

**56th Annual Meeting**  
**State Convention of Baptists in Indiana**  
October 20-21, 2014  
Calvary Baptist Church  
Greenwood, IN  
Theme: *“Like a Mighty Rushing Wind”*

**SESSION ONE: MONDAY EVENING**

Pastor Randall Forsythe, Presiding

1. The President of the Convention called for a motion to bring the meeting to order and the motion was seconded and carried. He then led us in prayer.
2. Dr Wayne Bryant, from Florida was recognized as parliamentarian and he shared several recommendations that were to be honored during the business portions of the meeting.
3. President Forsythe recognized our GuideStone representative, Rick Wells.
4. President Forsythe also shared that prayer cards were located in the bag we received when we registered and if we have a request please fill it out and it will be prayed for during this meeting. He also shared that the *Book of Reports* were located in the messenger bags.
5. Pastor Ernie James, the host pastor came and welcomed us to their church and then led us in prayer.
6. Pastors and wives that were new to Indiana were recognized and were introduced and they shared what church they were located at.
7. The President introduced Paul George and New Creation and they led us in congregation worship. We sung a Power in the Blood Melody, including "Victory in Jesus", "Nothing but the Blood", "Power in the Blood", and "To God Be the Glory".
8. Rev. Bobby Pell and Chris Kellermeyer brought the North American Mission Board Report. Rev. Kellermeyer is the Send Indianapolis Coordinator for NAMB and they are excited about church planting. He shared there is never enough money to fulfill all the needs. He also shared that they have developed an app that they are very excited about which will help church planters. They have a booth in the exhibit hall and would love to talk and be of help to anyone at the convention. They shared a video called C is for Cookie about church planters Barry and Amy Rager who were subsequently recognized as Church Planter of the Year. Bro. Pell and Bro. Kellermeyer interviewed the Ragers about the work that they have been doing in downtown Indianapolis. They shared that they had attended the Southern Baptist Convention when it was held in Indianapolis and at that time he was pastoring in Kentucky but was drawn to come to Indiana. They moved in 2013 and they shared some of their strategies. They have four children and are living in a very impoverished area, with drugs and other vices all around them. Barry shared that he goes to a Starbucks that is located close to them and he always ends up in conversation and shares about their church and the work they are doing in the area with someone. He shared that they were trying to work on leadership development, evangelism and would like to eventually have deacons in their church. Amy shared that they are sharing with their children the Godly ways and teaching them that some of the things they see in the area they live in are not always what God wants. They are working at New Circle.

Bro. Bobby Pell shared the church planting report and said all church planting has been done with strategy. Church planters have begun to gather in Indianapolis to have a prayer time. He shared their strategy is to fund if needed, equip, train, coach, planter recruit, and pray. He said prayer is at the bottom of the list but it is not low on their list. He shared that we need planters and ask us to pray for them. We have church planting centers and they can be watched online. They receive 10 weeks training in the fall and another 10 weeks in the spring. They have coaches to help them through this process. Eighty-five percent of church deaths are from churches 12 years or older. We need to see more Gospel centered churches in our state and last year we saw 29 new churches planted. As of October 20th we have 23 new churches and by the end of the year we should have 25 plus. He shared that there is a need from the messengers to come alongside them to help plant churches. We then went to prayer for the church planters that were standing in the room. Bro. Bobby Pell led the prayer.

10. Paul George and the New Creation came and led us in singing: "The Name of the Lord," "That's Why We Praise Him" and "Jesus Be the Center."
11. President Forysthe brought the presidential message. His text was from Ezekiel 37:1-14 "Dry, Dead Bones." He shared that his church and the other churches in Indiana can experience revival if we allow the Holy Spirit to fill the dry bones. He closed his message with prayer.
12. Charlotte Jones led us in a prayer time and ask that we pray about our brokenness and ask us to pray for the Holy Spirit to be used within us, to pray for God to remove our strength and use His strength to get us through and that we would surrender so that our bones would be filled with the Spirit. She ask that we divide in groups and then led us in prayer.
13. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Nominating Committee report was given by David Nykamp and the nominations are:

**Indiana Baptist Foundation Board of Directors**

*Serving a one-year term expiring in 2015*

Jim Fitzgerald, Griffith

Jeff Joyce, Franklin

*Serving a three- year term expiring in 2017*

David Lewis, Jeffersonville

Jerry Miller, Vincennes

Carlton Reed, Indianapolis

Daniel Titus, Columbus

**New Executive Board Members**

*Serving a two-year term expiring in 2016*

Darrel Brown - East Central

*Serving a three- year term expiring in 2017*

Steve Taylor - Southwestern

Greg Lukas - Northwest

Charles McMahan - Whitewater

Bill McCrary - Southeastern

Guy Lancour - Crossroads

Michael Wren - West Central

Mat Shockney - White River

### **Executive Board Members Eligible for a Second Term**

*Serving a three- year term expiring in 2017*

Jack Elliott - Crossroads

Kevin Fritts - South Central

Rick Hillard - Northwest

Jeff Edwards - Eastern

Darin Garton - North Central

Greg Smith - Wabash Valley

Bruce Reynolds - East Central

Gary Yochum - Southeastern

### **Historical Committee**

Steve Faith (Term expires 2017)

James Harris (Term expires 2017)

### **Christian Life Committee**

Jim Jenkins (Term expires 2015, filling a vacancy)

Tim Overton (Term expires 2017)

Roger Kinion (Term expires 2017)

Coming from a committee did not need a second and the motion carried.

14. The Arrangements Committee report was presented by Steve Davidson and they recommended that the Annual sermon for 2015 be presented by Rev. Russ Livers, First Southern Baptist, Clarksville, with Rev. Jimi Staton, New Life Fellowship, Huntington, as alternate. Coming from a committee did not need second and the motion carried.

The Arrangements Committee recommended that the 2016 Convention be held at River's Edge Fellowship Church, Bedford, October 10-11, and the 2017 Convention be held at Highland Lakes and coming from a committee did not need a second. He then spoke to the motion and he shared that he had discussed with the camp director and they felt it would work. Motion carried. He also shared that the 2015 Convention will be held at Fall Creek Baptist, Indianapolis, October 12-13 (Monday-Tuesday).

15. The Christian Life Committee Report was presented by Greg Byman and can be found on page 104 of the Book of Reports. He shared that we need to know what is going on around us. We must be aware of what is going on and be informed as citizens in several different ways. He mentioned Houston TX and shared we are a culture that is redefining marriage. We need to be in contact with those who can make the changes. We need to get voter guides and be sure we are making the right choices.
16. Dr. Seagle presented Greg Byman with a plaque for his work on the Christian Life Committee from 2011-2014 and served as Chairman from 2012-2014. Dr. Seagle also had plaques for Bob Weeks for having served on the Christian Life Committee from 2011-2014 and Carolyn Bogan for serving on the Historical Committee from 2011-2014.

### **FIRST ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

17. Wayne Gullion, messenger from Wayndale Baptist, Ft. Wayne, nominated David Trimble from New Haven Baptist, New Haven, for President of the State Convention. Dr. Scott Hobbs messenger from First Baptist Griffith nominated Darin Garton from Oak Creek Community, Mishawka, for President.

Motion was seconded. A ballot vote was taken. The tellers took the ballots and will report back.

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

18. A video from Ronnie Floyd, SBC President, regarding Columbus, OH, encouraging us to come to SBC in June 16-17, 2015 to Columbus. He asked us to join the prayer movement for the next great revival in our convention.
19. President Forsythe called for any other miscellaneous business and there was none.
20. President Forsythe introduced Dr. Chuck Kelley the President of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.
21. New Creation came and led us in worship by singing "In Christ Alone" and "The Solid Rock."
22. Dr. Kelley brought the message, titled "The Wind of Brokenness," and shared from Amos 4:1-12. He shared that we must hold in one hand the truth of God and we have to hold in the other hand the realities of life and see where they intersect. He feels that something of great significance is about to happen in our world. You are dictating to God and it causes a stench as a sinner. What was the deepest grief of God: He was grieved over the sin of His children. The deepest grief in the heart of God is that nothing changed their behavior. He thought they would change, they would repent, and nothing...nothing worked. The image he has of God is the Heavenly Father slumped over the chair and He has done everything to change them to repentance and God knows He will have to unleash judgement. He warned, He begged, He pleaded and they would not...  
You see a heavenly Father that has done everything that could be done.  
Our sin is a really big deal. He will not give up His holiness. He will not compromise His character. What does judgment look like? We usually think it looks like destruction. It starts with economic hardship. Look at our world where we are paying more for insurance, more for gas, more for stuff. Our sons and daughters are dying in battle. If you think the judgement of God is a future event think again. He reminded us of Saul, David, and Nehemiah. The greatest test we will every face is will we humble ourselves or will we be judged. It starts when we become broken and we seek Him and seek His face. He starts with opportunities to repent. He pleads with His people to return. What we need is the winds of brokenness to blow into our hearts. Now that we know, what are we going to do? We need to break ourselves before we are broken by Him. He closed in prayer.
23. President Forsythe asked the parliamentarian to share that we collected 163 ballots - 59 ballots were cast for Rev. David Trimble and 104 ballots were cast for Rev. Darin Garton who will be our new Convention President.
24. At 6:15 p.m., there were 202 messengers and 55 guests registered.

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

25. Steve McJunkins from Black Oak Baptist in Gary IN nominated Bro. Bob Parnell as First Vice-President. Motion was seconded and the motion carried. The clerk cast the ballot for Bro. Bob Parnell.
26. We adjourned in prayer.

## **SESSION TWO: TUESDAY MORNING**

Pastor Randall Forsythe, Presiding

27. President Randall Forsythe called the meeting to order. After several announcements Bro. Forsythe led us in prayer.
28. At 8:20 a.m. we had 223 messengers registered and 63 guests.
29. A video from ERLC with Russell Moore was shown and he shared about culture changes and handling questions with our children. He thanked us for the sacrificial giving to the Cooperative Program. He has been working on marriage, freedom to pray, with congress and the president. The ERLC had overhauled their websites to provide better services.
30. A video with Dr. Frank Page from the Executive Committee was shared. He stated that he was praying for our convention. He also shared that there is a need for strengthening and growing new churches.
31. Dr. Kelley brought our seminary report regarding our six seminaries. He shared that all six are committed to the inerrant word of the Lord. He stated that all the seminaries are working to keep the curriculum about the work of the church and the importance of ministry. He shared that Golden Gate Seminary is relocating their campus to Southern California from San Francisco and in two years they will have a small campus where they are located and a main campus in the new area.
32. Steve McNeil presented the LifeWay report since he serves as a trustee from Indiana. He shared that we now have 160 LifeWay stores that sell the products. The money that is spent at these stores is channeled back to our state convention. It is a new and different day in LifeWay. Everything is going more digital with Sunday School and other materials. Many training opportunities are coming online and our regional strategist can help you get your programs setup. He presented the President of our Convention with a Holman Christian Standard Bible.
33. O. S. Hawkins shared by video regarding GuideStone and stated they are ready to serve and help our churches. This is the third year for GuideStone to be honored with the Lippert Award. It was shared that when you purchase O. S. Hawkins books the money goes to Mission Dignity. He encouraged us to go to their website to find helps.
34. David Platt by video shared with us regarding the International Mission Board. They are looking for ways that they can serve churches, seminaries, and others to work to serve local churches. He wanted to thank us for our giving and it was a privilege to have a partnership with us. We were then introduced to Missionary D and she shared that she was born in Terre Haute. She was sent to the field from Northside Baptist Church in Indianapolis. She shared it was a great blessing to be a missionary. She shared that through the Cooperative Program and through the Lottie Moon offering we are all apart of missions. IMB is a mutual fund for missions. She shared they receive their gifts with one third of the funding coming from Cooperative Program gifts, and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is two thirds of their funding. She drives a 10 year old car that was bought with Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds. She is a librarian and is active in Muslim country. Because you gave she was able to send help. She shared that there was a village that was destroyed, all the adults were dead and 12 children were hiding in the bush. Using funds that Baptists had provided, they were able to take the children to a home and feed and work to get them with families. She

shared that 118 people groups were engaged with the Good News. She shared scripture and thanked us for investing in International Missions.

35. Steve McNeil and Jim Slaven, pastor at Ravinia Baptist Church in Richmond, IN, shared regarding the State Revitalization emphasis. They shared that the state used our Cooperative Program dollars to help some of our churches just get over the hump. Several people from the state office visited with Pastor Slaven and others from the church. Funds allowed him to be on the field and work with their members more. He is in the area more and this Sunday they will baptize five. Last year, they baptized 11 so they see more growth. Pastor Slaven shared that if you are willing to work, God is willing to bless. He shared thanks for the state support and for the money we have given to the state convention.
36. New Creation came and led us in singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

## **SECOND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

37. Nominations for second vice-president and for recording secretary. There were no nominations at this time and it will be addressed later.
38. The Evangelism and Prayer report was presented by John Rogers. They shared about Todd's wife who is a teacher and is a member of the church and occasionally if Todd felt like it he would attend. Jennifer prayed and the church prayed for him. He will be baptized shortly and he has given a Bible to his 23 year old daughter. He shared how important prayer is to Rivers Edge in Bedford, IN, and how important it is in the life of others. Forty have come to Christ because they have become serious about prayer. Pastors are invited to come to the Prayer Summit with Claude King and Rick Shepherd from Florida. Mike Wiggins, church planter, shared how important prayer is to City Life Church in Greenwood. It was shared that the church was planted in January of 2012. Pastor Wiggins shared that with the funds they received from the state they were able to remodel a building. They had a city fest and rented property across the street and had carnival games and it was a major impact in their community. The first year they had 10 - 15 and this year they had about 500 to attend. They have had 20 - 30 baptisms already this year. Dr. Rogers shared about Disaster Relief and recognized Denny Smith. He shared that leaders in Disaster Relief are willing to go all over the state training others for disaster relief. He shared they are building the second shower unit for the state. He presented Denny Smith with the Distinguished Award. He also invited Charlotte Jones to come to the platform. Charlotte has been a prayer partner with Dr. Rogers and served the state as Prayer Coordinator. Dr. Seagle presented a plaque to Charlotte since she will be moving to Texas. She was assured she would be missed. Dr. Rogers presented a love gift from the state to her.
39. Steve McNeil presented the Mobilization, Equipping and Communications Team report and he shared from Galatians 2. He recognized and shared that Steve Blanchard, Doug Jividen, Mitch Whitten, John Horn, Garry Jones and Bobby Cox are regional strategists and serve in this area. Sarah Bohrer and Allison Kinon are also on the team. He asked for prayer for Allison and her dad due to health problems with dad. Matthew Higgins, Pastor at Calvary Heights Baptist Church, Martinsville, reported about MAC/JAM camps and was excited because lives are being impacted and kids are being reached for Christ. JAM Camp helps train and gets our kids designed to be the leaders in our churches in the next generation. Steve McNeil also shared a video regarding VBS and Amy

Rardin from Trinity Baptist shared about being a VBS Director. They have VBS from babies to adults. The church VBS program started with a worship rally and then Bible Study groups. She shared that there was growth in every class. They were able to have a family night and had Bible study and then went to the rest of the program. They want to add a mission track and then add a special needs area next year. Steve McNeil had a testimony from Steve Blanchard about JAM Camp and also Exalt Him for grades 7-12 these are camps that explore worship ministry in some unusual ways, such as drama, creative movement, and a speaker that gets the students excited about worshipping the Lord. Debbie Whidden shared about Transformed Women's Event in the state held in February and it is an exciting time and they have over 800 each year. It was shared that the women come back changed, more connected as a group, and it becomes a time to come together and unite in worship and see a change in the life of the church because of this event. Trevor shared about Student Fusion for high school and junior high this year. He saw something new during the evening service. Usually they ask students to find a leader so they can open up and share. Instead, they were asked to open up with other students and he saw the youth open up to each other and share with one another. Two of his group had pretended to be saved and they came to know Jesus. It is an amazing opportunity for them to grow.

Leader Labs are leadership development opportunities to help the churches in our state. Local leadership labs are at the association level, they are for more specific targets. Chris Hubler shared he was in leader lab in the East Central association and a group of pastors come together once a month and pick the brain of other pastors to get helps and ideas. By talking about issues, it helps you learn how to be leaders, better husbands, better dads. He felt it was an absolutely wonderful program.

Another step of leadership development emphasis is on leading pastors and helping develop leaders with the HILL program. Troy Bishop, Pastor at Western Avenue Baptist Church in Connersville, said it is a great ministry program. Everything about it is great. They learn about leadership greatness and leadership weaknesses and learn to help with conflict. He was able to institute some changes at his church after attending this meeting. He said many times the pastor is overwhelmed and needs to challenge the people to work and also develop their leaders. This program will only take eighteen people and the next one is scheduled for May of 2015 and is by invitation only.

Bill McCrary shared his testimony about JAM Camp, which he has attended the last 3 or 4 years. He had met with other pastors and prayed over Highland Lakes property years ago. A 15 year old girl heads up the music in his church. Children that want to be involved in music and worship in church learn how by being sent to JAM camp. Steve McNeil shared about their booth located in the exhibit area. He also mentioned the communication area and that we have the Indian Baptist from that area. Also have the website and have updates and events on their and continually update the events. They have the social sites also available you can go to facebook, twitter, and other technology. Appreciate the team and the work that is being done to serve our churches and help develop them as we work together.

40. We then went into a Concert of Prayer and Charlotte Jones asked that we prepare our hearts with a special worship time with the Lord. We had a prayer time.
41. President Forysthe introduced Reginald Fletcher, Pastor of Living Word Baptist in Indianapolis, and invited him to bring and empower us with his message.

42. The New Creation led us in singing, "Days of Elijah."
43. Reginald Fletcher opened with a word of prayer. The title of his message was, "Is the Power of the Gospel in the Filling or the Feeling?" If we are not feeling it we withdraw from it. He shared that sometimes we don't feel God and we withdraw from Him and it is wrong! We need to be reminded to be about the filling! He stated that in order to be filled with the Lord we must allow Him to fill us and when we try to fill the church we are in His way. The scripture for his message was from Acts 2:1-4. He asked what we were doing to prepare ourselves for this filling. He stated that many times we are not ready for the filling. He asked what was in our heart. What field or ministry is God calling us to do? Many times we feel we don't need to be filled with the Holy Spirit because we are filled with self. If God sends you to a place then know He has already made provision for you. He said we should not leave this place the same way we had come.
44. President Forysthe recognized Rev. David Trimble, Chair of the Resolution Committee, to present their report:

**The Following Resolution is respectfully submitted to the 56th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana**

Dated: October 13, 2014

Pastor David Trimble...First Baptist New Haven

Pastor Steve Johnson...First Baptist Greentown

Pastor J. D. Traylor...Hanover Baptist Church

Pastor Nicholas R. Clark...Heritage Hills Baptist Church

Pastor Steve Eyers...Lifeline Connect Baptist

**RESOLUTION FOR APPRECIATION FOR HOSTING THE 2014 ANNUAL MEETING**

WHEREAS, the 56th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, convened at Calvary Baptist in Greenwood, Indiana, on October 20-21, 2014, and,

WHEREAS, Calvary Baptist Church has demonstrated a Christ-like spirit and a servant's heart in receiving the messengers and guests of the 56th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the 56th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, meeting in Greenwood, Indiana, on October 20-21, 2014, express our sincere gratitude and deep appreciation to Pastor Ernie James & Staff, as well as the members of Calvary Baptist Church for their gracious hospitality and service to the messengers and guests of this Convention.

Coming from a committee did not need a second and the motion carried.

**45. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Pastor Bill Bailey, Parkside Baptist, Columbus, submitted the nomination of Pastor Roger Kinion as second vice president. Motion was seconded and there were no other nominations and the clerk was asked to cast the vote.

There were no nominations for Recording Secretary at this time, so this will be handled at the Executive Board meeting in March.

46. North American Mission Board video was shown at this time. Kevin Ezell shared with us how important the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is to the North American Mission Board. He shared that they are focusing on church planting. He shared about the responsibility for each of us to witness and that they have many evangelism resource guides to help us.

46. President Forysthe reminded the messengers to fill out the evaluation forms and they are looked at and used to help plan future meetings.

47. Rev. Ray Deeter, Chairman of the Executive Board, shared that we have not sold the state office property. He asked us to please pray for that sale to take place. He presented the 2015 budget and made a motion to approve the budget. Coming from committee did not need a second and the motion carried.

Pastor Deeter also brought a motion on Biblical Marriage. The motion was that **“The Executive Board moves that the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, sensitive to and challenged by the recent seismic cultural shifts regarding marriage, re-affirm our support for the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 doctrinal statement, section eighteen (18) – “The Family” in declaring our unalterable commitment to this statement --"Marriage is the joining of one man and one woman with the promise of being faithful to one another for life.”** and coming from a committee did not need a second. Dr. Seagle spoke to the motion and encouraged us to adopt the policy and to step to the plate and declare the position that marriage is between a man and a woman period. A question was asked by a messenger from New Testament Church in Martinsville. The messenger asked what happened to God in this motion. It was responded to by Dr. Seagle. Motion carried.

Bro. Deeter shared regarding action on referred business from the 2013 State Convention Annual meetings. The Administrative Team of the Executive Board of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana moves to decline the following motion, **“To include one person from each ethnic church on the Executive Board.”** The decision to decline the following motion is due to the mandatory assignment of Executive Board members and existing Executive Board judiciary structure.

Nathan Millican, Pastor at Oak Park Baptist Church in Jeffersonville, IN, spoke regarding the Shepherd's Conference March 20-21 at Highland Lakes. Don Whitney will be there and the theme will be, “Pastoring Your Own Soul,” secondly Acts 20:20. He shared that many people come to our churches. They look the part, act the part and we sound successful. Many of us are drifting apart from Jesus. There will be solid Biblical preaching. John MacArthur will participate via Skype. The cost will be \$100.

Bro. Ray Deeter concluded his report.

48. President Forysthe recognized Bro. Terry Truitt, Board member for the Indiana Baptist Foundation, from Anderson, IN. He honored Wes Albro, Ronnie Taylor for their service to the Foundation. He shared five things:

Financial things to do, no matter how old...

1. Durable power of Attorney for Financial Matters
2. Wills
3. Advanced Directives

4. Provide for Minor Children and Beloved pets

5. Specify burial or cremation choices

Put in freezer in waterproof bag. Fire protected and water protected.

49. Jim Shields, Team Leader at Highland Lakes Baptist Camp, came to present his report. He thanked us for the use of the property. He wanted to introduce someone that had had an experience at the camp and he introduced himself and told about his job and how that his wife was diagnosed with cancer this past year and he shared his walk with that journey. Only through Christ could he go through this ordeal. God has taught him that he had to get out of the way, to prepare him to do the work. He shared that we had over 108 salvations during the weeks of camp. The camp is a resource where our churches bring people to find God. He shared that Russians were brought to our camp this year, and he had the opportunity to see HILL, and to be there during Student Fusion and see young pastors without an ego there and being there with just God. He also shared that a Korean church was recently at the camp. He watched the staff work their jobs as ministry not a job. Everyone there prays over the camp. They are reminded to pray for revival. He mentioned the work done by Campers on Mission. Summer missionaries were from our churches not from North American Mission Board. He shared that the camp team works with each other to further the cause of Christ. He read from Acts 4:13 and shared that it is possible because of you deacons and you pastors and your gifts to Cooperative Program and to the Highland Lakes Camp fund. He shared a heartfelt thank you.
50. A video was shown regarding WMU. Mary Fullhart presented the state WMU report. "All for You" is the theme for this year. She shared about her call to mission education. He has given us a challenge to nurture our lifestyles and be radically involved. He gave us a way to fulfill the great commission through our offerings and going on mission trips and pray for those that are going on the trips. She shared that they had interviewed several leaders that wanted to serve but many could not go because of distance. It has been decided to go to having regional areas and they are in the process of setting up this program. Shared that men and women can serve in this area.
51. President Forysthe introduced Dr. Seagle who will be bringing us the Executive Director's message. He introduced Donnie Seagle, Pastor at First Baptist Church, Inverness, FL, to sing for us. He is also Dr. and Mrs. Seagle's son. He led us in prayer before singing "Lord, I Need You."
52. Dr. Seagle's message was titled, "The Wind of Harvest." He shared they are blessed by the ministry and faithfulness. He introduced his wife, Peggie, and shared that her prognosis is good. He recognized the state team. He shared that we must be reaching people with Good News and it is not optional. He used Matthew 9:35 as his text and he shared that the harvest is ready!
- He said that he doesn't need to amplify the time but it is ready...the harvest is ready! Jesus sees the harvest in people. Chapter 9 is a litany of hurt! He shared that it is not long until we build the walls that tell us its not our problem. He then turned to John 4 and the Samaritan woman. He asked what's gone wrong with the harvest? We pray for each family member? Are we marveling Baptist - Indiana is too hard -where are we with stopping churchanity and starting with Jesus? But we must look at a response...what if pastor you found someone marked as a transformed follower of Jesus...what if it's just one. What if we taught them to

network across the area to have a dialogue with those about Jesus? We are not a convention that is touch and go, we must reach people with the Good News. He closed in prayer.

53. President Forysthe came and led us in prayer. He asked that the new officers for next year join him on the platform. Dr. Seagle installed the officers. Dr. Seagle led in prayer for them.

54. He then presented plaques to the outgoing officers: Pastor David Trimble, as the First Convention President from 2012-2014; Pastor Robert Parnell as the Second Convention President from 2012-2014; and Sandy Irick as Recording Secretary from 2012-2014. He presented a plaque to Pastor Randall Forsythe who has served as Convention President from 2012-2014 and recognized Rev. Ray Deeter and Mrs. Deeter. Rev. Deeter has served as the state Executive Board Chairman. He also recognized Rev. Wayne Gullion as president of the Pastors' Conference. We had 236 messengers and 73 guests for a total of 309. 94 churches represented and 5 states outside of Indiana. He shared that we have been blessed in this meeting.

55. We were closed in prayer by the new Convention President, Pastor Darin Garton.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Irick  
Recording Secretary