

## **2000 Resolutions**

### **#1 – Appreciation of Castle Hills First Baptist Church, San Antonio**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, meeting in San Antonio, November 14, 2000, recognized Pastor George Harris, the administration, staff and members of the Castle Hills First Baptist Church for their support, hospitality, and use of the facilities of the Castle Hills First Baptist Church during this Third Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention.

### **#2 – Sanctity of Human Life**

WHEREAS, creation is the first element of the Christian worldview and is the perspective from which we learn who we are and why we are here and how we should treat one another; and

WHEREAS, the questions of human life have become the most pressing issues of our day, and engaging our culture is a God-given responsibility for the New Testament church; and

WHEREAS, the premature, selective, and forced ending of life has never been more prevalent in our society, of both the unborn through infanticide or of the ill or aged through euthanasia [God hates the shedding of innocent blood (Proverbs 6:17)]; and

WHEREAS, the continuing development in medical research and technology in the use of fetal tissue and the rush to judgment in legalizing the production and distribution of RU486 further demonstrate man's depravity through our greed and propensity to call wrong right; and

WHEREAS, historical lessons clearly teach that a nation decays from within and we agree that we as a sinful society continue to allow a holocaust of mankind that began with the passing of Roe vs. Wade in 1973.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention meeting in San Antonio, TX, November 14, 2000, adopt the following statement:

Based on Psalm 92:13-15, Psalm 127:3-5, Psalm 139:13-16, Matthew 18:14, all human life, both born and unborn, deserves equal dignity and rights; and those who are old, those who are ill, those who are mentally or physically impaired deserve full protection and honor as human beings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that those who have experienced the emotional, physical and spiritual scars of abortion and other forms of murder should be assured that God's love offers redemption and restoration for all who turn to Him through Christ; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the time has come for all spiritual leaders to identify abortion as murder; and for all evangelical Christian churches and denominations to repent from ignoring this current American holocaust; and for them to begin to lead and speak out in bold and redemptive ways opposing all methods of abortion, and all other attacks on the sanctity of each individual human life.

### **#3 – The Spirit of the Cooperative Program**

WHEREAS, the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program has been recognized as the greatest and most effective mission giving program in the history of the Christian church; and

WHEREAS, this cooperative effort between local churches, the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention continues to be the most efficient means to carry out the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Program provides funds for the local, state, North American and International mission endeavors, as well as training in the SBC seminaries for pastors, missionaries, church workers and for other necessary causes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention meeting in San Antonio, TX on November 14, 2000, do hereby encourage Southern Baptist churches to join in the spirit and original intent of this great effort as this Convention shares 51% of these gifts with the Southern Baptist Convention.

### **#4 – Gratitude for Leaders of Vision**

WHEREAS, under the providence of Almighty God, standing with faith and courage in the face of change, and firm in the vision our Lord gave; and

WHEREAS, having exhibited the boldness to act at that critical time in Baptist life by establishing a convention where churches of like faith and purpose could express unity in the work of God.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention meeting in San Antonio, TX on November 14, 2000, express a deep vote of thanks to those leaders who stepped up and out to bring into being this great convention.

### **#5 – Affirmation of SBC Seminaries and Agencies**

WHEREAS, our six Southern Baptist seminaries (Golden Gate, Midwestern, New Orleans, Southeastern, Southern, & Southwestern) are providing valuable theological and practical training to more than 12,000 men and women for service to churches throughout this world; and

WHEREAS, the presidents of these six seminaries are committed to the inerrancy of scripture which is the foundation of Southern Baptist doctrinal confessions as expressed in the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention performs necessary duties for the Southern Baptist Convention when out of session including overseeing the distribution of Cooperative Program funds; and

WHEREAS, the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission takes a strong stand for what is right and true by addressing moral concerns (such as gambling, abortion, homosexuality, pornography, illegal use of drugs and alcohol, etc.), as well as public policy and religious liberty.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention meeting in San Antonio on November 14, 2000, affirm the six Southern Baptist seminaries, the seminary presidents, the Executive Committee and the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission for the leadership; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that we will remain steadfast in our prayerful support of these seminaries and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

#6 – Appreciation of Stan Coffey

BE IT RESOLVED, that the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention meeting in San Antonio, on November 14, 2000, wish to express our deep gratitude for the leadership of Dr. Stan Coffey during the first two years of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention.