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SESSION SPEAKER

**H.B. Charles Jr., Pastor
Shiloh Metropolitan
Baptist Church**
Jacksonville, FL



Rev. H.B. Charles Jr. is the pastor-teacher of Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida. H.B. has served in this role since 2008. At the June 2017 Southern Baptist Convention, H.B. was historically and unanimously elected as the SBC Pastors' Conference's first African-American president. Prior to joining his present church, H.B. led the Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church of Los Angeles for almost 18 years. Succeeding his late father, he began his pastorate at Mt. Sinai at the age of 17 – a senior in high school. Outside of his ministry to and with his congregation, H.B. regularly speaks at churches, conferences, and conventions around the country. He is also the author of several books. H.B. is married to Crystal, and they have three children: H.B. III, Natalie, and Hailey.

EAST ASIA PARTNERSHIP

God is calling SCBC churches to make disciples of all nations. For the next five years, the South Carolina Baptist Convention will focus our prayer, energy and resources on reaching East Asian Peoples.



TUESDAY AFTERNOON HIGHLIGHTS

As the 199th Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Baptist Convention (SCBC) convened for the Tuesday afternoon session the registered messenger count was 720. Messengers were challenged through ministry reports and the related business of "Engaging the Nations" through the ADVANCE Priority SEND. Messengers were greeted by representatives of the International Mission Board and the North American Mission Board.

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

SCBC Executive Director-Treasurer Dr. Gary Hollingsworth addressed messengers saying the reports given during the Annual Meeting are a testimony of how God is blessing this Convention and that he sees cause for both concern and hope. Hollingsworth went on to note this dichotomy in the areas of next generation baptisms, church conflict, sexual misconduct cases and ministries, and Cooperative Program giving. "We praise God for every person who has been served and ministered to in the name of Jesus, for every person who has been saved and baptized into the fellowship of a local church, for every congregation that has been strengthened or renewed, for every mission volunteer that has been sent and for every new church that has been planted. The purpose of the South Carolina Baptist Convention is to help churches fulfill the Great Commission and by God's grace we are seeing evidence of Gospel advance all across our state, nation, and world," Hollingsworth said.

Executive Board Chair Zack Little joined Hollingsworth to present the 2020 SCBC budget, approved by the Executive Board. Little celebrated Kingdom ministries taking place in each of the ADVANCE Priority areas of STRENGTHEN, SERVE, SHARE, SEND and START. Messengers received the 2019 Ministry Plan, which provides a clear budget format and celebrates areas of growth and future ministry goals.

Little also introduced Scott Lee, SCBC Chief Administrative Officer, who joined the Convention staff in 2019. Lee reported to the messengers that the Executive Board has approved the sale of the 640 +/- acres of undeveloped land for the amount of \$1,220,000 and to be closed in January 2020. The Conference Center is not part of this sale and is open for business.

History Committee Chair Jeremy Merck reminded messengers that the SCBC will celebrate the 200th anniversary during the 2020 Annual Meeting. Vice President Josh Powell is currently writing an updated SCBC history, slated to be released next year.

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MINISTRY UPDATES

SCBC Associate Executive Director-Treasurer/Chief Strategist Jay Hardwick introduced the ADVANCE Team report for SEND Workers, reminding messengers that "any church, any size, anywhere can ADVANCE in fulfilling the Great Commission" by engaging the lost across South Carolina, the United States, and around the world.

As he opened his report with international pastors reading scripture in their native languages, SEND Team Leader Ken Owens challenged messengers to be engaged with sharing the hope of the Gospel with all nations. Owens introduced a new partnership with East Asia. Messengers adopted the partnership. The entire SEND ADVANCE Priority report may be found in the 2019 SCBC Book of Reports on R-62 through R-23.



CHALLENGES TO ENGAGE THE NATIONS

Messengers were challenged to Engage the Nations during the Tuesday afternoon session by speakers Matt Rogers, Senior Pastor of Church at Cherrydale in Greenville, and Edgar Aponte, Global Missions Minister of Idlewild Church in Lutz, F.L.

Messengers participated in a special prayer for missionaries connected with SCBC churches. Groups gathered around the missionaries, who are actively serving in areas around the world, throughout the sanctuary and laid hands on them as they prayed over them, their families, and their work.

MINISTRY PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

Laurie Register, WMU Executive Director-Treasurer, shared a report of how giving through both the Cooperative Program and the Janie Chapman State Missions Offering, and personal involvement, develops a lifestyle of missions. Register went on to say, "Leaders in WMU are disciple-makers. We make disciples of Jesus who live on mission. That's why we do what we do." See the full WMU report in the Book of Reports on R-70 through R-71.

THEME INTERPRETATION



Don Brock, Pastor
Gateway Baptist
Irmo, SC

Today's theme interpretation will come from Dr. Don Brock, Senior Pastor at Gateway Baptist Church, in Irmo, since 1992. Pastor Brock will be speaking on the subject of engaging future generations of leaders, and specifically dealing with the following question: ***How has God shaped my heart through His Word to invest in the next generation of leaders?***

Dr. Don Brock is happily married to Mary Brock, with two children Mack Brock and Dr. Katie Thornton, and five grandchildren. He received his Masters of Divinity and Doctorate in Ministry from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He previously served as SCBC Executive Board Vice-Chairman, Administrative Committee Chairman, and Pastor's Conference President.

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ADVANCE REPORTS: START

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