

# Wednesday

## ■ BUSINESS UPDATE

MBC ANNUAL MEETING • OCTOBER 28, 2015

## Resolutions submitted for consideration

**The Committee on Resolutions of the 181st Annual Session (2015) of the Missouri Baptist Convention submits this report to the Convention.**

### Resolutions recommended for adoption

The Committee on Resolutions recommends that the Convention adopt the following resolutions:

#### Resolution No. 1:

##### Courtesy Resolution to Express Appreciation

WHEREAS, the officers, committees, and staff of the Executive Board of the Missouri Baptist Convention have, through their preparation, labor, and spirit, contributed to a successful convention;

WHEREAS, the members of the Local Arrangement Committee along with Director of Missions and staff of the Greene County Baptist Association, have made every effort to make our stay in this area comfortable; and

WHEREAS, University Plaza Hotel & Springfield Expo Center has assisted with preparations and have made their excellent facilities and competent staff available in hosting this meeting; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the 181st Annual Session of the Missouri Baptist Convention meeting in Springfield, Missouri, October 26-28, 2015, express our grateful appreciation to the staff of the Executive Board and to the officers and committees

of the Missouri Baptist Convention for an excellent and orderly program and for their leadership in these convention sessions; be it further

RESOLVED, that we express our sincere appreciation to the members of the Local Arrangements Committee; and to the Director of Missions and staff of the Greene County Baptist Association, whose thorough preparation and hospitality have contributed greatly to the comfort and convenience of the messengers and visitors of the convention; and be it finally

RESOLVED, we thank the University Plaza Hotel & Springfield Expo Center for their hospitality and help during this session of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

#### Resolution No. 2:

##### Sanctity of Human Life

WHEREAS, the Scriptures reveal that human life is created by God in His image (Genesis 1:27; 9:6);

WHEREAS, our Creator watches over the formation of each child in the mother's womb (Psalm 139:13-16);

WHEREAS, The Baptist Faith and Message (2000) affirms that children, from the moment of conception are a blessing and heritage from the Lord;

WHEREAS, recent federal directives seek to compel religious organizations to provide coverage for abortifacients; and

WHEREAS, recent videos demonstrate that Planned Parenthood continues to commit heinous acts that reveal the organization's degrading disregard of innocent human life; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the messengers to the Missouri Baptist Convention in Springfield, Missouri, October 28, 2015, affirm the sanctity of human life; and be it

RESOLVED, that we encourage federal and state legislation requiring abortion providers to educate expectant mothers through an ultrasound showing the development of their unborn children; and be it

RESOLVED, that we admonish Missouri Baptists to contribute to and provide ministries to protect the unborn, and be it

## Resolutions



## Annual meeting attendees registered

As of 5:45 p.m. of the Tuesday evening session, 1,014 messengers and 228 visitors, representing 439 churches, had registered for a total of 1,242 people in attendance during the 181st annual meeting of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

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## Resolutions

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RESOLVED, that we support legislation to defund Planned Parenthood from receiving any federal or state tax dollars; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we call on Missouri Baptist churches and organizations to demonstrate the grace and love of Christ to women who find themselves in the position of dealing with an unplanned pregnancy and also to individuals who struggle with guilt over past abortions; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we will prayerfully support legislators who protect the unborn and that we admonish all Missouri Baptists to seek out and vote for pro-life candidates.

### **Resolution No. 3: Defense of Religious Liberty**

WHEREAS, the United States of America was founded, in large part, by people seeking freedom of religion;

WHEREAS, Religious Liberty is an American's most sacred right, and cherished freedom, being received from our Creator as an unalienable right, and remaining a cornerstone of the American experience, and central to its success;

WHEREAS, Religious Liberty guarantees, not merely the right of private worship, but of one's public expression of their religion, and that governments that respect Religious Liberty tend to respect other freedoms as well;

WHEREAS, the American model of Religious Liberty assumes that religious people and institutions will take active roles in society, including engaging in politics and policy-making and helping form the public morality essential to liberty and self-government;

WHEREAS, America's Founding Fathers believed that no citizen shall be hurt, or molested, or restrained in his person, his liberty, or his possessions for worshipping God in the manner dictated by his own conscience, provided he does not disturb the public peace, or obstruct others in their religious worship;

WHEREAS, to protect our Religious Liberty the Founding Fathers, in the Bill of Rights, enshrined and guaranteed that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free expression thereof;

WHEREAS, Religious Liberty is under direct threat as never before, history being replete with examples of the disastrous results of governmental efforts to interfere with individual conscience and religious belief;

WHEREAS, local, state and federal Legislatures and Courts are increasingly demonstrating intoler-

ance of and hostility toward orthodox religious and moral viewpoints, openly declaring that religious liberties must give way to the new morality, its redefinition of marriage, and its demand for coercive moral, cultural, and legal sovereignty;

WHEREAS, local, state and federal Legislatures and Courts have increasingly burdened religious citizens, religious businesses, and religious institutions, demanding they supply goods or services that violate their religious beliefs or moral convictions; and

WHEREAS, restrictions on Religious Liberty are an attack on civil society and the American genius for voluntary associations; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that our Baptist heritage demands that we defend Religious Liberty for ourselves and for others; and be it

RESOLVED, that Missouri Baptists, meeting in Annual Session, October 28, 2015, in Springfield, Missouri, remind our Legislators and Courts that Religious Liberty is our first freedom, and if we are not free in our conscience and our practice of religion, all other freedoms are fragile, and if citizens are not free in their own consciences, how can they be free in relations to others, or to the state, and if our obligations and duties to God are impeded, or even worse, contradicted by the government, then how can we claim to be a land of the free, and a beacon of hope for the world? And be it further

RESOLVED, that Missouri Baptists admonish those who hold public office, that it is their task to govern for the common good, that common good includes protecting and defending those fundamental liberties guaranteed by the Bill of Rights; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that Missouri Baptists call upon the Missouri State Legislature to pass a Religious Liberty Protection Act (and/or a Missouri constitutional amendment) that explicitly secures our Religious Liberty and freedom of conscience for pastors, churches, businesses, schools, student groups, colleges, and institutions.

### **Resolution No. 4: Cooperative Program**

WHEREAS, biblical stewardship is a response of loving obedience that constitutes an essential part of our worship of God;

WHEREAS, good stewardship is essential for Kingdom work through the local church and ministries around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Program is the method which enables Missouri Baptist churches to work together, demonstrating the value of cooperative

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endeavors throughout Missouri and our Southern Baptist denomination; so be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the messengers to the Missouri Baptist Convention meeting in Springfield, Missouri, October 28, 2015, exhort all Missouri Baptists to exhibit obedient biblical stewardship, to tithe cheerfully and give sacrificially as good stewards of God's blessings through their local churches; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we urge our churches to thoroughly educate their members regarding the value of the Cooperative Program; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that this Convention respectfully urges Missouri congregations to prayerfully review their gifts to the Cooperative Program so that together we might carry out the Great Commission.

## Resolution No. 5:

### Supporting the Nation of Israel

WHEREAS, the Holy Scriptures tell us that in speaking to Abram the Lord said, "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:3 KJV);

WHEREAS, the Holy Scriptures tell us that we are to "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee" (Psalm 122:6 KJV);

WHEREAS, currently Jews are severely and routinely persecuted and are facing the threat of total extermination; and

WHEREAS, our current Administration has just concluded a deal with a nation pledged to the extermination of Israel, abandoning our nation's historical and biblical commitment; and be it therefore

RESOLVED, that this convention of Missouri Baptists meeting in Springfield, Missouri on October 28, 2015, seek to follow the Holy Scriptures by blessing the children of Israel, and we recognize God's promise to bless us; and be it

RESOLVED, that Missouri Baptists commit to pray for God's peace to rule Jerusalem, all its inhabitants, and the nation of Israel; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we call upon world leaders and particularly our nation's leaders to renounce the growing tide of anti-Semitism and return to America's historical and biblical commitment to Israel; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that Missouri Baptists express our appreciation and pledge our prayers for Israel, the birthplace of our Lord, land of the Bible and a bastion of democracy in the Middle East.

### Disposition of resolutions

The Committee on Resolutions took the following actions respecting disposition of resolutions submitted by messengers to the Convention, the subject matters of which are addressed in the resolutions recommended for adoption:

Resolution submitted by Matthew Dunn on Supporting National Israel, see Resolution No. 5.

Resolution submitted by David Krueger on Defense of Religious Liberty, see Resolution No. 3

Resolution submitted by Doug Austin on Cooperative Program, see Resolution No. 4.

### Respectfully submitted, Committee on Resolutions

Rev. Jim Albers (chairman), Empire Baptist Church, Joplin; Rev. Brian Credille, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Jefferson City; Mr. Ron Lamb, Southside Baptist Church, Fulton; and Mrs. Becky Quinn, First Baptist Church, Salisbury.

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## Motion submitted for consideration

The Committee on Order of Business recommends that the following motion be referred to the Christian Life Commission for a report at next year's annual meeting.

### Motion No. 1

## Biblical marriage and what we should do about it

Submitted by Robert Lilly, First Baptist, Licking

"I move that this convention would do everything they can to support and affirm biblical marriage between one man and one woman and instruct the Christian Life Commission to convey our beliefs to our state and national legislative leaders, and we request a report of actions at next year's convention in St. Charles."

## Resolutions

## Motions

## Business

# Credentials committee completes report

The Credentials Committee presents the remainder of their 2015 report given on Wednesday morning.

1. According to the governing documents of the convention, specifically the Credentials Committee Rules and Procedures, the committee recommends the churches listed below be removed from the list of member churches in the Missouri Baptist Convention. These churches are being removed because they have either requested removal or they have disbanded.

Church	City	Year Removed	Date Disbanded/ Left MBC
Agency	Agency	2015	9/9/2015
Carnegie	Saint Joseph	2014	12/12/2014
Carr Lane Southern	Cassville	2015	9/30/2015
Dudley	Dudley	2014	7/3/2014
Eagleville	Eagleville	2015	9/28/2014
Eastvue	Joplin	2015	8/31/2014
Emmanuel Watertower Christian Min.	Saint Louis	2014	5/15/2012
Englewood	Kansas City	2015	6/20/2002
Fairmount Christian	Independence	2015	5/26/2015
Friendship	Joplin	2015	12/31/2014
Harmony	Saint Louis	2015	4/19/2015
Harmony	Sedalia	2015	10/1/2015
Harvest of Hope	Kansas City	2014	8/28/2013
Iglesia Bautista Comunidad	Cape Girardeau	2015	1/6/2015
Kirksville, Sperry	Greentop	2015	2014
Kirkwood, Fellowship	Hillsboro	2015	5/2015
Lee's Summit, Life Connection	Independence	2015	9/2/2015
New Covenant	Parkville	2014	Apr 2014
New Jamestown Road	Saint Louis	2015	5/3/2015
New Life	Florissant	2015	3/15/2015
Olive Branch	Chillicothe	2015	7/27/2014
Racket Lake	Clinton	2014	2011
Riverside, First	Riverside	2014	10/23/2014
Silex	Silex	2014	3/30/2014
Sycamore	Springfield	2015	8/14/15
The Rock	Saint Louis	2015	2014
The Way of Life	Lee's Summit	2014	2013

2. According to the governing documents of the Convention, specifically the Credentials Committee Rules and Procedures, the committee recommends the churches listed below be removed from the list of member churches in the Missouri Baptist Convention. These churches are being removed because they no longer meet the criteria of remaining a member church according to the Credentials Committee Rules and Procedures, section 9.a.

Church	City	Association
Cleveland, First	Cleveland	Blue River-Kansas City
Barry	Fellowship	La Russell
Saint Louis Metro	Kingshighway	Saint Louis
Saint Louis Metro	New Beginning Christian Fellowship	Saint Louis
Tri County	Reeds Spring, First	Reeds Spring
Blue River-Kansas City	Second Missionary	Grandview
Phelps	Spring Crest	Edgar Springs
Blue River-Kansas City	Tree of Life	Kansas City

## Thanks for Services

The MBC Executive Board and staff expresses appreciation to the following groups and individuals for their help in making this year's annual meeting run smoothly.

**Wendy Wright**, sales manager, and **Sue Martin**, director of events, University Plaza Hotel & Convention Center, for coordination and provision of our annual meeting space, furnishings, and services.

**Travis Stephens**, account executive and **Dawn Banta**, customer service consultant, of Modern Litho/Brown Printing, Jefferson City, Mo., for quality and timely printing of the *Bulletin & Book of Reports*.

**Chris and Melissa** of FedEx Office Print & Ship Center, Springfield, Mo., for late night printing of the daily bulletins.

## Committee on committees gives final report

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### To serve at 2016 Annual Meeting, St. Charles:

#### Committee on Convention Preacher for 2017 (reporting in 2016)

1. Mike Dennis (L), FBC, Camdenon—Chairman
2. Jason Davis (M), Anchor Church, Sikeston
3. Tim Hale (M), Lighthouse Association Director of Missions

#### Committee on Resolutions

1. Buddy Perstroppe (M), FBC, St. Charles—Chairman
2. Eugene Butler (L), FBC, Arnold
3. John Compere (M), FBC, Portageville
4. Rhonda Rhea (L), FBC, Troy
5. Gary Robnett (M), FBC, St. Charles

#### Committee on Enrollment

1. Chris Hughes (M), Highlandview, St. Charles—Chairman
2. Ryan Bowman (M), FBC, Ellisville
3. Tom Hollis (L), FBC, St. Charles

#### Committee on Local Arrangements for 2017 Convention, Raytown

1. Laura Davis (L), FBC, Raytown
2. Dawson Bryant (M), Summit Woods, Lee's Summit
3. Bret Capranica (M), Summit Woods, Lee's Summit
4. Ruth Carpenter (L), Spring Valley, Raytown
5. Peggy George (L), Summit Woods, Lee's Summit
6. Linda Graham (L), FBC, Raytown
7. Jim Miller (L), FBC, Raytown
8. Malachi O'Brien (M), Pleasant Ridge, Harrisonville

### Other Committees:

#### Credentials Committee

##### Term expiring 2018

1. Scott Perry (M), Temple, Sullivan
2. Kyle Rhea (M), FBC, Mansfield

##### Term expiring 2017

1. Ben Bextermueller (M), Cape Girardeau
2. Clif Crosnoe (L), Cape Girardeau

##### Term expiring 2016

1. Randy Sharpe (L), Lewistown—Chairman
2. Ron Shaw (L), Trenton

#### Committee on Order of Business

##### Term expiring 2018

1. Kirk Baker (M), FBC, Camdenon
2. Allen Nichols (M), FBC, Blodgett

##### Term expiring 2017

1. Jon Nelson (M), Jefferson City
2. Kay Payne (L), Jefferson City

##### Term expiring 2016

1. Jonas Mackey (M), Shelbina—Chairman
2. Jimmie Stewart (L), Paris

#### Committee on Continuing Review

##### Term expiring 2018

1. Todd Forman (M), FBC, Versailles
2. Bill Gamber (M), Brunswick

##### Term expiring 2017

1. Rachel Shepherd (L), Palmyra
2. Gary Shultz (M), FBC, Fulton

##### Term expiring 2016

1. James Freeman (L), Lee's Summit
2. Tim Faber (M), Aurora Springs, Eldon; DOM, Miller Association

Those underlined will be considered on Wednesday.



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## Business

### Preacher committee submits names

During today's session, the Committee on Convention Preacher will make recommendations on who will preach at next year's MBC annual meeting.

The committee will recommend that Ron Ratliff, pastor, Tenth Street Baptist Church, Trenton, preach the annual sermon during the 2016 meeting in Saint Charles.

The recommended alternate will be Phil Hopper, pastor, Abundant Life Baptist Church, Lee's Summit.

Committee chairman is E.J. Barnes, Director of Missions, North Grand River Association. Other members are Mike Quinn, First Baptist Church, Salisbury; and Joe Yarbrough, First Baptist Church, Palmyra.

### Additional deceased ministers listed

Listed below are additions to the list of 2015-2015 deceased ministers printed in the *Bulletin & Book of Reports*. These additions include those received by the administrative office during the annual meeting.

Ken Parker, our current first vice president, led the annual memorial prayer service honoring deceased Missouri Baptist ministers during the Tuesday afternoon session.

Please notify the MBC administrative office of additions or corrections to the list.

Name	Church	City	Association
Carl Curtis	Eldon, First	Eldon	Miller County
Lee Ralph Brownlee	Buck Prairie	Marionville	Lawrence County
Walter R. Horne	Mt. Olivet	Pierce City	Lawrence County
Bo Stevenson	Aurora Springs	Eldon	Miller County

### Special offering given

During the Tuesday morning session, \$4,077.89 was given to a special offering to benefit the disaster relief summer missionary program.



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