

**Resolutions**  
**BAPTIST GENERAL CONVENTION OF OKLAHOMA**  
**Adopted November 10, 2009**

**Resolution No. 1**  
**On Appreciation to Host Church**

We, the messengers to the 2009 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at First Baptist Church of Moore, Oklahoma, November 9. 10, 2009, desire to convey our appreciation to Pastor Kevin Clarkson and to the staff and congregation of First Baptist Church for their immeasurable time and sacrifice in preparation for this convention. We publicly recognize the church as an example of genuine Christian service and hospitality.

**Resolution No. 2**  
**On Christian Responsibility**

We, the messengers to the 2009 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at First Baptist Church of Moore, Oklahoma, November 9. 10, 2009, concerned by the state of moral decline, loss of Christian identity and lack of influence of the Church in the public affairs of our state and nation, commit ourselves to pray for repentance and revival. We further commit ourselves to the pursuit of personal holiness, godliness and discipleship. We therefore resolve to intentionally teach and demonstrate sound Christian doctrine within our homes, churches and communities, honoring the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

**Resolution No. 3**  
**On Support of the United States Military**

We, the messengers to the 2009 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at First Baptist Church of Moore, Oklahoma, November 9. 10, 2009, wish to commend with great pride the men and women of the United States Armed Forces for their ongoing sacrifices in preserving freedom in the United States and throughout the world. We encourage Oklahoma Baptists to pray for the safety and well-being of our Armed Forces and to find practical and tangible ways to support our service personnel and their families.

**Resolution No. 4**  
**On Sanctity of Life**

We, the messengers to the 2009 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at First Baptist Church of Moore, Oklahoma, November 9. 10, 2009, recognize that human life is created by God in His image, beginning at conception and ending at natural death. Abortion, euthanasia or any termination of innocent human life is forbidden by God. We commend the efforts of Oklahomans who are active in the passage of pro-life legislation. We strongly encourage and exhort all Oklahoma Baptists to uphold the sanctity of human life in any proposed state or federal legislation. We resolve to promote Rose Day (February 3, 2010) as an effective means to demonstrate our convictions concerning the sanctity of human life.

**Resolution No. 5**  
**On the Covenant of Traditional Marriage**

We, the messengers to the 2009 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at First Baptist Church of Moore, Oklahoma, November 9. 10, 2009, believe the Biblical definition of marriage is the unity of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. We uphold traditional marriage as the only context for appropriate sexual expression. Holy Scripture condemns all other sexual acts. Traditional marriage is under attack at the state and national levels. We urge Oklahoma Baptists to emphasize the importance of and celebrate holy matrimony. We encourage state and national legislators to protect the sanctity of traditional marriage and commend their unwavering stance for traditional family values.

**Resolution No. 6  
On Christian Citizenship**

We, the messengers to the 2009 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at First Baptist Church of Moore, Oklahoma, November 9. 10, 2009, encourage Oklahoma Baptists to fulfill their God-given responsibility to participate in the political process. We urge all Oklahoma Baptists to register and vote in accordance with Biblical values. We encourage Christians to pursue positions of public service at all levels of government. We resolve to pray for our elected leaders.

**Resolution No. 7  
On Opposition to Gambling**

We, the messengers to the 2009 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at First Baptist Church of Moore, Oklahoma, November 9. 10, 2009, acknowledge the harsh realities of gambling and other forms of legalized vices as destructive to the family and society. We seek the revocation of gambling throughout Oklahoma and oppose any expansion of gambling in the state. We commit to teach responsible stewardship and the failures of gambling and resolve to further our efforts to override all forms of gambling in the state of Oklahoma. We agree to support and promote Anti-Gambling Sunday, September 19, 2010. We further urge our churches to participate in a silent stand on that afternoon near the businesses, similar to the silent stand done on Life Chain Sunday.

**Resolution No. 8  
On Recognition of State Legislators**

We, the messengers to the 2009 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at First Baptist Church of Moore, Oklahoma, November 9. 10, 2009, acknowledge the overwhelming responsibilities of our elected officials and as Oklahoma Baptists pledge support of them through words of encouragement and prayer. We honor those State Legislators who have served with integrity, uncompromising Biblical conviction and moral courage.

**Resolution No. 9  
On Freedom of Speech**

We, the messengers to the 2009 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at First Baptist Church of Moore, Oklahoma, November 9. 10, 2009, strongly oppose any legislation that would potentially criminalize speech and beliefs, threatening our First Amendment rights.

**Resolution No. 10  
On Biblical Stewardship**

We, the messengers to the 2009 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at First Baptist Church of Moore, Oklahoma, November 9. 10, 2009, encourage our churches to continue teaching, training and preaching God's plan for Biblical stewardship, exercising wisdom by living on God's economy and acknowledging tithing as the beginning of financial accountability to God.

**Resolution No. 11  
On the Cooperative Program**

We, the messengers to the 2009 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at First Baptist Church of Moore, Oklahoma, November 9-10, 2009, in obedience to the Great Commission, stand as servants of Christ willing to pay any price for the advance of the Gospel in this world. We remain grateful for the heritage of our forefathers who forged a path of cooperation among local Baptist congregations for the better use of financial means to take the Word of God to the nations. Believing the Cooperative Program to be a vital tool for local congregations whereby ministry and missions can more effectively take place, we remain committed to its role throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. We resolve, therefore, to maintain our support of the viable partnerships facilitated by the Cooperative Program all the while challenging our leaders to strive continually for the most Biblically efficient use of the funds entrusted into their hands as faithful stewards of God's Kingdom.