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Yeats highlights MBC vision and mission

In the executive director's address Monday evening, Dr. John Yeats highlighted the reorientation of the MBC staff around a mission grounded in the historical purpose for which the convention was founded, and a clear and compelling vision for the future.

Building on the theme of "What if..." Yeats urged Missouri Baptists to embrace a sense of urgency as they engage a culture desperately in need of the transforming gospel of Jesus Christ.

Starting two years ago, Yeats challenged the MBC missionary staff to face the brutal facts—not just declining baptisms and other traditional metrics, but a gaping disconnect between Christ's command to make disciples and the number of Christians engaged in missional living.

Yeats explained that the message he delivered at the MBC Annual Meeting in 2011 delineated the functions of a state convention. By structuring the MBC around these functions, the MBC gained the time to adequately pray, research and strategize for the future.

"The functions still exist and that work must be done, but we need to be laser-focused on helping Missouri Baptists fulfill a vision that is Kingdom-sized," he said.

Yeats commissioned a survey of Missouri Baptist church leaders. He also formed a study group to research additional data from focus groups and

personal visits with hundreds of pastors and lay leaders.

The results showed many positive trends. At the same time, the data revealed a drift away from the historic purpose for which the convention was founded.

Historical perspective

Tracing the MBC's purpose back to its founding as the "Central Association" in 1835, Yeats demonstrated that the convention staff has existed from the beginning to make disciples, multiply churches, and develop leaders.

But over the years—and with good intentions—the MBC experienced "mission drift" from that historical foundation, providing many resources and services that did not align with the convention's mission.

"What's the remedy for mission drift?" he asked. "A return to the mission for which the MBC was established: to cooperate with Missouri Baptists to make disciples, multiply churches, and develop leaders."

Consequently, Yeats led a reorientation of the convention staff. One essential component was the development of the MBC missionary staff's vision and mission.

The vision: Transforming lives and communities with the gospel.

The mission: To make disciples, multiply churches, and develop leaders.

Yeats expanded on the vision and mission during his address. His message underscored the urgency of the MBC's work going forward, and he called on all Missouri Baptists to embrace a common vision of transforming lives and communities with the gospel.

"The return to our historic mission requires us to think and act differently," he said. "Together, for this moment in Kingdom history, we can labor together to accomplish the purpose for which God has called all Missouri Baptists."

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Annual meeting attendees registered

By 6:00 p.m. of the opening session Monday evening, 675 messengers and 134 visitors, representing 329 churches, had registered for a total of 809 people in attendance during the 181st annual meeting of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

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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 2016

1. Chad Grayson, Ridgecrest, Springfield (M) (SW) (Filling unexpired term of Benny Gard)

Term Expiring 2017

1. Luke Elders, Central, Eureka (L) (EC) (Filling unexpired term of Don Clifford)

Term Expiring 2018

1. Keith Barnhart, Edgewood, Bowling Green (M) (NE)*
2. Eddie Bumpers, Crossway, Springfield (M) (SW)
3. Randy Conn, FBC, Morehouse (M) (SE)*
4. Carlene Cullinane, FBC, Kearney (L) (WC)
5. Stephen Dennis, FBC, Trenton (M) (NW)*
6. Bill Dudley, FBC, St. Robert (M) (SC)*
7. Jim Erwin, FBC, Washburn (M) (SW)*
8. Terry Gentry, Olive Point, Preston (M) (SW)*
9. Daniel Kitinoja, FBC, Ellington (M) (SE)
10. Joy Long, FBC, Crestwood (L) (EC)
11. Jason Marlin, FBC, Kirksville (M) (NE)
12. Spencer Plumlee, Riverview, Osage Beach (M) (C)
13. Doug Schildknecht, FBC, Buckner (M) (WC)*
14. Glenn Scott, FBC, Tarkio (M) (NE)*
15. David Thompson, Morley (M) (SE)

Missouri Baptist Christian Life Commission

Term Expiring 2018

1. Doug Austin, Bethany, Cape Girardeau (L)*
2. Patricia Krueger-Dickerson, FBC, Millersville (L)
3. Jeff Wells, Cross Keys, Ballwin (M)
4. Mary West, FBC, Mountain View (L)*

Missouri Baptist Historical Commission

Term Expiring 2018

1. Ron Adrian, FBC, Anderson (M)*
2. Dennis Gard, North Park, Moberly (M)*
3. JoAnn Hahs, FBC, Oak Ridge (L)*

Missouri Baptist Foundation

Term Expiring 2018

1. Jay Hughes, Second, Springfield (M)*
2. Floyd Gilzow, Concord, Jefferson City (L)*

3. Larry Shoaf, FBC, Jackson (L)*
4. Bill Friese, Second, Bowling Green (M)*

The Missouri Baptist Children's Home

Term Expiring 2018

1. Tim Abanathy, FBC, Portageville; DOM, Southeast Missouri Association (M)
2. Amy Arens, FBC, DeSoto (L)*
3. Patsy Austin, Unity, Fulton (L)
4. Leah Capps, Second, Springfield (L)
5. Beverly Corum, FBC, Kearney (L)
6. Greg Fine, FBC, Higginsville (M)*
7. Elmer McCully, Selmore, Ozark (M)
8. Greg Morrow, FBC, California (M)*
9. Ron Robinson, FBC, Van Buren (M)

The Baptist Home

Term Expiring 2017

1. Keith Perren, Highland, Dittmer (M) (Filling unexpired term of Serese Wiehardt)

Term Expiring 2018

1. David Cotter, Crossway, Springfield (L)*
2. Kenneth Crawley, FBC, Cainsville (L)*
3. Ted Middleton, FBC, Lewistown (M)*
4. Jason Moore, FBC, St. Joseph (M)*
5. Ronald Shrum, Miner, Sikeston (M)*
6. Donald Strodman, Stouts Creek, Ironton (M)
7. Charles Stults, New Hope, Exeter (M)*

Hannibal-LaGrange College

Term Expiring 2017

1. Gary Shultz, FBC, Fulton (M) (Filling unexpired term of John Edie)

Term Expiring 2020

1. Phil Bray, FBC, Macon (M)*
2. Brad Collier, Cornerstone, Sedalia (L)
3. James Freeman, Country Meadows, Lee's Summit (L)*
4. Tom Rains, First Southern, Quincy, IL (M)*
5. Joel Russell, Immanuel, Cedar Rapids, IA (L)*
6. Tim Smith, Aurora Springs, Eldon (M)*

Missouri Baptist University

Term Expiring 2018

1. Matthew Culbertson, Faith, Festus (M)*
2. Todd Haley, Ozark, Houston (M)
3. Dowell Kincaid, FBC, Chillicothe (L)

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4. Allan Lane, Calvary, St. Joseph (M)*
5. Gary Robnett, FBC, St. Charles (M)*
6. James Scoggins, FBC, Shell Knob (L)*
7. Daryl Stagg, Olive Branch, Sedalia; DOM, Harmony Association (M)
8. Scott Stice, FBC, Steelville (L)
9. Tom Willoughby, Northern Hills, Kearney (M)*

Southwest Baptist University

Term Expiring 2016

1. _____ (Unexpired term of Clyde Elder)

Term Expiring 2020

1. David Bennett, FBC, Joplin (L)*
2. Jerry Dudley, FBC, St. Charles (M)*
3. Ronda Miller, FBC, Camdenton (L)*
4. Rick Moore, FBC, Raytown (L)*
5. Ryan Palmer, South Haven, Springfield (M)*

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Yeats provided the following expectations:

1. A priority on developing people. "First, our mission and vision mean the MBC missionary staff is shifting from a program-driven organization to a people-development organization."
2. A strategically driven staff. "While we continue to counsel with church leaders and respond to their needs, we are strategically driven to transform lives and communities with the gospel. Therefore, we are not primarily a provider of religious goods and services to churches, but a strategic leader offering a clear, compelling, and cooperative vision for Missouri Baptists."
3. A kingdom orientation. "We are strengthening our focus on the kingdom of God. Our greatest service to Missouri Baptists and their churches is to partner with them in seeking first the Kingdom, understanding that Christ preached the Kingdom in dozens of passages."
4. A commitment to accountability. "Finally, we are changing the scorecard we use to measure

success—and we are seeking the input of Missouri Baptists to accomplish this. While it's important to collect and analyze data on worship attendance, baptisms, and giving, there are other milestones that may help us better determine the degree to which we are transforming lives and communities with the gospel."

Yeats concluded:

"The Lord has set a course for our lives. He has called us to make disciples, multiply churches, and develop leaders. He has gifted us and placed us in the communities where we live and work today. And one day we will stand before Jesus and give an account of how faithfully we walked the path of He purposed for us.

"Let's determine together to walk the forward path of purposefulness He laid out for us...to seek to transform lives and communities with the gospel...by making disciples, multiplying churches, and developing leaders."

The video of Yeats' presentation, along with other resources relating to the MBC vision and mission, are available at mobaptist.org/transform. *(End)*

Related Meetings

Tuesday

- 12:15 p.m. **Ministry Wives/Ladies Luncheon:** Colorado and Illinois Ballrooms. Reservations required.
- 12:15 p.m. **New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Missouri Alumni Luncheon:** Bull Shoals Room.
- 12:15 p.m. **Partnership Missions Luncheon:** Oklahoma and Kansas Ballrooms. Reservations required.
- 9:00 p.m. **Hannibal-LaGrange University Alumni & Friends Meet and Greet Dessert Reception:** University Plaza, Kansas and Oklahoma Ballrooms. Everyone Welcome!
- 9:00 p.m. **Missouri Baptist Children's Home Meet and Greet Reception:** University Plaza, Atrium. Everyone Welcome!

- 9:00 p.m. **Multiply—A Gathering of Pastors, Planters, and Leaders:** University Plaza, John Q Room. Join Joshua Hedger, Noah Oldham, Matt Marrs, and Rick Hedger of the Missouri Baptist Convention as they discuss strategy, opportunities, and dreams of church multiplication in Missouri. Seating limited to first 150.
- 9:00 p.m. **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni Reception,** University Plaza, Texas Room.
- 9:00 p.m. **Southwest Baptist University Alumni & Friends Meet and Greet Dessert Reception.** University Plaza, Illinois and Colorado Ballrooms. Everyone Welcome!

Wednesday

No related meetings scheduled.

Business

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 2018.

Toby Tucker, layman, First Baptist Church, Arnold, has been nominated to serve as chairman for 2016.

New members

Term Expiring 2016

1. David Cotter (L), Crossway, Springfield (Southwest) (filling unexpired term of Jim Albers)
2. Tom Denton (M), FBC, Cairo (Northeast) (filling unexpired term of Roger Nelson)

Term Expiring 2017

1. Kyle Kormeier (M), Renovation, St. Joseph (Northwest) (filling unexpired term of Clyde Elder)

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 new members will serve with the following members already on the committee.

Term Expiring 2016

1. Alan Brock (M), Calvary, Chillicothe (Northwest)
2. Leighton Clemons (L), Country Meadows, Kansas City (West Central)
3. Steve Neff (L), Canaan, St. Louis (East Central)
4. Kathy Smith (L), Sterling Acres, Kansas City (West Central)
5. Richard (Dick) Smith (M), Unity, Benton; DOM, Charleston Assoc. (Southeast)
6. Toby Tucker (L), FBC, Arnold (East Central)

Term Expiring 2017

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



THE VISION OF THE MBC STAFF

Transforming lives and communities with the gospel.

THE MISSION OF THE MBC STAFF

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

Franks appoints tellers for 2015 meeting

Missouri Baptist Convention president Neil Franks presented his appointments to the 2015 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: Ron Crow, FBC, Diamond—Chairman; Mario Ammons, FBC, Troy; Jim and Delores Bone, FBC, Arnold; Pat Boyd, Second Baptist, Springfield;

Bill and Freddie Brammer, Potosi Community, Potosi; Roy Christy, Northern Hills, Holt; Joe Dayringer, Northern Hills, Holt; Dan and Patti Dickerson, FBC, Millersville; Linda Draper, South County, St. Louis; Al Groner, FBC, Monroe City; Angie Hurd, Fellowship, High Ridge; Charlie and Rita Kempf, Mt. Carmel, Lake Ozark; Charles Lasky, FBC, Kimberling City; Terry and Shirley Moots, South Haven, Springfield; Donna Petre, FBC, Nixa; Paul Posey, FBC, Houston; Sue Reiker, South County, St. Louis; Danielle Slocum, FBC, Otterville; Ken and Brenda Stanford, North Nixa, Nixa.

Additions to Executive Board report

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 two recommendations from the Support Services Committee.
2. The Board approved changes to the Executive Board Bylaws.
3. The Board heard and adopted the report and plan of action of the Agency Restoration Group.
4. The Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into a partner relationship with the Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma for services not available through the Missouri Baptist Foundation.

Retiring executive board members recognized

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

- Douglas Clinton, serving 2008-2015
- Menk Ferguson, serving 2009-2015
- Benny Gard, serving 2010-2015
- Larry Gibson, serving 2009-2015
- Darrell Payne, serving 2012-2015
- Monte Shinkle, serving 2009-2015
- David Zink, serving 2012-2015



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Business

New churches and missions reported

The Credentials Committee is presenting a list of newly affiliated churches and missions and re-affiliated churches during the Tuesday morning session. According to the governing documents of the Convention, specifically the Credentials Committee Rules and Procedures, the committee recommends the churches and missions listed below be granted membership in the Missouri Baptist Convention:

Newly Affiliated Churches	City	Pastor	Association
Apostles Church	St. Louis	Todd Genteman	St. Louis Metro
Connect Church	Arnold	Chris Perstrobe	St. Louis Metro
Credence	Troy	Travis Parker	Twin Rivers
Emmaus Church	Parkville	Joshua Hedger	Non-Associated
Freshwater Church	Springfield	John Thomas Patton	Greene
Friends & Family Church	St. Louis	G. Keith Swehla	St. Louis Metro
House of Prayer Fellowship	Greenfield	Charles Cross	Ozark Prairie
Iglesia Bautista La Barca	Kansas City	Yoel Guerrero	Clay-Platte
Iglesia Cristiana Bautista Jesucristo Verdad y Vida	Belton	Pedro Achucarro	Non-Associated
Karis	Jefferson City	Josh Zeichik	Concord
Manna Fellowship Church	Lee's Summit	Rick Friesen	Blue River-Kansas City
New Direction Church	Holt	Rick Lumm	Clay-Platte
Northside Church	Mt. Vernon	Wally Long	Lawrence
Pathway Church	Raymore	Mike Roy	Blue River-Kansas City
The Vision Church	Sedalia	Dave Hague	Harmony
Velocity Church	Wentzville	Mark McGinnis	Twin Rivers

Newly Affiliated Missions	City	Pastor	Association
Reallife World Wide Community	Joplin	Ednor Sebag	Non-Associated

Re-Affiliated Churches	City	Pastor	Association
Blue Ridge Church	Independence	Chane Hutton	Blue River-Kansas City
East Bonne Terre Second	Bonne Terre	Stanley Payne	Mineral Area
Forest Avenue	Kansas City	J. Ken Smith	Blue River-Kansas City
Hopewell	Cowgill	Gary Dean	Heartland
North Church	Ferguson	Rik Maxedon/Dave Kuntz	St. Louis Metro
Six Mile	Sibley	Darrell Woods	Blue River-Kansas City

Ministry Wives Luncheon

Tuesday, October 27 — 12:30 p.m.
University Plaza Hotel and Convention Center
Colorado and Illinois Ballrooms

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

Jennifer Rothschild, best selling author and Bible study teacher, speaks across the globe challenging women to “think about their faith, for a change.” Good Morning America, Dr. Phil, Billy Graham, *Life Today*, and *Women of Faith* have featured her. This event is hosted and funded by MBC Ministry Wives Fellowship, the Cooperative Program, and area southwest Missouri churches. Join us for dynamic, funny, upbeat, challenging, girlfriend time. Cost at the Door: \$20.



Jennifer Rothschild