

# TUESDAY AFTERNOON — Business Update

MBC ANNUAL MEETING • OCTOBER 26-27, 2020

## Credentials Committee presents remainder of 2020 report on Tuesday afternoon

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.**

<b>Disbanded, Merged, or Withdrew</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Association</b>	<b>Year Disbanded</b>	<b>Date Removed /Left MBC</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Calvary Baptist Church	De Soto	Jefferson	2020	10/01/20	Disbanded
Cedar Grove Baptist Church	Kahoka	At Large MO	2020	05/01/20	Disbanded
First Baptist Church Everton	Everton	Ozark Prairie	2020	06/14/20	Disbanded
First Baptist Church Wellsville	Wellsville	Twin Rivers	2020	04/01/20	Disbanded
Founder's Grove Church	Wright City	Twin Rivers	2019	05/01/19	Disbanded
Freshwater Church	Bolivar	Mid-Lakes	2020	04/14/20	Disbanded
Gladstone Baptist Church	Gladstone	At Large MO	2018	10/31/18	Disbanded
Grace Fellowship	Independence	At Large MO	2020	01/06/20	Merged
Huzzah Baptist Church	Steelville	At Large MO	2019	12/28/19	Disbanded
Lenexa Baptist Church	Lenexa KS	At Large MO	2020	03/02/20	Withdraw
Leora Baptist Church	Bloomfield	Cane Creek Stoddard	2020	08/25/20	Disbanded
LifePointe Church	Wildwood	St Louis Metro	2020	04/02/20	Disbanded
Zion Baptist Church	Jasper	Spring River	2019	12/28/19	Disbanded

## Additional deceased ministers listed

Listed below are additions to the list of deceased ministers printed in the *Book of Reports* since last Annual Meeting. These additions include those recieved by the administrative office during the Annual Meeting.

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

<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>Church Membership</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Association</b>
Dale	Allen	South Haven Baptist Church	Springfield	Greene
Glenn	Start	Saginaw Baptist Church	Saginaw	Spring River

## Motions submitted for consideration

### Motion No. 1

Submitted by:

**Bob Ingold**, Messenger  
Second Baptist, Springfield.

Made two motions to amend the Bylaws, to be referred to the Executive Board for a report and vote at the next Annual Meeting. Made 3 motions expressing the will of the Convention to the Executive Board about the Nominating Committee Rules and Procedures.

#### Recommendation:

**Referred to Executive Board** in accordance with Bylaw 19, Bylaw 5.a.1.a, and Bylaw 6H.

### Motion No. 2

Submitted by:

**Keith Vawter**, Messenger  
First Baptist, Mansfield

Made a motion that the messengers present at the 186th Annual Meeting request all Directors of Missions of our associations and pastors sign documentation that they agree with and support the Baptist Faith and Message 2000.

#### Recommendation:

**Rule motion not in order.** By Article 2 of the Constitution, Baptist churches, Associations and Conventions are autonomous.

### Motion No. 3

Submitted by:

**David Krueger**, Messenger  
First Baptist, Linn

Made a motion to amend Bylaw 6.h, to require Resolutions to be published at least one week before the Annual Meeting.

#### Recommendation:

**Referred to Executive Board** in accordance with Bylaw 19.

### Motion No. 4

Submitted by:

**Dr. Malachi O'Brien**  
The Church at Pleasant Ridge, Harrisonville

Made a motion that the Convention reject Critical Race Theory and any similar world view.

#### Recommendation:

**Rule motion not in order.** The motion is in the nature of a Resolution because it seeks to express an opinion. The time to file Resolutions has passed, pursuant to MBC Bylaw 6H.

## Thanks for service

### Venue

Ann Taylor, Sales Manager;  
Jason Givens, Event Manager;  
Pamela Carnes-Sanders, Catering Sales Manager;  
Chris Wilson, Sports Sales Manager / Film Liaison; St. Charles Convention Center

### Headquarters Hotel

Diane Lester, Sales Manager; Embassy Suites by Hilton, St. Charles

### Printing

#### *Book of Reports*

Travis Stephens, Account Executive  
Dawn Banta, Customer Service Consultant  
of Modern Litho / Brown Printing, Jefferson City

## Resolutions report to the convention

The Committee on Resolutions of the 186th annual session (2020) 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 St. Louis Metro Baptist Association, have made every effort to make our stay in this area comfortable;

WHEREAS, St. Charles Convention Center has assisted with preparations and have made their excellent facility and competent staff available in hosting this meeting; be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the 186th Annual Session of the Missouri Baptist Convention meeting in Saint Charles, Missouri, October 27, 2020, 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 St. Louis Metro Baptist Association, whose thorough preparation and hospitality have contributed greatly to the comfort and convenience of the messengers and visitors of the convention; be it finally

RESOLVED, that we thank St. Charles Convention Center for their hospitality and help during this session of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

#### Resolution No. 2: Restoration of Resident Rights

WHEREAS, The United States Constitution guarantees freedom of religious expression for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; and

WHEREAS, Freedom of religious expression is understood to include the right to pastoral care and ministry; and

WHEREAS, in 1987 Congress passed The Nursing Home Reform Act, articulating the rights to receive personal care that accommodates physical, medical, emotional and social needs, the right to social contact/interaction with fellow residents and family members, and the right to exercise self-determination; and

WHEREAS, the emergency guidelines issued on March 13, 2020 by the Center for Disease Control and followed by the Department of Health and Senior Services included palliative caregivers but not clergy as providers of essential care; and

WHEREAS, the emergency guidelines have yet to address the critical role of soul care provided by clergy; and be it

RESOLVED, the messengers to the Missouri Baptist Convention meeting in St. Charles, Missouri, October 27, 2020, urge Christians to advocate political and social values consistent with biblical teachings of soul care and oppose excessive restriction of nursing home residents' visitation rights; be it further

RESOLVED, that we call upon our elected officials to restore the rights of residents in nursing homes to visits from family, church, and friends; be it further

RESOLVED, that we call upon state and national elected officials to affirm the essential soul care provided by clergy, never again excessively restricting the rights to resident access while allowing access to other essential health care providers; be it further

RESOLVED, that we affirm nursing homes and their caregivers who have served selflessly during the pandemic and call upon them to provide the necessary screening and supervision of family, church, and pastoral visits until the emergency declaration is lifted; be it finally

RESOLVED, that we pray for the healing of our land resulting from the coronavirus and the injustices committed during the response.

### 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 the Christian Life Commission on Restoration of Resident Rights, see Resolution No. 2.

## Resolutions Not Reported Out

The Committee on Resolutions does not report out the following resolutions submitted by messengers to the Convention:

Resolution submitted by Timothy Faber, David Van Bebber Jr., and Adam Cochrun on “Abolishing Abortion.” The committee strongly affirms the Sanctity of Life as addressed in the Baptist Faith & Message, Articles XV and XVIII, and we encourage all Missouri Baptists to pray for and work toward the abolition of abortion.

Resolution submitted by Michael Wilbanks on “Christian Use of Vaccines Utilizing Aborted Babies.” The committee strongly affirms the Sanctity of Life as addressed in the Baptist Faith & Message, Articles XV and XVIII, and we encourage Missouri Baptists to research the use of fetal tissue in some vaccines and options available for those who have a conscientious objection.

## Respectfully submitted, Committee on Resolutions

Dr. Don Colborn, Calvary Baptist Church, Hannibal – Chair

Mr. Chad McMath, First Baptist Church, Monroe City

Bro. Colton Strother, First Baptist Church, De Soto

Ms. Allyson Todd, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City

Pastor Jake Wright, First Baptist Church, Carthage

## Resolutions to be considered due to the messengers’ vote

### Resolution No. 3: Abolishing Abortion

By Timothy Faber, Messenger

Aurora Springs Baptist, Eldon

1. WHEREAS, from the moment of fertilization, all humans are created in God’s image by, through, and for Jesus to the glory of God, and all souls belong to Him (Genesis 1:27; 4:1; 21:2; Isaiah 7:14; Colossians 1:16; Romans 11:36; Ezekiel 18:4), and

2. WHEREAS, as God’s image-bearers, all humans both display His divine worth, power, and attributes, and possess the same objective worth before God, not varying on the basis of incidental characteristics; such as ethnicity, age, size, means of conception, mental development, physical development, gender, potential, or contribution to society (Rom 1:19-20; Gen 1:28; 9:6; Matthew 18:6), and

3. WHEREAS, all humans are created with God’s law written on their hearts, which works with their conscience to accuse or excuse them before God, and to undermine law and conscience is to ask, “Did God really say?” (Rom 2:14-16; Gen 3:1), and

4. WHEREAS, to murder any preborn image-bearer is a sin, violating both the natural law of retributive justice as set forth in the Noahic covenant, as well as the sixth commandment forbidding murder, and as such, is ultimately an assault on God’s image, seeking to usurp God’s sovereignty as Creator (Gen 9:5-6; Exodus 20:13; Proverbs 6:17), and

5. WHEREAS, God’s Word clearly declares that all human life is a sacred gift and that His Law is supreme over man’s life and man’s law (Psalms 127:3-5; 139:13-16; Rom 2:15-16; Acts 10:42; 17:31; 1 Corinthians 4:5), and

6. WHEREAS, God commands His own people to “rescue those who are being taken away to death” and holds them responsible and without excuse when they fail to do so (Prov 24:11-12), and

7. WHEREAS, God establishes all governing authorities as His avenging servants to carry out His wrath on the evildoer; and commands these authorities to judge justly, neither showing partiality to the wicked, nor using unequal standards, which are abominations (Psa 82; Rom 13:4), and

8. WHEREAS, in 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States rendered an iniquitous decision on Roe v. Wade, and in doing so deprived the innocent of their rights, and usurped God, who sovereignly ordained their authority (Isa 5:23; 10:1-2; Psa 2; Matt 22:21; John 19:11; Acts 4:19; 5:29, Rom 13:1), and

9. WHEREAS, in the Roe v. Wade decision, the Supreme Court of the United States subverted the U.S. Constitution namely, the Preamble, as well as the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments without any legal authority (Article 6, Clause 2 “Supremacy Clause”), and

10. WHEREAS, governing authorities at every level have a duty before God to uphold justice asserting their God-ordained and constitutional authority to establish equal protection under the law for all, born and preborn, by intervening, ignoring, or nullifying iniquitous decisions when other authorities condone such injustices as the legal taking of innocent life (Daniel 3; 1 Kings 12; 2 Kings 11; Jeremiah 26:10-16; 36:9-31; 37:11- 21; 39:7-10), and

11. WHEREAS, over the past 48 years with 60+ million abortions, traditional Pro-life laws, though well intended, have not established equal protection and justice for the preborn, but on the contrary, appallingly have established incremental, regulatory guidelines for when, where, why, and how to obtain legal abortion of innocent preborn children, thereby legally sanctioning abortion, and

12. WHEREAS, since 1980, the SBC has passed many resolutions reaffirming the importance of human life at all stages of development, our repentance is still lacking as we consistently have stopped short of calling for the immediate abolition of abortion without exception or compromise, and

13. WHEREAS, our confessional statement, *The Baptist Faith and Message*, according to Article XV, affirms that children “from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord”; and further affirms that Southern Baptists are mandated by Scripture to “speak on behalf of the unborn and contend for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death,” now, be it therefore

14. RESOLVED, that the messengers of the Missouri Baptist Convention meeting in St. Charles, Missouri, October 27, 2020, do state unequivocally that abortion is murder, and we reject any position that allows for any exceptions to the legal protection of our preborn neighbors, compromises God’s holy standard of justice, or promotes any God-hating partiality (Psa 94:6; Isa 10:1-2; Prov 24:11; Psa 82:1-4), and be it further

15. RESOLVED, that we will not embrace an incremental approach to ending abortion because it challenges God’s Lordship over the heart and the conscience, and rejects His call to repent of sin completely and immediately (Gen 3:1; John 8:44; Rom 2:14-15; 2 Corinthians 11:3), and be it further

16. RESOLVED, that we affirm that the murder of preborn children is a crime against humanity that must be punished equally under the law, and be it further

17. RESOLVED, that we humbly confess and repent of our complicity in recognizing any exceptions that legitimize or regulate abortion, and of our apathy, in not laboring with the power and influence we have to abolish abortion, and be it further

18. RESOLVED, that as Southern Baptists we will engage, with God’s help, in establishing equal justice and protection for the preborn according to the authority of God’s Word as well as local and federal law, and call upon pastors and entity leaders to use their God-given gifts of preaching, teaching, and leading with one unified, principled, prophetic voice to abolish abortion, and be it finally

19. RESOLVED, that, because abolishing abortion is a gospel issue, we will call upon governing authorities at all levels to repent and “obey everything that [Christ] has commanded,” exhorting them to bear fruit in keeping with repentance by faithfully executing their responsibilities as God’s servants of justice, and working with all urgency to enact legislation using the full weight of their office to interpose on behalf of the preborn, abolishing abortion immediately, without exception or compromise (Mark 6:18; Matt 28:18-20; Rom 13:4, 6).

#### **Resolution No. 4: On Use of Products of Fetal Tissue Research**

By Michael Wilbanks, Messenger  
Faith Baptist, Festus

WHEREAS, the Southern Baptist Convention has decidedly opposed elective abortion, resolved from many previous resolutions including *On The Sanctity of Human Life* at the SBC Annual Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Baptist Convention has decidedly opposed fetal tissue research and the sale of aborted baby parts, resolved from many previous resolutions including *On Human Fetal Tissue Trafficking* at the 2000 SBC Annual Meeting; and

WHEREAS, certain vaccines on the CDC schedule, certain potential SARS-CoV-2 vaccines, certain pharmaceuticals, certain artificial flavors, and certain health and beauty items are all products of fetal tissue research; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we affirm our abhorrence of elective abortion; be it further

RESOLVED, that we affirm our disapproval of research using fetal parts from elective abortions;

RESOLVED, that we affirm our stance against the exploitation of unborn human beings through the sale of their body parts; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we reject the use of any and all products of fetal tissue research including but not limited to: vaccines, pharmaceuticals, artificial flavors, and health and beauty items.