

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
Franklin Baptist Association
130th Annual Session
October 25, 2020

The Resolutions Committee recommends the Messengers adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION 1
On Appreciation to Host Church

WHEREAS, Union First Baptist Church has worked diligently in preparation and in hosting this 130th annual session of the Franklin Baptist Association, and we have been blessed with a time of fellowship, encouragement, worship, and inspiration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers of the 130th annual session of the Franklin Baptist Association, express our sincere appreciation to Pastor, Greg Cross , the staff and members of the Union First Baptist Church for their gracious hospitality, help, and use of their facilities.

RESOLUTION 2
On Leadership

WHEREAS, We recognize the diligent work of the Franklin Baptist Association personnel, program directors, and committees for their leadership and planning throughout this year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the 130th annual session of the Franklin Baptist Association express our appreciation to all of those who through such efforts this year have honored the Lord Jesus Christ; and, be it further

RESOLVED that we express our deepest gratitude to James E. Plymale, Director of Missions, and his wife, Jill, to Sherry Clark, Secretary and Ministry Assistant, and to Brad and Sandy

Crider, Camp Caretakers, for their unwavering dedication and service as they have led by example and ministered to the churches of Franklin Baptist Association during the past year, with prayers for the Lord's richest blessings upon their life and ministry.

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RESOLUTION 3
Stand Confident

WHEREAS, we know that Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world,

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that when God is for us, no one can stand against us, and we know that God is for us in Christ; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the messengers to the 2020 annual meeting of the Franklin Baptist Association, stand unwavering in the face of these uncertain and tumultuous times; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that we would be strong in the Lord, and the Power of His Might. That all doubts and questions would be washed away by a great wave of faith in the Lord of Host.

RESOLUTION 4

That the Church would Awake to its Responsibilities

WHEREAS, we know that our United States society is living as sheep without a shepherd; and

WHEREAS, we know that the people standing in darkness and separation from God desperately need to see the Great Light of Christ; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that living up to our responsibility demands determination, work, sacrifice, and commitment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the 130th annual meeting of the Franklin Baptist Association, do urgently embrace the call of the Lord Jesus laid upon the church at its foundation to be the salt and the light to the world and to lay down their own lives for others; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that we will fight against the desire to seek our own comfort and pleasure and will strive to meet the life and death needs of the lost around us. With broken hearts we will storm the gates of hell that hold them fast and with the name of Jesus Christ set them free.

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RESOLUTION 5
Return to the Fear of the Lord

WHEREAS, we know that if God be for us no one can stand against us; and

WHEREAS, as our salvation is secure in Christ and our relationship must be worked out in fear and trembling; and

WHEREAS, God declares Himself to be a jealous God and clearly states to us that the Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; now, therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, that we the Messengers to the 130th annual session of the Franklin Baptist Association would return to our First Love with highest respect and the fear of the Lord; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that we would pray for the understanding and experience of the Fear of the Lord as the patriarchs knew it. Who, when meeting with The Great and Terrible Creator God, would fall on their faces in the fear of His pure holiness, with the confession “Woe is me for I am undone, I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips. For my eye have seen the King the Lord of Host”.

RESOLUTION 6
On Civic Duty

WHEREAS, we all desire that our society would show greater Christ-like character traits; and

WHEREAS, many opportunities of service and influence go unanswered and open positions remain available in our communities, schools, and government; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that as the Messengers to the 130th annual session of the Franklin Baptist Association, we plead with all Christians to diligently hear the cry of need and become active in fulfilling their civic duties by accepting and working in all levels of civic service and leadership; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that we encourage our churches to regularly teach and preach biblical truths on moral issues and urge all their members to register and vote according to these truths, beliefs, convictions, and values; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we devote ourselves to join together in earnest prayer, beseeching God to bring spiritual, moral, ethical, and cultural renewal to our nation.

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RESOLUTION 7

On the Importance of Law Enforcement

WHEREAS, the Bible says that officers of law enforcement are agents of God for the administration of peace, law and order; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that the Lord God has called us to obey the laws of the land and honor those in authority over us; and

WHEREAS, we will not obey or honor without respect; and

WHEREAS, there has recently been repeated occurrences where law enforcement has been the targets of insults, disrespect and verbal and physical attacks, and repeatedly disobeyed; and

WHEREAS, just, swift and effective law enforcement is vital to a peaceful and safe society; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of law officers are just, fair and conscientious in carrying out their duties regardless of the social status and history of those with whom they deal; and

WHEREAS, there are efforts to restrict the funding, presence and role of law enforcement officers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we as Gods people, will set a standard in and for our society to honor and respect the people in authority over us. That we will teach, at every opportunity, to the generations around us, that it is God's will for all men to obey the laws that are established and respect and honor those that enforce those laws; and, be it

RESOLVED, that we will live our lives in peace as called on in God's Holy word. That we will love our neighbor as ourselves and not consider ourselves higher than others; and, be it

RESOLVED, that the Messengers of the 130th FBA Annual Meeting affirm the value and the critically important role of law enforcement to the peace and prosperity of our communities and nation; and, be it

RESOLVED, that we support funding, proper equipping and appropriate use of law enforcement officers; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that we encourage men and women to consider careers in law enforcement; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, that we pray for, and encourage all citizens to pray for, the safety and well-being of all law enforcement personnel.