

60th Anniversary
State Convention of Baptist in Indiana
First Session
Monday Evening, October 8, 2018

President Bruce Reynolds introduced Rev. Ross Terry to bring scripture and prayer. Bro. Terry shared that he had been involved in the state of Indiana ministry for 50 years. He shared scripture from Jude verse 17. He stated there were three things we need to do 1) build ourselves on faith 2) pray in the Holy Ghost 3) think about eternity. He led us in prayer.

President Bruce Reynolds called the meeting to order. He introduced Wayne Briant as our parliamentarian. He shared the appointment of various committees located on page seven of the convention program.

Order of Business Committee

Bruce Reynolds, Chair
Roger Kinion
Randy Forsythe
Sandy Irick
Jim Bohrer

Tellers Committee

Don Conrades, Chair
Jeremiah Burdon
Jeff Burns
Brandon Doyle
Jonathan LaFleur

Resolutions Committee

Roger Kinion, Chair
Bill Bailey
Jack Elliot
Josh Goepfrich
Tom Kebb

Registration Committee

Alison Blankenship
Gasburg Baptist Church,
Mooresville
First Baptist Church,
Mooresville

Credentials Committee

Randy Forsythe, Chair
Mike Jamison
Steve McJunkins
Bob Parnell

Prayer Committee

Rick Hillard, Chair
Laine Elam
Michelle Hillard
Micah Lewis
Jackie McKinney

Arrangements Committee

Steve Johnson, Chair
Dave Newcomer
Dan Sager
Mike Sawyer
Nathan Watson

Nominations Committee

Jimi Staton, Chair
Ray Deeter
Chris Hortin
John Hutchenson
Jim Jenkins
Tom Keb
Linda Leas

Dave Leffler
Hre Mang
James Marlow
Chuck McMahan
Ricky Persons
Mike Sawyer
Larry Snyder

Dr. Steve McNeil our state Executive Director introduced the new pastors in our state.

At 5:45 pm, we had 135 messengers and 36 guests registered.

Dr. McNeil introduced Eric Miller from Advance America, and he spoke about voting and had voter guides to help us know how the people running stand on different positions.

We skyped with missionaries Courtney and Levi, and it was shared that they had lived in Portage, IN before becoming missionaries. They shared that they work with people who traditionally follow the Orthodox faith. They are attending language school and then go out to the community to use their language they are learning and to meet new people and also to learn their way around. They work with several underprivileged. They ask that we pray that the Lord would make His Will known to them.

Dr. Rick Hillard shared the Evangelism/Prayer and Disaster Relief report. His report can be found on pages 13-16 in the Book of Reports.

Evangelism

- He recognized the top ten churches in baptisms:
 - Graceland Baptist Church, New Albany
 - Rockpoint Church, Crawfordsville
 - New Life Community, Indianapolis
 - Harvest Bible Chapel, Indianapolis
 - Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, Kokomo
 - NorthWoods Church, Evansville
 - Oakhill Baptist Church, Evansville
 - New Day, Pendleton
 - Life Point, Indianapolis
 - Grace Baptist Church, Evansville
- Top 10 churches in giving through the Cooperative Program:
 - Graceland Baptist Church, New Albany
 - First Southern Baptist Church, Clarksville
 - Northside Baptist Church, Indianapolis
 - First Southern Baptist Church, Evansville
 - Fall Creek Baptist Church, Indianapolis
 - Calvary Baptist Church, Greenfield
 - Oakhill Baptist Church, Evansville
 - Grace Baptist Church, Evansville
 - Gasburg Baptist Church, Mooresville
 - Eastlake Baptist Church, Crown Point.
- The top two per giving per capita are First Southern Baptist Church, Clarksville and Halteman Village, Muncie.

Disaster Relief

They had traveled to Plymouth, Elkhart, Utica. He also shared that when disaster occurs and you see the yellow hats many people are happy to see them. The best way to be involved is to talk with Denny Smith or Rick Hillard.

Prayer

Laine Elam was introduced and she led us in prayer.

Clayton Knight from Fall Creek, Indianapolis led us in a time of worship. We sang “Before the Throne of God,” “I Want to See Jesus Lifted High” and “The Doxology.”

Dr. McNeil introduced Bruce Reynolds our Convention President to present the President’s Address. He shared from Philippians 3:12. In his last address as President what kind of message would he want to present?

REMEMBER-NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE IN MINISTRY, DON’T GIVE UP!

REMEMBER WHO CALLED YOU-JESUS

REMEMBER WHAT JESUS CALLED YOU TO DO...PREACH THE GOSPEL!

PRESS ON AND DO NOT GIVE UP...REMEMBER THE PRIZE!

We have a choice. God has a plan for us. Roll up the sleeves and carry on and always be faithful to the King!

Dr. Rick Hillard led us in a concert of prayer. We divided in groups and spent time in prayer.

FIRST ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Scott McDowell a messenger from City View, Avon, IN nominated Bro. Bobby Pell from NorthWoods, Evansville for President. There were no other nominations. A motion was made that he be elected and the motion carried.

Jimi Staton and Steve Johnson came to present the arrangements committee report: They recommended that the 2021 annual meeting be hosted by Highland Lakes Baptist Camp on Oct. 11-12, 2021. They recommended the 2019 Annual Sermon be presented by Rev. John Newland, from Fall Creek Baptist Church, Indianapolis and Rev. Scott Smith, be the alternate, and he is from South Side Baptist Church, South Bend. Motions carried. Their report is found on page 100 of the book or reports.

An IMB video was presented and it was shared that many of the Muslim group are hearing the gospel for the first time. We are sharing Christ with the deaf. Disciples are being made and people are coming to the Lord.

Miscellaneous Business – none

Clayton Knight and the praise time from Fall Creek led us in worship. We sang, “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” and “You Came from Heaven’s Throne.”

Bruce Reynolds introduced our State Executive Director, Dr. Steve McNeil who shared the Executive Director’s Message. He shared it was time to be reminded of who we are and on whose shoulder we stand, E. Harmon Moore, Ross Terry, C. E. Wiley, Margaret Gillaspie and hundreds and thousands who have shared Jesus through Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, men who have shared as pastors, men that have ministered in churches. On October 3, 1958 the state convention was founded and we became the 29th of 41 state conventions around our

country. We exist to exalt Jesus, yesterday, today and tomorrow. He shared what the North American Mission Board (NAMB) had decided regarding workers in our state. Mitch Whidden had gone back into the local church, Dale Eakes went to be with the Lord. Bob Weeks felt the Lord was moving him to work another area. After discussion with the North American Mission Board, they made the decision that they would not be replacing anyone and further dropped it from eight positions to three positions. He shared regarding the State Executive Board beginning preparations regarding the 2019 budget. Through much prayer and discussion it was decided best to lower the cooperative program giving to 35% rather than 40%. He shared from John 17, and we need to look at the word One. Be One! One! We are to be one! Unity! He also shared that we need to make our differences a strength not a divide. His report can be found on page ten of the book of reports

President Bruce Reynolds led in our benediction and adjourned the meeting we were invited to the Dining Hall for cookies by the State WMU.

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Second Session
Tuesday Morning, October 9, 2018

President Bruce Reynolds introduced Bro. Glen Flowers pastor of Cypress Baptist Church, Boonville who shared memories of having served previously in the state convention. He shared scripture and led us in prayer.

As of 8:20 am, we had 152 messengers and 51 guests.

Bro. Reynolds called the meeting to order.

SBC Agency Reports were shared.

- **LifeWay** shared that there had been many changes in their area. They had moved to another location in Nashville. He shared that LifeWay Global was a force to share the word with Mexico and throughout. They go beyond the borders of the United States. LifeWay also provides digital content for small groups. They are committed to helping churches. They presented a Bible to Bruce Reynolds for his service as President of the convention.
- Ashley Clayton shared from the **Executive Committee**. He shared that Indiana Baptist have given 88 million dollars to the Cooperative Program. There are five entities looking for CEO's, and the Executive Committee is one of those seeking a new leader. He shared that this is a crucial time for Southern Baptist.

Clayton Knight from Fall Creek led us in worship. We sang, "He's Coming on the Clouds" and "Name Above All Names."

John Horn, Team Leader, Church Planting SCBI shared the church planting and NAMB. He shared and introduced Doug Jividen who is the catalyst for the northern region of the state, and John Horn will serve the southern region of the state, and Jesus Pacheco is serving for the Hispanic areas. He shared that the assessment process through the NAMB Send Network would be sent to Columbus (OH), Chicago, Detroit or Kansas City. Planters that received approvals in these assessments would become eligible for church planting strategy funding, but the amounts would be determined by NAMB's new Funding Grid. In addition, approved planters would be required to complete NAMB's Send Network Training in Indiana and two years of NAMB's coaching in Indiana. They were able to catalyze 11 new Indiana plants. They are committed to have stronger churches with stronger leadership. Planting teams sent out by their churches can participate in the church planting pipeline to develop future planters.

- Bob Burton shared the NAMB report. He stated that the Send Network has a new leader, and Johnny Hunt will be leading evangelism effective January 1, 2019. They want our churches to be passionate about sharing the gospel and to be planting churches.

SECOND ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Tom Baker from Mishawaka nominated Josh Goepfrich to serve as our 2nd Vice President. Motion was made that nominations cease and he be elected and the motion carried. Tom Savage from West Terre Haute nominated Sara Burk to be our recording secretary. Motion was made that nominations cease and she be elected and the motion carried.

Bob Weeks, Allison Kinion and Sarah Bohrer shared the Church/Leader Development report. Their written report starts on page 81 of the book of reports. Sarah shared about Children's Ministry and worship. She shared about events that help in developing this ministry. She also shared that camps make a difference in the children's and adult's lives. Allison Kinion shared regarding camps and discussed how camps have impacted many through friendships and other areas. Allison also shared about Women's Ministry. She shared about Transformed, and that it again will be in two different areas of the state in 2019.

Rick Hillard introduced Tom Savage, pastor of Sugar Creek in West Terre Haute, and he is serving as the southwest corner prayer coordinator. Bro. Savage led us into an intercession time of prayer.

Clayton Knight led us in a time of worship and we sang "In Christ Alone" and "I Stand Amazed in the Presence."

Bruce Reynolds introduced Alan Scott, pastor of Oak Hill Church in Evansville, who brought the Annual Sermon. He used the scripture II Corinthians 4:5-18. He shared that he had served for 52 years in Baptist churches in Indiana. He stated that we need to unite our hearts. We must die to pride and insecurities and fears. We must focus on the gospel and focus our ministry on sacrifice. Keep serving Him!

Joshua Goepfrich brought the Resolution Committee report:

RESOLUTION 1.

Appreciation for Host

WHEREAS, the 60th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptist in Indiana convened in Martinsville, Indiana on October 8-9, 2018, and,

WHEREAS, Highland Lakes Baptist Camp has demonstrated a Christ-like spirit and a servant's heart in receiving the messengers and guests of the 60th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptist in Indiana.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the 60th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, meeting in Martinsville, Indiana, on October 8-9, 2018, express our sincere gratitude and deep appreciation to Highland Lakes Baptist Camp for their gracious hospitality and service to the messengers and guests of this Convention.

RESOLUTION 2.

Appreciation for Help in Formation of the Convention

WHEREAS, the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana was born October 3, 1958 at the First Southern Baptist Church, Indianapolis, and

WHEREAS, ministry through the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana has only been possible with the cooperation of individuals, churches, associations, state conventions, and our SBC national partners,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the 60th Anniversary of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, meeting in Indianapolis on October 8-9, 2018, express our sincere gratitude to all who have partnered with the State Convention of Baptist in Indiana to make 60 years of ministry possible.

October 9, 2018-Resolution Committee,
Rev. Roger Kinion, 1st Vice-President, Chairman
Dr. Bill Bailey
Rev. Josh Goepfrich
Rev. Thomas Keb
Rev. Jack Elliott

- Motion was made and seconded to vote on the two items together, and the motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business – none

Greg Byman brought the Executive Board report, which is on page eight of the Book of Reports. He shared that we would be voting on the budget, which included our Cooperative Program funds and that was found on page 101 of the Book of Reports. After discussion from various messengers, the motion carried to approve the budget for 2019 as presented.

Jennifer Hall brought the Baptist Foundation of Indiana report. She shared that with the Baptist investment Fund, a pastor can start with \$250 and it will generate 1-1.5% through the end of the year. They want to offer more loans. They also offer workshops on estate planning. A

promotional video was shown. The Baptist Foundation report is on page 68 of the Book of Reports.

Jim Shields presented the report from Highland Lakes Baptist Camp which is on pages 93-97 in the Book of Reports.

The WMU report was presented by Allison Kinion. Their report is located on page 85 of the Book of Reports. We watched a video, and Allison shared that their theme is 'Unshakeable' from I Corinthians 15:58. WMU is committed to teach boys, girls, men and women about missions. It is crucial to have missions' involvement in our churches. She mentioned that Missions Lifeline will be held on August 11, 2019 at Calvary Baptist Church, Greenwood.

Clayton Knight and the praise team led us in singing "This Is Amazing Grace" and "Your Presence is All I Need."

A pastor panel of Reginald Fletcher and Mike Cramer was facilitated by Dr. McNeil. Reginald is from Living Word Church, Indianapolis and Mike Cramer is from New Life, Osceola. It was shared that we need to stop defending the Bible and allow the Bible to defend us. We need to emphasize what we have to reach people. Trust in the Word of God and expound on the love of God.

Rick Hillard led us in a time of prayer.

Dr. Steve McNeil introduced the new officers: Bobby Pell, Randy Forsythe, Josh Goepfrich and Sara Burk. He led in prayer for them. He then recognized the outgoing officers: Bruce Reynolds, Roger Kinion and Sandy Irick. Bobby Pell led in prayer.

The final count was 160 messengers, 53 guests representing 80 churches with six from outside the state of Indiana.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Irick
Recording Secretary