

2019 WFBC Annual Meeting Resolutions

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATIONS

To Our Host Church:

WHEREAS, Calvary Baptist Church of Watertown has graciously accommodated the 69th annual meeting of the Wisconsin fellowship of Baptist Churches,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the messengers express our gratitude to staff and the people of Calvary Baptist Church who labored to minister to our assembly.

To Our Speaker,

WHEREAS, Dr. Bud Steadman has willingly taken time to labor in the Word and prayer for this assembly,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we express our gratitude to Dr. Steadman for faithfully informing and exhorting our obedience to the Lord at our assembly.

To Our State Mission Director

WHEREAS, Dr. Wayne Vawter has diligently served our fellowship this year by working to fulfill our vision for evangelism, church planting, and the encouragement of its churches; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carole Vawter has diligently served our fellowship and blessed her husband, our ladies, and our churches,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we acknowledge the faithful service of the Vawters and express our gratitude for their labor and effective ministry across Wisconsin.

DOCTRINAL AND SOCIETAL RESOLUTIONS

Missions

WHEREAS, every Christian has been commissioned by the head of the church, Jesus Christ, to make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20), preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15), and testify about Jesus to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8),

BE IT RESOLVED, that we individually accept Jesus' Great Commission as our mission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this mission will dominate the life of our churches until Christ returns, recognizing that we cannot abandon our commitment to sacrificial, global disciple-making without abandoning our identity as a church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we will strive together with like-minded disciples (Phil 1:27) to make disciples locally, regionally, and internationally (Acts 1:8) for the glory of God.

Religious Liberty

WHEREAS, the tone of popular media and the proposals of legislation pushing LGBTQ rights and pro-abortion agendas grow stronger day by day; and

WHEREAS, Bible teachings regarding gender (Gen. 1:27, 5:2), marriage (Mat. 19:4-5, Mark 10:6-9), homosexuality (Lev 18:22), the sanctity of human life (Gen. 9:6, Ex. 20:13), and the personhood of the unborn (Isa. 44:24, Jer. 1:5, Luke 1:41-44) are integral, inflexible parts of the Christian faith; and

WHEREAS, this worldly surge has begun jeopardizing the freedom of religion for Christians and the freedom of speech for Christians to speak of their reliefs regarding these issues,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we will not conform to the world's way of thinking; but, as representatives of our Lord, will faithfully, compassionately proclaim with boldness the Biblical truth about gender, sexual purity, and the sanctity of human life (Acts 20:26-28, Rom. 12:1-2, Eph. 4:15) regardless of legal threats or societal pressure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage the pastors of the WFBC to systematically equip the people of God so that they will regularly uphold their elected officials in prayer and reach out to their government representatives in a respectful manner to lovingly express their Biblical positions and to voice alarm about the infringement of our religious freedoms.

Critical Race Theory

WHEREAS, Critical Race Theory and intersectionality are making inroads into professing Biblical, theological institutions under the guise of a loving, Christian understanding of social injustice; and

WHEREAS, Critical Race Theory is rooted in an atheistic worldview and contradicts the Christian doctrines of the absolute truth, Biblical authority, Divine institution of government, gender and family roles, and Biblical ethics,

BE IT RESOLVED that we reject Critical Race Theory because it theologically opposes Biblical Christianity and call on professing Biblicalists to do the same.

BE IT RESOLVED that we affirm God's call to be submissive to human government and authority, unless they command disobedience to God (Acts 5:29), because God has ordained human authority at its varied levels (Rom 13:1-2; 1 Pet 2:18, Eph 6:1).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we affirm that the fundamental problem of mankind is sin (Rom 5:12, Rom 1:18) and that God loves the entire, singular (Act 17:26, Joh 3:16) human race without partiality (Acts 10:34-35) by offering redemption from sin through faith in Christ to all (Tit 2:11); and that He unites the faithful from that race by His blood as one in Christ from every kindred, tongue, people, and nation regardless of gender or social status. (Rev 5:9, Gal 3:28)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we will fulfill our God given calling to love our neighbor by affirming the Biblical roles for family, gender, and society with an emphasis on servant leadership (Matt 23:11, Eph 5:22-6:9); by preaching the gospel without partiality to all people (Mar 16:15); by proclaiming God's standard of honesty, justice, and personal responsibility (Ez 18:4); and by showing compassion in Jesus name to suffering mankind as we minister and live God's Truth (Jam 2:1, Matt 25:40).

Declining Birth Rates

WHEREAS, the crude birth rates in Wisconsin have reached an all-time recorded low; and

WHEREAS, we believe this decline indicates a devaluation of children and family values in society and the church,

BE IT RESOLVED that we affirm our commitment to preach the command of God to be fruitful and multiply (Gen 1:22). And that obedience in faith to this command bestows God's blessing to a marriage through the birth and rearing of children. (Psalm 127:3-5)

Presented by: Ray Anderson, Matt DeCleene, David Neal, and Rob Stroup.