

**Resolutions**  
**BAPTIST GENERAL CONVENTION OF OKLAHOMA**  
**November 13, 2012**

**Resolution No. 1**  
**On Appreciation to Host Church for the 2012 Annual Meeting**

We, the messengers to the 2012 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at First Baptist Church, Moore, Oklahoma, November 12-13, 2012, express our profound appreciation to Pastor Kevin Clarkson and to the staff and congregation of First Baptist Church, Moore, for the countless hours in support and preparation for this convention. We further state that the church is an outstanding model of genuine Christian service and hospitality. We offer our prayers for God's continued blessing in future ministry.

**Resolution No. 2**  
**On Prayer and Spiritual Awakening**

We, the messengers to the 2012 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at First Baptist Church, Moore, Oklahoma, November 12-13, 2012, respond to God's call to fervent prayer and intercession for spiritual awakening. We embrace this call with humility and a servant's heart to further His Kingdom. We commit to a prayerful spirit and submission to the Lordship of Christ until His return.

**Resolution No. 3**  
**On Sunday School**

We, the messengers to the 2012 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at First Baptist Church, Moore, Oklahoma, November 12-13, 2012, affirm Sunday School as a primary ministry in the church for discipleship and evangelism. As a time-honored tool, Sunday School holds a special place in the life of Oklahoma Baptists and continues to be a relevant tool for ministry today.

We challenge Oklahoma Baptist churches to renew and deepen their commitments to Sunday School as a means of reaching people of all ages for Christ.

**Resolution No. 4**  
**On *Baptist Messenger* 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

We, the messengers to the 2012 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at First Baptist Church, Moore, Oklahoma, November 12-13, 2012, congratulate the *Baptist Messenger* on one hundred years of providing inspiration and information to Oklahoma Baptists. We thank the *Baptist Messenger* staff, past and present, for consistently reporting what God is doing in Oklahoma and throughout the world since 1912. As "our paper," we renew our support and connection as churches and members to this publication and pray God's blessings going into its second century.

**Resolution No. 5**  
**On Prayer and Encouragement for Elected Officials**

We, the messengers to the 2012 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at First Baptist Church, Moore, Oklahoma, November 12-13, 2012, recognize the overwhelming responsibilities of our elected officials. We pledge to support them through personal words of encouragement and persistent prayer. We pray their decisions and actions be guided by God's timeless standards.

**Resolution No. 6**  
**On Sanctity of Life and Personhood**

We, the messengers to the 2012 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at First Baptist Church, Moore, Oklahoma, November 12-13, 2012, commend and applaud the tireless efforts of all Oklahomans, including elected officials, who play a role in recognizing that life begins at conception. We recognize the full personhood of the unborn and sanctity of human life as created by God from conception to natural death. Understanding that abortion is one of the greatest evils of our time, we encourage Oklahoma Baptists to take a pro-active role in promoting the sanctity of human life through peaceful means and open discussions with their elected officials and fellow citizens.

**Resolution No. 7**  
**On the Covenant of Marriage**

We, the messengers to the 2012 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at First Baptist Church, Moore, Oklahoma, November 12-13, 2012, believe marriage is ordained by God and affirm the Biblical definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for life. We uphold marriage as the only context for appropriate sexual expression; Holy Scripture condemns all other sexual acts. We call upon national and state government leaders to protect marriage as defined by God.

**Resolution No. 8**  
**On Religious Liberty**

We, the messengers to the 2012 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at First Baptist Church, Moore, Oklahoma, November 12-13, 2012, advocate religious liberty for all people and call for action in two areas.

We call on the President to instruct the Department of Health and Human Services to withdraw the mandate for healthcare plans to provide contraceptives and abortion-causing drugs and devices as a violation of religious liberty.

We call on the President to ensure the religious liberty of military chaplains to minister according to their religious consciences without fear or coercion. We wholeheartedly support the ministry of chaplains in the United States military.

**Resolution No. 9**  
**On Armed Forces**

We, the messengers to the 2012 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at First Baptist Church, Moore, Oklahoma, November 12-13, 2012, recognize, with deep gratitude, the unselfish sacrifice and service given, past and present, on our behalf by the men and women of the United States Armed Forces and their families. We specifically offer our prayers and condolences to families who have paid the ultimate price for the protection of our freedom.