton

Hawaii-Pacific

Jay Haynes
Kahului, Kahului
*Naomi Ashman
Olivet, Honolulu

Illinois

Eric Brown
Brainard Avenue, Countryside
*Charlene Moe
Chatham, Chatham

Indiana

*Trevin Bender
Floyds Knobs, Floyds Knobs
Dan Defriece
Calvary, Seymour

Kansas-Nebraska

Philip Carlson
Calvary, Valley Center (KS)
*Pamela Schmidt
South View, Lincoln (NE)

Kentucky

Rob Patterson
Eastwood, Bowling Green
*Stan Spees
Lone Oak First, Paducah

Louisiana

*Bruce Lilly
Jefferson, Baton Rouge
Gregory Bath
Trinity, Lake Charles

Maryland-Delaware-DC

Andrew Morgan
Immanuel, Salibury (MD)
*David Morris
Redeeming Grace, Callaway (MD)

Michigan

*Ben Bauer
First, Brighton
*Megan Line
Memorial, Sterling Heights

Mississippi

Michael Lee
First, Jackson
*Regina Johnston
Thompson, Smithdale

Missouri

John Yeats
First, Stover
*Kenneth Howe
Hillcrest, Lebanon

Nevada

*Ted Angle
Faith Ministry, Reno
Brett Cargile
Foothills, Las Vegas

New England

Paul Buckley
King of Grace, Haverhill (MA)
*Stephanie Cho
Antioch, Cambridge (MA)

New Mexico

*Elaine Williford
Central, Clovis
Jesse Parker
Celebration, Rio Rancho

New York

*Sugiarto Widjaja
Cornerstone, Elmhurst
Ryan Schneider,
Saranac Lake, Saranac Lake

North Carolina

Jonathan Blaylock
North Albemarle, Albemarle
*Adam Hocutt
Eastern Hills, Charlotte

Northwest

Brian King
Harvest Community, Eugene (OR)
*David Calhoun
Valleypoint, Spokane (WA)

Ohio

Brian Moffatt
Friendship, New Concord
*Kendall Heaton
Redemption Hill, Galloway

Oklahoma

*Samantha Decker
Quail Springs, Oklahoma City
Ryan Smith
Arrow Heights, Broken Arrow

Pennsylvania-South Jersey

*Jonathan Lee
Philadelphia Mission,
Philadelphia (PA)
Ben Reaoch
Three Rivers Grace, Pittsburgh (PA)

South Carolina

Tony Wolfe (Chair)
Shandon, Columbia
*Chuck Wallington
First, Spartanburg

Tennessee

Phillip Smith
Faith Harvest, Lenoir City
*Janet Hayes
Lyons Creek, Strawberry Plains

Texas

Aaron Scarbrough
First, Forney
*Matthew Snyder
Prestonwood, Plano

Utah-Idaho

*Dolores O'Neill
Central Valley, Meridian (ID)
Troy Walker
Mosaic, Provo (UT)

Virginia

Joey Anthony
Mount Pleasant,
Colonial Heights
*Brandon Anderson
Staples Mill Road, Glen Allen

West Virginia

*Mark Toole
Winfield, Winfield
Jason Thomas
The Church at Morgantown,
Morgantown

Wyoming

*Patty Martz
Hilltop, Casper
Reuben Marlow
Living Hope, Green River

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Jeff Moore, OK, chair; Full Committee listed on page 7

SBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2028:

Mississippi: *Robert Winklepeck, Fairview, Columbus, MS;
replacing *Brian A. Cloys^R, Bayou View, Gulfport, MS

Term Expiring 2029:

Kentucky: *Andy Weeks, Hurstbourne, Louisville, KY;
replacing *Marcella M. Crenshaw^R, Parkway, Bardstown, KY

Term Expiring 2030:

Alabama: Mark Bethea, First, Montgomery, AL;
replacing Donald (Neal) Hughes^l, Heritage, Montgomery, AL
Florida: *Melody Lee, First Gray Gables, Callahan, FL;
replacing *Archalena B. Coats^l, Kingdom Covenant, Miami, FL
Georgia: §*Peter T. Madsen, Dogwood, Tyrone, GA;
replacing Clyde Anthony (Tony) Chester^l, Tabernacle, Cartersville, GA
Iowa: Pablo A. Miguez, First Family, Ankeny, IA;
replacing Roger T. (Todd) Stiles^l, First Family, Ankeny, IA
North Carolina: Christopher J. (Chris) Griggs, First Welcome, Lexington, NC;
replacing Christopher N. (Chris) Dickerson^l, Arran Lake, Fayetteville, NC

Eligible to Serve Another Term Expiring 2030:

Alabama: *David H. Spencer^E, Circlewood, Tuscaloosa, AL
Alaska: Don E. Shannon^E, Sunset Hills, Anchorage, AK
Arkansas: Mollie Duddleston^E, Cross, Rogers, AR
Arkansas: *Donald J. (Donny) Wells, Sr.^E, Second, Conway, AR
California: Anthony L. (Tony) Dockery^E, St. Stephen, La Puente, CA
Georgia: Landon G. Dowden^E, Hebron, Dacula, GA
Kentucky: Hank Garner^E, Lone Oak First, Paducah, KY
Louisiana: John S. (Jack) Hunter^E, First, New Orleans, LA
Mississippi: Lloyd Sweatt^E, Meadowood, Amory, MS
Montana: Caleb T. Groteluschen^E, Capstone, Helena, MT
South Carolina: *Sarah H. Rogers^E, Christ Fellowship, Greenville, SC
Tennessee: Corey Cain^E, First, Seymour, TN
Texas: Byron V. McWilliams^E, First, Odessa, TX
Texas: *Tampa J. (Tam) Nannen^E, Central, Jacksonville, TX
Utah-Idaho: Michael E. (Mike) Pless^E, Canyons Church, Cottonwood Heights, UT
Virginia: Drew Landry^E, Spotswood, Fredericksburg, VA

GUIDESTONE FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Term Expiring 2030:

Arkansas: *Jim C. Petty, First, Van Buren, AR;
replacing *David M. Rainwater^l, Immanuel, Little Rock, AR
Georgia: *Richard L. Davis, Providence, Tallapoosa, GA;
replacing *Deana Hames^l, First, Woodstock, GA
Michigan: Christopher M. (Chris) Cox, Lakepointe, Shelby Township, MI;
filling New Position
Missouri: Wesley C. Vance, Crossway, Springfield, MO;
replacing Timothy R. (Tim) Huddleston^l, Second, Springfield, MO
Pennsylvania-South Jersey: *Albert M. (Bert) Bruce, Jr., Keystone, Montgomeryville, PA; *filling* New Position
South Carolina: *April Collins, Millbrook, Aiken, SC;
replacing *Gary L. Stooksbury^l, Millbrook, Aiken, SC
Tennessee: *Kimberly W. (Kim) Young, Gallaher Memorial, Knoxville, TN;
replacing *Christopher L. Kelly^l, Third, Murfreesboro, TN
Virginia: Joseph R. (Joe) Mayes, Mount Pleasant, Colonial Heights, VA;
filling New Position

Eligible to Serve Another Term Expiring 2030:

Alabama: *James E. (Eric) Morgan^E, First, Prattville, AL
New York: *Danielle A. Kavanagh-Smith^E, Wake-Eden Community, Bronx, NY

Not to be Replaced:

Nevada: Damian Cirincione^l, Shadow Hills, Las Vegas, NV
Oklahoma: *James R. (Jim) Scrivner^l, First, Ada, OK

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

Term Expiring 2027:

Louisiana: Timothy E. Williams, Williams Boulevard, Kenner, LA;
replacing Michael R. (Mike) Benefield^R, Temple, Ruston, LA

Term Expiring 2028:

Kentucky: *Cathy B. Stafford, Buck Run, Frankfort, KY;
replacing Nicholas R. (Nick) Clark^R, Oak Grove, Cadiz, KY

Term Expiring 2029:

Dakotas: Josh Bonner, Calvary, Rapid City, SD;
replacing *Bruce L. Roach^R, Cross Roads, Minot, ND
Florida: *David L. Rau, Wakulla Springs, Crawfordville, FL;
replacing *Pam Butler^R, Olive, Pensacola, FL

Term Expiring 2030:

Florida: Ryan V. Mason, First, Hilliard, FL;
replacing Alan M. Brumback^l, First, Naples, FL
Georgia: Mary H. Cox, North Metro, Braselton, GA;
replacing *Joyce A. Chambers^l, Grace, Monroe, GA
Mississippi: *Daniel P. Edney, First, Vicksburg, MS;
replacing *Justin R. Lohmeier^{DS}, Hillcrest, New Albany, MS
New Mexico: Kyle D. Stevens, Christ, Albuquerque, NM;
replacing John E. Hinze^l, First, Artesia, NM
Oklahoma: *Ray Foreman, South Tulsa, Tulsa, OK;
replacing Chris B. Wall^l, First, Owasso, OK
South Carolina: Dennis J. (DJ) Horton, Church at The Mill, Moore, SC;
replacing R. Marshall Blalock^l, First, Charleston, SC
Tennessee: Benjamin T. (Ben) Shoun, Arrowhead, Morristown, TN;
filling New Position
Texas: Jonathan B. Coleman, Harvey, Stephenville, TX;
replacing William T. (Tommy) Turner^l, First, Paris, TX
Texas: Jesse M. Payne, West Conroe, Conroe, TX;
replacing John B. McCullough^l, Trinity, Bonham, TX

Eligible to Serve Another Term Expiring 2030:

Alabama: Tracie M. Griggs^E, Southside, Southside, AL
Georgia: *Kristen Nichols^E, Mercy Hill, Marietta, GA
Hawaii: Carlos I. Higa^E, Hamama Community, Kaneohe, HI
Nevada: Thomas R. McCormick, Jr.^E, Hope, Las Vegas, NV
New England: *Allison Karr Blessen^E, City on a Hill, Brookline, MA
North Carolina: Donald M. Cline^E, Mt. Anderson, Maiden, NC
Ohio: *Marci C. Hare^E, First, Heath, OH
Tennessee: *Timothy S. Sheehy^E, Cornerstone, Germantown, TN
Texas: Gregory H. Pickering^E, Brazos Pointe, Lake Jackson, TX
Texas: *Mary Jane Schwarz^E, First, McAllen, TX
Utah-Idaho: *David A. Edmunds^E, Hope, Salt Lake City, UT
Wyoming: Rondie H. Taylor^E, Boyd Avenue, Casper, WY

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* - Non-Church/Denominational-Related Vocation | † - Interim Trustee | § - Changes since published by Baptist Press (Apr. 24, 2026)

LIFEWAY CHRISTIAN RESOURCES**Term Expiring 2030:**

Alabama: William D. (Bill) Johnston, Dawson Memorial, Homewood, AL;
replacing Benjamin D. Posey¹, First, Leroy, AL

Florida: Pedro J. Linares, LifePointe, Eustis, FL;
replacing Curtis D. Clark¹, Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, FL

Louisiana: Kathy S. Kirk, First, Farmerville, LA;
replacing *Seane¹ S. Rice^{DS}, Connect, New Orleans, LA

Mississippi: *Frank D. Carlisle, First, Madison, MS;
replacing Derrick Burt¹, First, Natchez, MS

Ohio: *Ginger F. Gilhooly, Centerville Christian Fellowship,
Centerville, OH;
replacing Chad Keck¹, First Kettering, Dayton, OH

Pennsylvania-South Jersey: Phillip J. Huggins, First, Rochester, PA;
replacing *Madeline Harris¹, Ezekiel, Philadelphia, PA

South Carolina: James A. (Andy) Roberson, South Main,
Greenwood, SC;
replacing *Cynthia M. Cook¹, South Main Street, Greenwood, SC

Texas: Alan J. Arthur, First, San Saba, TX;
replacing Ryan J. Gilbert^{DS}, Lamar, Arlington, TX

Texas: *Carla L. Lasater, First, Bowie, TX;
replacing Jacob M. Fitzgerald¹, Denman Avenue, Lufkin, TX

Eligible to Serve Another Term Expiring 2030:

Florida: Scott E. Yirka^E, Hibernia, Fleming Island, FL

New Mexico: *Randy M. Egan^E, First, Santa Fe, NM

Oklahoma: *Lana E. Gragert^E, First, Choctaw, OK

Tennessee: *Beth Greene^E, First, Knoxville, TN

Texas: Matt E. Surber^E, Mission City, San Antonio, TX

Texas: Wes T. Terry^E, Broadview, Abilene, TX

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD**Term Expiring 2027:**

Indiana: *Brandon Todd, Georgetown Southern, Georgetown, IN;
replacing Isaiah Turner^R, First, Henryville, IN

Term Expiring 2030:

Florida: James R. Bridwell, Pioneer, Crawfordville, FL;
replacing Brian E. Nall¹, Olive, Pensacola, FL

Louisiana: *Wiley R. (Randy) Smith, First, Denham Springs, LA;
replacing Gevan L. Spinney¹, First, Haughton, LA

Mississippi: *Patricia C. (Patti) Gandy, First, Madison, MS;
replacing Tommy Mitchell¹, Agricola, Lucedale, MS

Mississippi: *Jason Paulk, Longview Point, Hernando, MS;
replacing Bill H. Wright¹, Trinity, Vicksburg, MS

Tennessee: John S Allen, Emmanuel, Collierville, TN;
filling New Position

Texas: Josh Fields, First, Iowa Park, TX;
replacing *Amy N. Thompson^{DS}, Redeemer, Lubbock, TX

Texas: *Michelle L. Reynolds, First, Houston, TX;
replacing Bill L. Coffey¹, Pinecrest, Silsbee, TX

Eligible to Serve Another Term Expiring 2030:

Alabama: John C. Jenkins^E, Northport, Northport, AL

Florida: Joshua L. (Josh) Reavis^E, North Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL

New England: *Heather L. Kirk^E, Renewal, Boston, MA

Northwest: *Daniel B. Kim^E, The Well Community, Bellevue, WA

Texas: Caleb M. Turner^E, Mesquite Friendship, Mesquite, TX

Texas: Jeff Young^E, Champion Forest, Houston, TX

Not to be Replaced:

North Carolina: *David E. Amiss¹, Poplar Spring, Zebulon, NC

GATEWAY SEMINARY**Term Expiring 2028:**

At Large: Zachary R. (Zack) Dunckley, The Mission, Issaquah, WA;
replacing Robert L. (Rob) Pengra^R, Hope, Portland, OR

Term Expiring 2031:

At Large: Dustin J. Saunders, Del Cerro, La Mesa, CA;
replacing *Wilfred Selvaraj¹, First, San Francisco, CA

At Large: *Justin Tidwell, Fellowship, Beaumont, CA;
replacing Philip W. Kell¹, Woodward Park, Fresno, CA

At Large: §Jason C. Omahen, Cedar Pointe, Cedar Park, TX;
replacing Pedro Moises Gomez^R, First, Irving, TX

Indiana: *Mackenzie (Mac) Zambrano, Hope Community,
Brownsburg, IN;
replacing Steven N. Davidson¹, First, Sellersburg, IN

New Mexico: Stephen P. Baum, First West, Albuquerque, NM;
replacing Stephen C.M. Long¹, Tender Mercy, Bosque Farms, NM

Tennessee: John M. Enoch, Covenant, Collierville, TN;
replacing Michael Day¹, Faith, Bartlett, TN

Eligible to Serve Another Term Expiring 2031:

Maryland-Delaware-DC: Justin L. Woods^E, South Shore,
Crownsville, MD

Missouri: Brandon L. Boatner^E, Remix Church (Dorsett Village),
Maryland Heights, MO

MIDWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**Term Expiring 2027:**

Local: *William C. (Will) Wilson, Jr., Goldsby, Goldsby, OK;
replacing Collin G. Coffee^R, Calvary, Inola, OK

Term Expiring 2031:

Local: *Jeremy J. Lloyd, Fellowship, Wildwood, MO;
replacing Chad McDonald¹, Lenexa, Lenexa, KS

Missouri: †Eddie Bumpers, Crossway, Springfield, MO;
replacing M. Lane Harrison^R, LifePoint, Ozark, MO

New England: *Patrick Liu, Antioch, Cambridge, MA;
replacing Emmanuel P. Fontaine¹, Grace and Faith, Saugus, MA

Tennessee: Thomas W. (Tom) Agnew, Emmanuel, Lavergne, TN;
replacing *Sarah E. (Elicia) Walker^{DS}, First, Sparta, TN

Eligible to Serve Another Term Expiring 2031:

Florida: Mark E. Penick^E, First, Brandon, FL

Local: LeRon G. West^E, Gilcrease Hills, Tulsa, OK

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**Term Expiring 2027:**

New Mexico: *Ryan K. Coffey, First, Bloomfield, NM;
replacing Michael Kirby^R, Central, Clovis, NM

Term Expiring 2031:

Local: *David A. Barrington, Lakeshore, New Orleans, LA;
replacing Shannon Brown^{DS}, Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, LA

Local: *John C. (Chris) Thurman, Easthaven, Brookhaven, MS;
replacing Gary B. Shows¹, Temple, Hattiesburg, MS

Michigan: Ray A. Ruffin, Jr., New Found Hope Community, Redford, MI;
filling New Position

Missouri: Jonathon D. Woodyard, First, Bolivar, MO;
replacing *Marvin A. Daniels^{DS}, Mosaic, Kansas City, MO

New York: *Hendel J. Gonzalez, Somerset Hills, Basking Ridge, NJ;
replacing *Kristen C. Phelps^R, New City, New York, NY

North Carolina: Jordon R. Willard, First, Weddington, NC;
replacing *Kevin R. Chaney¹, Hickory Grove, Charlotte, NC

Pennsylvania-South Jersey: William S. (Will) Land, Harvest,
Kittanning, PA;
filling New Position

West Virginia: Timothy D. (Tim) Turner, Good Shepherd, Scott Depot, WV;
replacing Allan D. Thompson^R, Immanuel, Princeton, WV

Eligible to Serve Another Term Expiring 2031:

Kentucky: Brian C. Hinton^E, Highview, Louisville, KY
Local: *Joshua L. (Josh) Proffitt^E, First, Lafayette, LA

SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Term Expiring 2028:

Local: *Shannon L. Underwood, Villa Heights, Roanoke, VA;
replacing Kyler J. Smith^R, Hickory Grove, Charlotte, NC

Term Expiring 2031:

Local: Ryan S. Goodroe, Utica, Seneca, SC;
replacing *Timothy C. Dale^I, Redeemer, Wilson, NC
Local: *Lance W. Smith, Forest, Forest, VA;
replacing *Carlos F. Goodrich^I, Center Grove, Clemmons, NC
Mississippi: †Julius R. (Randy) Mascagni, Morrison Heights, Clinton, MS;
replacing T. Brett Golson^I, Leaf River, Collins, MS

Eligible to Serve Another Term Expiring 2031:

Indiana: Alan D. Scott^E, Oakhill, Evansville, IN
Missouri: Michael T. Byrd^E, Faith Community Bible, St. Louis, MO

SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Term Expiring 2029:

Virginia: †Matt Smethurst, River City, Richmond, VA;
replacing Robert W. Pochek^R, First, Charlottesville, VA

Term Expiring 2031:

California: Jeff J. Mooney, Redeemer, Riverside, CA;
replacing *Danny R. Hernandez^R, ECHO, Chino, CA
Georgia: Austin H. (Hunter) Roe, First, Bremen, GA;
replacing Timothy A. (Tim) McCoy^I, Ingleside, Macon, GA
Local: *Mark E. Pulliam, Clifton, Louisville, KY;
replacing *Jeremiah W. (Jeremy) Rhoden^I, Clifton, Louisville, KY
Mississippi: *Jason C. Simon, First, Oxford, MS;
replacing *William D. (Bill) Sones^I, First, Brookhaven, MS
North Carolina: Dave Russell, Oakhurst, Charlotte, NC;
replacing *David P. Bruce^I, Lake Hills, Candler, NC
Oklahoma: Nick J. Johnson, First, Lindsay, OK;
replacing Joe D. Ligon^I, First, Marlow, OK
South Carolina: Wesley D. Church, First, Columbia, SC;
replacing Joshua W. Powell^I, Taylors, Taylors, SC
Texas: *Jacob J. Speight, Parkway, Victoria, TX;
replacing *A. Keith Daniels^I, MacArthur Boulevard, Irving, TX
Virginia: ††Randolph D. Alles, Franconia, Alexandria, VA;
replacing Will H. Langford^R, Great Bridge, Chesapeake, VA

Eligible to Serve Another Term Expiring 2031:

Alabama: Benjamin S. Stubblefield^E, Spring Hill, Mobile, AL
Illinois: Scott Nichols^E, Crossroads, Carol Stream, IL
Local: *John C. Piwetz^E, Crossroads, Elizabethtown, KY

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Term Expiring 2031:

Alabama: Darryl L. Craft, Whitesburg, Huntsville, AL;
replacing Jeff Meyers^D, First, Opelika, AL
Arkansas: David H. Mason, Walnut Valley, Hot Springs, AR;
replacing Richard B. (Brad) Lewter^{DS}, Grand Avenue, Fort Smith, AR
Michigan: Jay A. Anderson, CrossPointe, Monroe, MI;
filling New Position

New Mexico: Reed J. Redus, First, Santa Fe, NM;
replacing Jonathan D. Richard^I, First, Estancia, NM

Pennsylvania/South Jersey: *Mantel Feathersen, Keystone, Montgomeryville, PA;
filling New Position

Virginia: Bryan E. Smith, First, Roanoke, VA;
replacing Matthew A. Kirkland^I, Crosslink Community, Harrisonburg, VA

Eligible to Serve Another Term Expiring 2031:

At Large: *Angela Duncan^E, Mambrino, Granbury, TX
Kentucky: *James W. Taylor^E, Parkway, Lexington, KY
Nevada: †Mike Bussey^E, Walk, Las Vegas, NV

ETHICS & RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COMMISSION

Term Expiring 2027:

Ohio: †James D. (JD) Davis, Dublin, Dublin, OH;
replacing *Sarah M. Young^R, Dayton Avenue, Xenia, OH

Term Expiring 2028:

Arizona: †Chad Murrell, Vista, Scottsdale, AZ;
replacing Anthony J. Cox^R, Mercy Hill, Phoenix, AZ

Term Expiring 2029:

Arkansas: †Jeff W. Thomsson, East Side, Fort Smith, AR;
replacing Ryan Johnson^R, First, Elkins, AR

Term Expiring 2030:

At Large: *Timothy A. Garrison, Second, Springfield, MO;
replacing David E. Prince^I, Ashland Avenue, Lexington, KY
At Large: †Mariano I. Sarabia, First, O'Fallon, IL;
replacing Jon C. Nelson^R, Soma Community, Jefferson City, MO
Colorado: *Jessica M. Dixon, Storyline, Arvada, CO;
filling New Position
Illinois: Bruce M.B. Kirk, Alpha Missionary, Bolingbrook, IL;
replacing D. Scott Foshie^I, Chatham, Chatham, IL
Michigan: *Andrew J. Spencer, CrossPointe, Monroe, MI;
filling New Position
Mississippi: ††Dana R. Parsons, First, Wiggins, MS;
replacing Matthew T. Morgan^R, Grace, Indianola, MS

Eligible to Serve Another Term Expiring 2030:

Kansas-Nebraska: *Sam A. Morris^E, The Bridge, Wichita, KS
Kentucky: Jaime F. Masso^E, Primera, Mayfield, KY
New York: Alvin Whilby, Jr.^E, Wake Eden Community, Bronx, NY
Virginia: *Heather C. Sells^E, River Oak, Chesapeake, VA

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2029

At Large: *David E. Closson, Capitol Hill, Washington, DC;
replacing Christopher S. Osborne^I, Cross Church, Fort Worth, TX
At Large: †Jeanine Sanchez^{ECN}, High Point, Austin, TX;
replacing Kevin W. James^I, New Creation Bible, Tracy, CA

COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

Term Expiring 2029

At Large: David W. Little, First, Abbeville, SC;
replacing Cory Hines^I, Coggin Avenue, Brownwood, TX
At Large: Richard A. (Rich) Starnes, North Shore, Rocky Mount, MO;
replacing Bryant Sims^I, First Mt. Moriah, Greenwood, SC

Term Expiring 2030 - Pending approval of SBC EC Recommendation 7

At Large: †Douglas W. Holtz, Brentwood, Brentwood, TN;
filling New Position
At Large: †Reagan Wagoner, Grace Point Fellowship, Middletown, OH;
filling New Position

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MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Michael and Jenny, Europe — *Open Door Church, NC*

Please pray for rest as we transition from one mission field to another.

Haley, Asia-Pacific Rim — *Temple Baptist Church, MS*

Please pray that I will lean on the strength and love of the Lord and not my own strength or abilities.

Justin and Meredith, Europe — *Harvest Church, LA*

Pray for God to give us wisdom as we move to Spain and transition to living there.

Tanner and Sallie, Asia-Pacific Rim — *Frontline Church South, OK*

Pray that we would steward time left in America well and that the Spirit would continue to expand our hearts to love our neighbors.

Clay and Elizabeth, Americas — *First Baptist Church, GA*

Please pray for all the transitions we're about to face, that we'd grow more in love with Christ and closer as a family.

Lonnie, Europe — *The Church at Godley Station, GA*

Pray that I will learn to be a good long-distance father and grandpa.

Peter and Anise, Asia-Pacific Rim — *New Life Vision Church, TX*

Please pray that the fire of the Gospel within us would spread and ignite a passion for Jesus throughout the Philippines!

Sarah, Europe — *Imago Dei Church, NC*

Pray that I might serve a new generation of third culture kids well as a teacher in Europe.

Stephen, Asia-Pacific Rim — *Redeemer Baptist Church, CA*

Ask the Lord to provide deep friendships in my future city.

McLain and Rebecca, Asia-Pacific Rim — *The Paradox Church, TX*

Please pray that we would be faithful and bold witnesses for Jesus in Japan.

Jordan and Nicole, Europe — *First Baptist Church Peachtree City, GA*

Please pray for clarity, unity, strength, and a smooth transition for our daughters as we follow where He leads next.

Justin, Europe — *Sower Church, NE*

Please pray that I would continue to abide in God and trust His Word.

Joy, Central Asia — *Open Door Church, NC*

Please pray for emotional, mental, and spiritual endurance as I go to a place steeped in darkness.

Emery and Candace, South Asia — *Faith Baptist Church, NC*

Please pray that the Lord would protect our marriage, protect us from sin, and give us strength in the midst of heavy spiritual warfare and vast darkness.

Phil and Lori, Asia-Pacific Rim — *First Baptist Church, LA*

Please pray we will serve Him well and people will believe in Him!

Daniel and Kate, Europe — *First Baptist Church Spartanburg, SC*

Pray for God to strengthen our hearts for each step before us.

June, South Asia — *Rocky Creek Baptist Church, SC*

Please pray for my transition to the field as I say goodbye to friends and family.

Hunt and Ivy, Asia-Pacific Rim — *Lāna'i Baptist Church, HI*

Please pray for us to rely on Christ daily as we strive to make Him known.

Thalia, Europe — *Lakeshore Church, LA*

Pray for divine peace, strong connections, and more laborers for Christ.

Tom and Macy, Asia-Pacific Rim — *Crosstown Church, OK*

Please pray for deepening language and cultural understanding so we can love people deeply and clearly communicate Christ.

Clay, North Africa and the Middle East — *The Church at Brook Hills, AL*

Pray that I would seek God every day.

Luka and Violet, Central Asia — *Fellowship Church, AL*

Please pray that we will faithfully abide in Christ and proclaim the gospel clearly on the field.

Jacob and Jane, Asia-Pacific Rim — *First Baptist Church, MS*

Please pray we would be conformed to the image of Christ.

Angelica, South Asia — *Redeemer Church, TX*

Pray as I prepare to serve in South Asia, equipping local believers to reach the unreached and unengaged.

Wayne and Molly, Asia-Pacific Rim — *Highview Baptist Church, KY*

Please pray that our family would adapt well to a new culture and that we would be a light in the darkness.

Frank and Claire, Europe — *The Church at Agape Outpost, CO*

Please join us in praying as we transition to life back on the field, apart from family. Ask the Lord to grant us favor as we assimilate to new cultures in the days ahead.

Michael and Susie, Asia-Pacific Rim — *Westside Baptist Church, FL*

Please pray that our adult children abide in Jesus and flee from all temptations.

Henry and Abby, Central Asia — *Park Baptist Church, NC*

Pray that we would be sustained by the Lord as we lay down our comfort and convenience in order to take the Gospel to the unreached.

Benji and Mae, Asia-Pacific Rim — *Hebron Baptist Church, KY*

Pray with us that God would empower us to finish well at our respective ministries of pastoring and teaching, and that we will lead our children well in this transition.

Charlie and April, Europe — *Movement Church, VA*

Pray for us and our two daughters as we transition to a new home and serve among refugees in Europe.

Titus and Charlotte, Asia-Pacific Rim — *Kernan Church, FL*

Please pray for perseverance in language learning, and for God to bless our six children with local friends.

Brendan and Hannah, South Asia — *Grace City Church-South Mission, Canada*

Please pray that we would be faithful to His call and preserve like those who have gone before us.

Bruce and Joni, Asia-Pacific Rim — *Living Hope Baptist Church, SC*

Please pray for our daughters and their families as we go.

Nora, Central Asia — *Pine Church, TN*

Pray for wisdom in navigating relationships as I share the gospel.

Ji-hoon and Ari, Asia-Pacific Rim — *The Church of Light and Salt, TX*

Please pray that we will serve humbly as we show the people the love that Jesus showed us.

Mark and Rachel, South Asia — *Olive Baptist Church, FL*

Please pray we remain a strong, authentic family, deeply rooted in Christ, leaning on Him daily — trusting that even one life transformed by the gospel would be worth it all.

Jude and Lily, Asia-Pacific Rim — *Cross City Church, TX*

Please pray for our family to abide in Jesus and remain committed to His calling.



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RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO THE 2026 SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

RESOLUTION #1: On the 250th Anniversary of the United States and the Baptist Contribution to Religious Liberty

1. WHEREAS, The United States of America was founded on July 4, 1776, with the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, which recognized the fundamental truth that all people are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, thus establishing a new nation committed to ordered liberty and the rule of law; and
2. WHEREAS, The American founders understood these rights are given by God and secured by government and further comprehended the importance of Christianity to the framing and flourishing of the new republic (Romans 13:1-7); and
3. WHEREAS, The freedoms enshrined in the US Constitution and Bill of Rights—particularly the freedom of religion and the freedom of speech—have enabled the free and open proclamation of the gospel at home and abroad; and
4. WHEREAS, Baptist leaders such as Isaac Backus, John Leland, and others played a vital role in advocating for religious liberty, contributing to the development and eventual adoption of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, which guarantees the free exercise of religion and prohibits the establishment of a state church; and
5. WHEREAS, Baptists have historically affirmed that religious liberty is not merely a political principle (such as a “wall of separation”) but a biblical conviction rooted in the teaching that every individual is accountable to God and must be free to respond to Him without coercion from the state (Matthew 22:21; Acts 4:19-20, 17:26-27; Romans 14:12); and
6. WHEREAS, 2026 will mark the semiquincentennial (250th anniversary) of the founding of the United States, a historic milestone to remember and reflect upon God’s providential blessings and sovereign hand throughout the nation’s history; and
7. WHEREAS, We recognize the many challenges and shortcomings in our national history, including sins such as slavery, racism, abortion, injustice, and sexual immorality, and affirm the continuing need for national repentance, reconciliation, and revival through the transforming power of the gospel; and
8. WHEREAS, Despite its failures the United States increasingly realized the promise of its founding by ending slavery and segregation at home and defending freedom from the 20th century totalitarian threats of fascism and communism abroad; and
9. WHEREAS, Scripture exhorts believers to honor governing authorities, to seek the welfare of the cities and nations in which they dwell, and to pray for kings and all who are in authority (Jeremiah 29:7; Romans 13:1; 1 Timothy 2:1-2); and
10. WHEREAS, The semiquincentennial provides an opportunity for Southern Baptists to express gratitude to God for His blessings, to renew our commitment to faithfully proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to stand for truth, righteousness, and justice in the public square; now, therefore, be it
 1. RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, June 9-10, 2026, give thanks to Almighty God for his providential hand in the founding and sustaining of the United States of America over the past 250 years; and be it further
 2. RESOLVED, That we urge Southern Baptists and all faithful Christians to pray for spiritual revival across the nation; and be it further
 3. RESOLVED, That we honor the legacy of Baptist forebears who courageously contended for religious liberty and helped secure the freedoms enshrined in the First Amendment; and be it further
 4. RESOLVED, That we reaffirm our historic Baptist commitment to religious liberty for all people, recognizing it as a God-given right grounded in the dignity of every human being made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27-28); and be it further
 5. RESOLVED, That we call upon Southern Baptists to steward these freedoms by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ, living as faithful citizens of both the kingdom of God and the United States, and engaging the public square with both courage and civility; and be it further
 6. RESOLVED, That we call upon Southern Baptists to pursue national renewal through biblically informed civic engagement, including advocating for just laws that are rooted in God’s natural law and consistent with the witness of holy Scripture, and electing public officials who will do the same; and be it further
 7. RESOLVED, That we urge our churches to pray for national, state, and local leaders, that we may live peaceful and godly lives (1 Timothy 2:2); and be it finally
 8. RESOLVED, That we commit ourselves anew to the Great Commission, recognizing that the ultimate hope for America and all nations is in the redeeming work of Jesus Christ, whose kingdom will never end.

RESOLUTION #2: On Appreciation for the City of Orlando

1. WHEREAS, The messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention have gathered in Orlando, Florida, June 7-10, 2026, for the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting and Pastors’ Conference; and
2. WHEREAS, The city of Orlando has warmly welcomed Southern Baptists with hospitality, professionalism, and a spirit of service; and
3. WHEREAS, The Orange County Convention Center has provided an excellent venue for the business, fellowship, and ministry opportunities of this annual meeting; and

4. WHEREAS, Local civic leaders, public safety personnel, and volunteers have contributed to a safe and orderly environment for all who attended; and
5. WHEREAS, Visit Orlando and numerous local partners have assisted in coordinating logistics, accommodations, and services that have enhanced the experience of our messengers and guests; and
6. WHEREAS, Churches of the Florida Baptist Convention have faithfully served through prayer, volunteerism, and a shared commitment to advance the gospel; and
7. WHEREAS, Orlando represents a city of many cultures, languages, and peoples, reminding us of the biblical vision of “a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language” (Revelation 7:9); now, therefore, be it
1. RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, June 9-10, 2026, express their sincere appreciation to the city of Orlando for its gracious hospitality; and be it further
2. RESOLVED, That we extend our gratitude to the leadership and staff of the Orange County Convention Center, Visit Orlando, local hotels, and all who have worked diligently behind the scenes to make this gathering possible; and be it further
3. RESOLVED, That we thank God for the diversity of peoples and cultures represented both in this host city and among our churches, and we recommit ourselves to the Great Commission, seeking to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:18-20); and be it further
4. RESOLVED, That we give thanks to God for the opportunity to gather as we affirm our desire to be a force for good for the sake of the gospel, bearing faithful witness to Jesus Christ through our cooperative mission together; and be it further
5. RESOLVED, That we commend the people of Orlando and the Central Florida region to the grace of God, praying that the gospel of Jesus Christ would continue to bear fruit in this city and beyond.

RESOLUTION #3: On Appreciation for Bivocational and Volunteer Pastors

1. WHEREAS, The Lord Jesus Christ has called pastors to shepherd his church faithfully through the preaching of the word, prayer, discipleship, pastoral care, and leadership within the local church (Acts 20:28; 1 Timothy 4:11-12; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 5:1-4); and
2. WHEREAS, A significant number of Southern Baptist churches are led by bivocational or volunteer pastors, who balance the demands of church ministry alongside marketplace employment and family responsibilities; and
3. WHEREAS, These pastors faithfully shepherd congregations, engage their communities, and advance the mission of Christ’s church often through unseen acts of service, personal sacrifice, late nights, and long days; and
4. WHEREAS, Scripture affirms the dignity of labor and provides examples of ministry leaders like the apostle Paul and many of Jesus’s disciples who served the church bivocationally with faithful perseverance while striving for the glory of God and for the advancement of the gospel (Acts 18:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 2:9); and
5. WHEREAS, The terms “bivocational,” “part-time,” “covocational,” and “volunteer” often refer only to compensation but do not adequately reflect the scope or responsibility of pastoral ministry (1 Timothy 5:18); and
6. WHEREAS, Many Southern Baptist churches and church plants, particularly in rural communities, small towns, and underserved areas, have been shepherded and strengthened through the faithful service of bivocational and volunteer pastors and their families; now, therefore, be it
1. RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, June 9-10, 2026, express heartfelt gratitude to Southern Baptist bivocational and volunteer pastors for their faithful and sacrificial service to Christ and his church; and be it further
2. RESOLVED, That we honor the commitment, perseverance, humility, and gospel faithfulness demonstrated by bivocational and volunteer pastors who labor diligently both in ministry and in the workplace (Romans 13:7); and be it further
3. RESOLVED, That we also express appreciation for the wives and families of bivocational and volunteer pastors who support, sacrifice, encourage, and partner in ministry; and be it further
4. RESOLVED, That we exhort Southern Baptist churches to pray for, support, encourage, and care well for their pastors, recognizing the spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical demands of bivocational and volunteer ministry (1 Thessalonians 2:7-8; 2 Timothy 4:6); and be it further
5. RESOLVED, That we urge Southern Baptist churches, associations, state conventions, and entities to support the equipping and encouragement of bivocational and volunteer pastors; and be it further
6. RESOLVED, That we pray the Lord of the harvest would continue to raise up and send faithful pastors to proclaim the gospel, disciple believers, and strengthen churches in every community (Matthew 9:36-38); and be it finally
7. RESOLVED, That we give thanks to God for the enduring ministry of Southern Baptist bivocational and volunteer pastors who have labored faithfully in churches to advance the gospel across the generations.

**RESOLUTION #4: On the Church's Opportunity for Evangelism, Discipleship,
and Care for Persons with Disabilities and Their Families**

1. WHEREAS, Scripture clearly teaches and *The Baptist Faith and Message* 2000 affirms that every human being is made in the image of God and therefore possesses inherent dignity and worth, undiminished by physical, intellectual, or developmental differences (Genesis 1:26-27; Psalm 139:13-16; James 3:9); and
2. WHEREAS, God the Father desires that all would come to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, and Jesus commands us to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything [He has] commanded . . ." (Matthew 28:19-20); and
3. WHEREAS, Families of children, youth, and adults with physical, developmental, and intellectual disabilities often face persistent challenges, including social isolation and the physical exhaustion of caregiving; and
4. WHEREAS, Research suggests that families of those with disabilities are significantly less likely to attend church regularly due to a lack of accessibility, programming, or sense of belonging; and
5. WHEREAS, Jesus calls us to welcome, love, protect, honor, and serve those devalued and pushed to the margins of society (Leviticus 19:14; Luke 14:12-14; Romans 14:13; 1 Corinthians 12:22-26); and
6. WHEREAS, Every Southern Baptist church has an opportunity to extend love, hospitality, and pastoral care to those inside the church and gospel witness to those outside the church by providing or expanding spiritual and practical ministry to those with disabilities and their families; and
7. WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee's Disability Ministry Task Force, reporting at the 2026 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, calls each church and Southern Baptist Convention entity to the same; now, therefore, be it
 1. RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, June 9-10, 2026, call upon churches to welcome joyfully every person regardless of physical, developmental, or intellectual capacity; and be it further
 2. RESOLVED, That we call upon Southern Baptists to model speech that is compassionate, truthful, and honoring to fellow image bearers; and be it further
 3. RESOLVED, That we urge Southern Baptist churches of every size and in every community to develop or expand plans for inclusion of children, youth, and adults with disabilities so as to ensure that no family is forced to choose between the particular needs of a family member and the fellowship of the church; and be it further
 4. RESOLVED, That we encourage churches to evaluate their facilities to identify barriers to access for those with physical limitations and to act with hospitality to reduce or eliminate those barriers to the greatest degree practical (Mark 2:1-12); and be it further
 5. RESOLVED, That we exhort our seminaries, entities, state conventions, and associations to highlight the need for churches and their leaders to have the training, skills, and resources needed to care compassionately for families navigating the complexities of special needs; and be it finally
 6. RESOLVED, That by providing excellent care for those with disabilities and their families, our churches will be a faithful witness of Jesus Christ to a watching world to see how Southern Baptists treat all people with dignity and respect.

RESOLUTION #5: On Assisted Suicide and the Sanctity of Life

1. WHEREAS, The Bible teaches that God, the Author of life, created all human beings in his image and declares human life to be sacred and worthy of protection from conception until natural death (Genesis 1:26-27; Exodus 20:13; Job 14:5; Psalm 139:13,16; Jeremiah 1:5; Acts 17:28; James 3:9); and
2. WHEREAS, This Convention has previously warned against the emergence of a "culture of death," and recent legal and cultural developments demonstrate that this concern remains urgently relevant ("Resolution on Assisted Suicide," 1996); and
3. WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention has consistently affirmed in resolutions adopted in 1992, 1996, and 2001, the sanctity of human life and has opposed euthanasia and assisted suicide, which are distinct from difficult medical decisions that may need to be made upon the approach of natural death; and
4. WHEREAS, In the years since those resolutions, the practice of assisted suicide has expanded significantly in the United States and is now legal in at least thirteen states and the District of Columbia, with most of these laws enacted in the past decade and several adopted in just the last few years; and
5. WHEREAS, Since the last annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, additional states, including some of the nation's largest, have enacted or announced plans to enact such laws, demonstrating the accelerating normalization of assisted suicide; and
6. WHEREAS, Advocates of these laws often appeal to concepts such as autonomy, compassion, dignity, and the alleviation of suffering, while reframing assisted suicide as a form of medical care rather than the intentional ending of human life; and
7. WHEREAS, Experience in other countries demonstrates that such practices do not remain limited, but instead expand over time, as seen in Canada and in European nations such as the Netherlands, where initial safeguards have eroded and eligibility has broadened to include additional categories of patients; and

8. WHEREAS, These developments confirm that so-called safeguards are often temporary, as worldviews that reject a biblical view of personhood and of suffering ultimately erode meaningful limits on the taking of human life; and
9. WHEREAS, Scripture recognizes both the evil of personal suffering and the good of God's redemptive purposes in it (Romans 5:3-4; 2 Corinthians 1:9, 12:7-10; James 1:2-4); and
10. WHEREAS, The intentional ending of innocent human life, whether by oneself or with the assistance of another, is contrary to biblical teaching and undermines the dignity and worth of every human being; now, therefore, be it
1. RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, June 9-10, 2026, reaffirm our unwavering commitment to the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death, recognizing that every human being bears the image of God and is therefore deserving of protection, dignity, and care; and be it further
2. RESOLVED, That we reaffirm our continued opposition to euthanasia and assisted suicide in all its forms, including practices now described as "medical aid in dying" and "death with dignity," which intentionally seek to end human life; and be it further
3. RESOLVED, That we reject the rebranding of assisted suicide through euphemistic language that obscures the moral reality of intentionally ending human life, misleads the public regarding the nature of these practices, and diminishes the tragedy of all suicides; and be it further
4. RESOLVED, That we warn that the legalization of assisted suicide leads to the expansion of such practices beyond their original limits, placing the elderly, persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable populations at increased risk of coercion, neglect, and devaluation; and be it further
5. RESOLVED, That we call upon federal, state, and local governments to uphold laws that protect human life, to resist efforts to legalize or expand assisted suicide, and to promote policies that affirm the inherent dignity and worth of every person; and be it further
6. RESOLVED, That we urge medical professionals, healthcare institutions, and policymakers to prioritize ethical care that affirms the dignity of every patient, including effective pain management, hospice care, and palliative support, rather than interventions that intentionally cause death; and be it further
7. RESOLVED, That we call upon Southern Baptist pastors, churches, and families to provide compassionate, faithful presence to those who are suffering both physically and mentally, offering emotional, spiritual, and practical care that reflects the love of Christ and affirms the value of every life, even in its most fragile stages (Romans 12:15-16; Galatians 6:2; Philippians 2:4); and be it finally
8. RESOLVED, That we commit ourselves to bearing clear and faithful witness in the public square to a biblical ethic of life, proclaiming the hope of the gospel, which affirms both the dignity of every human life and the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 4:6; 1 Peter 3:15).

RESOLUTION #6: On Political Violence and Speech

1. WHEREAS, Scripture teaches that every human being is made in the image of God and therefore possesses inherent dignity and worth, and that the taking of innocent life is an offense against the Creator (Genesis 1:26-27, 9:6; Exodus 20:13; James 3:9); and
2. WHEREAS, Our Lord Jesus Christ commanded his followers to love their neighbors, to love even their enemies, to pray for those who persecute them, to pursue peace with all people, and to overcome evil with good (Matthew 5:9,38-48, 22:39; Luke 6:27-36; Romans 12:14-21); and
3. WHEREAS, *The Baptist Faith and Message 2000* states that Christians should "contend for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death" (Article XV), that "it is the duty of Christians to seek peace with all men on principles of righteousness," that "the true remedy for the war spirit is the gospel of our Lord," and that Christians should "pray for the reign of the Prince of Peace" (Article XVI); and
4. WHEREAS, The use or threat of violence for political ends assaults the sanctity of human life, the rule of law, ordered liberty, freedom of conscience, and the peaceful pursuit of justice, and includes recent events, such as assassinations and attempted assassinations of public figures, the harassment and even murder of fellow citizens in houses of worship, vandalism of crisis pregnancy centers, and public mayhem that sows chaos and destruction; and
5. WHEREAS, Dehumanizing rhetoric, reckless accusations, slander, and the normalization of hatred and contempt can harden consciences, inflame passions, and make violence more palatable in public life (Proverbs 10:18, 12:18, 16:28; Ephesians 4:29-32; James 3:5-10); and
6. WHEREAS, Scripture calls Christians to speak the truth in love, to be quick to hear and slow to anger, to serve as ministers of reconciliation and ambassadors for Christ, and to display the fruit of the Spirit even amid disagreement (2 Corinthians 5:18-20; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 4:3,15; James 1:19-20); and
7. WHEREAS, Polarization becomes toxic when spirited disagreements shift from biblical convictions and beliefs to spurious judgments about the character, motives, or humanity of opponents, fostering suspicion, contempt, fear, and hostility that damage the Christian witness, public morality, and peace in civic life; and
8. WHEREAS, The church's weapons are not carnal but spiritual, and *The Baptist Faith and Message 2000* affirms that Christians are to make the will of Christ supreme in society by advancing the gospel through faithful proclamation, principles of righteousness, truth, and brotherly love rather than through coercion or violence (Article XV; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5); and

9. WHEREAS, Faithful Christian citizenship includes the stewardship of engagement in public life through voting, advocacy, peaceful assembly, lawful protest, and other upright means, while refusing political idolatry and remembering that our ultimate allegiance is to the kingdom of God and not to any party, candidate, or earthly movement (Jeremiah 29:7; Matthew 22:21; Romans 13:1-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-4); now, therefore, be it
1. RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, June 9-10, 2026, unequivocally condemn political violence in all its forms, including assassinations, attempted assassinations, terrorism, rioting, mob intimidation, vandalism, threats, and coercion as morally evil, contrary to the sanctity of human life, destructive of ordered liberty, eroding equal protection and the rule of law, and incompatible with the way of Christ, regardless of the ideology, identity, party, or cause of the perpetrator or victim; and be it further
2. RESOLVED, That we reject any claim that righteous ends justify unrighteous means, affirming that the cause of truth is never served by lies, the cause of justice is never served by lawlessness, and the cause of life is never served by murder (James 1:19-20); and be it further
3. RESOLVED, That we reject hatred, malice, slander, dehumanization, intimidation, reckless speech, and contemptible conduct as inconsistent with Christian discipleship, while also rejecting a false peace that refuses necessary truth (2 Timothy 2:22-26); and be it further
4. RESOLVED, That we call Southern Baptists to examine our own speech, online conduct, and public witness, refusing to treat image bearers as enemies to be destroyed rather than neighbors to be loved and won to the truth of God's word, and refusing to derive primary identity from political affiliation rather than from union with Christ; and be it further
5. RESOLVED, That we urge pastors, churches, parents, and ministry leaders to disciple believers toward faithful Christian citizenship marked by truthfulness, moral clarity, courage, humility, love of neighbor, patience, prayer, and self-control, teaching the next generation that conviction does not require toxic contempt and that Christian faithfulness requires both truth and love (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Proverbs 22:6); and be it further
6. RESOLVED, That we call on elected officials, candidates, political parties, media figures, and all public leaders to condemn political violence consistently and to protect the lives and safety of citizens, public servants, houses of worship, and other vulnerable institutions while preserving constitutional liberties; and be it further
7. RESOLVED, That we affirm the important role of law enforcement to maintain civil order as servants of God who punish evil and protect the innocent (Romans 13:4); and be it further
8. RESOLVED, That we commit to pray diligently for governing authorities at every level, including those with whom we disagree (1 Timothy 2:1-2); and be it further
9. RESOLVED, That we reaffirm that the church's mission is advanced not by force but by the proclamation of the gospel, the ministry of the word, prayer, and the visible witness of regenerate believers, and that the gospel of Jesus Christ alone transforms hearts of hatred into love for God and neighbor (Matthew 28:18-20; John 13:34-35; Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; 1 Peter 2:9-12); and be it finally
10. RESOLVED, That we commit ourselves to live as ambassadors for Christ and peacemakers in a divided world, proclaiming the gospel of reconciliation as the only true hope for individuals, churches, and nations until Christ returns as the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 5:9).

RESOLUTION #7: On Immigration, Human Dignity, and the Rule of Law

1. WHEREAS, God created every human being in his image and calls his people to show justice, mercy, hospitality, and love toward the vulnerable and the stranger, affirming the worth and dignity of every person regardless of ethnicity or national origin (Genesis 1:26-27; Deuteronomy 10:18-19; Leviticus 19:34; Matthew 25:35; Ephesians 2:14-19); and
2. WHEREAS, For more than eighty years the Southern Baptist Convention has addressed refugees, displaced persons, immigrants, and those fleeing war, persecution, atrocities, and genocide by affirming both compassionate ministry and the responsibility of governments to maintain lawful order, secure borders, and implement humane immigration systems (Isaiah 1:17; Micah 6:8; Romans 13:1-7); and
3. WHEREAS, Southern Baptists reject racism, nativism, ethnic supremacy, and dehumanizing rhetoric, affirming that Scripture alone defines our identity, worth, and unity in Christ and that no person bearing the image of God should be reduced to a slur, statistic, or political problem (Galatians 3:28; Colossians 4:6; James 2:1-4); and
4. WHEREAS, Large-scale and often disorderly migration has strained communities, harmed migrants and American citizens, and diminished confidence in the rule of law, underscoring the need for immigration systems marked by order, clarity, due process, timely adjudication, integrity in asylum processes, fairness, and humane enforcement (Proverbs 31:8-9; Zechariah 7:9-10); and
5. WHEREAS, While immigration through means that violate American law has been and continues to be a problem, many immigrants and refugees have carefully followed the proper procedures for entering the nation lawfully; and
6. WHEREAS, Southern Baptist churches include men and women of numerous ethnicities and are positioned to bear faithful gospel witness through ministries of hospitality, discipleship, practical service, and Christ-centered community that strengthen both Great Commission effectiveness and the peace of our communities (Jeremiah 29:7; Matthew 28:18-20; Hebrews 13:2; Revelation 7:9); and

7. WHEREAS, Leaders representing diverse Southern Baptist ethnic fellowships have recently affirmed the importance of compassionate and lawful immigration policies, dignifying language, religious liberty, and gospel-centered ministry to immigrant and refugee communities; now, therefore, be it
1. RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, June 9-10, 2026, reaffirm our longstanding conviction that every human being possesses God-given worth and dignity as an image-bearer of God (Genesis 1:26-27); and be it further
2. RESOLVED, That the church is called to faithful gospel proclamation, love of neighbor, hospitality to the stranger, and making disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 10:25-37); and be it further
3. RESOLVED, That we reaffirm the call to pray for governing authorities as they lead the civil government in carrying out its responsibility to secure borders, enforce immigration laws, maintain an orderly and credible immigration system, and pursue clear, enforceable, and humane policies that uphold both justice and mercy, recognizing that the government is not the church and the church is not the state, though both remain accountable to God for the stewardship of their distinct callings (Micah 6:8; Romans 13:1-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-2); and be it further
4. RESOLVED, That we reaffirm support for lawful immigration enforcement carried out justly, humanely, and according to due process, including the removal of those whom the government duly prioritizes for deportation and accountability for criminal activity, human trafficking, and unlawful employment practices; and be it further
5. RESOLVED, That we reject amnesty, understood as forgiveness of legal violations without accountability; and be it further
6. RESOLVED, That we also reject nativism, racial or ethnic hostility, ethno-nationalism, discrimination, and all ideologies or rhetoric that deny the equal worth and dignity of any people group regardless of immigration status, while also affirming that Christian compassion and hospitality do not negate lawful order or excuse indifference to public justice and social peace (Ephesians 2:14-19; Hebrews 13:2); and be it further
7. RESOLVED, That we exhort the government to take particular care of children and families, insisting upon respect for the God-given worth and dignity of every person and the religious liberty of churches to minister freely (Zechariah 7:9-10; Matthew 19:14); and be it finally
8. RESOLVED, That we encourage Southern Baptist churches to strengthen faithful gospel ministry among immigrants and refugees, and seek one another's good through shared civic values, practical service, and Christ-centered community as we proclaim the gospel to people from every tribe, tongue, and nation (Matthew 25:35; Revelation 7:9).

RESOLUTION #8: On Finishing Well in Life and Ministry

1. WHEREAS, The grace of God has appeared, both "bringing salvation for all people" and "instructing us to deny godlessness and worldly lusts and to live in a sensible, righteous, and godly way in the present age" (Titus 2:11-12); and
2. WHEREAS, Those who have been called to pastoral ministry are called to a noble task, requiring them to live the Christian life above reproach, characterized by holiness, self-control, and integrity, and to guard their lives and their teaching carefully (1 Timothy 3:1-7, 4:16; Titus 1:5-9); and
3. WHEREAS, The apostle Paul testifies near the end of his life, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7), setting before all believers and especially ministers of the gospel a vision of faithful endurance to the end; and
4. WHEREAS, The New Testament regularly instructs the people of God to imitate the faith of those leaders who exemplify lives transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 4:16, 11:1; Philippians 3:17; 1 Thessalonians 1:6; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-9; Hebrews 13:7)
5. WHEREAS, Hebrews 11 provides testimony of a cloud of witnesses, men and women who endured to the end by faith, believing that God's promises are better than the fleeting pleasures of sin; and
6. WHEREAS, The Christian life is likened to a race in which Christians must lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely and to run with endurance the race that is set before them, looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of their faith (1 Corinthians 9:27; Hebrews 12:1-2); and
7. WHEREAS, In our day what often gets most public attention is pastors and ministry leaders who have fallen into sin and moral failure, who have hindered churches and ministries with scandal, or who have been divisive and unwise in public discourse; and
8. WHEREAS, Contrary to these negative examples, countless positive examples of pastors and ministry leaders across the Southern Baptist Convention have served for decades with integrity and steadfastness; now, therefore, be it
1. RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, June 9-10, 2026, express heartfelt gratitude to the Lord for pastors and ministry leaders who, by his grace, labored faithfully over many years and finished well, keeping the faith and maintaining a testimony above reproach to the end; and be it further
2. RESOLVED, That we honor those unknown servants who are currently shepherding God's people with integrity and holiness, whose ministries are bearing lasting fruit often not widely recognized, and who by God's grace will leave a legacy of faithfulness for future generations; and be it further

3. RESOLVED, That we encourage all pastors and ministry leaders to persevere by faith in holiness, humility, and devotion to Christ, fixing their eyes on Jesus as the source of their faith and the guarantee of its completion so that they finish their course in a manner worthy of the gospel; and be it further
4. RESOLVED, That we likewise call upon all Southern Baptists to imitate such faith by pursuing lives of faithful endurance and to support and pray for their leaders, so that the people of God together may finish well to the glory of God (Hebrews 13:18); and be it finally
5. RESOLVED, That our confidence for finishing well is not our own power, but the power of God, “who is able to protect you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of his glory, without blemish and with great joy” (Jude 24) and his promise that “he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus” (Philippians 1:6).

RESOLUTION #9: On the Office and Function of Pastor/Elder/Overseer

1. WHEREAS, Scripture assigns the work of shepherding, overseeing, and teaching and preaching to the gathered church to qualified men appointed by the church to the office of pastor/elder/overseer (John 21:15-17; Acts 20:28; Ephesians 4:11; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-3); and
2. WHEREAS, *The Baptist Faith and Message 2000* states that the church’s “two scriptural offices are that of pastor/elder/overseer and deacon” and that “the office of pastor/elder/overseer is limited to men as qualified by Scripture” (Article VI); and
3. WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention recently reaffirmed its confessional heritage that the New Testament terms “bishop,” “elder,” “overseer,” and “pastor” refer to the same biblical office (“On the Southern Baptist Confessional Heritage of the Office of Bishop/Elder/Pastor,” 2023); and
4. WHEREAS, Scripture teaches that women are equally created in the image of God, gifted by the Holy Spirit for meaningful service, and valuable in the work of the church (Genesis 1:27; Acts 2:17-18; 1 Corinthians 11:5, 12; Titus 2:3-5); and
5. WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention has repeatedly affirmed both the equal dignity and value of women in service to the church of Jesus Christ (“On the Legacy and Responsibility of Women Fulfilling the Great Commission,” 2023; “On the Dignity and Worth of Women on the Occasion of the One Hundredth Anniversary of Women as Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention,” 2018); and
6. WHEREAS, Confusion has arisen in some Southern Baptist churches regarding the relationship between the title, office, and function of pastor, including the use of title “pastor,” “elder,” or “overseer” for roles that either do not carry the responsibilities of the pastoral office or are assigned in ways inconsistent with the Convention’s articulated understanding of Scripture on this matter; and
7. WHEREAS, Southern Baptists have recognized that biblical terminology should be used carefully and consistently in order to promote doctrinal clarity, faithful cooperation, and unity among churches; now, therefore, be it
 1. RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, June 9-10, 2026, reaffirm that the office of pastor/elder/overseer is limited to men as qualified by Scripture; and be it further
 2. RESOLVED, That we affirm that the New Testament presents the pastoral office and the function of pastoral oversight of the church as inseparably connected; and be it further
 3. RESOLVED, That we affirm the function of teaching Scripture and preaching the Word to the gathered church is essentially connected to the office of pastor/elder/overseer and should not be separated from the qualifications for pastoral ministry; and be it further
 4. RESOLVED, That we encourage Southern Baptist churches to maintain clarity and integrity in their ministerial titles and practices so that nomenclature is not used in ways that obscure or contradict the Convention’s adopted statement of faith regarding the pastoral office; specifically, we encourage churches to use the titles “pastor,” “elder,” and “overseer” in a manner consistent with the biblical office described in Scripture and affirmed in *The Baptist Faith and Message 2000* and not to use these titles in ways that separate the title from the office and function of pastor; and be it further
 5. RESOLVED, That we express gratitude for the indispensable service, discipleship, evangelism, missions work, and ministry contributions of women throughout Southern Baptist life and encourage churches to continue affirming and deploying women in biblically faithful ways; and be it further
 6. RESOLVED, That we call pastors to teach and uphold the biblical pattern of church leadership, which includes exemplifying the qualifications of godly character and conduct prescribed in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9; and be it finally
 7. RESOLVED, That we commend this understanding to the churches of the Convention and to the entities and committees serving the Convention as reflective of the Southern Baptist Convention’s confessional understanding of the office and function of pastor.

RESOLUTION #10: On Antisemitism

1. WHEREAS, Since the Hamas terrorist attacks of October 7, 2023, antisemitism has surged across the United States and the world, manifesting in physical violence, harassment, university campus glorification of terrorism, and a broad aggression directed at Jewish people; and
2. WHEREAS, This rising hatred includes conspiracy theories perpetuated online and through social media, falsely accusing the Jewish people as a whole of controlling media, finance, politics, weather, and culture for sinister ends that are modern echoes of historic libels that have incited persecution for centuries; and

3. WHEREAS, Such conspiracy theories and condemnations of the Jewish people are contrary to the truth and the clear teaching of Scripture regarding human dignity; and
4. WHEREAS, Southern Baptists have historically expressed our profound gratitude for the Jewish people and have consistently condemned antisemitism as unchristian and contrary to the gospel; and
5. WHEREAS, God chose Abraham and his descendants for his redemptive purpose; to them he gave the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the law, the worship, and the promises, all of which are fulfilled in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ (Genesis 12, 15, 17; Luke 24; Romans 9:4-5); and
6. WHEREAS, God maintains his purpose for and promise to the Jewish people as revealed in Scripture; salvation is “from the Jews” (John 4:22); the gospel is “the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek” (Romans 1:16-17); and God will by his grace bring his chosen remnant of Israel to salvation through faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ, the seed of Abraham (Romans 9:1-5, 11:24-32; Galatians 3:16); now, therefore, be it
1. RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, June 9-10, 2026, unequivocally condemn this new surge of antisemitism in all its forms, including violence, cultural hatred, and conspiracy theories of Jewish controlled cabals, as sinful, unchristian, and an assault on both biblical truth and basic human dignity; and be it further
2. RESOLVED, That we stand unashamedly with the Jewish people against all such hatred, including all acts of terror against them worldwide; and be it further
3. RESOLVED, That we reaffirm our love for the Jewish people as those “loved because of the patriarchs” (Romans 11:28), and our commitment to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to them with urgency, respect, and boldness, as part of our obedience to the Great Commission; and be it further
4. RESOLVED, That we call upon Southern Baptists to combat antisemitism in our churches and communities through biblical teaching, personal friendship with Jewish neighbors, courageous public witness, and prayer for the peace of Jerusalem and the salvation of Israel (Psalm 122:6); and be it finally
5. RESOLVED, That we affirm God’s love and offer of salvation through Jesus Christ to all people without distinction, while rejecting every form of ethnic or religious hatred and upholding religious liberty for all and praying for the day when “all Israel will be saved” (Romans 11:26) when true peace comes through the glorious and triumphal return of our Lord Jesus Christ (John 3:16; Titus 2:13).

RESOLUTION #11: On the Nature and Importance of the Physically Gathered Church in a Digital Age

1. WHEREAS, Scripture presents the local church as an embodied assembly of baptized believers who covenant together for worship, discipleship, fellowship, and mission (Acts 2:41-47; Hebrews 10:24-25); and
2. WHEREAS, Christ entrusted the local church with baptism and the Lord’s Supper as visible ordinances to be practiced within the gathered body (Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26); and
3. WHEREAS, Christ promises his active, validating presence over the collective decisions of his church when, acting as his witnesses, they gather together to prayerfully resolve matters in his name (Matthew 18:17-20); and
4. WHEREAS, Digital technologies and platforms provide new opportunities for gospel proclamation, biblical instruction, communication, and connection; and
5. WHEREAS, Technological developments also introduce challenges that may obscure the importance of the gathered church, of church membership, and of pastoral ministry, and may further confuse the goodness of embodied existence; and
6. WHEREAS, Local churches have sought to make wise use of available technologies for the sake of the gospel, while recognizing that such tools must never be confused with the local church itself; now, therefore, be it
1. RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, June 9-10, 2026, affirm that—unless providentially hindered—regular, embodied assembly is vital to equipping the saints for the work of ministry and building up the body of Christ, and that this biblical pattern is not fulfilled by digital participation alone (Ephesians 4:11-16; Hebrews 10:24-25); and be it further
2. RESOLVED, That we affirm the responsible use of digital technologies and platforms as aids to ministry, while recognizing that such tools cannot fulfill the biblical functions of the gathered church, cannot replace the personal ministry of pastors and members, and should be used to support and encourage connection to the embodied life of a faithful local church (1 Thessalonians 2:8; 2 John 12); and be it further
3. RESOLVED, That we affirm that baptism and the Lord’s Supper are to be administered within the gathered church, under the oversight of pastors, in keeping with the New Testament witness, and not by virtual or digitally mediated substitutes; and be it further
4. RESOLVED, That we encourage local churches to exercise wisdom, integrity, and theological discernment as they teach and model meaningful membership, mutual accountability, and faithful participation in the embodied life of the church; and be it finally
5. RESOLVED, That we reaffirm that a local church is the embodied assembly of baptized believers, gathered for his glory and gifted for service, for the good of one another, and for the advance of the gospel, and is not merely a virtual or technological experience, nor can any digital form, by itself, constitute a New Testament church (Romans 12:3-13; 1 Corinthians 12).

DISPOSITION OF RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE 2026 COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

1. **On the Unity of the Office, Function, and Gifting of Pastor/Shepherd/Elder/Overseer:** *Jonathan Greer, Pascagoula, MS*
See Resolution 9, "On the Office and Function of Pastor/Elder/Overseer"
2. **On the Use and Development of a More Trusted, Biblically Based Artificial Intelligence Program for use by Christians Everywhere:** *Mel Howton, Steens, MS*
Declined. While the Committee affirms the importance of Christian discernment in the development and use of artificial intelligence, this topic was addressed in the 2023 resolution "On Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies," and we believe that resolution continues to speak adequately to the concerns raised here. This resolution is also more in the form of a motion as it calls for action instead of offering a particular opinion of the Convention.
3. **Honoring the Semiquincentennial Anniversary:** *David Henneke, Kingsland, TX*
See Resolution 1, "On the 250th Anniversary of the United States and the Baptist Contribution to Religious Liberty"
4. **On Expressing Appreciation for Creeds:** *David Henneke, Kingsland, TX*
Declined. While the Committee affirms the historic value of Christian creeds as expressions of orthodox doctrine and their importance to Baptist identity, this topic was substantially addressed in the 2025 resolution "On Honoring the Centennial Anniversary of *The Baptist Faith and Message* (1925) and Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the *Baptist Faith and Message* (2000)," which specifically affirmed the Nicene Creed and our confessional heritage.
5. **On SBC Neutrality Concerning Theories of the Substitutionary Work of Christ:** *Tommy Lynn Whedbee, Mansfield, AR*
Declined. The Committee does not believe it is appropriate for the Convention to adopt a posture of neutrality on matters addressed by our confessional statement. *The Baptist Faith and Message* 2000 affirms the substitutionary atonement of Christ as central to our soteriology, and we believe our confession speaks clearly to the concerns raised in this resolution.
6. **On "Digital or Virtual Church":** *Steven Head, Dover, TN*
See Resolution 11, "On the Nature and Importance of the Physically Gathered Church in a Digital Age"
7. **On Holding Both Men and Women Equally Accountable for Abortion:** *Philip Bramblet, Rocky Mount, VA*
Declined. The Committee does not believe there is sufficient consensus among Southern Baptists on the question of criminal proceedings regarding abortion. We would refer messengers to the 2021 resolution "On Abolishing Abortion" and the 2022 resolution "On Anticipating a Historic Moment in the Pro-Life Movement," which remain recent and adequate expressions of our Convention's pro-life convictions.
8. **On Honoring the Life and Public Witness of Charlie Kirk:** *Chris Garner, Bells, TN*
Declined. While the Committee recognizes that many Southern Baptists have been encouraged by the public work of Mr. Kirk, we do not believe it is within the purview of the Committee—nor is it customary practice—to bring forward resolutions honoring public figures who are not Southern Baptist.
9. **On Calling Southern Baptists to Cease Litigation and Pursue Biblical Reconciliation:** *Howard Harden, Homestead, FL*
Declined. While the Committee affirms the biblical mandate for reconciliation among believers and acknowledges that Scripture calls the church to pursue peace, we do not believe this topic merits a resolution this year.
10. **On Condemning Political Violence:** *Jared Cornutt, Birmingham, AL*
See Resolution 6, "On Political Violence and Speech"
11. **On Assisted Suicide, "Medical Aid in Dying," and the Sanctity of Life:** *David Closson, Cheverly, MD*
See Resolution 5, "On Assisted Suicide and the Sanctity of Life"
12. **On the Ethical Use of AI in Ministry:** *James Ng, Sardis, OH*
Declined. While the Committee affirms the importance of Christian discernment in the ethical use of artificial intelligence, this resolution lacked sufficient clarity in defining criteria for the ethical use of artificial intelligence.
13. **On Coffee:** *Bart Barber, Farmersville, TX*
Declined. The submitted resolution was satirical in nature. While the Committee concurs with the merits of Dr. Pepper and Blue Bell Ice Cream stated in the submitted resolution, it vehemently disagrees with the messenger's unfortunate, negative opinion of coffee and feels no resolution on this topic is necessary.
14. **On the Sufficiency of Christ and the Gospel of Grace Against Legalism:** *Ethan Jago, Panama City Beach, FL*
Declined. While the Committee wholeheartedly affirms the sufficiency of Christ and the gospel of grace and agrees that legalism is a persistent danger in the life of the church, we do not believe this topic merits a resolution this year and would encourage Southern Baptist churches to address these concerns through faithful pastoral preaching and discipleship.
15. **On the 250th Anniversary of the United States and the Baptist Contribution to Religious Liberty:** *Daniel Darling, Fort Worth, TX*
See Resolution 1, "On the 250th Anniversary of the United States and the Baptist Contribution to Religious Liberty"
16. **On Public Education:** *Kathryn Worley, San Diego, CA*
Declined. While the Committee recognizes the importance of Christian engagement in public education and the vital role parents play in the formation of their children, we do not believe this topic merits a resolution this year and would refer messengers to the 2025 resolution "On Restoring Moral Clarity through God's Design for Gender, Marriage, and the Family," which speaks to parental rights and the education of children.
17. **On Protecting God-Given Fairness in Girls' Sports:** *Adam Wyatt, Monticello, MS*
Declined. While the Committee affirms God's good design for male and female and the importance of fairness and safety in women's athletics, this issue was addressed in the 2025 resolution "On Restoring Moral Clarity through God's Design for Gender, Marriage, and the Family," and we do not believe a separate resolution is necessary at this time.
18. **On the Nature and Importance of the Gathered Church in a Digital and Artificial Age:** *Adam Wyatt, Monticello, MS*
See Resolution 11, "On the Nature and Importance of the Physically Gathered Church in a Digital Age"
19. **On Affirming the Doctrine of Eternal Conscious Torment and Denying Alternative Views of Final Judgment:** *Charlie Jackson, Tampa, FL*
Declined. While the Committee affirms the historic Baptist and evangelical doctrine of eternal conscious torment as consistent with Scripture and our confession, we do not believe this topic merits a resolution this year and would direct messengers to *The Baptist Faith and Message* 2000, Article X, which speaks clearly to the final state of the unrighteous.
20. **On Standing Against Believers Associated with the Furry Fandom, and Specifically Claiming a Fursona:** *Ceth Sluyter, Hiwassee, AR*
Declined. While the Committee affirms that all Christians are called to pursue holiness and to resist cultural identities that conflict with their identity in Christ, we do not believe this topic merits a resolution.
21. **On Affirming and Strengthening Bivocational, Part-time, and Volunteer Pastors:** *Jamison Reynolds, Littcarr, KY*
See Resolution 3, "On Appreciation for Bivocational and Volunteer Pastors"

22. **On the Holistic Care of Children and Youth with Special Needs and Their Families:** *Leslie Creath, St. Louis, MO*
See Resolution 4, "On the Church's Opportunity for Evangelism, Discipleship, and Care for Persons with Disabilities and Their Families"
23. **On Faithful Christian Witness, Just Order, and Human Dignity:** *Victor Chayasirisobhon, Anaheim, CA*
See Resolution 7, "On Immigration, Human Dignity, and the Rule of Law"
24. **On Biblical Discernment Regarding Extraterrestrial Claims, Angelic Beings, and Spiritual Deception:** *Victor Chayasirisobhon, Anaheim, CA*
Declined. While the Committee affirms the sufficiency of Scripture to address questions of spiritual deception and the nature of angelic beings, we do not believe extraterrestrial phenomena merits a resolution.
25. **On the Full Dignity and Worth of People with Disabilities and the Use of Derogatory Language:** *Adam Blosser, Spotsylvania, VA*
See Resolution 4, "On the Church's Opportunity for Evangelism, Discipleship, and Care for Persons with Disabilities and Their Families"
26. **On the Importance of Ministry to the Deaf:** *Jonathan Raffini, Big Spring, TX*
Declined. While the committee affirms the importance of ministry to this underserved people group, the volume of submitted resolutions prevented the committee from bringing forth a version of this resolution at this time.
27. **On Russia's Systematic Targeting of Vulnerable Children and Religious Minorities in Ukraine:** *David Closson, Cheverly, MD*
Declined. While the Committee shares the deep concern expressed in this resolution for Ukrainian children who have been forcibly displaced and for Christian communities suffering persecution in occupied territories, we believe the 2025 resolution "On Advocating for International Religious Freedom" speaks to the underlying concerns of religious persecution and that the specific policy determinations called for in this resolution move beyond the appropriate scope of a Convention resolution this year.
28. **On Protection of Nigerian Christians in the Midst of Persecution:** *Alan Cross, Petaluma, CA*
Declined. While the Committee mourns with our Nigerian brothers and sisters in Christ who have suffered violence, displacement, and death because of their faith, and affirms our commitment to religious liberty for all peoples, we believe the concerns raised here are substantially addressed in the 2025 resolution "On Advocating for International Religious Freedom," and we do not believe a separate resolution is necessary at this time.
29. **On Finishing Well:** *Luke Holmes, Duncan, OK*
See Resolution 8, "On Finishing Well in Life and Ministry"
30. **On Closely Identifying with Article VI of The Baptist Faith and Message 2000:** *Jonathan Sams, Marietta, GA*
See Resolution 9, "On the Office and Function of Pastor/Elder/Overseer"
31. **On Truth and Charity in an Age of Toxic Polarization:** *Brad Diehl, Berlin, MD*
See Resolution 6, "On Political Violence and Speech"
32. **On Appreciation for Dr. Daniel L. Akin Upon His Retirement as President of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary:** *Matthew Daniel, Whitwell, TN*
Declined. While the Committee deeply appreciates the faithful and fruitful service of Dr. Akin to Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, it is not the practice of the Convention to adopt resolutions honoring individuals upon their retirement, and we would encourage Southern Baptists to express their personal gratitude to Dr. Akin directly.
33. **On Appreciation for Southern Baptist Bi-Vocational Pastors:** *Matthew Daniel, Whitwell, TN*
See Resolution 3, "On Appreciation for Bivocational and Volunteer Pastors"
34. **On Violence Against Christians in Nigeria:** *Matthew Daniel, Whitwell, TN*
Declined. While the Committee grieves the ongoing violence against our brothers and sisters in Christ and affirm the God-ordained responsibility of government to protect innocent life, we do not believe a resolution is necessary at this time and would refer messengers to the 2025 resolution "On Advocating for International Religious Freedom," which speaks to the broader concerns of international religious persecution.
35. **On the Office and Title of Pastor:** *Adam Bennett, Gulfport, MS*
See Resolution 9, "On the Office and Function of Pastor/Elder/Overseer"
36. **On Calling Southern Baptists to a Voluntary Season of Prayer and Fasting Before the Annual Meeting:** *Benjamin Hill, Pawleys Island, SC*
Declined. While the Committee encourages the regular practice of prayer and fasting by Southern Baptists, not just before the annual meeting, this resolution resembles a motion as it calls for action instead of offering a particular opinion of the Convention.
37. **On Reaffirming Religious Liberty and a Free Church in a Free State:** *Matthew Millsap & Malcolm Yarnell, Kansas City, MO*
Declined. While the Committee affirms the historic Baptist conviction that religious liberty is a God-given right and that the church must remain free from state coercion, this topic has been addressed in both the 2024 resolution "On Defending Religious Liberty" and the 2025 resolution "On Advocating for International Religious Freedom," and we do not believe an additional resolution is necessary at this time. Matters of religious liberty are also addressed in Resolution 1, "On the 250th Anniversary of the United States and the Baptist Contribution to Religious Liberty."
38. **On Just War and the Use of American Military Force in the Middle East and Strait of Hormuz:** *Benjamin Cole, Lexington, NC*
Declined. While the Committee affirms the just war tradition and the responsibility of government to pursue justice and protect its citizens, we believe this proposed resolution moves beyond the appropriate scope of a Convention resolution into specific military policy determinations. We would refer messengers to the 2024 resolution "On Just War and the Pursuit of Peace," which addresses the theological framework underlying these concerns.
39. **On Antisemitism:** *Troy Temple, Forest, VA*
See Resolution 10, "On Antisemitism"
40. **On Biblical Reconciliation in the Case of *McRaney v. NAMB*:** *Benjamin Cole, Lexington, NC*
Declined. While the Committee affirms reconciliation where biblically mandated as well as Paul's commands found in both 1 Corinthians 6 and Romans 12, we do not believe this topic merits a resolution this year.
41. **On Close Identification with the BFM Among SBC Ethnic Affiliations and Fellowships:** *Benjamin Cole, Lexington, NC*
Declined. Declined. The Committee affirms the beauty of ethnic diversity within our Convention and agrees that close identification with *The Baptist Faith and Message 2000* is essential to Southern Baptist cooperation, however we do not believe this topic merits a resolution this year
42. **On Political Violence:** *Rob Collingsworth, Ft. Worth, TX*
See Resolution 6, "On Political Violence and Speech"

Please Note: The time for consideration of a motion to bring out a resolution declined by the committee is on Wednesday afternoon at the conclusion of the Committee on Resolutions Report (Third).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SPECIAL SEATING

There is reserved seating located in the Convention Hall for those with disabilities, parents with strollers, and those hard of hearing. To locate how to get to these designated sections, please see an usher.

FOOD OPTIONS

There are multiple concession stands located inside the Orange County Convention Center as well as many restaurants within walking distance of the Convention Center. In addition to the food stands located in the Convention Center hallways and common areas, there are food vendors set up in the Exhibit Hall as well as Hall C. Convention Center dining information as well as an Orlando dining guide are available in the SBC Annual Meeting app.



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CHILDCARE

- Registration for the preschool and children programs took place earlier in the spring, prior to the Annual Meeting. In order to ensure the proper worker-to-child ratios, no on-site registrations will be accepted.
- Each year, we are able to offer the programs during Annual Meeting week for registered children. This year, drop-off and pick-up will happen on the lower level of the Orange County Convention Center next to registration.
- * *A nursing mothers' room is also available for mothers whose babies aren't registered in childcare. Visit the Preschool check-in area for directions. Please consult the Information Desk for more information.*

SPECIAL THANKS

We extend our sincere appreciation to:

- The Local Encouragement Team and Orlando area volunteers for their hard work, extensive planning, and assistance with greeters, ushers, and translation services.
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PRAYER PROMPT FOR THIS WEEK

Ephesians 4:1-6 (CSB)—*Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope at your calling—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.*

Lead us today, Father. Shape us to walk worthy of the calling You have given us, clothing us with humility, gentleness, and patience, so that in love we would guard the unity of Your Spirit and reflect the one hope, one faith, and one Lord who binds us together in peace.



PRAYER REQUEST CARD

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