

South Carolina Baptist Convention

Session Two: Calling

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

203rd

Annual Meeting



This morning we look forward to hearing how God is at work in our state and our ministries. We will also focus on the idea of calling, emphasizing the urgency of the task at hand and the need for incarnational missions.

Our Convention's international missions priority was most recently evidenced by a five-year partnership established in 2019 between our Convention of churches and International Mission Board personnel serving within what is now a larger field called the Asia-Pacific Rim Peoples Affinity Group. Because of pandemic travel limitations, the partnership was extended by a year during the 2020 Annual Meeting, which means that our partnership commitment will last through November 2025.

Christian Life and Public Affairs Service Awards

Today we are honored to recognize Dr. Gene Fant, the Church at Cane Bay, Richland County Sheriff's Department, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, Columbia City Police, and the South Carolina Highway Patrol for Christian Life and Public Affairs Service Awards.

This Afternoon

- 2:00 - Session Three Begins
- 2:13 - Bylaws Committee Report
- 2:28 - Executive Board Report
- 2:43 - Business Session
- 3:08 - Resolutions Committee Report
- 3:29 - Drilling Down: Panel Discussion
- 3:49 - Message, Greg Mann, IMB



Albert Allen serves as the pastor of First Baptist Newberry. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina

and received both a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. After beginning a career practicing law in West Columbia, he answered God's call into full-time ministry. Allen has served in Texas, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, and overseas.

"In response to God's call for us to reach the nations with the Gospel, South Carolina Baptists have always had an eye on far-away places, but it is now time for us to GO, with God's enablement, and under his leadership and direction," Allen said.



Gregg Mann and his wife, Sarah, along with two of their six children, Kate and Evie, have served as church planters

with the International Mission Board since 2003. They currently live in the Philippines, where they have the privilege of leading IMB personnel as Affinity Group Leaders for the Asia-Pacific Rim Peoples Affinity.



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Christian Life and Public Affairs Service Awards



E.A. McDowell Award

The E. A. McDowell Award recognizes an individual who exemplifies Christian action in the public arena—politics, government, or community action. This year, the Christian Life and Public Affairs Committee honors Dr. Gene Fant Jr., President of North Greenville University. Under his leadership, the University equips transformational leaders for the church and society through its strong commitment to being Christ-centered, biblically faithful, academically excellent, and mission-focused. Dr. Fant has served as president since 2017.

Impact Your World Award

The Impact Your World Award recognizes one church in our Convention that demonstrates a commitment to social and moral concerns. This year's award is presented to The Church at Cane Bay, represented by pastors Joel Ainsworth and Will Oswald. The Church at Cane Bay consistently serves and blesses its community with tangible demonstrations of God's love. Working through a missional community model, members have weekly opportunities to serve Cane Bay through school partnerships, supporting special needs families, serving city leaders, and caring for and advocating for foster families.

Public Service Award

The Public Service Award is normally presented to an elected official who stands out by fighting for key social and moral issues. This year, your Christian Life and Public Affairs Committee believed it appropriate to consider those who may not be elected, but who are public servants performing lifesaving, heroic acts of selflessness, and courage every day.

When an active shooter situation took place on July 18 in the parking lot outside our Convention building, within minutes, more than 50 law enforcement vehicles, a helicopter, and a SWAT team converged on and around our building. Columbia City Police, the Richland County Sheriff's Department, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, and the State Highway Patrol redirected traffic flow, locked down our parking lot, and engaged the shooter. Within two hours, the threat was neutralized, and the area was swept. Law Enforcement responders were laser-focused on neutralizing the threat and protecting our SCBaptist staff and other residents and businesses in the area. Their response was rapid. Their organization was reassuring. Their communication was thoughtful. Their courage was heroic. They were God's servants for good that day.

As was proven true in our own parking lot on July 18, 2023, the Palmetto State Law Enforcement community continues to demonstrate efficiency, effectiveness, and cooperation by working together with local communities to keep all of us safe and healthy. Because of our respect for these unsung heroes, we present the 2023 Public Service Award to each division involved in response to this incident: Richland County Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Leon Lott; South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, Chief Mark Keel; Columbia City Police, Chief Skip Holbrook; and The South Carolina Highway Patrol, Commander C. N. Williamson. We salute you, and we thank God for you.



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2023 Resolutions Committee Report

The 2023 Resolutions Committee prayerfully considered each resolution proposal to present to the messengers at the annual meeting. Each one was thoroughly discussed as to the value for the messengers and the Convention. The committee addressed issues that impact our state, individuals, and churches.

The Resolutions Committee brings this report to the messengers of the 203rd Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Baptist Convention meeting at Shandon Baptist Church in Columbia on November 14, 2023.

Disposition of received proposals:

1. **“Appreciation,”** presented as Resolution 1, submitted by the Resolutions Committee
2. **“Encouraging Laws to Prevent Minors from Accessing Pornography,”** amended and presented as Resolution 2, submitted by the Christian Life and Public Affairs Committee
3. **“Prayerful Support of Israel,”** presented as Resolution 3, submitted by the Resolutions Committee
4. **“Human Dignity,”** amended and presented as Resolution 4, submitted by the Christian Life and Public Affairs Committee
5. **“South Carolina Judicial Appointment Reform,”** amended and presented as Resolution 5, submitted by the Christian Life and Public Affairs Committee
6. **“Encouraging Christian Civil Discourse,”** presented as Resolution 6, submitted by the Resolutions Committee
7. **“Honoring the Legacy of South Carolina Baptist Women and Cultivating an Environment for Their Continued Engagement,”** amended and presented as Resolution 7, submitted by Kyle Caudell, Pastor, North Anderson Baptist Church, Anderson, South Carolina
8. **“Financial Transparency and Accountability in the Southern Baptist Convention,”** respectfully considered, submitted by Rhett Burns, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Travelers Rest, Travelers Rest, South Carolina

2023 Resolutions Committee

Doug Mize, Chair

Donny Mathis, Vice-Chair

David Bennett

Ryan Ofenloch

Philip Turner

Bert Watts

1 **APPRECIATION**

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3 WHEREAS the messengers of the 2023 annual meeting of the South Carolina Baptist Convention have once
4 again enjoyed the generosity of the staff and members of Shandon Baptist Church; and

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6 WHEREAS Hebrews 12:28 says, “Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,
7 and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe;” and

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9 WHEREAS South Carolina Baptists assemble to worship, fellowship, and conduct business as a unified
10 convention of messengers; and

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12 WHEREAS the 2023 Annual Meeting theme is Let’s Go! and every South Carolina Baptist is encouraged
13 to advance Christ’s Kingdom by building relationships beyond the church walls and the confines of our
14 communities; therefore, be it

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16 RESOLVED that we, the messengers to the South Carolina Baptist Convention annual meeting held at
17 Shandon Baptist Church in Columbia on November 13–14, 2023, express appreciation to all who worked
18 diligently to create a worshipful and relevant experience for all God’s people; and be it finally

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20 RESOLVED that we express our profound gratitude to the Lord for his continued guidance and blessings
21 throughout our lives and our service.

1 **ENCOURAGING LAWS TO PREVENT MINORS FROM ACCESSING PORNOGRAPHY**

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3 WHEREAS God desires believers to be dead to sin and alive in Christ Jesus by living under grace, pursuing
4 holiness, and becoming instruments for righteousness in the Kingdom of God (Romans 6:11–14); and

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6 WHEREAS we are called by God to train our minds and hearts to focus on what is true, honorable, just, pure,
7 lovely, commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise (Philippians 4:8); and

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9 WHEREAS sexual perversion is perpetuated due to the confusion surrounding the academic and cultural
10 definition of the elements of pornography (McKee, A., Byron, P., Litsou, K. et al. An Interdisciplinary
11 Definition of Pornography: Results from a Global Delphi Panel. Arch Sex Behav 49, 1085–1091 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10508-019-01554-4>); and

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14 WHEREAS numerous peer-reviewed scholarly studies (such as Myung, R. (2022, June 3). To Call Pornography
15 a Public Health Issue Is Not Enough When it is a Public Health Crisis: A Multi-Survivor Analysis. The Public
16 Health Advocate. <https://pha.berkeley.edu/2022/06/03/to-call-pornography-a-public-health-issue-is-not-enough-when-it-is-a-public-health-crisis-a-multi-survivor-analysis>) demonstrate that the consumption of,
17 use, and exposure to pornography has created a public health crisis (Psalm 119:37; 1 Corinthians 6:18; 1 Peter
18 2:11), corrupting the perception of God’s design for sex and sexuality within marriage (1 Thessalonians 4:3–4);
19 leading many to low self-esteem, body image disorders; increasing problematic sexual activity for adolescents
20 and adults (2 Timothy 2:22); serving as sex education for children and youth (Luke 17:2); normalizing people
21 as objects and commodities; contributing to violence and abuse; depicting rape as harmless; increasing
22 prostitution, child sexual abuse, and child pornography; and contributing to the increase of human
23 trafficking (Human Trafficking Hotline, 2022, 1-888-373-7888); and

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26 WHEREAS recent research indicates that pornography is addictive, causing the user to require more perverse
27 content; and

28 WHEREAS pornography has a detrimental effect on the family unit by lessening the desire in young people to
29 marry, increasing dissatisfaction in marriage, normalizing infidelity, and exposing young children to aberrant
30 sexual behavior through the universal availability of pornography; and
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32 WHEREAS overcoming pornography’s harms is difficult to achieve alone, and afflicted individuals often need
33 continued support and accountability; therefore, be it
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35 RESOLVED that we, the messengers to the South Carolina Baptist Convention annual meeting held at
36 Shandon Baptist Church in Columbia on November 13–14, 2023, recognize that pornography is a public health
37 hazard that leads to a broad spectrum of individual and public health impacts and societal harms; and be it
38 further
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40 RESOLVED that efforts to protect minors from the distribution of harmful material on the internet, such as
41 Arkansas Senate Bill 66 (Act 612) or similar protective legislation that requires reasonable age verification to
42 identify and prohibit those under 18 from entering pornographic websites be supported and encouraged; and
43 be it further
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45 RESOLVED we encourage churches and families to be proactive in seeking ways to protect and educate their
46 children about God’s design for sex within biblical marriage, living holy and righteous lives, and filling their
47 minds with what God says is good; and be it finally
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49 RESOLVED that the South Carolina Baptist Convention calls for education, prevention, research, strict
50 enforcement of obscenity laws, and policy considerations where needed in the church, our communities, and
51 societal and legislative levels to address the pornography epidemic that is harming the people of our state and
52 nation.

PRAYERFUL SUPPORT OF ISRAEL

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3 WHEREAS God committed his Word to Abram saying, “I will make you into a great nation . . . I will bless those
4 who bless you . . . I will curse anyone who treats you with contempt, and all the peoples of the earth will be
5 blessed through you” (Genesis 12:2–3); and
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7 WHEREAS the state of Israel represents the descendants of Jacob as an ethnic, cultural, and national entity
8 (Genesis 32:28); and
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10 WHEREAS we are commanded to “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. May those who love you be secure; may
11 there be peace within your walls, security within your fortresses” (Psalm 122:6–7); and
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13 WHEREAS we thankfully remember that we are indebted to the Jewish people, through whom we have our
14 Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah, and the holy Scriptures; and
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16 WHEREAS since the inception of the modern state of Israel in 1948, Israel has faced numerous attacks,
17 incursions, and violations of its national sovereignty; and
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19 WHEREAS we are horrified by the recent murders and violence perpetuated by the Hamas terror organization
20 upon the people of Israel and victims of other nationalities; therefore, be it
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22 RESOLVED that we, the messengers to the South Carolina Baptist Convention annual meeting held at
23 Shandon Baptist Church in Columbia on November 13–14, 2023, commit to bless Israel; and be it further

24 RESOLVED that we support the right of Israel to exist as a sovereign state and we reject any activities attacking
25 that right by promoting economic, cultural, and academic boycotts against Israel; and be it further
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27 RESOLVED that we support the right of Israel to protect itself from hatred and violence, and the right to bring
28 those to justice who have killed or threatened to kill her people; and be it further
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30 RESOLVED that amid this conflict, we prayerfully ask for the preservation of innocent lives among both
31 Israelis and Palestinians, with a hope of more peaceful days ahead; and be it finally
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33 RESOLVED that at this important time when dangerous forces are mounting up against the nation of Israel, we
34 recommit ourselves to pray for God’s peace to rule in Jerusalem and for the salvation of Israel, for the “gospel .
35 . . is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16).

1 HUMAN DIGNITY*

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3 WHEREAS all human beings are created, from conception, in the image of God and for the purpose of bringing
4 glory to the triune God through fulfilling the creation mandate as his vice-regents (Genesis 1:27; Genesis 5:2;
5 Genesis 9:6–7; Romans 11:36; 1 Corinthians 11:7; Colossians 1:16; James 5:9); and
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7 WHEREAS the fall of Adam and Eve into sin marred the image of God in people, brought death for them, and
8 destroyed their perfect communion with God; the fall did not destroy the image of God completely, did not
9 bring immediate physical death, and did not destroy the possibility of having relationship with God (Genesis
10 3:1–19; Romans 5:12–21); and
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12 WHEREAS all human beings as God’s image-bearers possess equal, substantive, objective dignity and worth
13 before God that does not vary based on ethnicity, age, gender, means of conception, mental capacity, or
14 physical development (Genesis 1:27; Matthew 18:6; Luke 5:12–26; Romans 1:19–20, 9:6); and
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16 WHEREAS the noetic effects of the fall have hindered the ability of every human to think rationally in varying
17 ways, and the physical effects of the fall wreak havoc on our bodies and play a role in making the work
18 humans are mandated to perform difficult (Genesis 3:17–19; Proverbs 6:6–11); and
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20 WHEREAS God’s Word declares that all human life is a sacred gift and mandates that all human life should be
21 protected from conception until natural death, therefore, making abortion and euthanasia attacks on human
22 dignity (Psalm 127:3–5, 139:13–16; Romans 2:15–16); and
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24 WHEREAS the dignity of people who bear the image of God is also attacked through violence, oppression, and
25 language that degrades the worth of individuals or groups, as well as any other act that undermines the value
26 that an image-bearer possesses; and
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28 WHEREAS our confessional statement, the “Baptist Faith and Message 2000,” as stated in Article XV affirms
29 that children “from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord” and further affirms
30 that Southern Baptists are mandated by Scripture to “speak on behalf of the unborn and contend for the
31 sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death” and
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33 WHEREAS we commend the 2023 South Carolina Legislature for passing a six-week abortion ban and we
34 desire to see a day when society at large honors the undeniable personhood of every unborn child, by
35 preserving the life of every person who, in God’s providence, is conceived; and
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37 WHEREAS the Scriptures present a vision of human flourishing grounded in the saving work of Jesus Christ,

38 pursued through Kingdom-focused living, and completed with the redemption of the entire created order
39 (Colossians 1:15–20); and

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41 WHEREAS all Christians have been called by God to participate in his mission through obeying the original
42 creation mandate and fulfilling the Great Commandment and the Great Commission (Genesis 1:26–28;
43 Matthew 22:35–40, 28:18–20); therefore, be it

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45 RESOLVED that we, the messengers to the South Carolina Baptist Convention annual meeting held at
46 Shandon Baptist Church in Columbia on November 13–14, 2023, exhort our fellow South Carolina Baptists to
47 pursue the Great Commission of making disciples so that those image-bearers who are in Adam and are being
48 crushed by the oppressive power of sin and death can be raised to new life in Christ Jesus and be reconciled to
49 a right relationship with the triune God; and be it further

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51 RESOLVED that we will pursue the Great Commandment of loving God and loving our neighbors by honoring
52 the undeniable personhood of every life, including unborn children, by seeking to preserve the life of every
53 person who, in God’s providence, is conceived, and by promoting the God-given right to life, liberty, and the
54 pursuit of happiness, which is expressed in the Declaration of Independence but comes from Scripture; and
55 be it further

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57 RESOLVED that we will in word and deed demonstrate that those who are designated to be neurodivergent,
58 have Down’s Syndrome, or have any other condition that affects their mental capacity possess the image of
59 God fully and all those from among these groups who have professed faith in Jesus Christ should be viewed as
60 full participants in South Carolina Baptist Churches; and be it further

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62 RESOLVED that we will encourage and exhort one another to carry out the creation mandate, recognizing the
63 inherent value of work; and be it further

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65 RESOLVED that we will call on the South Carolina Legislature to continue to protect unborn life and the
66 system of free markets while providing social services promoting the dignity and flourishing of those in need
67 and promoting economic policies that promote human flourishing; and be it finally

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69 RESOLVED that we exhort our fellow South Carolina Baptists to continue to strive together until every life is
70 saturated and transformed by the hope of the Gospel.

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72 **The Resolutions Committee would like to thank North Greenville University for generously allowing the use of*
73 *language from A Statement on Human Flourishing.*

1 **SOUTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT REFORM**

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3 WHEREAS the Bible declares that God is the God of justice (Job 37:23; Psalm 33:5, 89:14; Isaiah 30:18;
4 Zephaniah 3:5); and

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6 WHEREAS the Bible commands God’s people to uphold biblical justice and to treat everyone equally by law
7 and as an act of conscience (Exodus 23:6–9; Deuteronomy 6:18–20; Proverbs 20:10; Micah 6:8; James 2:1–9);
8 and

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10 WHEREAS biblical justice requires that every person be treated according to the same standards and with the
11 same respect, regardless of class, race, ethnicity, age, nationality, gender, or developmental challenges; and

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13 WHEREAS the current method of selecting judges opens the possibility that they may be appointed based on

14 the political circumstances present in the Legislature, rather than the philosophy and qualifications of the
15 judge; and
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17 WHEREAS the people of South Carolina have expressed frustration with the process by which judges are
18 appointed and are, therefore, calling for the South Carolina Legislature to reform the current process; and
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20 WHEREAS the South Carolina Attorney General, the Governor, numerous grassroots organizations, and many
21 members of the Legislature have issued public statements calling for reform of the current system of selecting
22 judges in the state of South Carolina; and
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24 WHEREAS the “Baptist Faith and Message 2000” (Section XV, The Christian and the Social Order) states:
25 “Every Christian should seek to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under the sway of the
26 principles of righteousness, truth, and brotherly love;” therefore, be it
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28 RESOLVED that we, the messengers to the South Carolina Baptist Convention annual meeting held at
29 Shandon Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina, on November 13–14, 2023, encourage the members
30 of the South Carolina Legislature to work toward reforming the current system of selecting judges so that it
31 reflects a biblical understanding of justice; and be it further
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33 RESOLVED that reform will improve and streamline the process of selecting judges while providing maximum
34 transparency and greater opportunities for input by the people through their elected officials; and be it finally
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36 RESOLVED that South Carolina Baptists support only efforts of reform that conform to the principles of
37 biblical justice and support the goal of more accountability, accessibility, and transparency in the selection of
38 judges.

1 ENCOURAGING CHRISTIAN CIVIL DISCOURSE

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3 WHEREAS Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God,” reminding us
4 that we are “the salt of the earth” and “the light of the world” (Matthew 5:1–16), and, therefore, we have a
5 responsibility to speak biblical truth to the culture; and
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7 WHEREAS Jesus called us to, “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you,
8 pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who
9 takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either” (Luke 6:27–29); and
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11 WHEREAS Paul exhorts us to “let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for
12 building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear” (Ephesians 4:29–30); and
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14 WHEREAS Paul reminds us that “. . . our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against powers of this
15 darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens” (Ephesians 6:12); and
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17 WHEREAS Scripture instructs believers to speak graciously seasoned with salt, to speak evil of no one, to
18 avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people, demonstrating to believers how
19 we are to speak to everyone made in the image of God (Colossians 4:5–6, Titus 3:1–2); and
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21 WHEREAS cultural and political debates over contentious issues such as sexuality, gender, abortion, doctor-
22 assisted suicide, the treatment of immigrants both legal and illegal, the role of government in our daily lives,
23 and many other issues that are discussed in various public forums have escalated from meaningful debates
24 to angry exchanges, leading to many areas of division in our country and a growing sense of anger and

25 resentment as we treat one another like enemies deserving of our disdain instead of as unique image bearers
26 of God; and
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28 WHEREAS we are currently engaged in a contentious election cycle where the rancor of political discourse is
29 escalating exponentially and could lead to physical violence as we approach the next nationwide election;
30 and
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32 WHEREAS many media outlets promote heated rhetoric to drive up the temperature of our cultural
33 engagement and threaten our ability to dialogue free from derisive language and personal accusations; and
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35 WHEREAS angry rhetoric and personal accusations left unchecked can lead to acts of violence breaking the
36 bonds of peace and civility that bind us together as a culture, a people, and a nation; and
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38 WHEREAS many of our political, cultural, entertainment, religious leaders, and social media influencers seem
39 reluctant to call for restraint and respect in our personal engagement with people with whom we disagree;
40 and
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42 WHEREAS Christians have a clear biblical call to be ambassadors of peace in a tumultuous and fractured
43 world where so many people are caught up in heated cultural and political discourse undermining our ability
44 to live in peace with each other; therefore, be it
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46 RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the South Carolina Baptist Convention annual meeting held at
47 Shandon Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina, on November 13–14, 2023, exhort all South Carolina
48 Baptists to be peacemakers in every area of life, including civil discourse; and be it finally
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50 RESOLVED that we call on our political, cultural, entertainment, religious leaders, and social media
51 influencers, to exercise restraint in discourse, remembering to treat each other with respect and courtesy, and
52 thereby turning down the temperature of our current cultural climate

1 **HONORING THE LEGACY OF SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTIST WOMEN AND CULTIVATING AN**
2 **ENVIRONMENT FOR THEIR CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT**

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4 WHEREAS the Bible declares that God created both man and woman by his own hand and in his own image
5 and likeness, crowning them with dignity, value, and worth (Genesis 1:26–27, 2:7, 21–22; 1 Peter 3:7); and
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7 WHEREAS the Bible calls upon all believers to advance the Great Commission and demonstrates that women
8 are co-laborers in the mission of God as evidenced by their pivotal service throughout history and in the early
9 church (Matthew 28:18–20; Acts 1:8; 2:17–18, 8, and 17; Romans 16:3; Philippians 4:3); and
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11 WHEREAS the Lord has specifically used South Carolina Baptist women such as the founder of the
12 Widow’s Mite Society, Hephzibah Jenkins Townsend; the first National Woman’s Missionary Union (WMU)
13 President Martha McIntosh; the first State WMU President Janie Chapman; the first International Mission
14 Board appointed missionary to Taiwan, Bertha Smith; the 37 noble, consecrated “State Lady Missionaries”
15 appointed from 1886 until 1919 to help plant new churches, support, and strengthen existing churches as our
16 state transitioned from an agricultural economy to an industrial-based economy; and
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18 WHEREAS South Carolina Baptist women continue to serve our Lord today faithfully, sacrificially, and
19 courageously in our churches, on the mission field, through state and national convention work, holding
20 elected offices, serving on committees and boards, missions education, and in positions in higher education;
21 and

22 WHEREAS the “Baptist Faith and Message 2000” states that “It is the duty and privilege of every follower of
23 Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations [and] to seek
24 constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness” (Article XI); and

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26 WHEREAS the Southern Baptist Convention affirmed the gifts, ministries, and value of women in the Kingdom
27 of God in our 2018 resolution “On The Dignity And Worth Of Women” and affirmed the legacy of Southern
28 Baptist women with a resolution thanking God for calling women to fulfill the Great Commission and urging
29 churches to continue equipping them to make disciples in 2023; and

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31 WHEREAS our mission as South Carolina Baptists, to strengthen each church and saturate every life with the
32 Gospel, requires the gifts, talents, and passion of South Carolina Baptist women engaging the church and
33 culture in service to Christ through his church in both vocational and voluntary ministry positions; therefore,
34 be it

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36 RESOLVED, that the messengers to the South Carolina Baptist Convention annual meeting at the Shandon
37 Baptist Church in Columbia on November 13–14, 2023, acknowledge and honor the vital and immeasurable
38 contributions of South Carolina Baptist women to our cooperative mission; and be it further

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40 RESOLVED, that we affirm the gifts of women in their distinctive God-ordained, complementary ministry roles
41 as they fulfill their callings to serve Christ and advance his Gospel in diverse capacities such as local churches,
42 the mission field, communities, their own homes, the marketplace, and within our Convention of churches
43 (Ephesians 2:10, 5:22–33; Colossians 3:18–19; 1 Timothy 2:9–14; Titus 2:3–5; 1 Peter 3:1–7); and be it finally

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45 RESOLVED, that we commit ourselves to encouraging, cultivating, and celebrating the callings, gifts, and
46 contributions of South Carolina Baptist women while fostering an environment within our state churches
47 where women are respected, honored, valued, and mobilized as co-laborers and equal partners in Great
Commission work.

Session Two - Calling

November 14, 2023 - Tuesday Morning

- 9:00 **Worship**
- 9:10 **Report - Baptist Courier**
Jeff Robinson, President and Editor
- 9:15 **Welcome - SBC Executive Committee**
Brandon Porter, Editor - Baptist Press
Associate Vice President of Convention News - SBC Executive Committee
- 9:20 **Election - 2024 Registration Secretary**
Albert Allen, Convention President
- 9:27 **Report - History Committee**
Paul Noe, Chair
- 9:35 **Report - SCBaptist Serve Team**
Jon Jamison, Serve Team Leader
- 9:40 **New Business**
Albert Allen, Convention President
- 9:50 **Report - Connie Maxwell Children's Ministries**
Danny Nicholson, President
- 9:55 **Election - 2024 Vice President**
Albert Allen, Convention President
- 10:00 **Report - SCBaptist Strong Team**
Steve Rohrlack, Strong Team Leader
- 10:05 **Report - Sexual Abuse Task Force**
DJ Horton, Co-Chair
Kathy Robinson, Co-Chair
- 10:15 **Worship**
- 10:20 **Report - Christian Life and Public Affairs Committee**
Mark Krieger, Chair
- 10:30 **Report - SCBaptist Start Team**
Cliff Marshall, Start Team Leader
- 10:35 **Panel Discussion - "Let's Go!" : A Closer Look**
Albert Allen, Convention President
- 10:50 **Report - Executive Director-Treasurer**
Dr. Tony Wolfe, Executive Director-Treasurer
- 11:05 **Election - 2024 President-Elect**
Albert Allen, Convention President
- 11:15 **President's Address**
Albert Allen, Convention President
- 11:25 **Worship**
- 11:55 **Closing**
Albert Allen, Convention President

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