

ANNUAL MEETING RESOLUTIONS November 2016

Resolution No. 1

On Appreciation to Host Church for the 2016 Annual Meeting

We, the messengers to the 2016 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at Quail Springs Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 14-15, 2016, express our profound appreciation to Pastor Hance Dilbeck and to the staff and congregation of Quail Springs for the countless hours in support and preparation for this convention. We further state that this church is an outstanding model of genuine Christian service and hospitality. We offer our prayers for God's continued blessing in future ministry.

(Philippians 1:3-11; Philemon 4-7)

Resolution No. 2

Promoting the Sanctity of Life & on HOPE's 30th Anniversary

We, the messengers to the 2016 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at Quail Springs Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 14-15, 2016, recognize the sanctity, dignity, and full value of each human life as created by God from conception to natural death. Because of this commitment to life, we celebrate with Hope Pregnancy Ministries on 30 years of ministry to unborn children and their parents. Since its founding in 1986, Hope has become a growing network of five pregnancy resource centers across the state. These centers have served as beacons of light amid an abortion-on-demand culture, serving more than 130,000 clients, providing more than 10,000 free ultrasounds, and seeing more than 2,000 people receive Christ as their Savior. We pledge our continued prayer and support for this ministry, which has offered hope and tangible help to women and unborn children at their point of need, sharing the life-giving Gospel message.

(Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139; Matthew 18:6; John 10:10)

Resolution No. 3

On Appreciation to Tony Kennedy

We, the messengers to the 2016 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at Quail Springs Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 14-15, 2016, are thankful that Oklahoma Baptists established Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children more than 100 years ago to help the church care for orphans and children in need. We express our profound appreciation for Tony Kennedy, who has served in leadership at OBHC for 32 years and congratulate him on his upcoming retirement. Under his leadership, the Lord has enabled OBHC to expand its facilities to meet the needs of children, has established a thriving pregnancy resources ministry, established the LifeWize abstinence education outreach into the public schools, and established the One Such Child foster care program to equip and encourage churches and families. We pray God's blessings upon the Kennedy family and the continued ministry of OBHC.

(James 1:27; 1 Timothy 5:8; 1 John 3:17-18)

Resolution No. 4

On Racial Reconciliation & the Gospel

We, the messengers to the 2016 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at Quail Springs Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 14-15, 2016, are deeply grieved at the great racial disunity and unrest experienced across America and our world today. We believe that we have been given a ministry of reconciliation through the Gospel of Christ. We preach Christ crucified and resurrected as the answer to all divisions, reconciling people both to God and to one another. Because we believe that *only Christ* can bring reconciliation to our world, we resolve and encourage every church to commit to be His ambassadors and agents of reconciliation.

(2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Galatians 3:27-28)

Resolution No. 5

On Religious Liberty & Christian Faithfulness

We, the messengers to the 2016 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at Quail Springs Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 14-15, 2016, affirm religious liberty as a primary and cherished freedom. We reject any attempts by the government or other powers that limit the free exercise of religion or coerce consciences of Christians and other people of faith in America. Understanding our ultimate calling is to live faithfully before God and advance the Gospel, we will continue to promote and defend the right to the freedom of religion as expressed in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

(Acts 4:19-20; Galatians 5:1, 13)

Resolution No. 6

On the Church & Evangelism

We, the messengers to the 2016 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at Quail Springs Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 14-15, 2016, recognize the despair, hopelessness and lostness present in the world. Yet, we believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only hope for the world. We believe that God's hand has not been shortened to save. We believe the church is God's chosen instrument for evangelism and every church can be used to reach people for Christ. We resolve to pray and seek every opportunity to declare the Gospel.

(Isaiah 59:1; Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 1:17; Acts 1:8)

Resolution No. 7

On Prayer for the Nation

We, the messengers to the 2016 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at Quail Springs Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 14-15, 2016, in obedience to Scripture, commit to pray fervently for our elected leaders. We encourage all Oklahoma Baptists to make prayer for our nation a priority and daily discipline, calling on the Lord for revival and spiritual awakening in our land.

(Psalm 33:12; 1 Timothy 2:1-4)