



ENGAGING THE LOST



SESSION SPEAKER

Mike Glenn, Pastor
Brentwood Baptist Church
Brentwood, TN



Dr. Mike Glenn is the Senior Pastor of Brentwood Baptist Church in Brentwood, Tennessee. Under his leadership since 1991, the church has grown to eight campuses and a membership of over 11,000. He graduated from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Glenn has written three books - *In Real Time*, *The Gospel of Yes* and *Coffee with Mom*. He writes frequently on his blog, MikeGlennOnline.com, and for Patheos.com. Glenn is married to Jeannie, his wife and best friend of 39 years. They have twin sons, Chris (Deb) and Craig (Nan), and three granddaughters.

LEADING WORSHIP



Joyful Sound, the North Greenville University BCM's music ensemble, has been sharing God's Word through music and worship since 1978. The purpose of this ministry is to introduce people to Jesus Christ, help people grow in Christ, and encourage the brokenhearted. Joyful Sound consists of two nine-member vocal teams, each with their own sound technician, and a five-piece band (keyboards, electric guitar, acoustic guitar, bass, and drums) that rotates between teams.



MONDAY EVENING HIGHLIGHTS

The 199th Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Baptist Convention (SCBC) convened last night with 503 registered messengers in attendance. SCBC President Bryant Sims called the meeting to order and host pastor Dr. D.J. Horton welcomed messengers to The Church at The Mill. Ronnie Floyd, President & CEO of the SBC Executive Committee brought greetings from the SBC Executive Committee. Under the theme "Engage" messengers were led in worship, conducted business and were challenged as they are about "Engaging the Culture" through the first ADVANCE Priority, **SERVE**.

BUSINESS REPORTS

The Order of Business Committee Vice Chair Don Cox referred messengers to the committee's full report on page R5-R10 in the Book of Reports and made a motion for the 2020 Annual Meeting to be held Nov. 9-10, 2010, at First Baptist Church in Columbia.

The Christian Life and Public Affairs Committee recognized the following award recipients: Walter Belton and Matt Nestberg, co-chairs of the Spartanburg Network Race Roundtable Group, both received the 2019 E.A. McDowell Award; Sans Souci Church in Greenville was recognized with the 2019 Impact Your World Award; and, The Honorable Katrina Shealy, of the South Carolina Senate was given the Public Servant Award in appreciation. The Christian Life and Public Affairs Committee report appears on page R-90 in the Book of Reports.

The Resolutions Committee introduced six 2019 Resolutions to messengers, saying they had been prayerfully prepared. Messengers voted to adopt resolutions to address school engagement, people with developmental disabilities, the SC Fetal Heartbeat Bill, human trafficking, The Equality Act and in appreciation for meeting host Church at The Mill. The Resolutions Committee Report appears on page R-95 in the Book of Reports.

MINISTRY UPDATES

Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) Executive Director-Treasurer Laurie Register shared that much like DNA passed down through biological families, the DNA of missions-giving is woven throughout generations of believers in South Carolina. In addition to sharing active mission efforts through SC WMU, Register introduced an upcoming partnership emphasis on Foster Care as one more way to engage the culture with the hope of the Gospel. WMU's printed report may be

found on pages R70-71 in the Book of Reports.

Jay Hardwick, SCBC Associate Executive Director-Treasurer/Chief Strategist, introduced the ADVANCE Team report for SERVE Community, saying the state convention's goal is to see that "any church, of any size, anywhere can ADVANCE in fulfilling the Great Commission" through meaningfully engaging the culture by serving, meeting needs and building relationships. Hardwick introduced new SERVE Team Leader Jon Jamison who shared engagement celebrations and opportunities through Heart4Schools, Disaster Relief and a new Foster Care initiative in partnership with Connie Maxwell Children's Home. "We will not engage the culture

by waiting patiently for them to come to us. The only way for us to engage the culture is to step into our communities and begin to build relationships and trust through serving our communities. As we SERVE our communities, we make new connections in which we can SHARE the hope of the Gospel," Jamison said. All ADVANCE Priority reports are included in the 2019 SCBC Book of Reports.

Travis Agnew, Pastor of Rocky Creek Church in Greenville, encouraged messengers about their role when God invites them to participate in Kingdom partnerships. "While God may appreciate our efforts, he has never once relied upon them. God doesn't need us, but He wants us," he said. Micah Fries, Senior Pastor of Brainerd Church in Chattanooga, T.N., also shared a message challenging messengers to be bold in engaging the culture in their own communities.



PARTNER UPDATE: CONNIE MAXWELL/SCBMA

Alex Sands, SCBC First Vice President, led a Ministry Partner Interview with Danny Nicholson, President of Connie Maxwell Children's Home, and Tom Turner, President of the SC Baptist Ministry for the Aging about how their ministries are engaging the culture.

Nicholson shared that while Connie Maxwell's mission has – the love of South Carolina Baptists hasn't changed over the years, but as the world has changed Connie Maxwell has

worked to respond to needs through Foster Care, crisis care and family care services. Nicholson announced a pilot program involving three to five churches from the Columbia Metro Baptist Association to work in partnership with Connie Maxwell and the Foster Care program.

Turner said the men and women who continue to live abundantly in both of the Ministries to the Aging's campuses create the family atmosphere that is unique to their senior living facilities. Turner announced that a new nursing facility has broken ground at Bethea Retirement Community.

THEME INTERPRETATION



Walter Belton, Senior Pastor
Word of Change Ministries
Spartanburg, SC

"The Gospel is the answer," is a very familiar statement in Southern Baptist life but what are the questions? Why is it so difficult for God's people to engage those far from God? If we have the "Answer" how can we get the lost to ask the question?

Walter R. Belton is a native of Fairfield, South Carolina. He started his preaching assignment as a youth pastor at his home church, Mount Moriah Baptist of Spartanburg SC almost 20 years ago. After pastoring a traditional established church for over 10 years and growing that ministry from 32 members to over 400 members he felt the call to plant a church that would address the lostness of his city. Now five years into this new work he has baptized almost 100 new converts.

ADVANCE REPORTS: STRONG

The best gauge for identifying STRONG churches is discipleship. Congregations with a vision & mission for growing & activating disciples see their influence positively impacting people across the street, across the city and across the globe. Is your fellowship ready to move to the next level of discipleship? If so, we can help. The Church Strengthening & Discipleship Team exists to partner with your fellowship to see true Kingdom Advancement.

MAKE YOUR NEXT MOVE:

The Big 5 Church Summit:

- April 25 – Columbia
- August 29 – Greer
- September 12 – Charleston

VBS Expo's:

- February 29 – Charleston
- March 7 – Greenville
- March 28 – Columbia

NextStep - Leadership Development

- Winter/Spring 2020
- scbaptist.org/church-strategies

SHARE

Three out of four people in your community are not engaged in church and desperate for hope. The SCBC Evangelism team helps churches share hope through praying for every home, caring for every neighbor, and sharing with every life. They facilitate a network of church leaders who desire to advance in their efforts of relational ministry, and mass evangelism. Our Collegiate Ministries team sends missionaries to all of our college campuses, and our Camp McCall team challenges men and boys in missions and evangelism.

MAKE YOUR NEXT MOVE

- 1. Who's Your One?** Commit to pray for one person to share the Gospel with.
- 2. IMPACT 2020 - scbaptist.org/impact** Register by November 15
- 3. Connect with us and join monthly conversations with other leaders.**

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SESSION SPEAKER

Edgar Aponte,
Global Missions Pastor
Idlewild Baptist Church
Lutz, FL



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 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.



Matt Rogers
Southeastern
Theological Seminary



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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

Visit scbaptist.org/send for more.



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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.

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

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.



Don Brock, Pastor
Gateway Baptist
Irmo, SC

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

LEGACY

The 200th Annual Meeting
NOVEMBER 9-10, 2020
First Baptist Columbia

ADVANCE REPORTS: START

Any church, any size, anywhere can start new churches! A multiplying church prays for lost people, invests resources in church starting and restarting efforts, develops leaders to be sent out to start and restart churches, and partners with other churches to accomplish the task. The Start Team is here to assist your church in starting and restarting churches in our fast growing state.

MAKE YOUR NEXT MOVE

Hey Pastor, would you like more information about how to lead your church to multiply?
Is God calling you to start or restart a new church?

Text **STARTHERE** to 474747, and someone from the Start Team will contact you.



WE SEE A DAY
WHEN **EVERY** LIFE
IS SATURATED
AND TRANSFORMED
BY THE HOPE
OF THE GOSPEL,
BEGINNING IN
SOUTH CAROLINA.



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