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SESSION SPEAKER

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Dr. Edgar Aponte is responsible for leading and overseeing the global outreach of the church, including local ministries, national church planting, and international missions. Before he was called to serve Idlewild, he served as vice president of mobilization at the International Mission Board. Previous to IMB, Dr. Aponte served as director of Hispanic leadership development and professor of theology at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he taught Christian theology and biblical hermeneutics. Prior to SEBTS, Dr. Aponte served as Minister Counselor at the ministry of foreign affairs in Washington, D.C., on behalf of his home nation, the Dominican Republic. In addition to undergraduate and graduate degrees in business, he earned a Master of Divinity from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in Theological Studies from SEBTS. He loves the church, the nations, and teaching the Word of God. He is married to his bride Sara, and is the father of three children, and he loves spending time and playing with them.

LEADING WORSHIP



The Anderson University Ensemble is a group of approximately 40 voices, including both university students and members from the surrounding communities. The ensemble course includes study and performance of traditional and contemporary black gospel, spirituals, hymns, and other church music.



TUESDAY MORNING HIGHLIGHTS

As the 199th Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Baptist Convention (SCBC) convened for the Tuesday morning session there were 713 registered messengers in attendance. Building on Monday night's session theme of "Engaging the Culture" and the ADVANCE Priority SERVE, messengers heard reports and ministry opportunities to access as they are "Engaging the Lost" (SHARE). Messengers received greetings from SBC President J.D. Greear and Dr. D.E. Greene, President of the Baptist Education and Missionary Convention of South Carolina.

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

Tim Williams, Chairman of the Committee on Committees, presented nominations to fill vacancies on Standing Committees of the Convention. The full report appears on pages R-86 through R-89 of the Book of Reports. Messengers voted to accept the nominations.

David Wike, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, offered candidates to serve on the SCBC Executive Board and trustees for all ministry partners. The full Nominations Report appears on pages R-92 through R-94 of the Book of Reports. Messengers voted to accept the nominations.

Bylaws Committee Chairman Zach Shaw also brought recommendations before messengers to be considered at the 2020 Annual Meeting. The recommended changes appear on pages R-84 and R-85 of the Book of Reports. The presentation was informational and no action was taken. Shaw made a motion for the formation of a study committee to examine the structure of the Convention. Messengers voted to pass the motion.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Messengers elected the following individuals nominated for the 2020 Annual Meeting: President - Elect: Alex Sands; 1st Vice President: Brad Vassey; 2nd Vice President: Seth Buckley Recording Secretary: Kathy Hall; Registration Secretary: David Dinkins

Alex Sands was elected as President-Elect for the bicentennial year of the South Carolina Baptist Convention. He is the first African-American elected to the position.

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MINISTRY UPDATES

SCBC Associate Executive Director-Treasurer/Chief Strategist Jay Hardwick introduced the ADVANCE Team report for SHARE Hope, reminding messengers that “any church, any size, anywhere can ADVANCE in fulfilling the Great Commission” by sharing the hope of the Gospel with the lost. SHARE Team Leader Lee Clamp shared highlight stories from some of the 11,583 salvations reported across South Carolina in the last year. Clamp challenged messengers to engage through SHARE by praying for the lost, caring for the broken and actively sharing the Gospel.

Later Hardwick introduced the ADVANCE Team report for STRENGTHENING Churches, given by STRENGTHENING Team Leader Steve Rohrlack. Rohrlack presented the mission of the team to partner with congregations throughout the state. He challenged messengers to consider their ministries and identify the one ministry in need of strengthening. Rohrlack then went on to share networking events, leadership trainings, revitalization programs, and summer camps to assist in those efforts. All ADVANCE Priority reports are included in the 2019 SCBC Book of Reports.

Mike Glenn, Senior Pastor of Brentwood Church in Brentwood, T.N., challenged messengers with a message to engage the lost. The full message can be found at www.livestream.com/scbaptist/annualmeeting2019.

The afternoon session concluded with a special highlight of “Who’s Your One?” The national emphasis adopted by South Carolina encourages Christ-followers to identify one person to pray for and share about the hope of Jesus.



All reports can be found at www.scbaptist.org/annualmeeting.

THEME INTERPRETATION



Matt Rogers
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Matt and Sarah Rogers have called Greenville home for most of the last two decades after graduating from Furman University and North Greenville University respectively. They have five children, Corrie, Avery, Hudson, Willa, and Fuller. Matt aids TCC’s various mission and church planting endeavors, equips the next generation of pastors and missionaries, and preaches consistently. Sarah is passionate about the work of women’s discipleship, assists in corporate worship through song, and makes the Rogers’ home an epicenter of care and mission. Matt holds a PhD from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary where he serves on faculty in the area of North American Missions and Church Planting.



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Churches worldwide are engaging their culture in new ways through worship.

The CSU Center for Worship prepares students to be strong leaders in music, technology, and ministry. The CSU worship group leading this afternoon is a collaborative team from several student ensembles.



ADVANCE REPORTS: SEND

The commission of Jesus to make disciples of all nations is clear. Every church is called to be a sending church — praying, giving, partnering, and going so that workers are empowered to spread the good news of Jesus across the globe. Sending Churches experience the joy of connecting unreached people with the gospel and seeing sent ones used to expand the Kingdom locally and globally.

MAKE YOUR NEXT MOVE

1. Adopt an unreached people group in SC and consistently pray for the expansion of the gospel among them.
2. Participate in a vision trip to explore a mission partnership in the U.S. and overseas.
Salt Lake City Vision Trip, May 12-15, 2020
3. Send mission leaders to a **Send Me** conference to learn how to be a Sending Church.
Send Me Conference, March 26, 2020
4. Learn how to engage people from North Africa and the Middle East living in your communities and key cities around the world.
Intersect Conference, March 12-14, 2020

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