

**57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the  
State Convention of Baptists in Indiana**

October 12-13, 2015

The Palms Conference Center, Plainfield, Indiana

Theme: "LIFT HIM UP"

Scripture: John 12:32 "if I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself."

**Monday Evening, October 12, 2015**

1. President, Darin Garton, called the 57<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists to order.
2. Scripture and Prayer was led by Emilio Gaspar.
3. Recording Secretary, Sara Burk was introduced to organize the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention for business. She shared as of 5:45 pm there were 166 Messengers and 47 guests registered. Mrs. Burk moved that those messengers and those who would register later be elected to conduct the business of this 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana. Motion carried to this effect.
4. Mrs. Burk, moved that the printed program be adopted with necessary changes as the agenda for this meeting. Motion carried to this effect.
5. Rev. John Newland, Pastor of Fall Creek Baptist Church, welcomed messengers and guests to the Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana.
6. President Garton, appointed the following Committees to serve during this Annual Meeting:

Order of Business Committee

Darin Gartin, Chair  
Sara Burk, Secretary  
Mike Cramer  
Dale Eakes  
Roger Kinion  
John Newland  
Bob Parnell  
Cecil Seagle

Dan Sager

Larry Snyder

Tim Tesmer

Registration Committee

Alison Blankenship

Hope Community Church, Brownsburg

Plainfield Baptist Church, Plainfield

Prayer Committee

Marty Beck, Chair

Tami Huber

Bev Olonoh

Pat Storm

Stephanie Valadez

Nominations Committee

Scott Smith, Chair

Troy Bishop

Nate Butler

Steve Cline

Josh Goepfrich

Scott Hobbs

Jim Jenkins

Steve Johnson

Jeremiah Kinney

Chuck McMahan

John Newland

Jimmie Ruffin

Credentials Committee

Roger Kinion, Chair

Steve Bednar

Daniel Hendon

Larry Lamon

Steve McJunkins

Don Morris

Barry Rager

Tellers Committee

Gary Yochum, Chair  
Kevin Carty  
David Nykamp  
Matt Shockney  
Brad Walker

Resolutions Committee

Bob Parnell, Chair  
Randy Forsythe  
Greg Lukas  
Steve McJunkins  
Dennis Starkey  
Mitch Tabla

Arrangements Committee

Jason Harris, Chair  
Steve Davidson  
Jeff Jackson  
Brandon Lindsey  
Scott McDowell

7. New pastors and wives who have come to Indiana during the past year were introduced and welcomed to Indiana.
8. Worship led by Dan Odle and band from Hoover Alabama
9. North American Mission Board Report was given by Chris Kellerman NAMB Sent City Coordinator for Indianapolis. Chris interviewed the Pastors of new church plants in Indianapolis.
10. Church Planting Report by John Horn sharing that there had been 26 church starts with seven more expected by end of year.
11. President Garton was introduced to bring the Presidential Message, Lift Him Up John 12:32, was his text. How we do this is to pursue Christ by having a daily time with Him. Stay close to Him. Intercede for God's people. Recommit ourselves to Him.
12. John Rogers led us in a Concert of Prayer.
13. Committee Reports:
  - A. Nominations Committee Report shared by Scott Smith.

Executive Board Members Nominees

*Group C, Three Years, Terms Expire in 2018*

Lonnie Anderson	Miami Association
Jim Bullock	Southeastern Association
Steve Cline	Southeastern Association
Mike Coyle	Whitewater Association
David Cullison	Southwestern Association
James "Kip" Farrar	Crossroads Association
Tim Franklin	Northeastern Association
Jimmy Newton	Eastern Association
Ricky Persons	South Central Association
Dan Sager	Wabash Valley Association
Ross Terry	Eastern Association
Jan Walters	Northeastern Association
Delbert Watts	Crossroads Association

Indiana Baptist Foundation Board Members

*Terms Expire 2018*

Jeff Joyce, Calvary Baptist Church, Greenwood  
Terry Truitt, Kingston Avenue, Anderson  
Jim Fitzgerald, First Baptist Church, Griffith  
Sue Swayze, Northside Baptist Church, Indianapolis

Historical Committee Nominees

*Terms Expire 2018*

Jim Bullock, Colgate Baptist Church, Clarksville  
Nancy Hazelwood, First Southern Baptist Church, Evansville

Christian Life Committee Nominees

*Term Expires 2016*

Jacob Wysong, Valley Harvest Church, Akron

*Terms Expire 2018*

Todd Benkert, Eastlake Baptist Church, Crown Point  
John Dimmick, Sunnyside Road Baptist Church, Indianapolis  
Motion carried to approve with one correction, Jacob Wysong is now at Warsaw Baptist Church. Report on page 97 in *Book of Reports*.

B. Jason Harris presented the Arrangements Committee Report.

The 2016 Annual Session will be October 10-11.

Recommendation that the 2016 Annual Sermon be presented by Rev. Jimmy Walls, First Baptist Church, Charlestown, with Dr. John Newland, Fall Creek Baptist Church, Indianapolis, as the alternate.

The 2017 Annual Meeting will be hosted by Highland Lakes Baptist Camp on October 9-10.

Recommendation that the 2018 Annual Meeting be hosted at the Palms Conference Center in Plainfield on October 8-9.

Motion carried to approve recommendations as presented and printed on page 99 in *Book of Reports*.

14. Bob Parnell assumed the chair and called for Nominations for president. Scott Smith, messenger from the South Side Baptist Church, South Bend nominated Darin Garton to serve as president for another term. There being no other nominations motion carried to elect Darin Garton by acclamation.  
President Garton re-assumed the chair and called for nominations for First Vice President. Randy Forsythe, messenger from Grace Baptist Church, Portage, nominated Bob Parnell to serve as First Vice President. There being no other nominations, motion carried to elect Bob Parnell by acclamation to serve as First Vice President.
15. Miscellaneous Business: None
16. An IMB video was shared featuring David Platt and Kevin Ezell.
17. Steve McNeil did a Skype interview with a missionary family serving in Siberia. This family served in Indiana before they surrendered to God's call to serve in Siberia.
18. Worship in song led by Dan Odle.
19. Message by Kevin Ezell: "Present Him Courageously." Acts 18:9-10 was his text as he shared

with us that the USA is the 4<sup>th</sup> most lost nation in the world. He challenged us to “Not be afraid,” and “Not to be quiet”, and to remember that that “He (God) is always with us.”

20. President Garton led us in adjournment prayer.

### **Tuesday Morning, October 13, 2015**

Enrollment as of 8:20 am: Messengers 194 Guests 62

21. Scripture and prayer led by Michael Lin. He read Philippians 3:12-15 and prayed in Chinese.

22. President Garton called the second session to order.

23. President Garton introduced those who would give reports from SBC Agencies:

SBC Executive Committee – Ashley Clayton

Seminaries – Dr. Adam Greenway – Southern Seminary Dean of Billy Graham School of Evangelism

LifeWay greeting from Dr. Thom Rainier. New Bible Study material.

GuideStone – Rick Wells shared greetings from Dr. O. S. Hawkins.

24. President Garton introduced Wayne Briant who is serving as our Parliamentarian. Wayne is from Florida and he spoke concerning Indiana's partnership with Florida which ends this year. Wayne read a letter from the President of the Florida Convention and gave the letter to President Garton.

25. Steve McNeil introduced New Friends in Indiana: Pastor of the Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church of Kokomo. Dr. Seagle introduced Ed Moore from Shelbyville, who has joined SCBI and has three new church plants.

26. John Rogers shared Evangelism and Prayer Report. Video testimonies were shared from Ben and Nettie Beck, directors of BCM work at Purdue, and from Tom Pollock, Metro Baptist Center leader in Indianapolis. Also a video of Disaster Relief work was shown. Dr. Seagle joined John to share that John is retiring, April 10, 2016. John has been a vital part of the staff at SCBI and will be missed very much.

27. Second election of officers: The floor was open for nominations for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Don Morris, messenger from the Vernon Baptist Church of Vernon, nominated Roger Kinion to serve a second term as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. There being no other nominations, motion to elect Roger Kinion by acclamation was carried.

The floor was open for nominations for Recording Secretary. Steve Taylor, messenger from Northeast Park Baptist Church in Evansville, nominated Sara Burk to serve a second term. There being no other nominations, motion carried to elect by acclamations.

28. Steve McNeil shared report from the Mobilization, Equipping, and Communication Team. Sarah Bohrer shared about summer MAC camp. Steve Taylor shared about Pure Girl in the absence of his wife, Kathy. Steve Blanchard shared about training for Music Leaders, as well as JAM Camp and Super JAM Camp. Allison Kinion shared about Transformed and the new look that will have next year. Also Student Fusion Camp where 407 students participated. Doug Jividen shared about Leader Labs.

29. Concert of Prayer where John Rogers asked us all to have an individual time time of prayer.

30. Worship in Song was led by Dan Odle.

31. Annual Sermon by brought by Russ Lievers using Phil. 1:8-21. Praise Him Consistently: 1. Challenge 2. Giftedness 3. Diligence. He concluded with prayer.

32. Resolution was presented by Resolutions Team Member Randy Forsythe.

WHEREAS, the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, convened in Plainfield, Indiana, on October 12-13, 2015, and,

WHEREAS, Fall Creek Baptist Church has demonstrated a Christ-like spirit and a servant's heart in receiving the messengers and guests of the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, meeting in Plainfield, Indiana, on October 12-13, 2015, express our sincere gratitude and deep appreciation to Dr. John Newland and Fall Creek Baptist Church for their gracious hospitality and service to the messengers and guests of this Convention.

Motion carried to adopt report as presented.

Dated: October 13, 2015 Rev. Bob Parnell, Chairman

Rev. Randall N. Forsythe

Rev. Dennis Starkey

Rev. Greg Lukas

Rev. Mitch Tabla

Mr. Steve McJunkins

33. Miscellaneous Business: None

34. SCBI Executive Board Report by David Cullison. The report is on page 6 of the *Book of Reports*.

A. The Executive Board recommends the adoption of the 2016 proposed budget for a total of \$4,048,824 and a Cooperative Program Budget of \$2,392,010. The budget includes sending 39.5% of the Cooperative Program receipts to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Motion carried to adopt budget.

35. Indiana Baptist Foundation. Ray Barrett, has retired. He will live in South Carolina part of the year and in Indiana the other part of year. Ray introduced Don Lyer who is retiring from Board. Ray introduced the new Director of Indiana Baptist Foundation, Jennifer Hall. Jennifer spoke about work that the Foundation helps with for our churches. *Book of Reports* page 64.

36. Jim Shields shared about the activities and work at HLBC. Report on page 92 in *Book of Reports*.

93. Indiana Women's Missions and Ministry Report by Allison Kinion. The Report is on page 82 in the *Book of Reports*. July 18 the WMU held Family Fest with 134 volunteers coming from 16 different states to help with Crossroads Association. Allison introduced Nancy Hazelwood who is serving as the WMU Director of the State Convention. Nancy encouraged us to support Missions Education in our churches. The State WMU is available to help us with Mission Education in our churches.

94. Dan Odle again led us in Worship thru Music.

95. Executive Director, Dr. Cecil Seagle shared that his Report on page 7 in the *Book of Reports*. Dr. Seagle then shared his Message to the Convention using John 12:32. Grace will always be greater than sin. He used John 20:21, Luke 10:31, and Acts 1:8 as he talked about "Lift Him Up" through our commitment. Jesus has the power and invested in us.

Dr. Seagle introduced a trio and duet from First Baptist Church, North Vernon, who shared with us through music.

96. Special Recognitions: Plaques to the following for their service.  
Jim Jenkins (2014-2015) and Chris Tincher (2012-2015) who served on the Christian Life Committee.  
Sara Burk (2012-2015) and Charles Gwaltney (2013-2015) who served on the Historical Committee.
97. New Officers were introduced: Rev. Darin Garton, President; Rev. Bob Parnell (not present), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Rev. Roger Kinion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Mrs. Sara A. Burk, Recording Secretary. Dr. Seagle led in prayer for these and for our convention and we continue to reach out to the lost in Indiana.
98. President Garton led in prayer and adjourned the meeting

Final Report as of 12:40 Tuesday, October 13, 2015:

Messengers	204
Guests	65
Churches	129
States outside Indiana	5

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Sara A. Burk,  
Recording Secretary