

SBTC ANNUAL MEETING

Resolutions

2025 REPORT





RESOLUTION 1

Celebrating 100 Years of Cooperative Program Giving

WHEREAS, the biblical doctrine of cooperation shows more can be accomplished by working together (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12); and

WHEREAS, the New Testament gives examples of inter-congregational efforts (Acts 15:1-35; 2 Corinthians 8-9; Philippians 4:15-18); and

WHEREAS, Jesus has given the New Testament church the Great Commission and empowered us by His Holy Spirit to accomplish its end (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8); and

WHEREAS, upon the adoption of the Cooperative Program at the 1925 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Memphis, Tenn., the SBC Executive Committee declared that “the successes of the future depend upon the heroic spirit shown by our people at this time,” then urged Southern Baptists to pledge “the fullest support to the Cooperative Program as the best and most practical way of meeting our obligations and providing for the ongoing of all our enterprises;” and

WHEREAS, since 1925 the Cooperative Program has been the undesignated giving channel, providing a funding mechanism for Baptist churches to support missions and ministries simultaneously at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, by God’s grace through Cooperative Program giving, Baptists have funded state, national, and international causes for Christ; and

WHEREAS, during these past 100 years, the Southern Baptist Convention deployed more than \$20 billion through the Cooperative Program, and the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention since beginning in 1998 has stewarded over \$580 million in Cooperative Program funds, exhibiting the wealth God has provided through sacrificial giving to advance the Great Commission through Southern Baptists; and

WHEREAS, our commitment to Southern Baptist missionaries at home and abroad and to the ongoing work of our Southern Baptists of Texas Convention is supported and sustained through Cooperative Program giving; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, meeting in Lubbock, Texas, Oct. 27-28, 2025, affirm the Cooperative Program as a missions-funding strategy God has blessed to support and strengthen Southern Baptist efforts to share the gospel throughout the world; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we encourage Southern Baptists of Texas Convention-affiliated churches to give faithfully and sacrificially through the Cooperative Program; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we commend all churches that give through the Cooperative Program in an effort to advance the gospel in Texas and around the world.

RESOLUTION 2

Resolution on the Anniversary of the Baptist Faith and Message

WHEREAS, Baptists have been a confessional people from the inception of cooperative ministry, adopting statements of faith to express our doctrinal convictions and affirming our faithfulness to the truths revealed in the Bible; and

WHEREAS, our confessions of faith have been practiced by Baptists throughout the centuries, and it is incumbent upon the church in every age to express and defend its beliefs; and

WHEREAS, this is the 100th anniversary of the Baptist Faith and Message adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1925; and

WHEREAS, the Baptist Faith and Message (2000) has provided a witness to the world and an instrument of doctrinal accountability for churches, associations, state conventions, and entities, by the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, biblical doctrine affirms that any church that fails to continue in sound doctrine will depart from the faith and embrace error both in teaching and practice, ceasing to be a true church of the Lord Jesus Christ, (Revelation 2-3); and

WHEREAS, the Bible also teaches that any church obeying the commands of Christ will practice the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-39) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, meeting in Lubbock, Texas, Oct. 27-28, 2025, celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Baptist Faith and Message (2000), and commend our forebearers for their fidelity to doctrine and visionary leadership; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we affirm the current Baptist Faith and Message as a statement of biblical doctrine to be used as a parameter for cooperative efforts by our convention's affiliated churches; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we affirm the Baptist Faith and Message as a sufficient expression of doctrinal clarity, providing a basis of cooperation among the churches of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, and we call upon the generation that follows, should Jesus tarry His coming, to "contend for the faith that was delivered to the saints once for all" (Jude 3).



RESOLUTION 1

On Appreciation for President Danny Forshee

WHEREAS, Dr. Danny Forshee has served the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention as president for the convention years 2023-24 and 2024-25; and

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

WHEREAS, President Forshee has exemplified a Great Commission lifestyle, consistently living out personal worship, evangelism, and discipleship; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ashley Forshee has faithfully supported her husband and has been an invaluable 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 lead pastor with this convention; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Forshee's time as convention president will come to an end upon the final gavel of this annual meeting Oct. 28, 2025; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, meeting in Lubbock, Texas, Oct. 27-28, 2025, express our sincere gratitude to Dr. Forshee for his faithful service and servant leadership as convention president that has been characterized by grace, humility, and a spirit of encouragement.

RESOLUTION 2

On Appreciation for Southcrest Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas

WHEREAS, the messengers to the 2025 annual meeting of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention have cooperated in unity for the sake of the gospel; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge God's providence for all His blessings; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the kind hospitality and generosity of the staff, leadership, and volunteers of Southcrest Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, to host this convention; and

WHEREAS, we gratefully acknowledge the faithful leadership of the senior pastor, Dr. David Wilson, and his staff; and

WHEREAS, we also acknowledge the Lord's work in enabling all our officers, various committees, convention speakers, musicians, convention staff, and volunteers, and messengers to conduct the affairs of this convention with dignity and a Christlike spirit; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptist of Texas Convention, meeting in Lubbock, Texas, Oct. 27-28, 2025, hereby express our profound gratitude to the Lord, and appreciation to Southcrest Baptist Church and Pastor David Wilson, and to all those He used to bring about a meeting characterized by authentic worship, true Christian fellowship, and making disciples of all nations.

RESOLUTION 3

On Freedom of Speech

WHEREAS, the Holy Spirit says that “death and life are in the power of the tongue” (Proverbs 18:21), reminding believers of the moral significance of our words; and

WHEREAS, freedom of speech is a cherished right protected by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, enabling the free and open exchange of ideas necessary for a healthy civil society; and

WHEREAS, freedom of speech is directly connected to religious liberty and the bold proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, throughout history, Baptists have distinctly stood firmly for the freedom of conscience and the liberty to speak, preach, and publish according to one’s convictions under the lordship of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, recent cultural and governmental pressures have sought to silence or marginalize biblical convictions, particularly regarding human sexuality, the sanctity of life, and the uniqueness of Christ as Savior; and

WHEREAS, followers of Christ are commanded to “speak the truth in love” (Ephesians 4:15) and to “contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 3); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, meeting in Lubbock, Texas, Oct. 27- 28, 2025, do reaffirm our unwavering commitment to the biblical and constitutional right to freedom of speech; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we call upon all Southern Baptists to exercise their freedom with both courage and humility, speaking the truth of God’s Word in love regardless of cultural opposition or potential cost to life and liberty; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we encourage elected officials, educators, business leaders, and other cultural and thought leaders to uphold and defend freedom of speech as essential to both religious liberty and the free exercise of faith in public life; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we commit ourselves to pray for those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1–2), to model Christlike discourse in the public square, and to use our speech to edify, evangelize, and exalt the Lord Jesus Christ.

RESOLUTION 4

On Prayer for Revival

WHEREAS, throughout Scripture, God calls His people to humble themselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from their wicked ways so that He might hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land (2 Chronicles 7:14); and

WHEREAS, seasons of true revival in church history have always been preceded by extraordinary prayer, heartfelt repentance, and renewed dependence upon the Holy Spirit (Psalm 85:6; Habakkuk 3:2; Acts 4:31); and

WHEREAS, the moral, spiritual, and cultural decline in our nation reveals the desperate need for a fresh movement of God that awakens the church, convicts the lost, and glorifies Christ (Isaiah 64:1–2; Romans 13:11–12); and

WHEREAS, many churches are experiencing apathy, division, and distraction, and our own hearts are often tempted to rely more on programs, personalities, and politics than on the power of prayer and the presence of the Holy Spirit (Zechariah 4:6; John 15:5); and

WHEREAS, the Baptist Faith and Message (2000), in Article X, “Last Things,” affirms that “God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end,” and that believers are called to cooperate with Him in advancing His kingdom through evangelism, discipleship, and prayer; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention has historically affirmed the centrality of prayer and dependence on God's Spirit for kingdom advancement, recognizing that prayer is not preparation for the work — it is the work (Ephesians 6:18–19; 1 Thessalonians 5:17); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, meeting in Lubbock, Texas, Oct. 27-28, 2025, humbly acknowledge our absolute dependence upon God for all spiritual vitality and fruitfulness; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we call upon every pastor, church, and related ministry in our convention to renew their commitment to personal and corporate prayer, fasting, and repentance, seeking the presence and power of the Holy Spirit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we urge every SBTC congregation to cultivate environments of prayer where revival can begin such as homes where families pray together, pulpits that model dependence on God, and gatherings that hunger for His glory above all else; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we call on all Southern Baptists to unite in prayer for a great spiritual awakening that transcends cultural, generational, and ethnic divides, resulting in widespread repentance, reconciliation, and renewed obedience to the Great Commission; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we joyfully affirm our confidence in the sovereign grace of God to revive His people again, honor His name, purify His church, and advance His gospel to the ends of the earth (Psalm 80:18–19; Habakkuk 3:2; Revelation 7:9–10).

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE - RESOLUTION 5

On Appreciation for the Texas Ethics and Religious Liberty Committee

WHEREAS, the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention (SBTC) has from its founding advocated for laws that uphold the sanctity of life, strengthen families, and protect religious liberty in Texas; and

WHEREAS, our Texas Ethics and Religious Liberty Committee (TERLC), has faithfully represented our biblical convictions before the Texas Legislature; and

WHEREAS, various Texas state elected officials supported and passed legislation consistent with these convictions; and

WHEREAS, during the most recent legislative session, numerous victories were achieved in keeping with the TERLC's stated priorities which include the sanctity of life and gender identity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, meeting in Lubbock, Texas, Oct. 27-28, 2025, give thanks to Almighty God for granting success in these legislative efforts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we express deep gratitude to elected officials for their courage in defending biblical values; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we commend the ongoing work of the Texas Ethics and Religious Liberty Committee and encourage churches to stay informed and engaged through the TERLC Sentinel newsletter; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to this convention, commit to continued prayer, advocacy, and gospel witness in the public square for the glory of God and the good of all Texans.