



**SECOND DAY
October 30, 2024**

**Report of the
Committee on Nominations**

**MINUTES OF MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST
CONVENTION**

IMPACT Mississippi
Romans 15.5-6

First Session – Tuesday Morning

- (1) The Combined Baptist University Choirs and Orchestra led in a Call to Worship singing *Declare His Glory*.
- (2) President Bill Hurt, Senior Pastor of Pleasant Hill BC, Columbus, called the 188th Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention to order by the sounding of the gavel.
- (3) Chad Ball, Senior Pastor, FBC Gautier, voiced the prayer.
- (4) Chip Stevens, Senior Pastor, FBC Jackson, welcomed the convention messengers to FBC Jackson.
- (5) President Bill Hurt organized the 188th Convention. Michael Weeks, Recording Secretary and Pastor of Pleasant Hill BC, Olive Branch, made the **MOTION** "That the duly elected 474 messengers from the churches who had registered by 8:30 a.m. and those yet to be registered shall constitute the Body of the 188th Annual Convention for the transaction of the business thereof."
MOTION SECONDED and PASSED.
- (6) Grant Stegall, Chair of the Committee on Order of Business and Senior Pastor of DeSoto Hills BC, Southaven, made the **MOTION** "That the printed order of business and any adjustments to be made constitute the

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**MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION
100-MEMBER BOARD**

* Indicates **At Large Members**
Underlined if a new term or new member filling unexpired term
Term Expires 2025 – (6 At Large Members*)

Adams	-----	<u>Dr. Matt Martin</u>	-----	Natchez
Alcorn	-----	Dr. Nathan VanHorn	-----	Corinth
Benton-Tippah	-----	Rev. Fred McGuffin	-----	Hickory Flat
Choctaw	-----	Mrs. Allegra Brigham*	-----	Ackerman
Choctaw	-----	Dr. Danny Irvin	-----	Ackerman
Marshall	-----	Mr. Mike Hamblin	-----	Byhalia
Golden Triangle (Oktibbeha)	-----	Dr. Grant Arinder	-----	Starkville
Issaquena	-----	Mr. Jimmy C. Newman	-----	Valley Park
Itawamba	-----	Rev. Randy Spencer	-----	Tremont
Lafayette	-----	Rev. Don Gann *	-----	Oxford
Lincoln	-----	Rev. Greg Warnock *	-----	Brookhaven
Marion	-----	Rev. Zachary Smith	-----	Sandy Hook
Metro (Hinds)	-----	Rev. Greg Divinity *	-----	Jackson
North Delta	-----	Rev. Danny Smith *	-----	Tunica
Newton	-----	Rev. Chris Spence	-----	Newton
North Central (Tallahatchie)	-----	Rev. Gary Bunch	-----	Tillatoba
North Delta (Coahoma)	-----	Rev. Joel Stroud	-----	Lyon
Prentiss	-----	Rev. Jason Reed	-----	Booneville
Rankin	-----	Dr. John Cofer	-----	Flowood
Scott	-----	Rev. Gary Wyatt	-----	Morton
Sharkey	-----	Mr. Penley Sorrels	-----	Delta City
Simpson County	-----	<u>Dr. Wade Mathis</u>	-----	Magee
Tishomingo County	-----	Rev. Barry Holcomb	-----	Belmont
Union (Jefferson)	-----	Mr. Carey Buckles	-----	Smithdale
Walthall	-----	Rev. Justin Knight	-----	Tylertown
Wayne	-----	Rev. Michael Stevenson	-----	State Line
Webster	-----	Rev. Travis Gray	-----	Eupora
DeSoto	-----	Rev. Brian Hood*	-----	Hernando
Yazoo	-----	Rev. Luke Edwards	-----	Yazoo City

Term Expires 2026 – (6 At Large Members*)

Benton-Tippah	-----	Rev. Stanley Phillips	-----	Ripley
Chickasaw	-----	Dr. Randy Lewman	-----	Okolona
Clarke	-----	Rev. Jason Perault	-----	Meridian
Copiah	-----	Rev. Chris Teasley	-----	Crystal Springs
Covington	-----	Rev. Brooks Porter	-----	Collins
Franklin	-----	Rev. Leon Wallace	-----	Meadville
Golden Triangle (Lowndes)	-----	Rev. Mel Howton	-----	Columbus
Golden Triangle (Noxubee)	-----	<u>Rev. Patrick Evans</u>	-----	Macon
Golden Triangle (Oktibbeha)	-----	Dr. Andy Brown *	-----	Starkville
Gulf Coast (Hancock)	-----	Rev. Derek Fortenberry	-----	Bay St. Louis
Gulf Coast (Hancock)	-----	Dr. Barry Ginn*	-----	Bay St. Louis
Gulf Coast (Harrison)	-----	Mr. Lucky Langston	-----	Gulfport
Gulf Coast (Stone)	-----	Mr. Dana Parsons	-----	Wiggins
Humphreys	-----	Mr. Ronnie Ferrell	-----	Isola
Jackson	-----	Dr. Michael Barnett	-----	Ocean Springs
Kemper	-----	Mr. Larry Waller	-----	Scooba
Collaborative (Lafayette)	-----	Mr. Bob Jackson	-----	Oxford
Lauderdale	-----	Dr. John Temple	-----	Meridian

Leake County	-----	Rev. Stephen Evans	-----	Walnut Grove
Metro (Hinds)	-----	Mrs. Camea McDaniel *	-----	Jackson
Metro (Hinds)	-----	Dr. Jon Daniels	-----	Flora
Metro (Madison)	-----	Rev. Bill Kirkpatrick	-----	Cleveland
Mid-Delta (Bolivar)	-----	Rev. Jimmy Pender	-----	Indianola
Mid-Delta (Sunflower)	-----	Dr. George Bannister	-----	Woodville
Mississippi (Wilkinson)	-----	Dr. Allen Simpson *	-----	Amory
Monroe	-----	Rev. Curt Pace	-----	Philadelphia
Neshoba County	-----	Rev. Charles Henry *	-----	Philadelphia
New Choctaw	-----	Rev. Keith Bolen	-----	Batesville
Panola	-----	Rev. Justin Anderson *	-----	Picayune
Pearl River	-----	Rev. Tim Daniels	-----	Magnolia
Pike	-----	Dr. David Hamilton	-----	Pontotoc
Pontotoc County	-----	Rev. David Hays	-----	Pontotoc
Smith County	-----	Mr. Ronnie Hynum	-----	Port Gibson
Union (Claiborne)	-----	Dr. Andrew Chesteen	-----	New Albany
Union County	-----	Rev. Eddie Barlow	-----	Vicksburg
Warren	-----	Rev. Elbert McKnight	-----	Coffeeville
DeSoto	-----		-----	Southaven
Yalobusha	-----		-----	Coffeeville

Term Expires 2027 – (5 At Large Members*)

Attala	-----	<u>Rev. Devin Meilstrup</u>	-----	Sallis
Calhoun	-----	<u>Rev. Kevin Chrestman</u>	-----	Houlka
Carroll	-----	<u>Rev. David Bartlett</u>	-----	Greenwood
Cov/Jeff Davis	-----	<u>Rev. Ted Bowlin</u>	-----	New Hebron
George-Greene	-----	<u>Dr. Brad Howard</u>	-----	Lucedale
George-Greene	-----	<u>Rev. Perry Robbins</u>	-----	Richton
Golden Triangle (Clay)	-----	<u>Mr. Darrell Shows</u>	-----	West Point
Holmes	-----	<u>Rev. Nate Blackledge</u>	-----	Stringer
Jasper	-----	<u>Rev. Matt Olson</u>	-----	Laurel
Jones	-----	<u>Rev. Terry Phillips</u>	-----	Sumrall
Lamar County	-----	<u>Dr. Wade Phillips *</u>	-----	Meridian
Lauderdale	-----	<u>Rev. Matt Robinson</u>	-----	Oak Vale
Lawrence	-----	<u>Rev. Mark Taylor</u>	-----	Tupelo
Lee	-----	<u>Rev. Brandon Lynch</u>	-----	Bogue Chitto
Lincoln	-----	<u>Rev. Grant Stegall *</u>	-----	Southaven
DeSoto	-----	<u>Rev. Cosme Arana *</u>	-----	Clinton
Metro (Hinds)	-----	<u>Rev. Collin Montgomery</u>	-----	Greenwood
Mid-Delta (Leflore)	-----	<u>Rev. Eric Moak</u>	-----	Smithdale
Mississippi (Amite)	-----	<u>Rev. Drew Gardner</u>	-----	Smithville
Monroe	-----	<u>Rev. Jay Anderson</u>	-----	Winona
Montgomery	-----	<u>Rev. Timothy McCaffrey</u>	-----	Grenada
North Central (Grenada)	-----	<u>Rev. Jon Hood</u>	-----	Marks
North Delta (Quitman)	-----	<u>Mr. Charles Hailey</u>	-----	Tunica
North Delta (Tunica)	-----	<u>Rev. Kipp Smith</u>	-----	Poplarville
Pearl River	-----	<u>Rev. Aaron Bolling</u>	-----	Petal
Perry	-----	<u>Rev. Neil Harvison</u>	-----	Hattiesburg
Pine Belt	-----	<u>Rev. Donnie Stuart *</u>	-----	Pelahatchie
Rankin	-----	<u>Rev. Joey Stevens</u>	-----	Senatobia
Tate	-----	<u>Rev. Eddie Jones *</u>	-----	Greenville
Washington	-----	<u>Dr. Jack Manor</u>	-----	Hollandale
Washington Co	-----	<u>Rev. Mark Mayo</u>	-----	Louisville
Winston	-----		-----	Louisville

**OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
2025-2027**

* Beginning a new term.
Underlined if not on board last year.
 ** Completing an unexpired term.

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Term Expires 2025

Rev. Austin Bahm ----- Hattiesburg
 Dr. Brian Rushing ----- Gulfport
 Rev. Neil Tullos ----- Wiggins

Term Expires 2026

Rev. Lee Faler ----- Collins
 Rev. Reid Stevens ----- Forest
 Rev. Jason Webb ----- Magee

Term Expires 2027

Rev. Chris Cunningham* ----- Clinton
Rev. Chris Moore* ----- New Albany
 Dr. Louis Zinc* ----- Oxford

MS BAPTIST CHRISTIAN ACTION COMMISSION, INC.

Term Expires 2025

Mrs. Jane Earnest ----- Brandon
 Mrs. Robin Knapp ----- Gulfport
 Dr. Russell Mord ----- Crawford
 Mrs. Lynn Wagner ----- Hickory
Dr. Tommy Snyder** ----- Batesville

Term Expires 2026

Dr. Bruce Cappleman ----- Brandon
 Rev. Jerry East ----- Oxford
 Rev. Chris Layton ----- Brookhaven
 Mrs. Diane Thompson ----- Corinth

Term Expires 2027

Dr. John Boler* ----- Tupelo
 Rev. Phillip Gandy* ----- Waynesboro
 Mr. Fred M. Harrell, Jr.* ----- Brandon
 Rev. Dan Robertson* ----- Starkville
Mrs. Rita Sweatt* ----- Amory

EDUCATION COMMISSION

Term Expires 2025

Dr. Willie Greer ----- Meridian
 Ms. Pam Harrison ----- Meridian
 Rev. Brian McKee ----- Summit
 Dr. Ben Skipper ----- Petal

Term Expires 2026

Mr. Jeremy Nicholas ----- Starkville
 Dr. Tom Prather ----- Clinton
 Dr. Billy Stewart ----- Jackson
Rev. Wade Bush** ----- Laurel

Term Expires 2027

Mr. Shannon Aker* ----- Brookhaven
Rev. Byron Benson* ----- Caledonia
 Dr. Ken Hester* ----- Pontotoc
 Rev. Derrick Wilson* ----- Olive Branch

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Term Expires 2025

Rev. Don Hicks ----- Brandon
 Rev. Mark McArthur ----- Columbia
 Rev. Dionne Williams ----- Gulfport

Term Expires 2026

Ms. Philene Allen** ----- Cleveland
 Rev. Steve Holloway ----- Soso
 Rev. JR Ray ----- Pontotoc

Term Expires 2027

Mrs. Johanne Bryant* ----- Kosciusko
Mrs. Lynnda Forman* ----- Natchez
 Rev. Truman Scarborough* ----- Grenada

THE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

Term Expires 2025

Mrs. Ann Huber ----- Cleveland
 Mr. Chris Jones ----- Madison
 Dr. Steven Smith ----- Waynesboro
 Mr. Percy Thornton ----- Clinton
Dr. William Wall** ----- Meridian

Term Expires 2026

Rev. Steve Jordan ----- Kosciusko
 Mr. James "Jimmy" Johnson ----- Brandon
 Mr. Dale Jackson ----- New Albany
 Mr. Larry Glass ----- Flowood
 Dr. Jim Hurt ----- Starkville

Term Expires 2027

Mr. Jay Michael Drake* ----- Pickens
Dr. Randy Hankins* ----- Hazlehurst
Mr. Larry Hart* ----- Water Valley
Dr. Gary Roberson* ----- Columbia
 Dr. Victor Walsh* ----- Summit

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Term Expires 2025

Mr. Ricky Ferguson ----- Randolph
 Mr. David Gladden ----- Cleveland
 Mr. Shawn Harris ----- Hattiesburg
 Mrs. Robin Sanderson ----- Columbia
 Mr. Kearney Travis ----- Hattiesburg

Term Expires 2026

Mr. Jonathan Adcock ----- Madison
 Mr. Paul Breazeale ----- Jackson
 Mr. Lee Gill ----- Hattiesburg
 Mr. Eddie Joe ----- Madison
 Mr. Steve Narbo ----- Madison
 Mrs. Brittney Pickering ----- Soso

Term Expires 2027

Ms. Kacey Bailey* ----- Meridian
Ms. Nikki Fletcher* ----- Ridgeland
 Mr. Jim Ford* ----- Columbus
Mr. Barry Hardy* ----- Madison
Mr. Jonathan Waide* ----- Clinton

BAPTIST MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, INC.

Term Expires 2025

Mr. Bain Nickels ----- Columbus
 Mr. Allen Puckett, II ----- Columbus

Term Expires 2026

Mr. Ronnie Sleeper ----- Corinth
 Mr. William Rhodes Thompson ----- Hernando
 Mr. Gary Wilkinson ----- Lauderdale

Term Expires 2027

Mr. Ward Bloodworth* ----- Hernando
 Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Fitts* ----- Oxford
Rev. Whit Lewis* ----- Olive Branch

BLUE MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Term Expires 2025

Mr. BJ Canup ----- Tremont
 Mr. Walter Grace ----- New Albany
 Ms. Linda Gholston ----- Baldwin
 Mrs. Norma Ruth Lee ----- Madison
 Rev. James Lewis ----- Southaven
 Mr. Mike Staten ----- New Albany

Term Expires 2026

Mr. Bob Glover ----- Ripley
 Mr. Harold Wayne Hankins ----- Ripley
 Mr. Greg Pirkle ----- Belden
 Mrs. Melissa Scott ----- New Albany
 Mr. Tommy Tapp ----- Amory
 Dr. Carl White ----- Clinton

Term Expires 2027

Mrs. Vanita Billingsley* ----- Tupelo

Dr. Leora Duce-Byrd* ----- Ripley
 Mrs. Joy Hurt Hill* ----- New Albany
Dr. Thad Moore* ----- Sturgis
Mrs. Elizabeth Skinner* ----- New Albany
 Dr. Tommy Vinson* ----- Collierville, TN

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Term Expires 2025

Mr. Ralph Barnes ----- Canton
 Dr. Ronnie Falvey ----- Canton
 Mr. Roy Fountain ----- Forest
 Mr. Oscar Miskelly ----- Flowood
 Rev. Hugh Plunkett ----- Tylertown
 Mr. Bill Sones ----- Brookhaven
 Mr. Art Stevens ----- Ridgeland
 Mr. Tony Stringer ----- Tylertown
 Mr. Bob Waller ----- Jackson

Term Expires 2026

Ms. Amanda Alexander-Taylor ----- Madison
 Rev. Brian Crawford ----- Vicksburg
 Dr. Eddie Donahoe ----- Indianola
 Ms. La'Verne Edney ----- Jackson
 Dr. David Eldridge ----- Birmingham, AL
 Dr. Susan Fortenberry ----- Clinton
 Mr. Wally Henry ----- Pontotoc
 Mr. Tony Huffman ----- Flowood
 Dr. Marjorie Lenoir ----- Canton
 Dr. Dwayne Pickett ----- Crystal Springs
 Dr. Chip Stevens ----- Flowood
 Mr. Gary Watts ----- Madison

Term Expires 2027

Dr. Chad Altmeyer* ----- Columbus
 Rev. Barry Corbett* ----- Brandon
 Ms. Tina Fulcher* ----- Madison
 Congressman Gregg Harper* ----- Pearl
 Dr. Jeff Holland* ----- Vicksburg
Ms. Debbie Rice* ----- Mobile, AL
Mr. Percy Thornton* ----- Clinton
 Dr. Robert Watson* ----- Ridgeland
Dr. Ken Weathersby* ----- Mt Juliet, TN

WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY

Term Expires 2025

Mr. Ted Bower ----- Hattiesburg
 Rev. Leander Bridges ----- Ellisville
 Mrs. Joey Fail Garner ----- Ridgeland
 Dr. Gary Gordon ----- Bay Springs
Dr. Barbara Hamilton** ----- Hattiesburg
 Mr. Brett Jones ----- Columbia
 Dr. William K. Ray ----- Hattiesburg
 Mr. Jack Simmons ----- Hattiesburg
 Mr. Brett Valentine ----- Sumrall

Term Expires 2026

Dr. Brian R. Dix ----- Pass Christian
 Hon. Charles Pickering, Sr. ----- Taylorsville
 Dr. Robert Donnell ----- Hattiesburg
 Mr. Phil Hanberry ----- Hattiesburg
 Mr. Gary Shows ----- Hattiesburg
 Mr. Alan Sudduth ----- Pascagoula
 Dr. Brent Parker ----- Vanleave

Term Expires 2027

Dr. Daniel Edney* ----- Vicksburg
Rev. Jeff Floyd* ----- Pascagoula
Mr. Mack Grubbs* ----- Hattiesburg
Dr. Allison Moffett* ----- Magee
Dr. Jimmy Stewart* ----- Gulfport
Mr. Anthony Wilson* ----- Gulfport

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 program for the 188th annual meeting
 of the Mississippi Baptist Convention."
MOTION PASSED. Other members
 serving on the Order of Business
 Committee are: David Oliver, Member,

Crossgates BC, Brandon; Tommy Mitchell, Senior Pastor, Agricola BC, Lucedale; Brian Rushing, Associational Missions Strategist, Gulf Coast Baptist Association, Gulfport; Jonathan McKenzie, Worship Pastor, FBC Laurel; and Rita Sweatt, Member, Meadowood BC, Amory.

(7) President Hurt recognized Gee Ogletree who will serve as the Convention Parliamentarian.

(8) President Hurt announced the Credentials and Tellers Committees as follows:

The Credentials Committee – Reid Stevens, Chair and Senior Pastor, Forest BC, Forest; Byron Benson, Pastor, East End BC, Columbus; Kyle Liu, Hattiesburg Christian Chinese Church, Hattiesburg; Russell Mord, AMS, Golden Triangle BA, Columbus; and Tracy Reed, Pastor, Peach Creek BC, Como. **The Tellers Committee** – Ricky Pounders, Pleasant Hill BC, Columbus; Taylor Chisolm, Border Springs BC, Caledonia; Jerry Watts, New Hope BC, Foxworth; Will Carr, Mt Zion BC, Coldwater, Will Cooper, BridgeWay BC at Mt Pleasant, Mt Pleasant; Patrick Collins, Mt Pisgah BC, Carrollton; David Honeycutt, Pleasant Hill BC, Columbus; Jonathan Poe, Bolton BC, Bolton; Phil Turner, Easthaven BC, Brookhaven; Gregg Magee, Empowerment Ministries Christian Center, Saucier; and Jon Hood, FBC Marks.

(9) President Hurt called for resolutions to be presented. There were none.

(10) Jason Webb, Chairman of the Committee on Committees and Pastor of Goodwater BC, Magee, introduced the committee members: Paul Crowley, Pastor, Woolmarket BC, Biloxi; David Haynes, Senior Pastor, Senatobia; Scott Hanberry, Member, Temple BC, Hattiesburg; and Brian Hood, Lead Pastor, Community Point BC, Hernando; and made a **MOTION** to adopt the report as printed in the First Day Bulletin. **MOTION PASSED.**

(11) Bobby Sanderson, Worship Pastor, Pleasant Hill BC, Columbus, and Praise Team led in Congregational Worship – *At Calvary and Living Hope.*

(12) Tommy Mitchell, President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and Senior Pastor, Agricola BC,

Lucedale, was recognized to give the Convention Board Report.

(13) First Vice President Scott Hanberry called for nominations for President of the Convention to serve in 2025. Brian Hood, Lead Pastor, Community Point BC, Hernando, nominated Bill Hurt, Senior Pastor, Pleasant Hill BC, Columbus, as President. Seconded from the floor. Nominations ceased. No other nominations were made. Michael Weeks, Recording Secretary, cast the single ballot “All for one and one for all.”

(14) President Hurt called on Doug Gunn, Chair of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee and member of FBC Jackson, to make a presentation.

MOTION PASSED.

Amendment Process for the Mississippi Baptist Convention’s Constitution and The Plan of Organization and Action

Article VIII, Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Convention by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present subject to the following four stipulations:

- (1) Notice in writing setting forth the exact wording of the proposed amendment shall have been given at the annual meeting of the Convention of the immediately preceding year;
- (2) Such proposed amendment shall be published in the Annual and in **The Baptist Record**, and referred to the standing Committee on Constitution and Bylaws for study and recommendations;
- (3) Such amendment shall be adopted before the last day

of the annual meeting;

- (4) A quorum of the messengers shall be present at the time the vote is taken.

Article XXII, Amendments

This Plan of Organization and Action may be amended in the same way as the Constitution proper (see Constitution, Article VIII, Amendments).

Please note: The proposed changes were previously presented during the Tuesday morning session of the 2023 Convention gathering (Oct. 24, 2023). A discussion and vote regarding the same shall occur during the Tuesday morning session of the current Convention Annual Meeting (Oct. 29, 2024).

Presented in 2023, with discussion and vote during the 2024 Convention:

Article V, Convention Institutions, Commissions, Boards and Other Units of Work

The institutions sponsored and supported by the Convention shall be as follows:

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS: Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi; Blue Mountain College Christian University, Blue Mountain, Mississippi; William Carey College University, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; the School of Allied Health Programs of the Mississippi Baptist Health Systems, Inc., Jackson, Mississippi. **HOSPITALS:** The Mississippi Baptist Health Systems, Inc., Jackson, Mississippi; and in cooperation with the Arkansas and Tennessee Baptist Conventions, the The Baptist Memorial Health Care

System, Inc., Memphis, Tennessee, in cooperation with the Arkansas and Tennessee Baptist Conventions. **CHILD CARE AGENCY:** The Baptist Children's Village, Jackson, Mississippi. ...

Article XIX, The Convention Annual

Section 2. One copy of the annual of the Mississippi Baptist Convention shall be mailed provided to each pastor of cooperating church in the state as soon as practicable. after publication.

(15) Chairman Gunn presented the amendment process for MBC Bylaws. Discussion and vote will be taken in the fourth session.

Amendment Process for the Mississippi Baptist Convention's Bylaws

XVI. Amendments

These Bylaws may be suspended or amended in any annual meeting of the Convention by vote of three-fourths of the members present and voting provided notice in writing shall have been given on the preceding day.

VII. Committee on Committees

Section 1. The Committee on Committees shall nominate before the last day of the Convention the following standing committees: the Committee on Order of Business, The Baptist Record Advisory Committee, and the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, and the Committee on Nominations, the Committee on Resolutions, and the Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher.

Section 2. The Committee on Order of Business, The Baptist Record Advisory Committee, and the committee Committee on Constitution and Bylaws shall consist of six members shall serve serving for a three-year term, being ineligible for reelection until at least one year shall have elapsed. Two shall be rotated off each year and two

elected. These committees shall elect their own chairman annually. Section 3. The Committee on Nominations, the Committee on Resolutions, and the Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher shall consist of have five members. Their terms of service shall begin at the adjournment of the annual Convention in which they are elected, and they shall serve through the next annual meeting of the Convention.

Section 4. ~~The Committee on Committees shall also nominate at the first session of the Convention a Committee on Resolutions and a Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher.~~ The Committee on Committees shall also nominate other committees as the Convention may direct.

XII. Committee on Resolutions Section

~~1. The Committee on Committees shall name at each annual meeting of the Convention a Committee on Resolutions of seven members to which committee all resolutions not connected with the reports of boards and commissions shall be referred after such resolutions have been presented without discussion to the Convention.~~ Section 2. ~~The Committee on Resolutions shall report on all resolutions referred to it either with or without recommendations or amendments.~~

~~Section 3. All resolutions must be presented in writing to the Convention before adjournment of the third regular session of the annual Convention.~~

Section 1. The Committee on Resolutions shall annually issue a Call for Resolutions prior to the Convention utilizing the Baptist Record and/or additional Convention media outlets.

Section 2. The Committee on Resolutions shall receive written resolutions beginning thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the Convention and no later than ten (10) days prior to the first day of the Convention. All submissions will be dated WHEN RECEIVED by the Committee.

Section 3. Only members in good standing of churches entitled to send messengers to the annual meeting of

the Mississippi Baptist Convention may submit resolutions.

Section 4. The Committee on Resolutions is vested with the authority to combine, title or retitle, and reword submitted resolutions, and to submit resolutions entirely of its own making.

Section 5. The Committee on Resolutions' report shall be published in the First Day Bulletin of the Convention.

XIII. Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher

The Committee on Committees shall name in each annual meeting a Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher which committee shall recommend to the Convention the time of the next annual meeting, the place of meeting, and the preacher of the annual sermon; an alternate preacher shall also be named.

(16) The Combined Choirs and Orchestra led in Worship through Music – *Find My Peace* and *At the Name of Jesus*.

(17) Rick Blythe, Director, Stewardship and Prayer Ministries, MBCB, gave a report Celebrating 100 Years of the Cooperative Program.

(18) A Disaster Relief video testimony featuring FBC Rolling Fork was presented.

(19) The Combined Choirs and Orchestra led the congregation in singing *Risen Savior*.

(20) Ben Mandrell, President and CEO, Lifeway Christian Resources, Franklin, TN, was introduced to give the Bible Treasures. The theme of his message was "The Most Important Ingredient for Change" from Hebrews 11:1-2.

(21) David Hopkins, Senior Pastor, Highland BC, Meridian, read Psalm 133.1-3.

(22) Pleasant Hill BC Praise Team and Combined Choirs and Orchestra led in Congregational Worship – *Goodness of God*.

(23) Bill Hurt gave the President's Address entitled "I Sat Alone" from Jeremiah 15.10-21 and John 16.31-33.

(24) Robbie Savant, Member, FBC Natchez, led the benediction.

Second Session – Tuesday Afternoon

(25) The Mississippi Singing Churchmen under the direction of Kristopher Smith, led in Worship through Music: *Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me, At the Name of Jesus, and He Will Hold Me Fast.*

(26) Scott Hanberry, First Vice President and Member of Temple BC, Hattiesburg, called the Second Session to order.

(27) Allegra Brigham, Member, Chester BC, Ackerman, led the prayer.

(28) Lawson Harlow, Pastor, Mercy Hill Church, Olive Branch, read Ecclesiastes 4.9-12.

(29) Ben Mandrell brought Bible Treasures, "The Pure Get to See," from Matthew 5:8.

(30) The Mississippi Singing Churchmen presented a Concert of Praise: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord), and Jesus Saves.*

(31) President Hurt presided over the Business Session. The number of registered messengers was 697.

(32) President Hurt recognized Michael Barnett, Chair of the Budget Committee, and Senior Pastor of FBC Ocean Springs, to present the proposed 2025 Cooperative Program Budget in the amount of \$30,890,325 as presented in the First Day Bulletin. Other members serving on the committee are: Eddie Barlow, Pastor, Boulevard BC, Southaven; Andy Brown, Senior Pastor, FBC Starkville; Andrew Chesteen, Senior Pastor, FBC New Albany; Jon Hood, Pastor, FBC Marks; Mel Howton, Senior Pastor, New Salem BC, Columbus; Roland McMillan, Pastor, Prentiss BC, Prentiss; Danny Smith, Pastor, FBC Tunica; Michael Stevenson, Pastor, FBC Stateline; Dean Stewart, Senior Pastor, LaBelle Haven BC, Olive Branch; and Leon Wallace, Pastor, Siloam BC, Meadville. The discussion and vote will occur during the Wednesday morning Business Session.

(33) President Hurt called for nominations for First Vice President. David Hayes, Senior Pastor, FBC Senatobia was nominated by Jason Reed, Messenger and Senior Pastor, FBC Booneville. Seconded from the floor. There were no other nominations. Michael Weeks, Recording Secretary, cast the single ballot "All for one and one for all."

(34) President Hurt called for nominations for the Recording Secretary. Tommy Mitchell, Messenger and Senior Pastor, Agricola BC, Lucedale, made a **MOTION** to elect Michael Weeks, Pastor, Pleasant Hill BC, Olive Branch, as Recording Secretary, and Will McNeese, Pastor, FBC Polkville, as Associate Recording Secretary. No other nominations were made.

President Hurt called for a raised ballot. **MOTION PASSED.**

(35) President Hurt called resolutions to be presented.

(36) Brett Frazier, Messenger and Lead Pastor, FBC Columbia, submitted a "Resolution on the Centennial Anniversary of the SBC Cooperative Program."

(37) President Hurt called for miscellaneous business.

(38) Jacob Vollm, Messenger and Pastor, Grace Memorial BC, Gulfport, made a **MOTION** that the Mississippi Baptist Convention authorize a new method of cooperative giving for its churches, allowing churches the option to withhold funds from selected Southern Baptist Convention entities without withdrawing from Cooperative Program support altogether.

SECONDED from the floor. He spoke for the **MOTION.**

(39) Jonathan Greer, Messenger and Pastor, Franklin Creek BC, Moss Point, spoke against the **MOTION.**

(40) Jerry Watts, Messenger and Senior Pastor, New Hope BC, Foxworth, questioned the nature of making this **MOTION** to the entire body of messengers.

(41) Tommy Mitchell, Messenger and Senior Pastor, Agricola BC, Lucedale, made a **MOTION to Refer** the original **MOTION** to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Executive Committee.

(42) Parliamentarian Gee Ogletree advised the messengers that a 2/3 majority vote would be required to **PASS** the **MOTION to Refer**. President Hurt clarified that the report from the Executive Committee would be presented during next year's Convention.

(43) The Call for the Question on the **MOTION to Refer** was made by Dan Sandlin, Messenger and Pastor, Union

Chapel BC, Clarksdale. **SECONDED** from the floor. Call for the Question was approved by raised ballot.

(44) The **MOTION to Refer** the original **MOTION** to the MBCB Executive Committee was approved by a visible 2/3 vote of messengers present by raised ballot.

(45) A Collegiate Ministry video testimony was presented featuring Christmas in the Delta.

(46) Mike Haight, Executive Pastor of Creative Arts, Broadmoor BC, Madison, led the congregation in singing *Holy Forever, Agnus Dei, and Christ Be Magnified.*

(47) President Hurt called the Convention back into business session and asked for nominations for Second Vice President. Shane Freeman, Pastor, Macedonia BC, Petal, was nominated for Second Vice President by Will Wall, Senior Pastor, FBC Meridian. Seconded from the floor. Nominations ceased. No other nominations were made. Michael Weeks, Recording Secretary, cast the single ballot "All for one and one for all."

(48) President Hurt called for miscellaneous business. There was none.

(49) Daniel Hall, Executive Director, Mississippi Baptist Foundation, gave a report.

(50) Kenny Digby, Executive Director, Christian Action Commission, gave a report.

(51) Broadmoor BC Worship Ministry led in Congregational Worship: *The Solid Rock, Firm Foundation, and Build My Life.*

(52) Josh Braddy, Senior Pastor, Broadmoor BC, Madison, delivered the Convention Sermon from John 15:1-17.

(53) Neil Marsh, Executive Pastor of Ministry, Broadmoor BC, Madison, led in the benediction prayer.

**REPORT OF THE
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

The Resolutions Committee recommends that the following Resolutions be approved:

NO. 1 Resolution of Appreciation

WHEREAS, the 188th Annual Session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention has again been the recipients of the kind hospitality of the First Baptist Church of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, we the messengers of the 188th Annual Session have been blessed, encouraged and challenged by the fellowship, worship, reports and have had the opportunity to conduct business as planned by the Committee on Order of Business, the institutions, and agencies of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and the Convention officers and committees; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that with hearts filled with gratitude we express appreciation to:

Dr. Chip Stevens, Senior Pastor, and members of First Baptist Church of Jackson,

The speakers, singers and instrumentalists who led us in worship during the convention,

Dr. Bill Hurt, our Convention President, who has led as president with a marvelous Christ-like spirit and has been an outstanding ambassador across Mississippi and far beyond,

And to all of the officers, members of all boards, trustees of all agencies and institutions, committee members, and volunteers, who have served this Convention faithfully.

NO. 2 Resolution on the Centennial Anniversary of the SBC Cooperative Program

WHEREAS, Mississippi Baptists are firmly committed to make disciples of Jesus Christ based on the commands found in Acts 1:8 and Matthew 28:18-20; and

WHEREAS, during these past 100 years, Mississippi Baptists have contributed \$1.297 billion through the Cooperative Program to fund Southern Baptist and Mississippi Baptist causes and have enjoyed partnering together in these ministries; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi Baptists have been faithful givers through the Cooperative Program and faithful stewards of Cooperative Program resources; and

WHEREAS, our Mississippi Baptist Convention Articles of Incorporation Article IX upholds the Cooperative Program as "the basic channel of support for our total world mission outreach," and explicitly petitions the churches "to contribute through the Cooperative Program;" therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the messengers to the Mississippi Baptist Convention meeting in Jackson, MS, October 29-30, 2024, affirm the Cooperative Program as our primary method of funding our Great Commission cooperation at home and abroad; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we ascribe thanksgiving and glory to God for blessing the partnership in the gospel (Philippians 1:3-5) we have known through Cooperative Program giving for one-hundred years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Mississippi Baptists commit to continue the legacy of those who have come before us by giving generously (2 Corinthians 8:7) through the Cooperative Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Mississippi Baptists will educate their congregations about the importance of partnership missions through the Cooperative Program; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we ask Almighty God to lead and bless our efforts for His glory through the Cooperative Program until our Lord Jesus Christ returns in the clouds on that blessed day that is to come.