

State Convention of Baptists In Ohio

66th Annual Celebration

November 4-5, 2019

Rolling Hills Baptist Church
Fairfield, Ohio

President Ryan Strother, Presiding

1. The meeting was opened with the tap of the gavel by Ryan Strother and the singing of "All Hail the Power" led by Roy Cotton.
2. Danny Rollins, pastor of Rolling Hills gave a welcome.
3. The 66th Annual Meeting was called to order by Ryan Strother.
4. Committee appointments were made by Ryan Strother as follows:
 - Program – Nannette Clark, Chair, Jean DiFilippo, Steve Hubbard, Danny Rollins, Ryan Strother, Reginald Hayes
 - Resolutions – Anthony Harris, Chair, Emily Perkins, Matt Pardi, Jason Walters
 - Credentials – Dave Warton, Chair, John McIntyre, Bob Singleton Sr.
 - Parliamentarians – Dave Hill, Chair, Christopher Rhodes,
 - Tellers – Steve Renfrow, Chair, Richard Abner, Thaddeus Griggs, Paul Gooding
5. Dave Warton gave instructions about Credentials.
6. Seating of Messengers – Faye Rodgers made a motion that the messengers who have registered and those who will register be seated in this 66th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio according to the Constitution and Bylaws of this Convention. Motion carried.
7. Resolutions Committee – Tony Harris If anyone has a resolution to submit, it must be submitted before the end of the PM session.
8. Program Committee – Nanette Clark moves that the program must be approved as printed and any changes that need to be made be allowed. Motion approved.
9. Recognitions – Dr. Kwok recognized new pastors and staff members. He also recognized the recent retirees – Steve Stiglich, Bill Wellman and Linnett Snodgrass.
10. Mission Ohio Executive Director's address. – The Annual Celebration presents a wonderful occasion to celebrate God's blessings and to commit to God's command to take the Gospel to Ohio and beyond. All of the events that Ohio Baptists have participated in this year support and assist churches and associations affiliated with the SCBO to obey the Great Commission. The Southern Baptists Cooperative Program supports

these ministries from Ohio to the ends of the earth.

11. March for Jesus – Gary Frost. Gary is the Associational Missionary for Steel Valley and is the National Leader for March for Jesus. The March for Jesus is scheduled for May 30. This is a prayer initiative.
12. Mission Council this morning engaged with NAMB in the hiring of Kirk Kirkland as an African American Church Strategist.
13. Credentials – Dave Warton reported that there are 177 messengers registered.
14. Election of Officers – Reggie Hayes. Mike Wilson nominated Ryan Strother for a second term as President. There being no further nominations there was a motion and a second to elect Ryan by acclamation. Motion carried.
15. Resolutions – Tony Harris. Motion to adopt Resolutions 1-3 shown on pages 23-25 motion to adopt #4 shown on page 24. Motions carried.
16. Mission Council Actions – Faye Rodgers – The Mission Council has been busy doing the business of The Convention. There have been 21 scholarships awarded. Approval from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for approval to repair the Stowe Lake Dam. The start date is October 28 from Zemba Bros. Approval was given to buy defibrillators for Seneca Lake and the Baptist Building with \$5000 from Reserves. Recommend SCBO churches consider participating in the March for Jesus May 30. A clear audit was received from BMH, CPA Group which indicated that the activities for the period December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018 are in conformity with generally accepted accounting practices. Dr. Kwok alluded to the position that Kirk Kirkland was hired as Africa American Church Planter Strategist in conjunction with NAMB. A video of Mr. Kirkland was shown.
17. 2019-2020 Budget Presentation – Mark Wilson is the Finance Chair. Dr. Kwok spoke to the Proposed Budget. He spoke about the difference between the 2019 and 2020 budget. A difference of \$39,999. The 50/50 split was adopted in years past, with 50% going to the Cooperative Program and 50% to Mission Ohio. Mark Wilson moved the approval of this budget. Motion carried.
18. Dr. Kwok recognized Bill Wellman who retired from Scioto Valley and presented him with a commemorative globe. There were 14 church plants. Churches are being encouraged to adopt a zip code to pray for churches to be planted where there currently are none.
19. Bible Teaching/Leadership see pages 10-13. Steve Hopkins and Dwayne Lee. First Baptist Church, Kettering has a new church plant – New Hope at Eastmont. Prayer is the key to all things.
20. Evangelism – Jack Helton see pages 13 & 14 He showed a video. Thank you to my team.

21. Mission Support & Mobilization – Duane Floro – Randy Chestnut reported on the tornados that hit Dayton May 27, 2019. The tornados were EF 4. Only 2 people died as a result of the tornados.
22. WMU –Jean DeFilippo told about her travels across the state. We are here to serve you. The Joan White Scholarship fund allowed 8 women to go on a foreign mission trip. A video of Sandy Martin was shown.
23. Seneca Lake – Scott Seder. He reported that it took 2 years for ODNR to approve the repair of the lake.
24. Election of officers - Todd Smeltzer nominated Reginald Hayes for 1st Vice President. There being no further nominations there was a motion and second to cease nominations and elect by acclamation. Motion carried. Steve Long nominated Jeff Woolum for 2nd Vice President. There being no further nominations there was a motion and second to cease nominations and elect by acclamation. Motion carried.
25. Roy Cotton led in worship music.
26. Annual sermon – Stephen Owens, pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. He used Acts 11:20-22 as his text. Treasures of life are in the deep. We all desire to be risky. We must be risky for Jesus. The Word of God needs to be on our lips at all times. It is comfortable to talk to people who are like us. We must take a risk on people who are leaders. Let us be risky.
27. On our knees invitation.
28. Prayer – Steve Renfrow led in prayer to adjourn.
29. Roy Cotton led in congregational worship.
30. Ryan Strother called the meeting to order with the tap of the gavel.
31. Cathy Pound led in prayer.
32. NAMB – Oliver Hawkins. A video was shown from Kevin Ezell. Cincinnati is all about the Gospel. There are 62,000,000 African Americans in that area and more church plants are needed. Send Relief is a compassion ministry. *Who's Your 1?* emphasizes evangelism.
33. IMB – Michael Harrington says that every church has a vital role to send people overseas. God is moving among the French people.
34. Worship Music led by choir
35. Message – Dr. Adam Greenway, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He used Acts 1:1-11 as his text. We are living in some interesting times. Ohio needs a fresh vision. Our hope is not in politics. The only answer is the Word of God. There is an epidemic in our world but there is hope in Jesus.
36. On our knees invitation.

37. Roy Cotton led in congregational music.
38. Ryan Strother called the meeting to order.
39. Election of Recording Secretary – David Warton nominated Faye Rodgers. There being no further nominations there was a motion and second for nominations to cease and be elected by acclamation.
40. Election of Assistant Recording Secretary. Cliff Hartley nominated Annette Dessecker. There being no further nominations there was a motion for nominations to cease and she be elected by acclamation, Motion carried.
41. Election of Historian – Andrew Hancock nominated Dr. Kwok to serve as Historian. There being no further nominations there was a motion and second that nominations cease and that he be elected by acclamation. Motion carried.
42. Nominating Committee - Larry Groves referred to page 35 for a list of names to serve on the 2020 Mission Council. There was a motion to elect. Motion carried.
43. Time, Place, & Preacher – Nannett Clark – Information is on page 36. Time – November 16 & 17, Place – Dublin Baptist Church, Preacher – Kirk Kirkland. There was a motion and second to adopt. Motion carried.
44. Resolutions – they are complete
45. Other Items – none
46. National Entities Report –
 - ERLC – Mike Wilson brought greetings from Dr. Russell Moore. Dr. Moore works with officials in Washington DC
 - Guidestone – Kyle Wheeler- It has been an exciting year. There have been challenges in keeping costs low. A video of O S Hawkins was shown
 - LifeWay- Ben Mandrell – Lifeway exists to serve other churches. They are looking for other Ways to get product to you. VBS is going global.
 - Seminaries – Dr. Adam Greenway – there are 6 seminaries with 22,000 enrolled in the 6 seminaries
47. There are 216 messengers registered.
48. Darty and Dot Stowe Award – Steve Hopkins – The award goes to Keith Risner this year.
49. Ohio Baptist Foundation – Jack Helton named the people on his committee. Presented OSU football tickets. The Ohio Baptist Foundation is celebrating 50 years of ministry.
50. Jeff Woolum introduced Ryan Strother as he does the President's address. He used Philippians 1:3 as his text. Cooperation is vital. 64% of the population is unchurched in Ohio. Mission Council voted to approve the Denominee process and the funds to get started in January. This process will be go through by the Future Team. The theme he has set is Reach Ohio With Prayer. He passed out Prayer

and Fasting cards for the 1st Friday of every month.

51. Installation of officers by Dr. Kwok.

52. Roy Cotton led in music.

53. Ronnie Floyd, President of SBC Executive Committee. There are 86 members on the Executive Committee. He recognized Mark Stinson who is on the Committee and is from Ohio. They do all the things they can to promote the Cooperative Program. Go tell your churches that great things are happening because of the Cooperative Program. Clarity is the essence of great leadership by Marcus Buckingham. You must be clear about what you want them to do. Clarity creates confidence. If you do nothing else as a leader, be clear. Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:46-49, John 20: 21, Acts 1:8..Be clear about the crisis of lostness. Be clear about what the Bible says about the Great Commission. Rev 16:15. Be clear about how your Church can fulfill the Great Commission. There are 3 steps to fulfill the Great Commission:

- Personalize the Great Commission
- Communicate your strategy
- Prioritize, elevate & accelerate your giving through the Cooperative Program of the SBC

The greatest thing you can do is lead your people to pray.

Psalm 2:8 Be faithful wherever you are. He led in prayer.

54. On our knees invitation.

55. Ryan closed the meeting with the tap of the gavel. Mark Snowden led in the closing prayer.

Faye Rodgers, Recording Secretary