

SBTC ANNUAL MEETING

Nominations & Resolutions

2021 REPORT



2021 Nominations

2021 Committee on Committees Report

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Term Expiring 2025

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2021 Resolutions

Resolution 1 On Appreciation for President Kie Bowman

WHEREAS, President Kie Bowman served the churches of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention on their Executive Board from 2011-2019, including on the Administrative Committee (2012-2013) and Ministry Relationships Committee (2018-2019), and as the Board's Vice Chairman (2014-2016) and Chairman (2016-2018); and

WHEREAS, President Bowman served the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention as president since November 29, 2019; and

WHEREAS, President Bowman has consistently called the convention's attention back to prayer, evangelism, and Great Commission cooperation; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tina Bowman has consistently supported her husband and has been an integral part of his service to the churches of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention; and

WHEREAS, Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, has been gracious and patient in sharing President Bowman with this convention so that he may accomplish his duties with diligence and grace; and

WHEREAS, President Bowman's time as convention president will come to an end upon the final gavel of this annual meeting November 9, 2021; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, meeting in Flint, Texas, November 8-9, 2021, express our appreciation to President Kie Bowman for his service and leadership as convention president, Mrs. Bowman, and Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, for their generosity in sharing President Bowman with our convention.

Resolution 2 On Appreciation for Flint Baptist Church

WHEREAS, the messengers to the 2021 meeting of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention have enjoyed a time of worship, encouragement, and fellowship; and

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

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

WHEREAS, we gratefully acknowledge the extensive labor and excellent leadership of the Pastor Sam DeVille, staff, and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, we gratefully acknowledge that other churches have also extended hospitality and provided volunteer assistance; and

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

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention meeting in Flint, Texas, November 8-9, 2021, hereby express our profound gratitude to the Lord and to the Flint Baptist Church staff and members for their part in making it possible for this meeting to be characterized by evangelistic fervor, inspirational worship, and true Christian fellowship.

Resolution 3

On Appreciation for Dr. Jim and Mrs. June Richards

(Resolutions Committee - November 2021, Adapted from the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention Executive Board Resolution, April 2020)

WHEREAS, Dr. Jim Richards was saved at the age of 17 by the grace of God and answered God's call to ministry 3 months later; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richards received Bachelor of Arts degrees from University of Louisiana at Monroe and Baptist Christian College, a Master of Divinity from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, his 51 years of ministry have been marked by exemplary service as a denominational leader, pastor, interim pastor, church planter, and youth minister for churches in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas; and

WHEREAS, he has written and co-authored 8 published works, preached over 150 revivals and Bible studies, experienced numerical growth in every pastorate, participated in 12 international and 6 domestic mission trips; and

WHEREAS, he and his wife, Mrs. June Richards, established a Christian home in which they raised 3 children, Rachel, Rebekah, and Nathan, who have blessed Dr. and Mrs. Richards with 5 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richards has served as the Executive Director of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention since its founding, November 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, over the past 23 years, the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention has grown from 120 to 2,684 affiliated churches as of November 9, 2021; the Cooperative Program budget has grown from \$903,500 to over \$26,000,000; and the staff has grown from one person to numerous full-time and part-time employees, consultants, and specialists; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention has remained committed to being biblically based by affirming the inerrancy and infallibility of the Bible, kingdom focused with missions and evangelism being prioritized, and missionally driven through the Cooperative Program; while growing into a full-service state convention and an example for other state conventions and Southern Baptist Convention entities in ministry innovation and biblical fidelity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richards transitioned to be the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention Executive Director Emeritus July 1, 2021; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, meeting in Flint, Texas, November 8-9, 2021, give thanks to God for His hand on the life of Dr. Richards, for bringing him to minister among the churches of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, and for the Lord's hand of favor on the churches during these years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention express deepest appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Richards for his fidelity to the inerrancy and infallibility of the Bible, his capable and godly leadership, and his service to the Kingdom of God and to the churches of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention acknowledge and give appreciation to Mrs. Richards for the vital role she has played in supporting, praying for, and participating in the ministry of her husband and for her own ministry as she has encouraged and continually prayed for pastors, pastors' wives, convention staff, and many others; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention meeting November 8-9, 2021, in Flint, Texas, hereby pledge our ongoing prayers of blessing on Dr. and Mrs. Richards as they continue to serve the Lord in the days ahead.

Resolution 4

On a Continued Commitment to the Fulfillment of the Great Commission due to COVID-19

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 crisis is an ongoing global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, there have been more than 249 million confirmed cases, with more than 5 million confirmed deaths attributed to COVID-19 worldwide, making it one of the deadliest pandemics in history; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the church has always been to fulfill the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20); and

WHEREAS, the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention has always held a firm commitment to assisting our affiliated churches in fulfilling the Great Commission through evangelism, discipleship, and global missions; and

WHEREAS, our affiliated churches have always affirmed their individual commitment to fulfilling the Great Commission through evangelism, discipleship, and global missions; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic has altered the attendance, giving, operations, and ministries of virtually all churches but has not altered the Great Commission; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic has not only brought many challenges but also afforded many new opportunities for Great Commission advance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, meeting in Flint, Texas, November 8-9, 2021, do hereby reaffirm our commitment to fulfilling the Great Commission through all biblical means available (1 Cor 9:21-23); and be it further

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, recognize while the methods and means for fulfilling the Great Commission may have been altered due to the global pandemic, the Great Commission's message and mission, as well as our commitment to them, remain unchanged; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, encourage all churches to make the most of every new opportunity toward fulfilling the Great Commission during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Resolution 5

On the Annual Church Profile

WHEREAS, the example of Paul returning to Jerusalem to visit James establishes a biblical precedent for the value of giving testimony and detailed report of the work of God among the churches (Acts 21:15-20); and

WHEREAS, while numbers do not tell the whole story of God's work in and through local churches, there is abundant evidence of reporting of attendance, salvations, and/or financial giving in biblical passages (Acts 1:15, 2:41, 2:47, 4:4, 5:14, 6:7, 21:19; Rom 15:25-27; 1 Cor 16:1-3; 2 Cor 8:1-6, 8:19-24, 9:13-15; Phil 1:3-5 and 4:15-18); and

WHEREAS, the threshold for celebration in God's Kingdom is one baptism, one dollar invested cooperatively, one worshipper faithfully attending, etc.; and accurate Annual Church Profile (ACP) reporting allows churches in cooperation to celebrate what God has done in and through their sister congregations; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists of Texas Convention staff and ministry teams use ACP data, among other metrics, to plan for and/or make necessary changes to the state convention's ministry model each year; and

WHEREAS, churches often use ACP data to help them track statistical progress through the years, especially in seasons of leadership transition and upon the incoming of a new pastor; and

WHEREAS, ACP data assists convention leadership in understanding the needs of the churches as they change through the years in the areas of evangelism, revitalization, and other Kingdom endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the ACP assists the convention in keeping contact information up to date so that it may effectively communicate with cooperating churches; and

WHEREAS, the ACP assists convention leadership in identifying trends through the years in cooperating churches to tell their stories more accurately in order that others may be encouraged; and

WHEREAS, ACP reporting reminds churches they are part of a larger family of likeminded churches in the Great Commission which are each individually strong in Christ Jesus and stronger together; and

WHEREAS, ACP numbers directly affect Southern Baptists of Texas Convention representation on boards of Southern Baptist Convention entities; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention has averaged less than 50% return rate for ACP reporting over the last ten years, and

WHEREAS, in 2020 less than 25% of uniquely aligned Southern Baptists of Texas Convention churches returned an ACP; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the ACP is only one of many measurements of local church health that help inform our cooperative narrative; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, meeting in Flint, Texas, November 8-9, 2021, call on all Southern Baptists of Texas Convention churches to complete and submit the ACP survey each year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, affirm the value of the ACP to assist in the formation of an accurate, yearly testimony to the work of Christ in Texas through local Southern Baptists of Texas Convention affiliated churches; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, urge associational and state convention leaders to promote participation in the ACP process by highlighting its importance at annual meetings and also using other forums and means to encourage pastors and churches to participate.

Resolution 6

On the Office, Title, and Function of Pastor in the Local Church

WHEREAS, our Creator God has blessed His image bearers by creating them as male and female and assigning them unique roles, abilities, and responsibilities defined by the created order (Gen 1:26-28, 1-3; 1 Tim 2:12-15); and

WHEREAS, sin has entered the world through Adam and sin spread to all, defying, distorting, and defiling in every generation both our perception of maleness and femaleness and our unique roles, abilities, and responsibilities as males and females (Gen 3:16b; Rom 1:24-32, 5:12; Eph 2:1-3); and

WHEREAS, Scripture reveals and confirms the blessing of the distinctions of males and females and summon sinners to repent of their defying, distorting, and defiling of what He has blessed (1 Cor 6:9-11; Eph 4:17-24, 5:22-33; 1 Thess 4:1-5; 1 Tim 1:8-11;); and

WHEREAS, our Lord Jesus Christ through His apostles has decreed those males who meet specific qualifications shall minister in His local church in the office and function of pastor/elder/overseer as rooted in the created order (Gen 2-3; Acts 14:23; 1 Tim 2:13-14, 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Pet 5:1-5); and

WHEREAS, the biblical qualifications for pastors do not distinguish between a senior/lead pastor and others serving in the office or function of pastor/elder/overseer (1 Tim 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9); and

WHEREAS, we are autonomous Baptist churches cooperating according to the doctrinal convictions expressed in the Baptist Faith and Message 2000, which states: [the local church's] "scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture;" therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, meeting in Flint, Texas, November 8-9, 2021, support the North American Mission Board's recent decision to "remove endorsement and funding" from any church plant which insists "on maintaining a woman in a pastor role or title on staff;" and be it further

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, encourage affiliated churches to proclaim, explain, and model the divine blessing of image bearers being male and female and their unique roles, abilities, and responsibilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, urge affiliated churches and their pastors to fulfill their function to encourage, equip, and mobilize women in ministry according to their unique giftedness and biblical calling without compromising the office or function of the pastorate; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, while acknowledging and respecting the autonomy of the churches, encourage affiliated churches to reserve the designation pastor/elder/overseer for titles of positions held by scripturally qualified men.

Resolution 7

On Refugees and Human Dignity

WHEREAS, millions of Afghan, Haitian, and Central and South American refugees, among others, have sought asylum in countries across the globe recently due to extreme violence, persecution, and poverty; and

WHEREAS, all persons from all nations and through all generations are created in the image of God (Gen 1:27); and

WHEREAS, the Old Testament instructs us not to "oppress a stranger" (Ex 23:9), requires us to treat "the stranger who resides with you... as the native among you" (Lev 19:33-34), demands that we "show love for the alien" (Deut 10:19), and curses one who "distorts the justice due an alien, orphan, and widow" (Deut 27:19); and

WHEREAS, the New Testament encourages us to show hospitality to those who cannot repay us (Luke 14:13-14), to "put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience" as the "chosen of God, holy and beloved" (Col 3:12), and to extend this Christlike kindness to strangers with the understanding that "some have entertained angels without knowing it" (Heb 13:2); and

WHEREAS, Article XV of the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 states, "Every Christian should seek to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness, truth, and brotherly love;" and

WHEREAS, our Lord commands us to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matt 28:19-20); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, meeting in Flint, Texas, November 8-9, 2021, call on all Christians, especially Southern Baptists, to believe in and recognize the full dignity of all human beings because all are created in God's image; and

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, call on all Christians, especially Southern Baptists, to offer prayer for and aid to those suffering persecution, especially those living among us as refugees; and

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, call on all Christians, especially Southern Baptists, to admonish government officials, peacefully and lawfully, to work for justice and peace for those facing persecution; and

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, call on all Christians, especially Southern Baptists, to share with boldness and compassion the saving gospel message of Jesus Christ actively with all those living as refugees in our communities and to disciple those who place faith, or have placed faith, in Christ.

Resolution 8

On Sexual Violence and Abuse

WHEREAS, the triune God has created man and woman in His image with equal worth and dignity (Gen 1:26-27); and

WHEREAS, God hates violence against the weak and defenseless and calls His people to defend the hurt and oppressed (Ps 82:4), to stand for justice (Ps 82:3, Prov 31:8-9), and to deliver victims of abuse from the hands of their oppressors (Prov 6:17, 24:10-12); and

WHEREAS, any harm committed against one of God's image bearers is an attack on God Himself (Gen 9:6); and

WHEREAS, sexual violence includes, but is not limited to, any form of sexual assault, harassment, exploitation, or abuse; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence causes physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual harm to survivors and victims; and

WHEREAS, the Bible explicitly condemns sexual violence by prohibiting any form of sexual immorality and promiscuity (Rom 1:26-32, Eph 4:19, 5:3); and

WHEREAS, the Bible exhorts churches to enact church discipline upon individuals living in unrepentant sexual immorality (1 Cor 5:1-13); and

WHEREAS, Article XV of The Baptist Faith & Message 2000 says, "We should work to provide for the orphaned, the needy, the abused, the aged, the helpless, and the sick;" and

WHEREAS, abuse is not only a sin but is also a destructive evil that distorts and disrupts the marriage covenant and relationships; and

WHEREAS, despite their abuse, many survivors have spoken with unquestionable courage by calling for justice and repentance; and

WHEREAS, we regret and deplore failures to protect the abused within churches, including failures to take the proper steps to address specific situations in a biblical manner, failures to enact sexual abuse policies, failures to contact the proper authorities, and failures to care for survivors and their families; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge sexual abuse mishandlings, including those within our own denomination, the Southern Baptist Convention; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, meeting in Flint Texas, November 8-9, 2021, condemn all forms of sexual violence and repudiate with a unified voice all abusive behavior as unquestionably sinful and under the just condemnation of our Holy God; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, extend compassion and support to all persons encountering the injustice of sexual violence, being careful to remind survivors that such injustice is undeserved and not a result of personal guilt or fault; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, call upon church leaders to take proactive measures to prevent sexual violence in churches and their communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, encourage leaders in our churches and entities to be faithful examples, through their words and actions, speaking against sexual violence and sexual abuse; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, implore all Christians and all Southern Baptists of Texas Convention churches to act decisively on matters of abuse, to intervene on behalf of the abused, to ensure their safety, to report allegations of abuse to civil authorities according to the laws of their state, and to pursue church discipline against impenitent abusers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, call on all persons perpetrating and enabling abuse to repent, confess their sin to Jesus Christ, confess to church authorities, and confess their crimes to civil authorities; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, uphold the dignity of all human beings as image-bearers of God and the responsibility of all Christians to seek the welfare of sexual violence and sexual abuse survivors.

Resolution 9

On The Texas Heartbeat Act

WHEREAS, over 62 million babies have been aborted since the Roe v. Wade decision of 1973, which was an iniquitous decision, depriving the innocent of their rights and usurping God's Law who sovereignly ordained the court's authority (Ps 2; Isa 5:23, 10:1-2; Matt 22:21; John 19:11; Acts 4:19, 5:29; Rom 13:1); and

WHEREAS, roughly 60% of abortions in the United States occur after 6 weeks of gestation; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, The Texas Heartbeat Act was introduced to the Texas Legislature as Senate Bill 8 (SB 8) and House Bill 1515 (HB 1515) with the purpose of providing further protection of the unborn; and

WHEREAS, from the moment of conception, all humans are created in God's image by, through, and for Jesus Christ to the glory of God, and all souls belong to Him (Gen 1:27, 4:1, 21:2; Isa 7:14; Ezek 18:4; Rom 11:36; Col 1:16); and

WHEREAS, as God's image-bearers, all humans display His divine worth, power, and attributes, and all humans possess equal, objective value before God, not varying on the basis of characteristics such as ethnicity, age, size, means of conception, mental development, physical development, gender, potential, physiological abnormalities, or contribution to society (Gen 1:27, 9:6; Matt 18:6; Rom 1:19-20); and

WHEREAS, the Bible further commands the people of God to advocate for protection for the innocent, rescue for the endangered, and justice for the fatherless (Ps 72:12-14, 82:3; Prov 24:11-12; Jas 1:27); and

WHEREAS, the unborn is described in the mother's womb as a living human being in Scripture (Job 10:19; Ps 51:5, 139:13-16; Eccles 11:5; Isa 44:2, 49:1; Jer 1:5, 20:17; Eph 1:3-4); and

WHEREAS, God's Word clearly declares that all human life is a sacred gift and that Scripture is supreme over man's life and man's law (Ps 127:3-5, 139:13-16; Acts 10:42, 17:31; Rom 2:15-16; 1 Cor 4:5); and

WHEREAS, the Texas Heartbeat Act justly contests the Roe v. Wade ruling of 1973, which interpreted abortion as a Constitutional right; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Heartbeat Act was passed by elected members of the Texas legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Heartbeat Act was signed into law on May 19, 2021 by Texas governor Greg Abbot; and

WHEREAS, President Biden's Department of Justice filed a motion on September 9, 2021 to block the Texas Heartbeat Act, and failed; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court did not block the law on October 6, 2021, with a 5 to 3 to 1 vote; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Heartbeat Act went into effect on September 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Heartbeat Act was blocked by a Temporary Restraining Order by District Court Judge Robert Pittman, on October 6, 2021, after pro-abortion organizations filed an appeal; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Heartbeat Act's Temporary Restraining Order was challenged with an appeal by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton in order to allow the bill to stand as law; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Heartbeat Act was placed on a Temporary Stay by the 5th US Circuit Court of Appeals on October 8, 2021, pending further legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court, on October 22, 2021, did not block the Texas Heartbeat Act (SB 8) and heard arguments on November 1, 2021; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, meeting at Flint Baptist Church on November 8-9, 2021, continue to affirm unequivocally that life begins at the moment of conception; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, urge Christians to vote for and elect pro-life leaders who will defend all future pro-life efforts and continue to advocate for the life of the unborn; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, urge the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention to advocate, peacefully and lawfully, always in favor of laws that protect human life and the sanctity of life from conception to natural death; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, commit to pray and work for the immediate and unequivocal peaceful and lawful overturning of the Roe v. Wade 1973 ruling; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, regardless of the outcome of the litigation of the Texas Heartbeat Act or any other legislation or court ruling regarding abortion, agree that the Texas Heartbeat Act should be permanently upheld as well as any other law protecting the right to life of the unborn.

Resolution 10

On Biblical Fidelity

WHEREAS, some current trends in Christian scholarship question the nature of Scripture, potentially leading to unorthodox theology and, therefore, unorthodox individual and corporate Christian practice; and

WHEREAS, "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim 3:16-17); and

WHEREAS, "But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God" (2 Pet 1:20-21); and

WHEREAS, “the Word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart” (Heb 4:12); and

WHEREAS, “The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes” (Ps 19:7-8); and

WHEREAS, “Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age’” (Matt 28:18-20); and

WHEREAS, “God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created Him; male and female He created them” (Gen 1:27); and

WHEREAS, “When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate” (Gen 3:6); and

WHEREAS, “Then God said to Noah, ‘The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth’” (Gen 6:13); and

WHEREAS, “These are the families of the sons of Noah, according to their genealogies, by their nations; and out of these the nations were separated on the earth after the flood” (Gen 10:32); and

WHEREAS, “Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth” (Gen 11:9); and

WHEREAS, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:1, 14); and

WHEREAS, “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rom 3:23); and

WHEREAS, “Now He said to them, ‘These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled’” (Luke 24:44); and

WHEREAS, “To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn” (Isa 8:20); and

WHEREAS, “sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and respect” (1 Pet 3:15); and

WHEREAS, “For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh” (Gen 2:24); and

WHEREAS, “For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother’s womb” (Ps 139:13); and

WHEREAS, “Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm’” (John 18:36); and

WHEREAS, “As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming” (Eph 4:14); and

WHEREAS, “Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints” (Jude 3); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, meeting in Flint, Texas, November 8-9, 2021, call on all Christians, especially Southern Baptists, to believe that the Bible alone is God’s written and revealed Word; and

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, call on all Christians, especially Southern Baptists, to believe in the inspiration, infallibility, inerrancy, perspicuity, sufficiency, authority, and necessity of Scripture as defined by the Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy, including the hermeneutic principles therein and taking into consideration the literary forms and devices of the text; and

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, reject any attempt to deny the actual historicity, in space and time, of the plain reading of the Genesis accounts, including referring to those accounts as myth or mytho-history and/or the special creation by God, from nothing, of the entire universe, including the special creation of Adam and Eve; and

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, reject any attempt to deny the full and complete deity and humanity of Jesus Christ; and

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, reject any attempt to remove the responsibility or eternal damnation from persons who have not heard, or have heard and rejected, the gospel message of Jesus Christ; and

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, reject any attempt to deny that Scripture interprets Scripture; and

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, reject any attempt to deny the inspiration, infallibility, inerrancy, perspicuity, sufficiency, authority, and necessity of Scripture as defined by the Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy; and

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, reject any attempt to deny Scripture’s sufficiency to defend itself; and

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, reject any attempt to deny marriage is between one biological male and one biological female; and

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, reject any attempt to deny life’s beginning at conception; and

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, reject any attempt to fuse national identity with Christianity; and

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, call on all Christians, especially Southern Baptists, to believe and practice that the totality of the Christian life, corporately and individually, in the family, in the church, and in the broader society, must be uniquely based and focused upon, and have as its goal the proclamation of, the Word of God.

