SBTC ANNUAL MEETING Resolutions 2024 REPORT



RESOLUTION 1

On Appreciation for Sagemont Church

WHEREAS, the messengers to the 2024 annual meeting of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention cooperated in unity, side by side, for the sake of the gospel; and

WHEREAS, the messengers are committed to moving forward together as mobilized churches, making disciples of all nations; and

WHEREAS, Senior Pastor, Dr. Levi Skipper, his staff, and the members of Sagemont Church, Houston, Texas, have served as warm and gracious hosts to the convention's messengers, providing the messengers physical space to unite in common mission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, meeting in Houston, Texas, Nov. 11-12, 2024, express our deepest gratitude to Sagemont Church for their hospitality, service, and generosity to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention.

RESOLUTION 2

On Appreciation for President Danny Forshee

WHEREAS, Dr. Danny Forshee has served the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention as president for the convention year 2023-2024; and

WHEREAS, President Forshee has encouraged the convention's focus on church planting, evangelism, and making disciples; and

WHEREAS, President Forshee has modeled a Great Commission lifestyle of personal evangelism, discipleship, and prayer; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ashley Forshee has consistently supported her husband and has been an important part of his service to the churches of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention; and

WHEREAS, the Forshee family has graciously served the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention by supporting President Forshee; and

WHEREAS, Great Hills Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, has graciously shared their pastor with this convention; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, meeting in Houston, Texas, Nov.11-12, 2024, express our profound gratitude to President Forshee for his exemplary service and servant leadership as convention president, to his family, and Great Hills Baptist Church.

RESOLUTION 3

On the Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Cooperative Program

WHEREAS, the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention is firmly committed to mobilizing churches to multiply disciple-making movements in Texas and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists of Texas are grateful to God for the past 100 years of Great Commission advancement through the Cooperative Program; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists of Texas have enjoyed the benefits of partnering together in the ministries of missions, evangelism, church planting, and church strengthening through the Cooperative Program; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists of Texas have been generous givers through the Cooperative Program and faithful stewards of Cooperative Program resources; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, meeting at Sagemont Church in Houston, Texas, Nov. 11-12, 2024, give thanks to God and celebrate His blessings of the past 100 years of partnership through the Cooperative Program; and

FINALLY, RESOLVED, that we ask Almighty God to bless the Cooperative Program for the ongoing efforts of Great Commission advancement.

RESOLUTION 4

On the Opposition to Chemical Abortion

WHEREAS, from the moment of conception, all humans are created in God's image, and as God's image-bearers, possess equal, objective value before God, not varying on the basis of the manner of conception or any other characteristic such as, but not limited to, ethnicity, age, mental development, physical development, gender, physiological abnormalities, or contribution to society (Genesis 1:27, 4:1, 9:6, 21:2; Matthew 18:6; Romans 1:19-20); and

WHEREAS, the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention has historically and repeatedly affirmed the sanctity of human life, and declared God's moral standard by opposing abortion in all its forms, opposing embryodestructive stem cell research, promoting support for local crisis pregnancy centers, and the use of ultrasound technology; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Baptist Convention is on record in the Baptist Faith and Message as affirming our belief that "we should speak on behalf of the unborn and contend for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death" (Article XV: The Christian and the Social Order); and

WHEREAS, increasing numbers of chemical abortions accounted for 63% of all abortions nationally in 2023, up 10 percentage points from 2020 (Guttmacher Institute);

WHEREAS, chemical abortion has a greater complication rate than surgical abortion, increasing the possible lasting effects on women physically, emotionally, and spiritually (The Charlotte Lozier Institute); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, meeting at Sagemont Church in Houston, Texas, Nov. 11-12, 2024, continue to affirm unequivocally that life begins at the moment of conception; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we recommit ourselves to prayer, advocacy, and action, opposing all forms of abortion as we seek to uphold the sanctity of life even in its earliest stages, protect vulnerable women, and advocate for the lives of preborn children in our communities and beyond.