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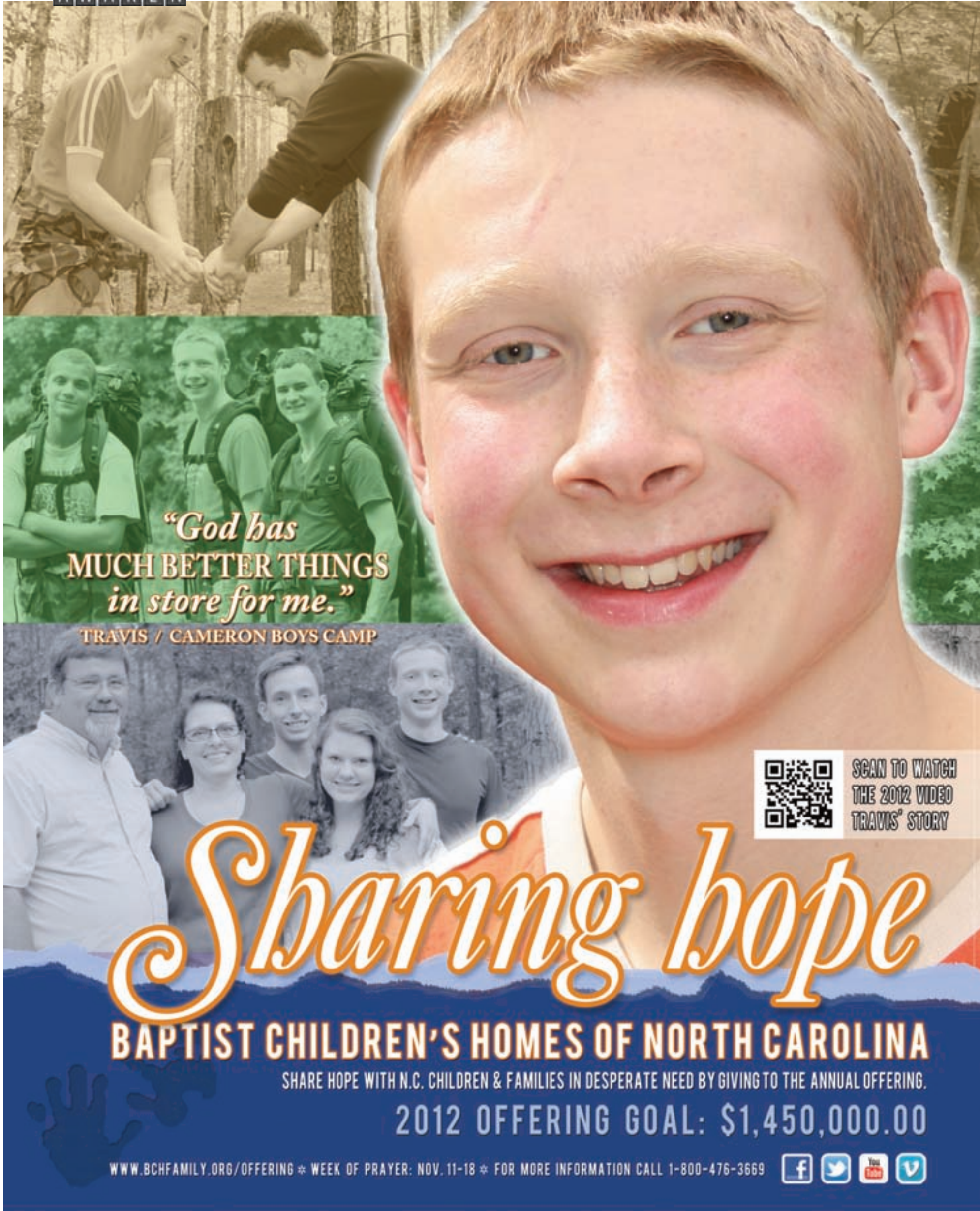
N.C. Baptists ready to 'Awaken' during annual meeting

With a strong focus on prayer, spiritual awakening and missions, the 182nd Annual Meeting of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSC) is Nov. 12-13 at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex Special Events Center.

In addition to breakout sessions, ministry reports, convention business and more, messengers to this year's meeting will have the opportunity to participate in two special worship services. The Monday evening session will feature a service devoted to spiritual awakening that includes worship, a theme interpretation, prayer and message from Milton Hollifield Jr., BSC executive director-treasurer. (See page 14.) During the Tuesday evening session, attendees will participate in a North American Mission Board (NAMB) commissioning service. Kevin Ezell, NAMB president, will bring the convention sermon.

The Office of Great Commission Partnerships with BSC also will hold interviews (see page 5) with various mission partners in the exhibit hall during the meeting.

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It was brought to my attention just the other day that this year's Baptist State Convention of North Carolina will be the 182nd meeting of this group of believers. While I obviously was not around for a vast number of those meetings, I do believe this: I doubt any of those for 181 meetings were filled with any more anticipation and excitement than I sense about this one in Greensboro on Nov. 12. There may have been



MARK E. HARRIS

meetings with more anticipated controversy, or even concern over division and direction. However, I cannot imagine a meeting filled with more expectation to see the Spirit of God speak and move into the hearts of the men and women who will gather this year.

It was in the earlier part of 2012 when your Committee on Convention Meetings met for the first time. Our chairman, Dr. Craig Hamlin of Apex, led in devotion from Romans 13:11-14. There is so much I could share about that morning that space will not allow. However, let me just say, the theme "Awaken," was birthed that day, and the burden and call to North Carolina Baptists began to take shape. Since that day, my year serving as your president took on a direction and a passion, and we have seen God do some amazing things in North Carolina in 2012. We saw North Carolina Baptists leading the way in standing for traditional marriage as our state approved, by a 61% to 39% victory, a Marriage Amendment to our state constitution. We have witnessed churches experiencing serious movements of God, bringing amazing transformation. We have seen associational meetings turned and focused primarily on repentance and coming broken and yielded before God. We have seen a community where a few Baptist pastors, along with their associational missionary, picked up this burden and have recently seen more than 800 people, from all denominations, coming together to repent and seek God's face. In my own community of Charlotte, we saw a vision God gave twin brothers, laymen in their church, to call the churches in Charlotte to "Charlotte 714," a night of repentance before God based on 2 Chronicles 7:14. The newspaper headline the next day: More Than 5,000 Believers Gather at Verizon Amphitheater for Repentance and Prayer. All of this has been in preparation for what is before us at the 182nd meeting. My heart is so encouraged as I see Him moving among us as we partner together. May these days in Greensboro be marked as days we came, we humbled ourselves, we exalted Christ, we responded to His call, and we were never the same again.

Dr. Mark E. Harris, BSC President

The time to awaken is now

Welcome North Carolina Baptists to the 182nd annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina! Thank you for making the investment of time and effort to join us in Greensboro these next few days for what I pray will be a historic annual meeting of the Convention.

This year's gathering will be different in a number of ways than previous annual meetings. Although we will conduct important business matters and hear celebrative reports on Tuesday, you will notice that our Tuesday evening session is devoted to a North American Mission Board commissioning service. I am so thankful that we have this opportunity to be a part of commissioning and blessing individuals who will be serving our Lord throughout North America. I encourage you to attend the reception immediately following the Tuesday evening session. This will be a wonderful time of fellowship with our newly commissioned missionaries and their families. The reception will be held in West Wing B.

The majority of the Monday evening session will be devoted to a time of worship and spiritual renewal. As you are aware, the 2012 annual meeting theme is "Awaken." For months now, churches and individuals across this state have been praying for spiritual awakening. While He is already at work across our state in various places, we have prayed that this annual meeting would mark the beginning of a tremendous movement of God that would truly transform hearts and lives all across this state.

During this Convention, we will be called and challenged to invest ourselves in the work of God's Kingdom; fixing our eyes on the Savior, the author, finisher and perfecter of our faith. Millions of people have never heard, not even once, that God loves them and sent His Son Jesus to die for their sins. North Carolina Baptists, if we are to be part of a spiritual awakening among the lost, we, the followers of Christ, must first be awakened from our lethargy and revived in our relationship with Christ Jesus. We do not have time to spare for anything that might divert our attention from these matters. We remind you that a prayer room is provided for messengers during the annual meeting. Please spend some time in prayer while you are here. Ask God to enable us to hear His voice and to respond to His leading. Pray that we will be honest before God, confess and forsake sin, and return to God in personal holiness. This will prepare us to focus significant attention on sharing the gospel and making disciples. I ask you to also pray for every individual who will fill a role of leadership during each session of this convention meeting.

While you are here, take some time to visit the exhibit hall. Many of our Convention staff, representatives from our Convention's institutions and agencies, SBC entity representatives and numerous ministry vendors are here to assist you with various ministry resources. The Tuesday afternoon breakout sessions will provide excellent opportunities for ministry training. An exhibit hall map and listing of the different breakout sessions is included in your program book. Our program committee, supported by many of our Convention staff, has worked diligently all year in preparation for this meeting. I am very grateful to everyone who has given time in service to the Lord. Again, thank you for being here. I pray that you will experience God's presence and work in your life this week!

**Milton A. Hollifield Jr., Executive Director-Treasurer
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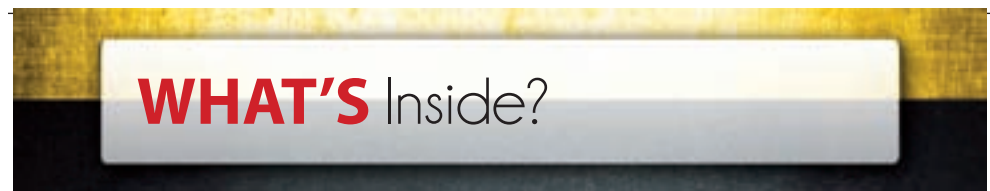
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Annual Meeting schedule

Monday Evening Session, November 12

4:00 p.m. Exhibits and registration open
6:00 Call to worship
6:30 Call to order – Mark Harris
Pledges (American & Christian flags, Bible)
Committee on Convention Meetings – Craig Hamlin
Prayer – Phillip Davis
6:55 Greetings
7:00 Introductions
7:05 Awaken Worship Service (see page 14)
EDT sermon – Milton A. Hollifield Jr.

Tuesday Morning Session, November 13

7:30 a.m. Listening session
Budget Committee (Turnberry – Koury Convention Center)
8:00 Exhibits and registration open (Exhibits close at 7:30 p.m.)
8:30 Call to worship – Western Carolina (WCU) Baptist Campus Ministry Worship Band
8:45 Call to order – Mark Harris
Prayer – Joseph Phan
8:50 Theme interpretation – Shelton Daniel
9:00 Worship through prayer – Jairo Contreras
9:10 Worship through music – WCU Baptist Campus Ministry Worship Band
9:15 NC Baptist Foundation – Clay Warf
9:30 Board of Directors Report – Michael Barrett
10:05 Biblical Recorder Special Report – Allan Blume

10:15 Music – Western Carolina Baptist Campus Ministry Worship Band
Institution & agency reports
North Carolina Baptist Hospital – Gary Gunderson
Biblical Recorder – Allan Blume
Baptist Children’s Homes of North Carolina – Michael Blackwell
Miscellaneous business
10:45 Election of officers (fixed order of business)
11:00 President
11:15 Special music – Worship Ministry: First Baptist Church (FBC) Charlotte
11:25 Scripture – M.O. Owens Jr.
11:30 President’s address – Mark Harris
12:00 Closing prayer – Brenda Boberg

Tuesday Afternoon Session, November 13

1:30 p.m. Call to order – Mark Harris
Prayer – Abidan Shah
1:35 Greeting from LifeWay
1:40 Election of officers (first vice president & second vice president)
1:50 Theme interpretation – Sammy Joo
1:55 Worship through prayer – Jae Cho
2:00 Worship through music – Kenny Lamm
2:05 North Carolina Baptist Men (Auxiliary) – Richard Brunson
2:20 Convention Committee Reports
Committee on Nominations – LeRoy Burke
Committee on Resolutions and Memorials – Richard A. Browder Jr.
Historical Committee – Tim Andrews
2:35 Music – Kenny Lamm

2:40 Board of Directors Report (Fixed Order of Business) – Michael Barrett
Budget
3:10 Breakout sessions promotion – Lynn Sasser
3:15 Closing prayer – Jimmy Hammonds
3:45-5:00 Breakout sessions (see page 7)

Tuesday Evening Session, November 13

6:00 p.m. Call to worship – Worship Ministry: FBC Charlotte
6:30 Call to order – Mark Harris
Prayer – Cindy Bush
6:35 Greetings
Executive Committee, SBC
International Mission Board
Board of Directors Report – Michael Barrett
Great Commission Partnerships
Evaluation
7:10 Presentation of officers
7:15 North American Mission Board Commissioning Service**
7:20 Convention sermon – Kevin Ezell
Worship leaders – Mark Christian & Worship Ministry: FBC Charlotte
Kevin Ezell
Debby Akerman
8:50 Closing prayer – Bruce Franklin

** There will be a reception in West Wing B at the conclusion of this session. This is an opportunity for you to meet the missionaries commissioned during tonight’s service.



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Guest Speakers: Chris Adams, Rhonda Kelley & Ashley Allen

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Events before, during annual meeting

During the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSC) annual meeting Nov. 12-13 at Greensboro Coliseum there are several events that are planned:

● **Pastor's Conference** – Nov. 11-12 at Lawndale Baptist Church (see page 12).

● **N.C. Baptist Ministers' Wives Annual Meeting** – Nov. 12, 9:30 a.m. at Lawndale Baptist Church, Greensboro. This event is free and registration is not required. The meeting theme is "Polish your shine," based on Philippians 2:14-15 and Colossians 1:24-27. Featured speaker is Dwain Bouldin. Contact Renea Henderson at (336) 629-7995 or jrhendco@asheboro.com.

● **North Carolina International Missionary Fellowship** – Nov. 12 from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Lindley Park Baptist Church. Contact rlamb12@carolina.rr.com. There is a cost for lunch.

● **Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Luncheon** – Nov. 12, noon; meeting room 1A at Greensboro Coliseum; reservations required; cost: \$20. Contact Rebecca Taylor: (919) 761-2177 or rtaylor@sebts.edu.

● **Hispanic Conference and Banquet** – Nov. 12, 2 p.m.-6 p.m. at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex Special Events

Center, meeting room 1. This event is for pastors as well as lay leaders. The focus is small group discipleship, and how small groups can be used to help start churches. Contact Maria Luoni at (800) 395-5102, ext. 5629, or mluoni@ncbaptist.org.

● **Great Commission Partnerships Missions Breakfast** – Nov. 13, 7 a.m.-8:15 a.m., Greensboro Coliseum, Special Events Center - West Wing B; contact Michael Sowers at (800) 395-5102, ext.

5654, or msowers@ncbaptist.org.

● **Heavenly Banquet** – Nov. 13, noon-1:30 p.m., Greensboro Coliseum Complex, Special Events Center - West Wing B; contact Kate Durham at (800) 395-5102, ext. 5628, or kdurham@ncbaptist.org. Cost: \$10; deadline to register is Nov. 2.

● **Gardner-Webb Friends and Family Luncheon** – Nov. 13 at 12:15 p.m.; meeting room 3A, Greensboro Coliseum; reservations required; cost: \$15. Contact Aaron

Hinton at (704) 406-4101 or ahinton2@gardner-webb.edu.

● **North American Mission Board Reception** – Nov. 13, Special Events Center - West Wing B, Greensboro Coliseum Complex. Immediately following the conclusion of the Tuesday evening session. This is your opportunity to meet the missionaries who are participating in the commissioning service.

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GCP: Live Interviews

The Office of Great Commission Partnerships is hosting live interviews in the exhibit hall throughout the annual meeting.

Monday, Nov. 12

● 4:30-4:45 p.m. – Unreached, Unengaged People Groups (UUPG) interview with: Joe Dillon, missional church strategist, International Mission Board, and Mark Harrison, missions pastor, Old Town Baptist Church, Winston-Salem

● 5:30-5:45 p.m. – Moldova interview with John Miron, president, Baptist Union of Moldova

Tuesday, Nov. 13

● 9:15-9:30 a.m. – Toronto interview with Andrew Lamme, director, Toronto Church Planting

● 10:10-10:25 a.m. – New York interview with George Russ, executive director, Metro New York Baptist Association, and Jae Lee, pastor, Ebenezer Mission Church, Queens

● 2:15-2:30 p.m. – Boston interview with Curtis Cook, church planter and pastor, Hope Fellowship; SEND North America Boston city coordinator

● 3:30-3:45 p.m. – SEND North America interview with: Kevin Ezell, president, North American Mission Board

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BREAKOUT Sessions

Breakout sessions will be held from 3:45-5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at the Greensboro Coliseum, Special Events Center, during the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina's annual meeting.

There is no charge to attend, and no pre-registration is necessary.

Below is a list of the sessions offered:

● **Pursuing Godliness as You Lead Others (Room 4B)** – Throughout his letters, the Apostle Paul encouraged believers to “pursue godliness.” What is godliness? This session will explain what godliness is, why it is important and why all believers should actively pursue a life of godliness. Leader: Ashley Allen, Women's Ministry, Embrace Ministry, BSC

● **Disciple-making in 3D (Room 1A)** – In this session we will examine how churches and individuals can create

a culture of discipleship as individuals, families and congregations seek to be an agent for spiritual awakening every day. Participants will be given biblical, practical ideas on how to live a life of spiritual influence. Leader: Brian Upshaw, Church Ministry Team, BSC

● **The Billy Graham “My Hope” Evangelistic Emphasis (Room 3A)** – This session will inform participants of the upcoming effort by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association to share the gospel throughout this nation and how North Carolina Baptists can participate. Leaders: Don McCutcheon, Marty Dupree and Guillermo Soriano, Evangelization, BSC

● **Church Renewal and Revitalization (Room 1B)** – This session will focus on the Church Renewal Journey and other forms of revitalization being offered

by the BSC Evangelization Group and the North American Mission Board. Leaders: Bob and Phyllis Foy, Lay Renewal, BSC

● **Stewardship: Lost in Translation (Room 4A)** – Our worldly and religious cultures have created disciples who are tippers, donors and tithers who totally miss the gospel's message of stewardship in the life of a disciple.

This session will assist participants in understanding stewardship as a biblical, relational, Kingdom and eternal issue. The session will introduce discipling approaches for moving disciples closer to what God intended them to be as stewards, and provide a sample stewardship strategy and resource bibliography to assist in creating a disciple-making culture. Leader: Neal Eller, Church Health Team, BSC

● **Awaken: God's Time to Wake Up**

and Pray (Room 2) – Have you ever wondered what could happen if revival and spiritual awakening took place in America? How should we respond to the desperate need for awakening as believers and churches? How should we pray? This conference explores these and other questions related to revival and spiritual awakening from a biblical, historical and practical perspective. Leader: J. Chris Schofield, Office of Prayer, BSC

● **Involving Your Church in Life Changing Mission Projects (Room 3B)** – We are called to be on mission in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth. This session will cover local, state, national and international missions opportunities and needs. If your church is interested in “doing” missions this breakout session will be helpful. Leaders: Richard Brunson and NC Baptist Men staff **BR**

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Summary of proposed amendments to bylaws

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC) Board of Directors will bring three proposed amendments to the bylaws for consideration by messengers attending the BSCNC annual meeting November 12-13 at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex Special Events Center. The Board is not bringing proposed amendments to the articles of incorporation. An explanation of the proposed amendments is provided below:

Motion One

The first motion, related to Article I.C.5.a.(vi) and Article II.F.1., addresses qualifications of non-Board members of special committees of the Board of Directors, such as the Budget Committee and the Articles and Bylaws Committee. The bylaws limit individuals to a single place of service in regards to their membership on a Convention committee, the Convention's Board of Directors, and the boards of the Convention's institutions, agencies and affiliated educational institutions. Currently an individual cannot serve as a member of more than one of these committees or boards at one time.

This motion seeks to clarify limitations on the service of non-Board members of special committees to a single place of service. The proposed amendments stipulate that the Board president may not appoint

individuals for these places of service who are already serving as members of Convention committees, or serving on the boards of the Convention's institutions, agencies and affiliated educational institutions. The amendments also provide that the Committee on Nominations may not nominate individuals already serving as a non-Board member of a special committee to positions as members of Convention committees or the boards of institutions, agencies or affiliated educational institutions.

Motion Two

The second motion proposes a change to Article III.C.6. of the bylaws to reflect the title change of North Carolina Baptist Hospital's School of Pastoral Care to the Division of Faith and Health Ministries. This proposed amendment does not impact the relationship of North Carolina Baptist Hospital with the BSCNC.

Motion Three

The third motion is a series of proposed amendments that clarify the work of the Committee on Nominations. Currently, there is inconsistency in the language used to address the ability of an individual who was elected to a full term of service but did not complete the full term of service, to either return to service on the same board or committee or to begin a new term of ser-

vice on a different board or committee. The proposed amendments will address these issues that are not explicitly covered by the current bylaws related to Convention committees (Article I.C.2.c., Convention Committees), the Convention Board (Article II.B.3., Election of At-large Members of the Board of Directors), Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute (Article II. G.2.a.(vi), Fruitland Board of Directors), and Institutions and Agencies (Article III.B.3.c., Election of Trustees and Directors).

These proposed amendments to the bylaws will be presented to messengers

during the Tuesday morning session (Nov. 13) of the annual meeting and are subject to a majority vote. The presentation will take place as part of the Board of Directors report during that session.

Questions related to these proposed amendments may be directed to the following individuals at the platform at the conclusion of the Monday evening session: Bartley Wooten, chair of the Articles and Bylaws Committee; Brian Davis, executive leader for Administration and Convention Relations; or John Small, Convention counsel. For more information about the annual meeting visit www.ncannualmeeting.org.

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Proposed amendments to bylaws of Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

I. Amendments Related to Non-Board Members of Special Committees:

Motion 1: *The Board of Directors moves that Article I.C.5.a.(vi) and Article II.F.1. be deleted in their entirety with the following language substituted in their respective places.*

A. Article I.C.5.a.(vi) (Committee on Nominations)

Current Reading:

(vi) No person shall be nominated to serve on more than one (1) Convention committee or board of the Convention, its institutions, its agencies, its affiliated educational institutions or the Hospital (all as hereinafter defined in Article III.A.) at the same time.

Proposed Reading:

(vi) No person shall be nominated to serve on more than one (1) Convention committee, board of the Convention, special committee of the board of the Convention (as hereinafter named in Article II.F.), or board of its institutions, its agencies, its affiliated educational institutions or the Hospital (all as hereinafter defined in Article III.A.) at the same time.

B. Article II.F.1. (Board Committees)

Current Reading:

1. Selection of Committee Members. The President and Vice-President of the Board shall be responsible for assigning all newly elected Board members to one of the Board committees or the special committees. The assignment process and notification of assignments will be finished at least two (2) weeks prior to the January meeting of the Board. Also, the President and Vice-President will review and take into consideration any recommendations furnished by the Executive Leader associated with the work of a specific committee.

Proposed Reading:

1. Selection of Committee Members. The President and Vice-President of the Board shall be responsible for assigning all newly elected Board members to one of the Board committees or the special committees. The assignment process and notification of assignments will be finished at least two (2) weeks prior to the January meeting of the Board. Also, the President and Vice-President will review and take into consideration any recommendations furnished by the Executive Leader associated with the work of a specific committee. Any member of a special committee of the Board who is not a member of the Board shall not be serving at the same time on any Convention committee, any other special committee of the board of the Convention, or any board of the Convention's institutions, agencies, affiliated educational institutions, or the Hospital (all as hereinafter defined in Article III.A.).

2. Amendment Related to the North Carolina Baptist Hospital

Motion 2: *The Board of Directors moves that Article III.C.6. of the Bylaws be deleted in its entirety with the following language substituted in its place.*

Current Reading:

6. The committee of the Hospital's board of trustees that oversees the School of Pastoral Care shall have as its members only trustees who have been elected by the Convention.

Proposed Reading:

6. The committee of the Hospital's board of trustees that oversees the Hospital's Division of Faith and Health Ministries shall have as its members only trustees who have been elected by the Convention.

3. Amendments Related to Individuals Serving Less Than a Full Term on Committees and Boards

Motion 3: *The Board of Directors moves that Article I.C.2.c., Article II.B.3., Article II.G.2.a.(vi), and Article III.B.3.c. be deleted in their entirety with the following language substituted in their respective places.*

A. Article I.C.2.c. (Convention Committees)

Current Reading:

c. No person shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself on the committee on which he/she is serving until one full term has elapsed, provided he/she has served a full term; in addition, no person shall be eligible to serve on any other standing committee until one (1) year has elapsed.

Proposed Reading:

c. No person shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself on the committee on which he/she is serving until one full term has elapsed after his/her service on such committee has ended whether through expiration of the term, resignation or otherwise; in addition, no person shall be eligible to serve on any other standing Convention committee until one (1) year has elapsed.

B. Article II.B.3. (Convention Board)

Current Reading:

3. Election; Terms. Each at-large member of the Board shall be elected for a term of four (4) years with, as nearly as may be possible, one-fourth (1/4) of the membership being elected at each annual meeting; provided, however, that any such at-large Board member who shall have been elected to fill a vacancy of less than two (2) years, shall be eligible to be re-elected to a full term. No person shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself on the Board after serving a full term of four (4) years until one (1) full term has elapsed. The term shall begin on January 1, following the annual meeting of the Convention at which at-large members were elected; and shall end on December 31 following the Convention at which their successors were elected, unless sooner terminated; provided, however, the term of office of an at-large member who has not resigned, died, become disqualified, or been removed shall not expire until a successor shall have been duly elected and qualified.

Proposed Reading:

3. Election; Terms. Each at-large member of the Board shall be elected for a term of four (4) years with, as nearly as may be possible, one-fourth (1/4) of the membership being elected at each annual meeting. No person shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself on the Board after serving on the Board whether such service has ended through expiration of the term, resignation or otherwise until one (1) full term has elapsed; provided, however, that any such at-large Board member who shall have been elected to fill a vacancy of less than two (2) years, shall be eligible to be re-elected to a full term. The term shall begin on January 1, following the annual meeting of the Convention at which at-large members were elected; and shall end on December 31 following the Convention at which their successors were elected, unless sooner terminated; provided, however, the term of office of an at-large member who has not resigned, died, become disqualified, or been removed shall not expire until a successor shall have been duly elected and qualified.

C. Article II.G.2.a.(vi) (Fruitland Board)

Current Reading:

(vi) No person shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself on the Fruitland Board after serving a full term of four (4) years until one (1) full term has elapsed; provided, however, that any Fruitland Board member who shall have been elected to fill a vacancy of less than two (2) years shall be eligible to be re-elected to a full term; and

Proposed Reading:

(vi) No person shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself on the Fruitland Board after serving on the Fruitland Board whether such service has ended through expiration of the term, resignation or otherwise until one (1) full term has elapsed; provided, however, that any Fruitland Board member who shall have been elected to fill a vacancy of less than two (2) years shall be eligible to be re-elected to a full term; and

D. Article III.B.3.c. (Institutions and Agencies)

Current Reading:

c. No trustee or director shall serve a continuous term of more than four (4) years; and provided, however, that any such trustee or director, who shall have been elected to fill a vacancy of less than two (2) years, shall be eligible to be re-elected to a full term. A trustee or director having completed a full term of office shall not be eligible for re-election to membership on the same board until the elapse of one (1) year, but shall be eligible for immediate election to membership on the board of any other institution or agency.

Proposed Reading:

c. No trustee or director shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself on a board after serving on such board, whether such service has ended through expiration of the term, resignation or otherwise until the lapse of one (1) year; provided, however, that any board member who shall have been elected to fill a vacancy of less than two (2) years shall be eligible to be re-elected to a full term. In addition, any trustee or director having completed his/her service on one board shall be eligible for immediate election to membership on the board of any other institution or agency.



Pastors' conference to 'Preach the Word'

BR staff

While following biblical principles may not always be viewed as politically correct in today's society, this year's Pastors' Conference will lead up to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina's annual meeting with the theme "Preach the Word."

This year's conference will be held Nov. 11-12 at Lawndale Baptist Church in Greensboro. The conference will begin at 6 p.m. on that Sunday, and it will wrap up the following day at 3 p.m.

The theme for this year's conference is based on 2 Timothy 4:2. "Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction."

"The Bible challenges us to preach the Word," said Conference President Lee Pigg, pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church in Monroe. "[It] challenges us to be ready to preach the Word when it's popular and when it's

not popular. We all understand today [that] we live in a time that it's not popular to preach the Word. That passage goes on to say correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience and careful instruction."

Among this year's featured speakers for the conference include the following:

- Greg Mathis, senior pastor of Mud Creek Baptist Church, Hendersonville
- Bobby Welch, associate executive director, Tennessee Baptist Convention
- Joe Brown, former pastor of Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte
- Don Bouldin, interim pastor of First Baptist Church, Marshville
- Mike Whitson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Indian Trail

• Mac Brunson, senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

• Mark Harris, senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte

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— Lee Pigg**

Sermon topics that will coincide with this year's conference theme include: preach the Word with urgency, passion, commitment, relevance, conviction, thanksgiving, and preach the Word with power.

The conference's worship time will feature Tim Blankenbeckler, minister of worship for Hopewell Baptist and the church's choir, and Lawndale's associate pastor of music and worship Mark Walker and choir. The conference also will

include the gospel music group Bread of Life.

For more information and to find a complete schedule go to www.ncannualmeeting.org/preach. **BR**

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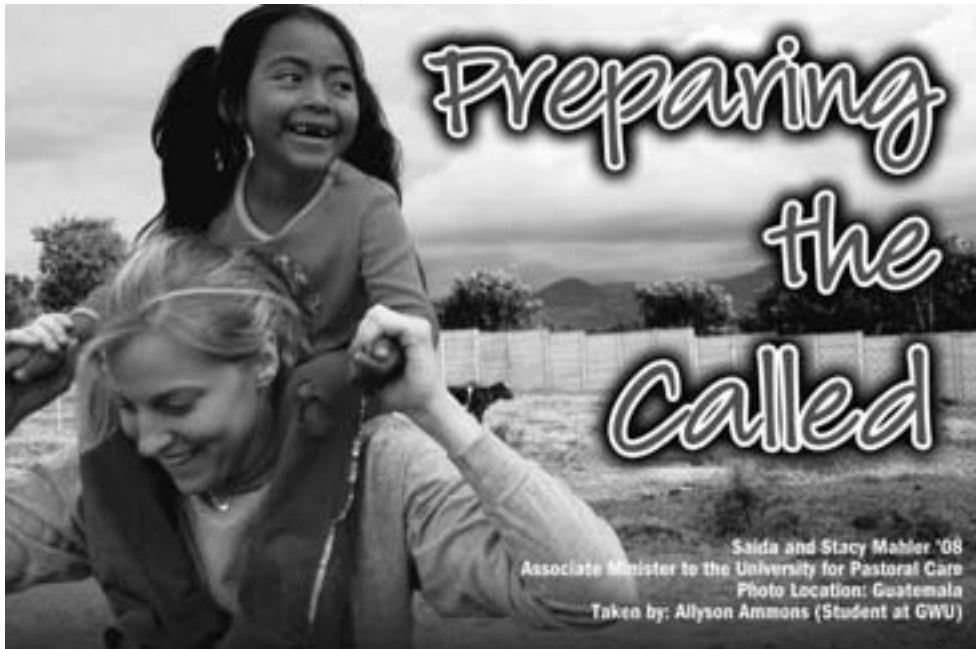
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Resolution on pursuit of holiness

On Oct. 29 the Committee on Resolutions and Memorials made available the only resolution that will be presented during the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina's annual meeting Nov. 12-13 in Greensboro. It is available on the *Biblical Recorder* website but is also available at ncannualmeeting.org.

North Carolina Baptist's Resolution for the Pursuit of Holiness

Whereas, God has called every Christian to a holy life without exception; and,
Whereas, Believing Romans 13:11 and 12, "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light."; and,

Whereas, Romans 12:1 and 2 states, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service, And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God"; and,

Whereas, Holiness is a relationship in Jesus Christ in which the individual is being transformed into an ever-expanding likeness of Christ Himself; and,

Whereas, In obedience to I Peter 1:15 and 16, "But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation (behavior); Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy"; and,

Whereas, In the Sermon on the Mount, our Lord described the Christian influence as "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world"; and,

Whereas, Romans 13:14 instructs the Christian to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof"; and,

Whereas, According to Galatians 5:16, this can only be accomplished by walking in the Spirit; and,

Whereas, Galatians 5:22 and 23 provides the evidence of this walk, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance against such there is no law."; and,

Whereas, Believing the pursuit of true holiness requires the fulfillment of Galatians 5:24, "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts"; therefore, be it

See Resolution page 18



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Awaken: Service

Baptist State Convention

This year the annual meeting theme is "Awaken," based on Romans 13:11-14. N.C. Baptists are praying that this gathering will mark the beginning of a great revival and spiritual awakening all across the state.

A special worship service devoted to spiritual awakening will be held Monday, Nov. 12 during the annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The service will include a sermon from the executive director-treasurer, Milton A. Hollfield Jr. Worship leaders include North Carolina Baptist Renewing Worship Band, Bladen Baptist Association Worship Choir, Kenny Lamm, Marvin Green, John Miron and Steve Griffith.

2012 Theme Interpretation

In these verses from Romans, Paul is speaking about the great need and urgency for believers to return to God in holiness so that they will be ready and able to do the work of the Kingdom. Paul calls believers to awake out of sleep because salvation is

near. The time is urgent, because night is almost over and the day is upon us. Every day brings us closer to our Lord's return. None of us knows which day on earth will be our last, and none of us knows which day on earth will be the last for our family, friends, neighbors and co-workers who do not know Jesus as Lord and Savior. We do not have time to waste. As believers, we know the only one who offers salvation. We must go – Jesus has commanded us to go – into the world to proclaim His gospel.

Scripture tells us that the fields are ripe unto harvest. Yet, many in the church are not serving in the Lord's harvest fields. The reason churches throughout America continue to decline and plateau is because they are asleep; they have not awakened.

They have not awakened because they are still following the ways of this earthly, temporal life. Believers have not awakened to the reality that life is not about self but is all about knowing God and helping others to know Him.

Therefore, the church must awaken to personal holiness. We will never reach our state, nation and world with the gospel if

we do not first experience awakening in our own hearts. Awakening comes when the church puts on Christ, which means forsaking sinful, fleshly desires and pursuing that which brings honor and glory to Christ. We must plead for God to awaken our hearts to the desperate condition of those who live without hope; we must be burdened for lost people.

The world in which we live is dark and sinful. Yet, the problem is not with the world; the problem is that those who know the Light of the World continue to keep the light hidden from the world. We must start living as salt and light, so that our lives reflect the beauty of our Savior. The Bible tells us that even while we were sinners God loved us, and He demonstrated that love by sending His son to die on a cross so that we could be forgiven. The world has never known a greater love than this. May we never stop being thankful for such a wondrous love and for our salvation.

The world desperately needs to know the Savior. May God awaken our hearts so that we may go forth into the harvest fields and, by God's grace, expand His Kingdom.

BUSINESS: Items

For specifics on how the business will be conducted, see pages 24-25.

● **Board of Directors** – The Board of Directors reports will be presented by President Michael Barrett as noted on the schedule. Messengers will also vote on proposed changes to the BSC bylaws. (pages 10-11.)

There will also be a vote on the proposed 2013 Cooperative Program budget during a fixed order of business on Tuesday at 2:40 p.m. A proposed budget was adopted by the Board of Directors during its September 2012 meeting.

● **Convention Committees** – The Committee on Nominations (page 17) will present for election the slate of nominees for the Convention committees, the Board, and the boards of trustees and directors of the institutions and agencies during the Tuesday afternoon session. This will be followed by the Committee on Resolutions and Memorials Committee report. The Historical Committee Report will follow including a presentation to the winner of the 2012 Historical Writing Competition.

● **Officer Election** – On Tuesday at 11 a.m. during a fixed order of business, messengers will elect a Convention president. In the afternoon session at 1:40 p.m. the remaining Convention officers will be elected. (See page 16.)

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BSC leaders garner re-nominations for election

By **DIANNA L. CAGLE** | *BR* Assistant Managing Editor

The three top leaders for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSC) will be re-nominated at the annual meeting in November to their respective posts.

“Mark [Harris] has been a tremendous leader in our Convention, serving as first and second vice president and this past year as president,” said Marty Jacumin, senior pastor of Bay Leaf Baptist Church in Raleigh.

Harris, who is pastor of First Baptist Church in Charlotte, will be re-nominated, along with C.J. Bordeaux Sr. and Timmy D. Blair Sr., Nov. 12-13 during the BSC annual meeting, which will be held at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex Special Events Center.

“[Mark] has traveled this state listening to the concerns of N.C. Baptists,” Jacumin said. “We are fortunate to have Mark serve us as president, and I look forward to his continued leadership.”

Bobby Blanton, pastor of Lake Norman Baptist Church in Huntersville, praises Bordeaux’s servant leadership as first vice president. “As an officer of this Convention, C.J. has not only assisted the leadership of our current president, Mark Harris, but has supported fully the work of our executive director-treasurer, Milton Hollifield,” Blanton said. “I think his faithful service is deserving of another opportunity.”

Bordeaux pastors Gorman Baptist Church in Durham.

Calling Blair “a loyal Southern Baptist, a Bible preacher and a soul winner,” Scott Faw, pastor of Moon’s Chapel Baptist Church in Siler City, plans to re-nominate Blair as second vice president.

Blair has been pastor of Piney Grove Chapel Baptist in Angier for 24 years.

“He has consistently led his church over the years, and the church has seen steady growth,” Faw said.

“Timmy is a friend to pastors and will serve North Carolina Baptists well this next year.”

Officers are elected for a one-year term and may be elected for two consecutive terms.

The president presides over the deliberations of the Convention and has responsibility of other duties as directed by the Convention. The president and vice presidents also serve as a nominating committee bringing recommendations for members of the Committee on Nominations to the Board for their election at its January meeting.

The president and vice presidents also serve as ex-officio voting members of all Convention committees and of the Board and its Executive Committee.

The Convention officers serve as ex-officio non-voting members of all subcommittees of the Convention committees and all committees and subcommittees of the Board. No other nominations have been announced.

Visit BRnow.org or ncannualmeeting.com for more information and coverage of the election. **BR**



Current Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSC) officers – from left: Mark Harris, president; C.J. Bordeaux Sr., first vice president; and Timmy D. Blair Sr., second vice president – will all be re-nominated.

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The Office of Great Commission Partnerships is hosting live interviews in the exhibit hall throughout the annual meeting.

Monday, Nov. 12:

4:30 - 4:45 p.m. - Unreached, Unengaged People Groups (UUPG) interview with:

- Joe Dillon, missional church strategist, International Mission Board
- Mark Harrison, missions pastor, Old Town Baptist Church, Winston-Salem

5:30 - 5:45 p.m. - Moldova interview with:

- John Miron, president, Baptist Union of Moldova

Tuesday, Nov. 13:

9:15 - 9:30 a.m. - Toronto interview with:

- Andrew Lamme, director, Toronto Church Planting

10:10 - 10:25 a.m. - New York interview with:

- George Russ, executive director, MNYBA
- Jae Lee, pastor, Ebenezer Mission Church, Queens

2:15 - 2:30 p.m. - Boston interview with:

- Curtis Cook, church planter and pastor, Hope Fellowship; SEND North America Boston city coordinator

3:30 - 3:45 p.m. - SEND North America interview with:

- Kevin Ezell, president, North American Mission Board



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Committee on Nominations Report

The Committee on Nominations is charged with the task of receiving and reviewing the numerous recommendations provided by North Carolina Baptists for service on the Board of Directors and committees of the Convention as well as the boards of the institutions and agencies of the Convention. The committee begins its work with the recommendations sent by North Carolina Baptists and only when exhausted, or in the event too few recommendations have been received for a specific place of service, the committee seeks to find candidates who meet the qualifications for service as outlined in the Convention bylaws.

The full report from the Committee on Nominations can be found on the BSCNC's annual meeting website, in [this issue] of the *Biblical Recorder*, on the *Biblical Recorder* website, and in the Book of Reports provided to each messenger who completes their registration at the annual meeting.

On behalf of the committee members listed below, I want to thank each North Carolina Baptist who completed and submitted a recommendation. It is not too early to begin thinking about those individuals whom you wish to recommend for consideration by the 2013 Committee on Nominations. Please continue to submit your recommendations, as your input is essential to the committee's work and the ongoing effectiveness of the missions and ministries of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

H. LeRoy Burke, Chair

2012 Committee on Nominations Members

Becky Black, Knightdale; David Blackburn, Jefferson; LeRoy Burke, Lumberton; Joan Daniel, Durham; Shawn Dobbs, Lumberton; Faye Edwards, Beulaville; Jose Espinal, Shelby; Elizabeth Faw, Staley; James Horton, Edenton; Duane Kuykendall, Hickory; Brian Langley, Kure Beach; Charlie Martin, Winston-Salem; Ricky Mason, Maggie Valley; Cameron McGill, Dublin; Hannah Modrell, Hendersonville; Bill Saylor, Charlotte; David Turner, Elizabeth City

The Committee on Nominations report follows the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina's (BSCNC) bylaws directive to "nominate persons for election by

the Convention to the committees listed in Article I.C.1 (b) – (d) of these Bylaws, such other committees as may be assigned to it, the chair of such Convention committees, the boards of trustees and directors of all institutions and agencies of the Convention, the Board, and such other nominations as may be delegated to the committee by the Convention."

Among other considerations for nominees, the bylaws state "It is desirable that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of members nominated to all committees of the Convention, the Board, the boards of trustees and directors of the Convention's institutions and agencies shall come from churches with a membership under four hundred (400)." This is indicated in the Committee's report by (O) for 400 and over and by (U) for under 400 in church membership.

The bylaws further direct that, "The Committee on Nominations shall include in its report at a minimum the name, church, home town, association, occupation, and sex of each nominee, the name of the committee or board on which the nominee is to serve together with such summary information as will make clear to this Convention the diversity and breadth of representation provided by the slates of nominees."

Board of Directors, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

Region 1 – No vacancies

Region 2 – Bob Garbett, New Hope (U), Richlands, New River, minister, male; Lou Jean Manning, Robersonville First (U), Robersonville, South Roanoke, lay person, female; Scott Setzer, Second Baptist (O), Washington, South Roanoke, minister, male

Region 3 – Jason Bland, Southport (O), Southport, Brunswick, minister, male; Kelly Bullard, Temple (O), Hope Mills, New South River, minister, male; Brian Kinlaw, Southview (O), Hope Mills, New South River, minister, male

Region 4 – Logan Dagley, (2014 unexpired term of David Horner), The Summit Church (O), Durham, Yates, minister, male; Eric Griffin, (2013 unexpired term of Timmy Blair), Hocutt (O), Clayton, Johnston, lay person, male; Larry Lyon, North Wake (O), Wake Forest, Raleigh, lay person, male; Dwayne Milioni, Open Door (O), Raleigh, Raleigh, minister,

male; Danny Poyner, Cary First (O), Cary, Raleigh, minister, male; Bill Sanderson, (2014 unexpired term of Brian Langley), Hephzibah (O), Wendell, Raleigh, minister, male; Tim Wheeler, Olive Branch (U), Durham, Yates, minister, male

Region 5 – Russ Reaves, (2013 unexpired term of Doug Davis), Immanuel (U), Greensboro, Piedmont, minister, male; Randy Storz, (2014 unexpired term of Barry Clement), Mount Olive (O), King, Pilot Mountain, minister, male

Region 6 – Jonathan Boyd Sr., (2015 unexpired term of Tim Jernigan), True Vine Restoration Ministries (U), Gastonia, Metrolina, minister, male; Terry Casino, Concord Community Church (U), Shelby, Cabarrus, minister, male; Grant Giesler, Hickory Grove (O), Concord, Metrolina, minister, male

Region 7 – Byron Greene, Wilkesboro Baptist (O), Wilkesboro, Brushy Mountain, minister, male; Carson Moseley, Three Forks (O), Taylorsville, Alexander, minister, male; David "Bud" Russell, Mount Vernon (O), Vilas, Three Forks, minister, male

Region 8 – Dena Alley, Woodlawn (O), Newton, Catawba Valley, lay person, female; Bobby Henderson, Monticello (U), Statesville, South Yadkin, minister, male; Andy Royals, Salem (O), Lincoln, South Fork, minister, male

Region 9 – Gordon Benton, Beech Glen (U), Weaverville, French Broad, minister, male; Tony Honeycutt, Big Rock Creek (U), Bakersville, Mitchell, lay person, male; Randy Melton, Reed Memorial (O), Asheville, Buncombe, minister, male; Steve Williams, Pine Branch (U), Bakersville, Mitchell, minister, male

Region 10 – Gerald Morris, Lovedale (U), Cullowhee, Tuckaseegee, minister, male; David Powell, Cowee (O), Franklin, Macon, minister, male

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

Pam Annas, Fellowship (O), Hudson, Caldwell, lay person, female; Jacque Burgess, Apex (O), Apex, Raleigh, lay person, female; Jesse Croom, Edenton (O), Edenton, Chowan, minister, male; Jim Dyer, (2014 unexpired term of Wiley Doby), Christ (O), Wake Forest, NC Miscellaneous, lay person, male; Stella Harris, Green Street (O), Greensboro, Piedmont, lay person, female; Renea Henderson, Cross Road (O), Asheboro, Randolph, lay person, female; Roy Howell, Green Level (U), Apex, Raleigh, lay person, male; Amelia Johnson, Cowee (O), Franklin, Macon, lay person, female; Sandy Saunders, Snyder Memorial (O), Fayetteville, New South River, minister, male; Iola Walton, Carthage First (U), Carthage, Sandhills, lay person, female

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North Carolina Baptist Hospital

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Committee on Resolutions and Memorials

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Resolved, That we should live our lives, "According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue." II Peter 1:3; and, be it further

Resolved, "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." II Corinthians 7:1; and, be it finally

Resolved, that the messengers gathered in Greensboro, North Carolina,

comprising the 182nd annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, commit ourselves before God this day to living holy lives and working to restore strength, unity, and holiness in our churches in order that the Church might rise up and once again boldly proclaim the unchanging Word of God to a lost and dying world in need of a Savior.

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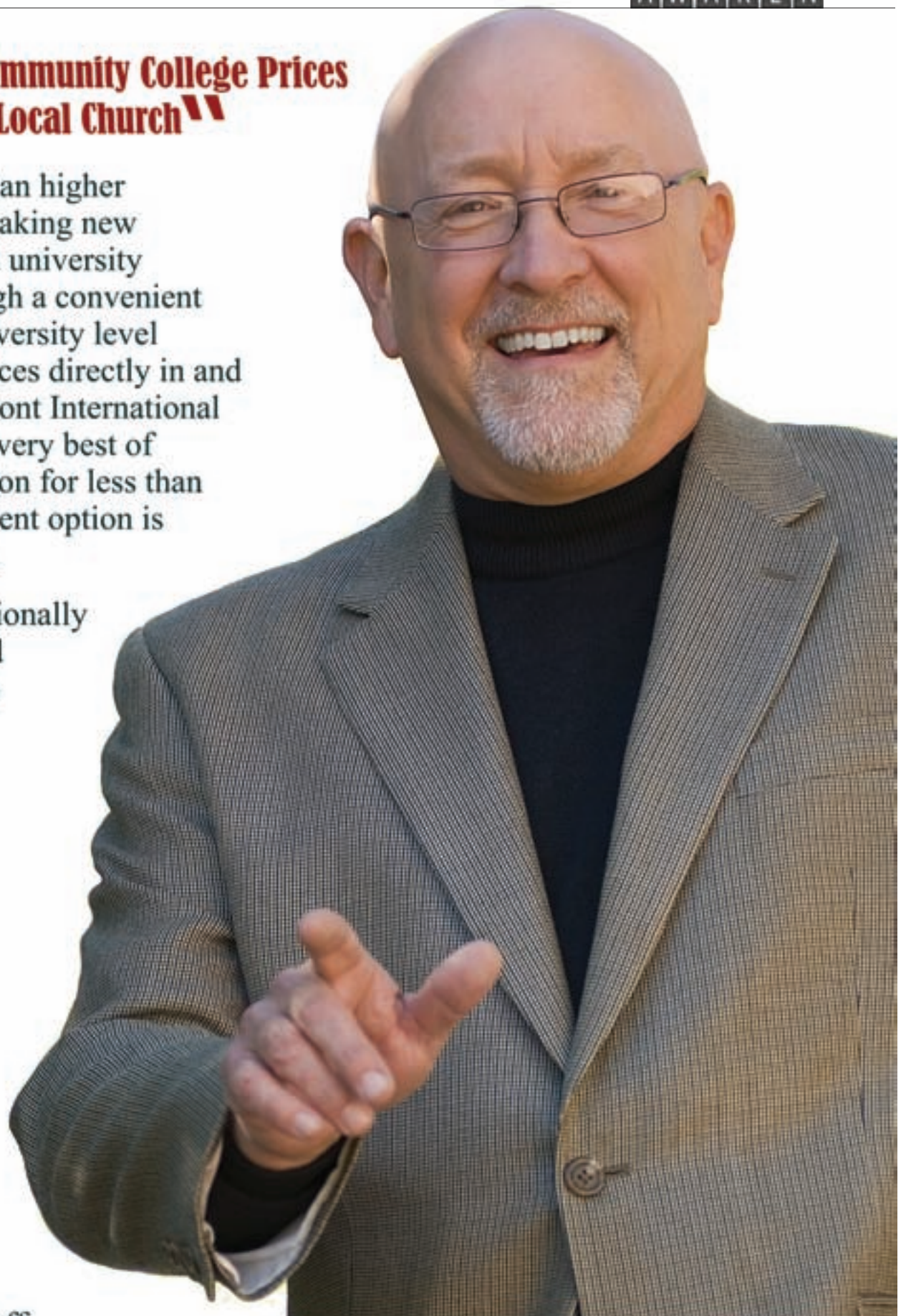
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Biblical Recorder proposes revised legal documents

Messengers at the Baptist State Convention (BSC) of North Carolina's annual meeting this November will have an opportunity to approve proposed amendments to the *Biblical Recorder's* governing documents.

The purpose of the revisions to the *Recorder's* documents was to update and make them more consistent with the BSC'S articles and bylaws, which also have been updated in recent years. The *Recorder's* Board of Directors autho-

rized Editor Allan Blume to work with the BSC's legal counsel to prepare the amended documents. The *Recorder's* Board of Directors unanimously approved the documents during their March 26 meeting. The convention's Board of Di-

rectors affirmed the proposed documents in their May 25, 2012 meeting.

These documents are available to read on the *Recorder's* website at brnow.org under the Resources tab as well as printed here. **BR**

Bylaws of Biblical Recorder, Incorporated

Subject to its Articles of Incorporation (the "Articles"), the affairs of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, INCORPORATED (hereinafter the "Biblical Recorder") shall be governed by the following Bylaws ("Bylaws").

ARTICLE I

Principal Office

The principal office of BIBLICAL RECORDER, INCORPORATED (hereinafter the "Biblical Recorder") shall be located at the place as determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II

Purposes

The objects and purposes for which the Biblical Recorder is formed are set forth in its Articles.

ARTICLE III

Members

The Biblical Recorder shall have no members.

ARTICLE IV

Directors

1. General Powers. All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the affairs of the Biblical Recorder shall be managed under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Biblical Recorder as set forth in the Articles. Unless indicated otherwise, "Board of Directors" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Biblical Recorder.

2. Number and Qualification; Election; Terms; Removal and Vacancies. The Articles and Bylaws of the Baptist State Convention North Carolina (the "BSCNC") shall determine the qualifications of the Board of Directors, as well as the procedures for electing the directors, establishing the terms, removing the directors and filling any vacancies. The number of directors of the Biblical Recorder shall be set by a resolution of the Board of Directors, but shall not be less than twelve (12) members and not more than twenty (20) members. In addition to procedures for removal of directors by the BSCNC Board of Directors, the Board of Directors of the Biblical Recorder by an affirmative vote of three fourths of the Board of Directors given at a regular meeting or in a special meeting called for the purpose, shall have the power to remove from office any director for cause considered sufficient by the Board of Directors of the Biblical Recorder, but only after fifteen (15) days written notice to such director, and an opportunity to be heard by the Board of Directors of the Biblical Recorder.

3. Compensation. Directors shall not be compensated for their services as such, but the Board of Directors may provide for the payment of expenses which are incurred by directors in connection with the performance of their duties.

4. Executive Committee. The members of the Executive Committee shall consist of the Editor-President (who shall serve as an *ex-officio* nonvoting member), the Chair, Vice-Chair and Board Secretary of the Board of Directors and the chairs of the standing committees set forth in these Bylaws. Subject to such restrictions and limitations as may be imposed from time to time by the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall have and may exercise the full authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the Biblical Recorder, except that it shall have no authority as to the following matters: (a) distributions, as defined in the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act; (b) the dissolution, merger or consolidation of the

Biblical Recorder, the amendment of the Articles of the Biblical Recorder, or the sale, lease or exchange of all or substantially all of the property of the Biblical Recorder; (c) the designation of any committee of the Board of Directors or the filling of vacancies in the Board of Directors or in any such committee; (d) the amendment or repeal of the Bylaws or the adoption of new Bylaws; or (e) the amendment or repeal of any resolution of the Board of Directors which by its terms shall not be so amendable or repealable. The Executive Committee shall report to the Board of Directors from time to time with respect to significant actions taken by it.

5. Standing Committees. The Board of Directors shall organize into board committees to assist in the planning and implementing of the work of the Biblical Recorder. The standing committees shall consist of the Finance Committee, the Circulation Committee and the Personnel Committee. Board committees are committees consisting only of members of the Board of Directors. Each committee shall have the authority to establish and dissolve subcommittees on an as needed basis, for any purpose consistent with its particular purpose as set forth in these bylaws. Each committee member shall be selected by the Chair of the Board of Directors before its first meeting of the year.

a. Committee Meetings: Each committee will meet at times as specified or as called by the committee Chairperson, Chair of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee. The person(s) calling a committee meeting shall, at least seven (7) days before the meeting, give notice thereof, specifying the purpose for which the meeting is called, by any usual means of communication of which is capable of being confirmed by the Chair of the Board of Directors.

b. Quorum; Voting: A majority of any committee in office immediately before the meeting begins shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of such committee. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles or in these Bylaws, an act of the majority of the committee members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of such committee.

c. Conduct of Meeting: Upon approval of the Chairperson of the committee any one or more committee members may participate in a committee meeting through the use of any means of communication by which all committee members may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting.

d. Duties: The Finance Committee shall be responsible for preparing the annual budget and presenting it to the Board of Directors for approval, providing oversight on all financial expenditures, investments and reserve accounts, reviewing the financial statements and policies and provide any necessary assistance for any independent audits. The Circulation Committee shall be responsible for planning and promoting all of the methods of delivering the BIBLICAL RECORDER, including without limitation, the print edition and the website edition and for promoting the e-news and other related forms of delivery. The Personnel Committee shall be responsible for the Biblical Recorder employment policies and procedures. In addition, the Board of Directors may delegate additional duties to each standing committee as evidenced by a written resolution adopted at a duly noticed meeting of the Board of Directors.

6. Other Committees. By action of a majority of the number of directors then in office, the Board of Directors may from time to time designate such other committees as in the judgment of the Board of Directors may be necessary to carry out the objects and purposes of the Biblical Recorder and may determine the duties and tenure of each such committee.

7. Board Officers. The officers of the Board of Directors of the Biblical Recorder shall consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair and Board Secretary, and other officers

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as the Board of Directors may from time to time elect. Such officers shall be elected at the last meeting of each calendar year. Each officer shall hold office until death, resignation, retirement, removal, or disqualification or until his or her successor is elected and qualified. Any officer of the Board of Directors of the Biblical Recorder may be removed by the Board of Directors with or without cause. The Chair, when present, presides at all meetings of the Board of Directors and, in general, shall perform all duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors from time to time. In the Chair's absence, the Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair. The Board Secretary shall keep accurate records of the acts and proceedings of all meetings of directors, shall give all notices required by law and by these bylaws, shall have general charge of the corporate records and books and of the corporate seal, and shall affix the corporate seal to any lawfully executed instruments requiring it. The Board Secretary shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Board Secretary and such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Chair or by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

Meetings of Directors

1. Regular Meetings. The Board of Directors may provide, by resolution, the time and place, either within or without the State of North Carolina, for the holding of its regularly scheduled meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice each calendar year.
2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the Editor-President or any two directors. Such meetings may be held within or without the State of North Carolina.
3. Notice of Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held with ten (10) days prior notice. The person or persons calling a special meeting of the Board of Directors shall give prior three (3) days notice of the special meeting. Notice under this provision may be given by any usual means of communication, including without limitation, personal notice, written notice and electronically communicated notices. Such notice need not specify the purpose for which the meeting is called.
4. Waiver of Notice. Any director may waive any required notice before or after the date and time stated in the notice. Attendance at or participation by a director in a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, unless the director at the beginning of the meeting (or promptly upon arrival) objects to holding the meeting or transacting any business at the meeting and does not thereafter vote for or assent to action taken at the meeting.
5. Quorum. One-half of the directors in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a board meeting of the Board of Directors. One-half of the members of a committee of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the committee.
6. Manner of Acting. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles or Bylaws, the act of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.
7. Conflict of Interest Transactions.

a. *Definition:* "Conflict of interest transaction" means any transaction in which a director has a direct interest or an indirect interest. A director has a direct interest in a transaction if the director or a member of the director's immediate family has either a material financial interest in the transaction or a relationship with the other parties to the transaction that might reasonably be expected to affect his or her judgment. A director has an indirect interest in a transaction if either (i) another entity in which the director has a material financial interest or in which the director is a general partner is a party to the transaction, or (ii) another entity of which the director is also a director or is an officer or trustee is a party to the transaction and the transaction is of sufficient importance that it should be considered by the Board of Directors.

b. *Special Requirements:* A conflict of interest transaction is not voidable by the Biblical Recorder solely because of a director's interest in the transaction if (1) the material facts of the transaction and the director's interest were disclosed or known to the Board of Directors or a committee of the Board of Directors and such board or committee authorized, approved or ratified the transaction, or (2)

the transaction was fair to the Biblical Recorder.

c. *Disclosure:* A director who has a direct or indirect interest in any transaction presented to the Board of Directors or any committee of the Board of Directors shall disclose his or her interest.

d. *Approval:* A conflict of interest transaction must be authorized, approved or ratified by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors (not less than two) on the Board of Directors (or the appropriate committee) who have no direct or indirect interest in the transaction and to whom the material facts of the transaction and of any director's interest in the transaction were disclosed or known. If a majority of the directors, who have no direct or indirect interest in the transaction vote to authorize, approve or ratify the transaction, a quorum is present for the purpose of taking such action. The presence of, or a vote cast by, a director with a direct or indirect interest in the transaction does not affect the validity of any action taken in accordance with this paragraph.

8. Presumption of Assent. A director who is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors or a committee of the Board of Directors when corporate action is taken shall be deemed to have assented to the action taken unless the director objects at the beginning of the meeting (or promptly upon arrival) to holding it or transacting business at the meeting, the director's dissent or abstention from the action is entered in the minutes of the meeting, or the director files written notice of dissent or abstention with the presiding officer of the meeting before its adjournment or with the Editor-President immediately after the adjournment of the meeting. The right of dissent or abstention is not available to a director who voted in favor of the action taken.

9. Attendance by Telephone or Video Conference. The Board of Directors may permit any or all directors to participate in a regular or special meeting by, or conduct the meeting through the use of, any means of communication by which all directors participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. A director participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

10. Informal Action by Directors. Action taken without a meeting is nevertheless board action if written consent to the action in question, describing the action taken, is signed by all the directors and filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors or filed with the corporate records, whether done before or after the action so taken. Such action shall be effective when the last director signs the consent, unless the consent specifies a different effective date. Such consent can be delivered by regular mail, fax or email.

ARTICLE VI

Editor-President

1. Selection. The Board of Directors shall select an individual to serve as the Editor-President of the Biblical Recorder. The Editor-President shall be the chief executive officer and have the day-to-day duties of managing the Biblical Recorder. The Editor-President shall serve for an indefinite period and at the pleasure of the Board of Directors of the Biblical Recorder.

2. Staff. The Editor-President, in consultation with the Chair of the Personnel Committee, shall be authorized to hire and terminate support staff employed by the Biblical Recorder. The Board of Directors, in consultation with the Editor-President, shall approve the hiring or termination of other employees of the Biblical Recorder. The Editor-President shall be responsible for the general supervision of all employees of the Biblical Recorder.

3. Publications. The Editor-President is responsible for the content and management of the publications of the Biblical Recorder. In the event of a dispute related to the content contained in such a publication, the Editor-President and the Board of Directors shall cooperate to resolve the dispute within the principles of a free press under the First Amendment, acknowledging the best interests of a free and responsible press for the benefit of the Baptists and the Kingdom's work.

4. Reporting. The Editor-President shall make complete reports on the work of the staff, the operations of the newspapers and other publications, and provide financial statements on a regular basis to, or upon request by, the Board of Directors.

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ARTICLE VII

Indemnification

1. Extent. In addition to the indemnification otherwise provided by law, the Biblical Recorder shall indemnify and hold harmless its directors and officers in accordance with its Articles.
2. Insurance. The Biblical Recorder may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of its directors, officers, employees and agent and those persons who were serving at the request of the Biblical Recorder as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or agent of, or in some other capacity in, another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan, or other enterprise against any liability asserted against or incurred by him or her in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the Biblical Recorder would have the power to indemnify against such liability under the provisions of this Article VI or otherwise. Any full or partial payment made by an insurance company under any insurance policy covering any director, officer, employee or agent made to or on behalf of a person entitled to indemnification under this Article shall relieve the Biblical Recorder of its liability for indemnification provided for in this Article or otherwise to the extent of such payment, and no insurer shall have a right of subrogation against the Biblical Recorder with respect to such payment.

ARTICLE VIII

General Provisions

1. Management of Corporate Funds. No funds received by donation, bequest or any other means shall be diverted from the use specified by the donor, testator or testatrix, unless said use is contrary to or in conflict with the purposes of the Biblical Recorder. No funds shall be used for any purpose other than to effect the purposes of the Biblical Recorder. Each officer and employee or agent having custody of Biblical Recorder funds shall be covered by an appropriate fidelity bond. The Biblical Recorder will designate a depository and establish policies on deposits and withdrawals of funds from such accounts by with all funds of the Biblical Recorder deposited in the name of "BIBLICAL RECORDER, INCORPORATED." Withdrawals from such accounts shall be made only by

check or similar order signed by the Editor-President and any other individuals as designated by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may adopt policies dealing with the acceptance of gifts and/or the investment of funds at a duly authorized meeting.

2. Exempt Activities. Notwithstanding any other provision of these bylaws, no director, officer, employee or representative of this Biblical Recorder shall take any action or carry any activity by or on behalf of the Biblical Recorder not permitted to be taken or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and its Regulations as they now exist, or as they may hereafter be amended.
3. Fiscal Year. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors, the fiscal year of the Biblical Recorder shall be from January 1 to December 31.
4. Amendments. The Bylaws may be changed or amended in accordance with this Section. Amendments to the Bylaws proposed by the Board of Directors of the Biblical Recorder require a majority vote of the directors present and voting when the vote is taken at a duly authorized meeting, provided that written notice of any and all such amendments be given to (a) the Board of Directors of the Biblical Recorder no less than thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting, and (b) the Editor-President of the Board of Directors of the BSCNC, the Executive Director-Treasurer of the BSCNC and the Editor-President of the BSCNC no less than thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting for notice purposes only. For any change in the bylaws of the Biblical Recorder which would affect, alter or change the purpose of the Biblical Recorder or the relationship of the Biblical Recorder or its board of directors to the BSCNC, after passage of any such amendment by the Board of Directors of the Biblical Recorder, then such amendment must be approved by the BSCNC (a) by its Board of Directors at a duly authorized meeting and (b) by its messengers during the annual meeting or during any special meeting of the BSCNC in accordance with the procedures established for amending the articles of incorporation of BSCNC.
5. No BSCNC Liability. The BSCNC shall not be liable or responsible for the debts or obligations of the Biblical Recorder.



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BUSINESS: Guidelines

Guidelines for Conducting Convention Business

Introduction

In order to conduct the business of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSC) certain rules have been established with the BSC governing documents. The introduction and deliberation of business follows Roberts Rules of Order.

To facilitate the consideration of business items, messengers are asked to abide by the guidelines outlined below. It is the desire of the Convention's officers to ensure that messengers have the opportunity to bring items for consideration, raise questions, and enter into discussion related to business brought before the Convention. Any messenger wishing to clarify the appropriateness of a motion, the appropriate time for the presentation

of a motion, or the wording of a motion is encouraged to speak to a parliamentarian or a Convention officer.

Resolutions

A resolution has traditionally been defined as an expression of opinions or concern, as compared to a motion, which calls for action. A resolution is not used to direct any entity of the BSC to specific action.

The BSC Bylaws provide that all resolutions are to be submitted to the Committee on Resolutions in writing no later than September 10 prior to the annual meeting in which the proposed resolution is to be considered.

If a resolution has not been previously submitted to the Committee on Resolutions, then the Convention may consider a resolution only upon a vote by two-thirds of the messengers to suspend the rules. It is suggested that any messenger

desiring to present a resolution from the floor contact a parliamentarian or a Convention officer regarding the appropriate procedure.

Making a Motion

A motion calls for a specific action by the BSC. A motion normally begins with, "I move that."

Write the motion legibly. If the motion is spontaneous and you do not have time to write it before presenting it to the Convention at a designated microphone, write the motion, as you stated it, before leaving the microphone area.

Avoid any language in your motion that could be construed as mandating an action by a BSC entity.

These are typically ruled out of order for legal reasons. Instead, word such motions as requests to the entity.

Go to a floor microphone at a time when motions are being considered.

Notify the microphone monitor of your desire to make a motion.

When recognized by the presiding officer, state your name, the name and location of your church, and read your motion.

DO NOT argue the merits of your motion. If your motion receives a second, you will be given the first opportunity to speak on behalf of your motion, after which discussion by others will follow, alternating between opponents and supporters so as to provide a balance of differing perspectives. When you finish speaking, please bring your written motion to the platform.

Point of Order

The purpose of a Point of Order is to call the attention of the chair to a violation of the Convention's rules.

A Point of Order should be raised

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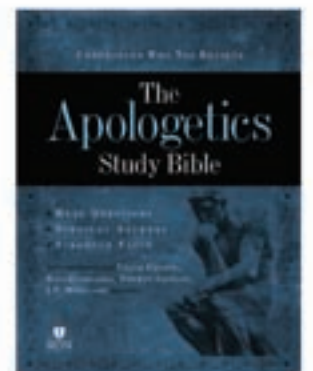
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only when a member has good reason to believe that the chair has failed to notice and correct a breach of the rules that prevents the proper transaction of business.

Because a Point of Order interrupts pending business, it should not be raised merely to point out minor irregularities or as a guise for debating an issue or as a method of obstructing business or harassing the chair. Improper Points of Order will be ruled out of order.

Microphone System

To assist messengers wishing to bring items to the floor of the convention for consideration, as well as the debate of all appropriately presented business, a microphone system is employed during the Convention's business sessions.

When messengers approach the microphones they will be asked by the microphone monitor to declare their intent: introducing a motion, speaking for/against a motion already under consideration, or other parliamentary procedures.

A computerized sequencing system is employed to register messengers and provide the presiding officer information regarding the nature of a comment. Messengers will not be recognized by the chair unless they are properly registered

at a microphone.

The presiding officer uses the information from the computerized system to guide him as he moderates the debate striving to alternate between messengers wishing to speak for and those wishing to speak against an issue brought before the convention for consideration.

In the event that deliberation of a motion must be interrupted to address a fixed order of business, the computerized sequencing system will retain the order in which messengers have registered to speak to that motion in order that debate may resume once the fixed order of business has been completed.

Nominations

The Committee on Nominations will publish their full report in the *Biblical Recorder* in at least one issue with a publication date at least four (4) weeks prior to the annual meeting and on the Convention's website at least 35 days in advance of the annual meeting.

The report will include the name, church, home town, association, occupation, and sex of each nominee as well as the name of the agency, institution or board to which they are being nominated to serve.

The name of any person to be nominated from the floor of the Convention and the name or the nominee intended to be displaced shall appear on the Convention's website and may also be available on the *Biblical Recorder's* website beginning at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting.

In addition, biographical material relating to any person proposed to be nominated from the floor of the Convention shall be given to the institution or agency involved and to the Committee on Nominations at least one (1) week prior to the meeting.

Microphone Recognition System

During any business session, if you wish to speak, please go to one of the four microphones. Only registered messengers may speak during these sessions. Two attendants will be at each microphone, one who will greet messengers and the other will enter the information into the computer system.

If you have a question about how to present a motion or amendment, please stop by the Committee on Convention Meetings table, located near the stage and they will refer you to a parliamentarian for assistance.

Prayer Room

Don't miss the model Prayer Room in the Exhibit Hall. Throughout the Convention, people will be praying in the Prayer Room.

If you have a request you would like for them to pray for, please complete the form in the back of your program book and either give it to an usher or drop it by the Prayer Room. While you are there, spend some time in prayer.

Photography

Our annual meeting is a news event, covered by Baptist and secular press and Convention staff and photographers. This is a public meeting and you are giving implied consent to have your image recorded and posted by being here. Your image may appear in any number of publications and websites-both electronic and print-to illustrate the meeting.

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Churches urged to increase giving, lead global missions advance

By MELISSA LILLEY | BSC Communications

Since 2006 the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina's (BSC) Cooperative Program budget has shifted a greater percentage of ministry dollars to the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) for international and North American missions and equipping leaders through SBC seminaries.

The SBC budget allocation increased by one half percent each year for the past seven years, bringing the percentage up to 35.5 percent. The allocation for North Carolina ministries also increased, shifting from 34.8 percent to 39 percent.

Yet, during that same seven-year period, the total Cooperative Program (CP) budget decreased by about \$3 million. In order to penetrate spiritual darkness and reach the growing number of lost people in the state, nation and world, ministry and missions efforts must not only continue but must increase; therefore, giving through the Cooperative Program must also increase.

BSC leadership is challenging all N.C. Baptist churches to join a global missions advance by increasing CP giving by one percent.

"During tough economic times, if we remain the same in our giving percentage,

then the actual dollar amount we give to missions is down," said Stan Welch, pastor of West Asheville Baptist Church and chairman of the BSC budget committee.

"Just imagine if all our 4,300 churches increased their giving by one percent. That would mean an additional \$6 million each year for ministry and missions efforts," Welch said.

Since 2006 the CP budget allocation for church planting increased by 90 percent. However, if all churches accept the 1% Challenge, the BSC would be able to help churches start 26 more churches each year across the state.

The 1% Challenge initially came from SBC Executive Committee president Frank Page during the 2011 SBC annual meeting in Phoenix, Ariz. Page urged messengers to join in a "revival of total mission support, including a renewed commitment to unified ministry through the Cooperative Program."

During a BSC Board of Directors meeting at Caraway Conference Center, each of the BSC presidents and Board officers shared testimonies of how their churches have accepted the 1% Challenge.

"You can count on us at First Baptist Charlotte," said pastor and BSC president Mark Harris. "We don't want to ask you to do anything we won't do."

First Baptist Charlotte accepted the 1% Challenge earlier this year.

Timmy Blair, pastor of Piney Grove Chapel Baptist Church in Angier and BSC second vice president, said his congregation has learned more about missions and the value of CP during his 24 years there.

"We can do a lot more together than we can apart," he said.

"We can be part of something great, such as sending out hundreds of missionaries in our own country and around the world."

"Look at the great big picture and

not just what you're doing at home in your church; think in terms of Kingdom growth and Kingdom mission. There's a world out there that needs the gospel."

For the past five years Welch has led his congregation to increase Cooperative Program giving, and the congregation is also accepting the 1% Challenge.

"We can't do everything, but we can each do something," Welch said.

"It can make a difference, especially combined with other Southern Baptists."

For more information about the Cooperative Program visit ncbaptist.org/cp. **BR**

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Financial report

Messengers will have an opportunity to approve a proposed Cooperative Program (CP) budget – \$33.5 million – that does not include an increase over last year's budget.

For the eighth year, the budget will include a one-half percent increase of the allocation that will go to the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). This will bring the SBC allocation to 36 percent.

During the meeting messengers will hear challenges to increase their church's CP giving by 1 percent.

A listening session about the budget is scheduled Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 7:30 a.m. in Turnberry at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro.

Awaken

This year's annual meeting theme is "Awaken," based on Romans 13:11-14. The theme encourages all N.C. Baptists to pursue revival and spiritual awakening in an effort to reach the 5.6 million people in the state, and 6 billion worldwide, who do not know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. (See page 14.)

At the recent Board of Directors meeting at Caraway Conference Center in Sophia, Hollifield shared some concerns



Messengers can find out about ministries of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSC), North Carolina Baptist Men and other agencies in the exhibit hall during the BSC annual meeting Nov. 12-13. Other businesses, schools and ministries will have exhibits to help messengers find ways to improve ministry. (BSC file photo by K Brown)

he has for the Church today.

In 1900, 42 percent of the United States claimed to be evangelical. Today the number of people claiming to be evangelical is only 15 percent. Accord-

ing to additional research from LifeWay Christian Resources, in 1960 there were 9.73 million Southern Baptists who baptized 386,469, a ratio of 1 to 25. In 2011, there were 16 million Southern Baptists and pastors who baptized 333,341, a ratio of only 1 to 48.

"Last year, 20 percent of Southern Baptist churches did not baptize anyone," Hollifield said. "More than 50 percent of our churches did not baptize a youth between ages 12-17."

"This is why the theme for our annual meeting this year is 'Awaken,' Hollifield added in his column for the Oct. 27 issue of the *Biblical Recorder*.

"We need a fresh movement of God to touch hearts and lives," he wrote. "We have to begin by praying for God to change our own hearts through repentance and renewal of obedience to Him."

Officers

The three top leaders for the BSC – Mark Harris, Timmy D. Blair Sr. and C.J. Bordeaux – will be re-nominated during the annual meeting to their respective posts.

All three candidates are expected to run unopposed. (See page 16.) Harris, pastor of First Baptist Church in Charlotte, has served previously as first and second vice president and is expected to be nominated again for president.

Bordeaux, pastor of Gorman Baptist Church in Durham, will be re-nominated for first vice president. Blair, pastor of Piney Grove Chapel Baptist in Angier, will also run for a second term as second vice president.

Resolutions

At this year's meeting there will be one resolution, "North Carolina Baptist's Resolution for the Pursuit of Holiness." For full details on the resolution go to page 13, or find more information at ncannualmeeting.org.

Related meetings

The Pastors' Conference, which will lead up to the annual meeting, will be held at Lawndale Baptist Church in Greensboro. The event is free and registration is not required. The conference starts 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, and concludes at 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12. (See page 12.)

The theme for this year's conference is based on 2 Timothy 4:2. "Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction."

Tuesday morning, messengers are invited to explore mission opportunities from the BSC, NAMB and the International Mission Board, as well as networking opportunities with other pastors and leaders, during the Great Commission Partnership Missions Breakfast Nov. 13 at 7 a.m.

Featured speakers include Jeff Christopherson, regional vice president of Canada and northeast region for the North American Mission Board, and Mark Harrison, missions pastor at Old Town Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.

The breakfast is free of charge, but all who plan to attend are expected to register because space is limited.

Breakout sessions

This year there will be a smaller number of breakout sessions. They will be offered Tuesday afternoon. Topics include "Pursuing Godliness as You Lead Others," "Disciple-making in 3D," "The Billy Graham 'My Hope' Evangelistic Emphasis," "Church Renewal and Revitalization," "Stewardship: Lost in Translation" and "Awaken: God's Time to Wake Up and Pray." (See page 7.)

Exhibit hall

The exhibit hall will feature more than 100 exhibits featuring BSC ministry groups and institutions and agencies, as well as exhibits offering various resources to churches such as insurance, church building and planning, and website development. The exhibit hall is open Monday from 4 p.m. until 30 minutes after the conclusion of the evening session, and Tuesday from 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

For more about the annual meeting, including directions and hotel information, visit ncannualmeeting.org. **BR**

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