

# Wednesday

## BUSINESS UPDATE

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## Resolutions submitted for consideration

**The Committee on Resolutions of the 182nd annual session (2016) 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

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 facilities and competent staff available in hosting this meeting; be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the 182nd Annual Session of the Missouri Baptist Convention meeting in St Charles, Missouri, October 24-26, 2016, 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, we thank the St Charles Convention Center for their hospitality and help during this session of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

### Resolution No. 2:

#### Christian Citizenship

WHEREAS, God holds all societies accountable to His standards of righteousness (Genesis 6:1-13; 18:20-21; 19:12-13; Jonah 1:1-2); and

WHEREAS, Jesus taught that Christians are the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16); and

WHEREAS, Our Baptist Faith and Message affirms that "every Christian should seek to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness, truth, and brotherly love" (XV. The Christian and the Social Order); and

WHEREAS, many Christians who are eligible to vote do not vote regularly; and

WHEREAS, The United States Constitution has placed our nation's leadership in the hands of democratically elected public officials; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the messengers to the Missouri Baptist Convention meeting in St. Charles, Missouri, October 26, 2016, encourage all Christians to fulfill their God-given responsibility to engage in the public life of the nation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that we implore all Christians to learn about the platforms of all candidates in any election; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we urge all Christians to vote in

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accordance with biblical values rather than according to party lines, personalities, or candidate rhetoric; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we encourage Christian men and women to pursue positions of public leadership and service within government at the local, state, and federal levels; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we commit to pray for our elected leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

### **Resolution No. 3: Sanctity of Human Life**

WHEREAS, the Bible clearly affirms that human life is formed by God in His image and is therefore worthy of honor and dignity (Genesis 1:27, 9:6); and

WHEREAS, God is the Author of life from the moment of conception (Psalm 139:13-16); and

WHEREAS, God alone numbers our days from conception until natural death (Psalm 39:4; Job 14:5-7); and

WHEREAS, the Bible commands us to honor our parents and the aged (Exodus 20:12; Leviticus 19:32; Ephesians 6:2); and

WHEREAS, The Baptist Faith & Message (2000) affirms that “children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord” and calls us to “contend for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death” be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the messengers of the Missouri Baptist Convention in St. Charles, Missouri, October 26, 2016, affirm the sanctity of human life at all stages of development from conception to natural death; and be it

RESOLVED, that we reaffirm our repudiation of the genocide of legalized abortion in our state and in the United States; and be it

RESOLVED, that we call on Missouri Baptist churches and entities to show the love of Christ through appropriate means to women dealing with an unplanned pregnancy, and to show grace and mercy to those who grieve with repentance over past abortions; and be it

RESOLVED, that we call on Missouri Baptist churches and entities to care for the elderly among us, to show them honor and dignity, and to prayerfully support and counsel those who provide end-of-life care for the aged, the terminally ill, and infirmed; and be it

RESOLVED, that we prayerfully support legislators seeking to protect the unborn and to further the defense and protection of human life at all stages; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we admonish all Missouri

Baptists to prayerfully seek out and vote for candidates who honor the sanctity of all human life.

### **Resolution No. 4: Transgender Identity**

WHEREAS, all people are created in God’s image and are made to glorify Him (Genesis 1:27; Isaiah 43); and

WHEREAS, God’s design was the creation of two distinct and complementary sexes, male and female (Genesis 1:27; Matthew 19:4; Mark 10:6) which designate the fundamental distinction that God has embedded in the very biology of the human race; and

WHEREAS, distinctions in masculine and feminine roles as ordained by God are part of the created order and should find their unique expression in every human heart (Genesis 2:18, 21-24; 1 Corinthians 11:7-9; Ephesians 5:22-23; 1 Timothy 2:12-14); and

WHEREAS, The Fall of man into sin and God’s subsequent curse have introduced brokenness and futility into God’s good creation (Genesis 3:1-24; Romans 8:20); and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of Americans perceive their gender identity to be at variance with the physical reality of the biological birth sex; and

WHEREAS, among its treatment options for gender dysphoria the American Psychiatric Association includes cross-sex hormone therapy, gender reassignment surgery, and social and legal transition to the desired gender; and

WHEREAS, in some cases parents are allowing their children to undergo these therapies; and

WHEREAS, many LGBT activists have sought to normalize the transgender experience and to define gender according to one’s self-perception apart from biological anatomy; and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of public schools are encouraging parents and teachers to affirm the feelings of children whose self-perception of their own gender is at variance with their biological sex; and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of public schools are allowing access to restrooms and locker rooms according to children’s self-perception of gender and not according to their biological sex; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of states prohibit licensed mental health practitioners from the use of practices that attempt to change a minor’s “gender expression;” and

WHEREAS, these cultural currents run counter to the biblical teaching as summarized in The Baptist Faith and Message, Article III, that “Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He

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created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God’s creation;” now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the messengers to the Missouri Baptist Convention meeting in St. Charles, Missouri, October 26, 2016, affirm God’s design that gender identity is determined by biological sex and not by one’s self-perception—a perception which is often influenced by fallen human nature in ways contrary to God’s design (Ephesians 4:17-18); and be it further

RESOLVED, that we grieve the reality of human fallenness which can result in such biological manifestations as intersexuality or psychological manifestations as gender identity confusion and point all to the hope of the redemption of our bodies in Christ (Romans 8:23); and be it further

RESOLVED, that we extend love and compassion to those whose sexual self-understanding is shaped by a distressing conflict between their biological sex and their perceived gender identity, and be it further

RESOLVED, that we invite all transgender persons to trust in Christ and to experience renewal in the Gospel (1 Timothy 1:15-16); and be it further

RESOLVED, that we express love toward our transgender neighbors, seek their good always, welcome them to our churches and, as they repent and believe the Gospel, receive them into church membership (2 Corinthians 5:18-20; Galatians 5:14); and be it further

RESOLVED, that we regard our transgender neighbors as image-bearers of Almighty God and therefore condemn acts of abuse or bullying committed against them; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we oppose efforts to alter one’s bodily identity (e.g., cross-sex hormone therapy,

gender reassignment surgery) to refashion it to conform with one’s perceived gender identity; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we continue to oppose steadfastly all efforts by any governing official or body to validate transgender identity as morally praiseworthy (Isaiah 5:20); and be it finally

RESOLVED, that our love for the Gospel and urgency for the Great Commission must include declaring the whole counsel of God, proclaiming what Scripture teaches about God’s design for us male and female persons created in His image and for His glory (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 20:27; Romans 11:36).

### 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:

Original resolution submitted by Doug Austin on Christian Citizenship, see Resolution No. 2.

Original resolution submitted by David Krueger on Transgender Identity, see Resolution No. 4.

### Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Resolutions:

Dr. Buddy Perstrop—chairman, First Baptist Church, St. Charles

Mr. Gene Butler, First Baptist Church, Arnold

Rev. John Compere, First Baptist Church, Portageville

Mrs. Rhonda Rhea, First Baptist Church, Troy

Rev. Gary Robnett, First Baptist Church, St. Charles

*(End)*

## Additional deceased ministers listed

Listed below are additions to the list of 2015-2016 deceased ministers printed in the *Book of Reports*. These additions include those received by the administrative office during the annual meeting.

Ken Parker, current MBC 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
Harold Bass . . . . .	FBC, Union . . . . .	Union . . . . .	Franklin County
Philip Dyer . . . . .	FBC, Cleveland . . . . .	Cleveland . . . . .	Blue-River Kansas City

## Motions

# Motions submitted for consideration

## Motion No. 1

Submitted by:

**Mark Stahlhuth**, Messenger, FBC, Linn

I move that the Missouri Baptist Convention direct the Executive Board, with the cooperation and assistance of the presidents of HLG and SBU, to (1) study options for student financial aid for attendance at such universities, which student financial aid would be independent of and replace current government student financial aid programs and (2) present a report at the 2017 annual meeting regarding each such option, its costs and benefits, how and within what time it could be implemented, and any other matter which to the Executive Board may seem relevant to the issue of student financial aid in the event that government financial aid becomes unavailable to Christian higher education institutions who continue to reflect the values of and witness to Jesus Christ.

### Background:

Federal law currently allows for governmental financial aid to students who attend higher education institutions sponsored by Christian organizations while allowing such institutions to maintain their witness for Jesus Christ, particularly in the areas of expectations for behaviors and expressions that reflect the moral values of Jesus as stated in the Holy Bible.

Such law not only helps Christian institutions of higher education extend a gospel witness and promote the spiritual values of their faith, but also promotes the secular value of a richly diverse society that is truly inclusive.

However, certain persons, intolerant of any opinion that might contradict their own understanding of a world devoid of moral accountability, have sought, and apparently will continue to seek, to overturn the current laws and thereby require that government student financial aid be available to students attending only those higher educational institutions that deny any expectation that their students, faculty, and employees reflect the moral teachings of Jesus Christ as reflected in Holy Scripture, and should such per-

sons succeed in their efforts, Christian institutions of higher education will be faced with a choice of either denying Jesus (and therefore showing love for money more than Christ) or risk losing a significant number of students who could not afford to attend Christian higher education institutions absent the government financial aid.

### Recommendation:

The Committee on Order of Business recommends that the motion from Mark Stahlhuth, messenger from First Baptist, Linn, be referred to the Executive Board and specifically the Inter-Agency Relations Committee. The Executive Board shall bring a report to the MBC Annual Meeting in Raytown, October 23-25, 2017.

## Motion No. 2

Submitted by:

**Jeff Purvis**, Messenger, FBC, Herculaneum/Pevely

I move that when a messenger of the Missouri Baptist Convention makes a motion or an amendment recommendation and it is referred to a committee, board, institution, entity, etc., that when that committee, board, institution, entity, etc. reviews or deals with the referred motion or recommendation, they have the courtesy of contacting the messenger and asking them their position or reasoning for making the motion or recommendation and even allow the messenger to address the full committee, board, institution, entity, etc. to explain their position or reasoning.

### Recommendation:

The Committee on Order of Business recommends that the motion from Jeff Purvis, messenger from First Baptist, Herculaneum/Pevely, be referred to the Executive Board and specifically to the Administrative Committee. The Executive Board shall bring a report to the MBC Annual Meeting in Raytown, October 23-25, 2017.

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## Credentials Committee completes report

The Credentials Committee presents the remainder of their 2016 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
Arbyrd Baptist Church	Arbyrd	2016	3/14/16
Ballwin Baptist Church	St Louis	2016	7/1/16
Beulah Baptist Church	Beulah	2016	2/1/16
El Renuevo Mision Bautista	Monett	2016	12/31/12
First Baptist Church	Glenallen	2016	7/15/16
First Baptist Church	Jameson	2016	2/5/16
First Baptist Church of Cape Fair	Cape Fair	2015	11/30/15
First Baptist Church of Holcomb	Holcomb	2016	6/3/14
Goose Creek Baptist Church	French Village	2016	3/16/16
Legacy Church	Kansas City	2016	7/31/16
Leslie Baptist Church	Leslie	2016	1/31/16
Lighthouse Baptist Chapel	Dover	2016	7/1/14
Mision Bautista El Calvario	Neosho	2016	5/19/16
New Dover Baptist Church	Aurora	2016	10/1/09
Passage Community Church	Florissant	2015	12/3/15
Phelps County Cowboy Church	Saint James	2016	9/13/16
Sanctuary of Faith Baptist Church	Kansas City	2016	10/12/16
South Platte Baptist Church	Parkville	2016	7/31/15
The Carpenter's House	Hollister	2015	11/30/15
The Edge Outdoorsmen Church	Springfield	2016	6/1/16
The Huddle Fellowship	Kearney	2016	1/31/16
The Pursuit of Springfield	Springfield	2016	8/23/15
Tracy Baptist Church	Platte City	2016	5/31/16
Velocity Church of St Louis	Wentzville	2016	9/4/16

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
Armour Heights	Kansas City	Blue River-Kansas City
AZ-U-R	Lee's Summit	Blue River-Kansas City
Beacon of Hope	Rockaway Beach	Tri-County
Bible Baptist of Brushy	Saint Mary	None
Dockery	Richmond	Heartland
Grace	Cassville	Barry
Hermitage Hills	Fenton	St. Louis Metro
Holy Trinity Missionary	Macon	None
Iglesia Bautista La Barca	Kansas City	None
In God's Hand's Ministry	Grandview	Blue River-Kansas City
Iona	Cape Girardeau	Cape Girardeau
Keystone	Reeds Spring	Tri-County

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## Credentials

### 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.

### Facilities

**Jennifer Schonhoff**, event & exhibitor services manager, St. Charles Convention Center; **Jennifer Nowack**, catering sales manager, St. Charles Convention Center; **Chrissy Gifford**, event sales manager, Embassy Suites; and **Nick Landry**, Sales Manager, Embassy Suites, for coordination and provision of our annual meeting space, furnishings, and services.

### Printing

**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 *Book of Reports*.

**Travis and staff of Office Max**, St. Charles for late night printing of the *Daily Bulletins*

## Committees

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Mt. Carmel . . . . .	Fortuna . . . . .	Lamine
Mt. Pleasant . . . . .	Springfield . . . . .	Greene
Parks Chapel . . . . .	Clinton . . . . .	West Central
Pleasant View . . . . .	Saint Catharine . . . . .	Linn-Livingston
Ponce De Leon . . . . .	Galena . . . . .	Tri-County
Round Prairie . . . . .	Appleton City . . . . .	Osage River
Sovereign Grace . . . . .	Kansas City . . . . .	Blue River-Kansas City
Whitewater, First . . . . .	Whitewater . . . . .	Cape Girardeau

(End)

## Committee on Committees gives final report

### To serve at the 2017 annual meeting, Raytown:

#### Committee on Convention Preacher for 2018 (reporting in 2017)

1. Tommy Boyd (L), FBC, Summersville
2. Tim Richards (M), Refuge Church, St. Louis—chairman
3. Dave Van Bebber (M), FBC, Buffalo

#### Committee on Resolutions

1. Pat Crisler (L), Providence, Liberty
2. Nathan Eikenberry (M), FBC, Millersville
3. Brandon Mammen (L), Lawson Baptist
4. Mike Quinn (M), FBC, Salisbury—chairman
5. Nathan Rose (M), Liberty Baptist

#### Committee on Enrollment

1. Debbie Englebrake (L), FBC, Raytown
2. Dan Ferrell (L), Providence, Liberty—chairman
3. William Isaacson (M), FBC, Richmond

#### Committee on Local Arrangements for 2018 Convention, Springfield

1. Jared Bumpers (M), Crossway, Springfield
2. Brian Hatcher (M), Ridgecrest, Springfield
3. Becky Horton (L), Second, Springfield
4. Jay Hughes (M), Second, Springfield
5. Patti Irvin (L), Glenstone, Springfield
6. Phil Jones (L), Second, Springfield
7. Carl Rees (L), Ridgecrest, Springfield
8. Rollie Warren (L), Second, Springfield

#### Other Committees:

##### Credentials Committee

###### Term expiring 2019

1. L. P. Cook (M), Union Hill, Holts Summit
2. Thomas Phillips (L), Providence, Liberty

###### Term expiring 2018

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

###### Term expiring 2017

1. Ben Bextermueller (M), Cape Girardeau—chairman
2. Roy Dameron (L), Concord, Jefferson City (filling unexpired term of Clif Crosnoe)

##### Committee on Order of Business

###### Term expiring 2019

1. Maya Howell (L), Crossway, Springfield
2. John Vernon (M), FBC, Millersville

###### Term expiring 2018

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

###### Term expiring 2017

1. Jon Nelson (M), Soma, Jefferson City—chairman
2. Kay Payne (L), Cornerstone, Jefferson City

##### Committee on Continuing Review

###### Term expiring 2019

1. James Kreitler (L), FBC, DeSoto
2. Lendall Morris (M), Verona Baptist

###### Term expiring 2018

1. Don Lanning (L), FBC, Richmond (filling unexpired term of Todd Forman)
2. Bill Gamber (M), Brunswick

###### Term expiring 2017

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

Those underlined will be considered on Wednesday.

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## Convention Preacher Committee submits names

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

The committee recommends that Dr. Kirk Baker, pastor, First Baptist Church, Camdenton, preach the annual sermon during the 2017 meeting in Raytown.

The recommended alternate is Brian Grout, pastor, Beverly Hills Baptist Church, Independence.

Committee chairman is Mike Dennis, First Baptist, Camdenton.

Other members are Jason Davis, Anchor Church, Sikeston; and Tim Hale, Lawson Baptist.