

Tuesday

BUSINESS UPDATE

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We are never alone, Yeats tell messengers

Followers of Jesus are never alone, Dr. John Yeats, MBC executive director, told messengers Monday evening at the 182nd Annual Meeting of Missouri Baptists.

Yeats spoke to Missouri Baptists in his president's address during the opening session of the meeting, held in the St. Charles Convention Center.

"The Lord Jesus said to His followers, 'I am with you always, to the end of the age,'" noted Yeats. "And in Hebrews 13 He reminded us, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.'"

Even so, there are trying times when believers find themselves anxious. That's why it's so important for Christians to belong to a team, according to Yeats. "I did not say be on a team, because you can be on someone's team and be alone. But when we belong to a team, aloneness tends to evaporate."

Yeats said there are several types of teams to which Christians may belong, from sports teams to marriage to the local church. But two important teams we often overlook are the Missouri Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, where local churches cooperate voluntarily to accomplish more together than any local church could accomplish alone.

The executive director encouraged Missouri

Baptists to work toward forming gospel teams that feature a number of key personal qualities.

First, humility. "Of all the character traits that contrast the world and the gospel, humility is the greatest," he said. "Humility is not thinking less of yourself as much as it is thinking less about self."

Second, holiness. The apostle Peter urged followers of Jesus to serve as obedient children, becoming like the Holy One who called them. "The enemies of the gospel want us to morally fail," cautioned Yeats. "Don't be duped into thinking you are above temptation. Stay spiritually on point in the Word of God."

Third, hunger for the mission—"the gospel mission of transforming lives and communities with the gospel," said Yeats. "We want to see the people of God compassionately share their convictions in the workplace, the school house, and the state house."

Fourth, faithfulness. Wherever God places people on His team, it's important to acknowledge His calling and to be faithful in whatever He calls us to do, said Yeats. "That's part of what the Cooperative Program is all about," he said. "It is our working together to support one another in these days before the Lord cracks open the skies. Be faithful here and now."

Fifth, hear the Master speak. John 10:27 is a precious promise, Yeats noted. As believers, we hear the voice of the Lord and are assured we belong to Him. "We are on mission to follow the Master in all things," he said "When we hear His voice through the Word or through the Holy Spirit, it is imperative that we obey him."

Yeats closed with a word of encouragement: "Because of the Lord's death on the cross, the battle is won. Loneliness is a defeated foe. Now act like it—be strong and courageous. Let our character reveal the magnificent work of grace begun in us for the purpose of shaping the course of history for generations to come."

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Dr. John Yeats

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Nominating Committee recommendations

An (M) following a nominee's name denotes a minister and an (L) denotes a layperson. Listings followed by an asterisk (*) indicate proposed re-election to a second term.

Executive Board

Term Expiring 2017

1. Melissa Throgmorton (L), FBC, Elsberry (EC)
(Filling unexpired term of Luke Elders)

Term Expiring 2019

1. Stephen Andrews (M), New Salem, Independence (WC)
2. Brian Baker (M), FBC, Marceline (NW)*
3. Chuck Baker (M), Cornerstone, Richland (SC)*
4. Stephanie Bliven (L), Faith, Festus (EC)*
5. Stella Brinley (L), FBC, DeSoto (EC)*
6. Bret Capranica (M), Summit Woods, Lee's Summit (WC)
7. Dennis Crowder (M), FBC, Waynesville (SC)*
8. Chad Grayson (M), Ridgecrest, Springfield (SW)
9. Jeff Hardy (M), FBC, Kimberling City (SW)*
10. Gary Jones (M), U Church, Kansas City (WC)*
11. Bob Parker (L), Immanuel, Hannibal (NE)*
12. Jeremy Sells (M), FBC, Scott City (SE)*
13. Greg White (L), Southridge, Jefferson City (C)

Missouri Baptist Christian Life Commission

Term Expiring 2018

1. Bev Ehlen (L), The Way, Warrenton (Filling unexpired term of Patty Dickerson)

Term Expiring 2019

1. Allen Calkins (M), FBC, Gray Summit
2. Ron Crowe (M), FBC, Diamond
3. Bill Savage (M), St. Clair Southern
4. Michael Summers, (M), Brighton Baptist, Brighton

Missouri Baptist Historical Commission

Term Expiring 2019

1. Ruth Ann Feezor (L), New Bethel, Charleston
2. Bart McCloughry (L), FBC, Hume*
3. Patricia O'Rourke (L), FBC, Fulton*

Missouri Baptist Foundation

Term Expiring 2019

1. Charles Brazeale (L), FBC, Paris
2. John Dearing (M), Excelsior Springs Baptist*
3. Joby Steele (M), Macedonia, Alton*
4. John Wheeler (L), FBC, O'Fallon*

The Missouri Baptist Children's Home

Term Expiring 2019

1. Russell Abbott (M), FBC, Browning
2. Mark Albee (M), Immanuel, Hannibal
3. Ava Baker (L), Hillcrest, Lebanon*
4. E. J. Barnes (M), Modena
5. Brent Campbell (L) FBC, Troy*
6. Dan Hite (M), FBC, Memphis
7. Linda Logue (L), FBC, Archie*
8. Donna Qualls (L), FBC, Arnold
9. JoAnne Royer (L), Concord, Jefferson City

The Baptist Home

Term Expiring 2019

1. Rob Ayers (M), Camp Branch, Sedalia*
2. Eugene Butler (L), FBC, Arnold
3. Doug Funk (L), FBC, Annapolis
4. Scott Hutton (M), Nebo, Liberty
5. Ken Parker (M), FBC, Kearney*
6. Judy Warson (L), Concord, Jefferson City*
7. Donald Webb (L), Calvary, Republic*

Hannibal-LaGrange College

Term Expiring 2021

1. Jim Arico (L), Second, Bowling Green
2. Bob Caldwell (M), FBC, Arnold
3. Carey Casey (L), FBC, Raytown
4. Tyler Foster (L), South Haven, Springfield
5. Randy Klocke (L), FBC, Ewing
6. Randy Sharpe (L), FBC, Lewistown

Missouri Baptist University

Term Expiring 2017

1. Chad Hodges (M), FBC, Wright City (Filling unexpired term of Jim Rice)

Term Expiring 2019

1. Jeff Anderson (M), Calvary, Hannibal
2. Fran Austin (L), Bethany, Cape Girardeau*
3. James Briggs (M), FBC, Fayette
4. Jeff Brown (L), FBC, Villa Ridge*
5. Alan Cobb (M), Roanoke, Kansas City*
6. Dan Dildine (L), River Oaks, Wentzville*
7. Lyn Heying (M), Mt. Pleasant, Hartsburg*
8. David Nowell (M), Castlewood, Ballwin*
9. David Sheppard (M), FBC, St. Charles*

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Southwest Baptist University

Term Expiring 2021

1. Todd Decker (M), FBC, Neosho
 2. Charles Kevin Farr (M), FBC, Steelville
 3. Wayne Hutchins (L), Second, Springfield*
 4. Durwin Kicker (M), FBC, Marshfield
 5. Rebecca Randles (L), Pleasant Valley, Liberty*
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*Transforming lives
and communities
with the gospel.*

Retiring executive board members listed

During Monday's Executive Board meeting the following MBC Executive Board members were recognized for their service to the Missouri Baptist Convention:

- Alan Beard, serving 2011-2016
- Rick Biesiadecki, serving 2010-2016
- Welby Jones, serving 2010-2016
- Rick Loft, serving 2010-2016
- Larry Thomas, serving 2010-2016



Related Meetings

Tuesday, October 25

- 12:15 p.m. **New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Missouri Alumni Luncheon:** Embassy Suites Hotel.
- 12:15 p.m. **Partnership Missions Luncheon:** St. Charles Convention Center, Grand Ballroom C & D1, D2, D3, (upper level). Reservations required.
- 12:15 p.m. **Ministry Wives Luncheon:** St. Charles Convention Center, Grand Ballroom A (upper level). Reservations required.
- 9:00 p.m. **Hannibal-LaGrange University Alumni & Friends Meet & Greet Dessert Reception:** St. Charles Convention Center, Grand Ballroom B (upper level). Everyone welcome.

- 9:00 p.m. **Missouri Baptist Children's Home Meet & Greet Reception:** St. Charles Convention Center, Grand Ballroom C, D1, D2, D3 (upper level). Everyone welcome.
- 9:00 p.m. **Southwest Baptist University Alumni & Friends Meet & Greet Dessert Reception:** St. Charles Convention Center, Grand Ballroom A. Everyone welcome.
- 9:00 p.m. **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni & Friends Reception:** Embassy Suites Hotel, Augusta Room. Everyone welcome.

Wednesday, October 26

No related meetings scheduled.

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Nominating Committee members nominated

Missouri Baptist Convention president Neil Franks, in consultation with the other officers, has nominated eight new members for three-year terms on the Nominating Committee, terms to expire 2019.

Brian Jump, First Baptist, Clever, has been nominated to serve as chairman for 2017.

Term Expiring 2017

1. Luke Stockeland (M), Open Door Baptist, Columbia (Central) (filling unexpired term of Bill Romans)

New Members

Term expiring 2019

1. Brian Beadle (L), FBC, Branson (Southwest)
2. John Davis (L), Claycomo Baptist, Kansas City (West Central)
3. Cathy DeGraffenreid (L), Riverview, Osage Beach (Central)
4. Todd Higgs (M), Living Stone, Portageville (Southeast)
5. Ryan Kunce (M), FBC, Bethany (Northwest)
6. Barry Reynolds (L), FBC, Licking (South Central)
7. Brenda Sharpe (L), FBC, Lewistown (Northeast)
8. David Wells (M), Sandy Baptist, Hillsboro (East Central)

The new members will serve with the following members already on the committee:

Term Expiring 2017

1. Steve Colquitt (M), FBC, Centerville; DOM, Reynolds Association (Southeast)
2. Kyle Kormeier (M), Renovation, St. Joseph (Northwest)
3. Christine Crawford (L), FBC, Palmyra (Northeast)
4. Gina Jordan (L), Rock Springs, Licking (South Central)
5. Scott Pogue (M), FBC, Sarcoxie (Southwest)
6. Mike Scott (L), Calvary, Sedalia (Central)
7. Steven Strauch (M), Hillcrest, Lebanon; DOM, Laclede Association (South Central)

Term Expiring 2018

1. Harold Boyer (L), FBC, Poplar Bluff (Southeast)
2. Terry Delaney (M), Union, Mexico (Central)
3. Mark Fugitt (M), Mountain Grove Family Church, Mtn. Grove (South Central)
4. Duane Goss (L), FBC, Kearney (West Central)
5. Todd Johnson (L), Highland, Hillsboro (East Central)
6. Brian Jump (M), FBC, Clever (Southwest)
7. Brad Newbold (M), Calvary, Hannibal (Northeast)
8. Tyler Stark (L), Laura Street, Maryville (Northwest)



THE MISSION OF THE MBC STAFF

*We are missionaries cooperating with Missouri Baptists
to make disciples, multiply churches, and develop leaders.*

Additions to Executive Board report

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During the Monday afternoon meeting of the Executive Board the following items were reported for inclusion in the Executive Board report.

Report from the Executive Board to the Missouri Baptist Convention

(To be added to the Executive Board Report on page 55 of the *Book of Reports*.)

1. The Board considered and approved three recommendations from the Administrative Committee.
2. The Board heard and adopted the report and plan of action of the Agency Restoration Group.

Additions to Executive Board Recommendations

(To be added to the Executive Board Recommendations on pages 57-61 of the *Book of Reports*.)

8. On request by the Missouri Baptist Foundation Board of Trustees, the Executive Board recommends that the following amendments to the 1994 Charter of the Missouri Baptist Foundation be approved by the Messengers to the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Missouri Baptist Convention:

1. That Article IV be amended by the addition of the following sections:

(H) This Corporation is an entity of the Missouri Baptist Convention ("MBC") and agrees that MBF is subject to the governing documents of the MBC, as amended from time to time, including the *Baptist Faith & Message*, current edition. MBF Trustees have a fiduciary relationship to the Corporation and to the MBC.

(I) The MBC is the sole member of the MBF Corporation and as such the MBC has in its sole and absolute discretion the following rights of membership:

1. the sole and exclusive right to elect and remove Trustees of the MBF;
2. the right to notice of all meetings of the MBF's Board of Trustees;
3. the right to recommend, approve, or reject, in writing, any addition, deletion or other amendment to the MBF's Charter and Bylaws;
4. the right to approve or reject the sale, mortgage, lease, pledge or transfer of all or substantially all of the MBF's assets;
5. the right to approve or reject the creation, amendment or dissolution of any subsidiary of the MBF;
6. the right to be present by an officer at all

- meetings of the MBF's Board of Trustees;
7. the right to have the MBC president and MBC Executive Director serve as *ex officio* Trustees, without vote, of the MBF's board;
8. the right to have the MBC Executive Director serve as a non-voting member of any search committee for MBF's Chief Executive Officer; and
9. the right to approve or reject any material change of the ministry or purpose statement of the MBF.

(J) Nothing in the Charter or Bylaws of the Corporation requires the Missouri Baptist Foundation, its trustees, officers or agents to follow any civil law, rule or ruling that requires any act or omission that violates Scripture or any religious belief or practice based on Scripture, compatible with the *Baptist Faith & Message*, current edition, or that violates the right of Religious Freedom and Free Exercise which God has granted to all people and which the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was intended to protect.

2. That Article VIII be amended by the addition of the following sentence:

This Charter, including this Article VIII, the Consent Clause, cannot be deleted or amended by Trustees without approval in writing by the MBC Messengers at an Annual Meeting, the "in writing" requirement being satisfied when the MBC records the result of the Messenger vote.

3. That Article IX be amended by the addition of the following sentence:

A Bylaw amendment, like a Charter amendment, must also be approved in writing by the MBC Messengers, after recommendation by the Executive Board.

9. That the Executive Board recommends that the Convention adopt the following Special Order regarding the proposed amendments to the MBC Governing Documents ("Proposed Amendments"). If passed by a two-thirds vote, the Special Order will govern all further MBC procedure for voting on the Proposed Amendments.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR AMENDING GOVERNING DOCUMENTS MISSOURI BAPTIST CONVENTION

1. The Proposed Amendments are presented by recommendation from the Executive Board during the 2016 annual meeting, includ-

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- ing any edits printed in the *Daily Bulletin* approved by MBC legal counsel, thus fulfilling all advance Notice requirements.
2. The Proposed Amendments require no action by the 2016 Convention, other than the Chairman announcing they are introduced, received and stand referred to the Committee on Continuing Review (CCR) until the 2017 Annual Meeting.
 3. Any motion related to the Proposed Amendments made by a messenger during the 2016 annual meeting also stands referred to the CCR until the 2017 annual meeting.
 4. Discussion or questions about the Report on the Proposed Amendments at the 2016 annual meeting may be limited to the time fixed by the Order of Business Committee, unless 2/3 of the messengers vote to extend the time.
 5. After the 2016 annual meeting concludes, CCR must complete its review of the Proposed Amendments and any referred motions by July 1, 2017.
 6. On or before September 1, 2017, MBC legal counsel in consultation with CCR may direct that certain edits be made in the Proposed Amendments as are necessary to correct spelling, grammar, consistency, or other legal purpose, so long as the edits do not substantially change the meaning of a material provision, which edited version must be printed in the Pathway and posted online at MoBaptist.org by that date. These steps substantially satisfy all advance notice requirements contained in any current governing document.
 7. At the 2017 annual meeting during the time scheduled by the Order of Business Committee, the Messengers will vote on the Proposed Amendments, with edits by legal counsel, without further amendment from the floor. The vote may be taken as to all documents jointly since the amended documents are inter-dependent.
 8. Any motions offered during the 2017 annual meeting by a messenger to amend the Proposed Amendments will stand referred to the proper reviewing authority until the 2018 annual meeting. If the Proposed Amendments are adopted, the proper reviewing authority will be the Executive Board. Any motion by a messenger that would prevent or postpone an "up or down" vote on the Proposed Amendments at the 2017 annual meeting will be ruled out of order.

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Ministry Wives Luncheon

—TODAY!—

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Noon or immediately following morning session

St. Charles Convention Center, Grand Ballroom A, Cost: \$25

All ladies attending the annual meeting are invited to attend the luncheon.

Missouri ministry wives are invited to join us for an encouraging lunch. Our theme is "Satisfied"—Psalm 63:1-5. As we seek God, we find He is everything we need and so much more!

Chris and Rebecca Perstroe, church planters at Connect Church in Fenton, is leading worship and Kathy Litton, pastor's wife and NAMB Ministry Wives Consultant, is speaking.



Kathy Litton

New churches and missions reported

According to the governing documents of the Convention, specifically the Credentials Committee Rules and Procedures, the committee recommends the churches listed below be granted membership in the Missouri Baptist Convention:

Newly Affiliated Churches

Church	City	Pastor	Association
Alive Church	Eureka	Jim Breeden	St. Louis Metro
Anaconda Baptist Church in Waldo	St. Clair	John Davis	Franklin
Country Meadows Church	Kansas City	Peter Assad	
Cross Pointe	Sarcoxie	Larry Mills	Spring River
Faith Community Bible	Wentzville	Dave Martin	Twin Rivers
Genesis Church	St. Louis	Michael Byrd	St. Louis Metro
God's House of Ministry	Mexico	Jeff Stott	
Heritage Baptist	Elsberry	Allen Lockard	Salt River
Hill City Church	Lebanon	Kevin Smith	Laclede
Living Way Fellowship	Springfield	Daniel Hood	Greene
New Beginnings Baptist Church	Hannibal	James Bridges	Bethel
New Direction Missionary Baptist	Hillsboro	Wayne Norris	Franklin
New Life Baptist	St. Louis	Ricardo Redd	
Pillar Church	Gladstone	Russell Steel	
Real Life Church	Warrensburg	Atticus Dyer	West Central
Red Tree Church	Springfield	Tim Fleener	Greene
River's Edge Fellowship	Wentzville	Rick Tucker	Twin Rivers
Soma Community Church	Kansas City	Travis Yeargans	
The Grove Church	Jefferson City	Jon Nelson	
The Story Church	Gladstone	Jerry Conner	
Valor Church	Ozark	Chris Ballard	Greene
	Warrensburg	Craig Coppenbarger	West Central

Re-Affiliated Churches

Church	City	Pastor	Association
Iglesia Bautista Nuevo Pacto	Springfield	Samuel Gonzalez	Greene

The Committee will present the remainder of their report on Wednesday morning.

Franks appoints tellers for 2016 meeting

Missouri Baptist Convention president Neil Franks presented his appointments to the 2016 Tellers Committee during the Monday evening session of the Missouri Baptist Convention. This committee serves during this year's annual meeting.

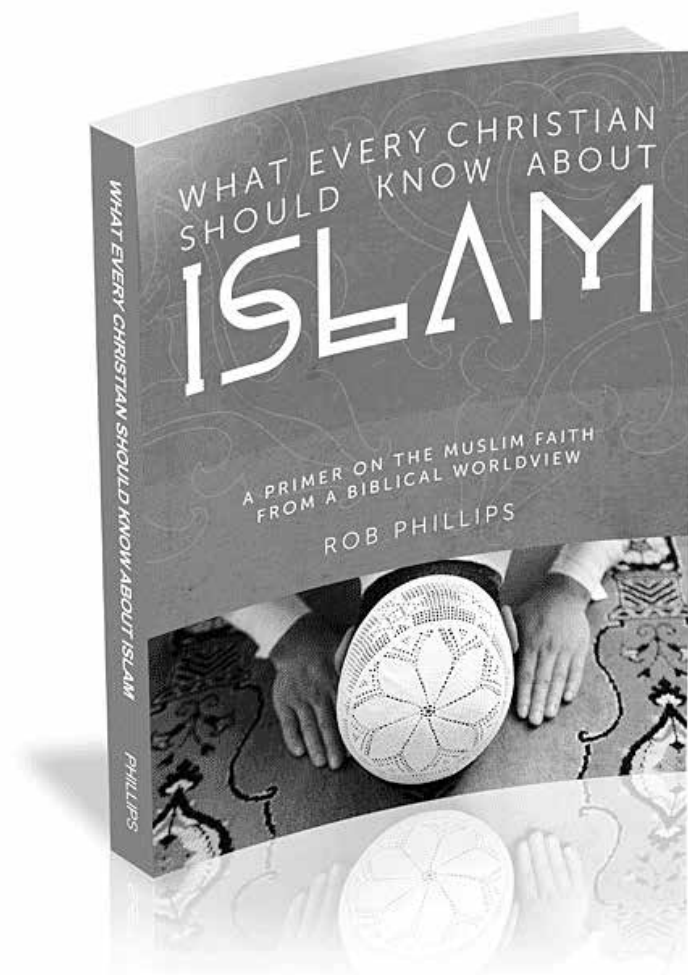
The Tellers committee assists the presiding officer with vote-taking, collecting ballots, tabulating results and announcing the results to the presiding officer.

Those appointed to the Tellers Committee are all currently serving as Disaster Relief volunteers. The list includes: David Wells, Sandy Baptist,

Hillsboro — Chairman; Michael and Ruth Beasley, Trimble Baptist; Norman Beckel, New Melle, Defiance; Jim and Delores Bone, FBC, Arnold; Pat Boyd, Second Baptist, Springfield; Bill Brammer, Potosi Community, Potosi; Allen Calkins, FBC, Gray Summit; Nick Catrow, Chapel Hill, Thayer; Wayne Conway, New Melle, Defiance; Linda Draper, South County, St. Louis; Al Groner, Calvary, Hannibal; Fred Martin, FBC, St. Charles; Sue Reiker, South County, St. Louis; Tom Sneathen, Dardenne, O'Fallon; Ray and Joy Walls, Canaan, St. Louis.



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