

The 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma  
Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma  
November 15-16, 2010

Emerson Falls, President  
Blake Gideon, First Vice President  
Michael Williamson, Second Vice President

Monday Evening, November 15, 2010

1. A pre-session video, "OBU Eye Force," was shown.
2. The Oklahoma Baptist University Chorale, directed by Brent Ballweg, professor of music/director of choral activities, Oklahoma Baptist University, presented pre-session music.
3. Mission ministries supported by gifts through the Cooperative Program were featured in a brief video.
4. President Emerson Falls called the 2010 meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.
5. OBU President David Whitlock welcomed messengers and visitors to the campus.
6. Ron Fannin, BGCO senior associate executive director, recognized LifeWay Christian Resources trustee Rick Geist, who presented a Holman Christian Standard Bible to President Falls. Other acknowledged guests represented Glorieta Conference Center; the North American Mission Board; the International Mission Board; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; and GuideStone Financial Resources, SBC.
7. President Falls announced the appointment of the annual session committees:
  - Credentials Committee—C. Wayne Childers, chairman, Minco, First; Jim Burkett, Tulsa, Southwood; Winston Curtis, Hammon, First; Scott Palmer, Tulsa, Olivet; Leon Shade, Apache, First; Steve Spangler, Maysville, First; Jason Yarbrough, Holdenville, First
  - Resolutions Committee—Paul Beam, chairman, Sulphur, Calvary; Charles Echols, Cyril, First; Darrell Edwards, Durant, Western Meadows; Mark E. Hall, Chouteau, First; Bill Ledbetter, Durant, Fairview; William Noel, Oklahoma City, Grace and Glory; J. Keith Rogers, Kingston, Texoma Southern; Forest L. Weast, Seminole, Twin Oak
  - Tellers Committee—Ralph Hamblin, chairman, Oklahoma City, Glorieta; C. R. Falls, Oklahoma City, Glorieta (in place of David Bracher, Wynnewood, First); Stephen Clark, Cheyenne, First; Rex Clayton, Tishomingo, Calvary; Christine Fleming, Moore, First Indian; Ryan Goodrich, Vinita, Trinity; Matt Pollock, Seminole, First; Kevin Russell, Mannsville, FirstTyson Wynn, member of Welch Church, served as parliamentarian.
8. Credentials Committee Chairman C. Wayne Childers made the following motion: "The Credentials Committee moves that the 565 messengers that have registered to date as duly elected messengers from the churches, under the terms set forth in Article II of the Constitution of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, and such other messengers who shall register during the convention, that these constitute the 2010 meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma on this 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2010."
  - The motion carried.

9. Kurt Jackson, pastor of Tulakes Church, Bethany, and chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, moved the adoption of the following motions: “The Committee on Order of Business moves that the printed program for the 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma be distributed among the messengers and others in attendance, and that it serve as a guideline for the meeting. The President’s Address, Executive Director-Treasurer’s Address, and the Annual Sermon shall be fixed items. Also, that the 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma be held November 14–15, 2011, at First Baptist Church in Moore.”

Both motions carried, and the adopted program follows:

**Theme: Empowered to Act**

*After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.*

Acts 4:31 (NIV)

**MONDAY EVENING**

Emerson Falls, Presiding

6:30	Pre-Session Music .....	OBU University Chorale Brent Ballweg, Director
6:45	Call to Order .....	Emerson Falls
	Greetings from OBU President .....	David Whitlock
	Business Session	
	Recognition of Special Guests .....	Ron Fannin
	Appointment of Committees .....	Emerson Falls
	Report of Credentials Committee.....	C. Wayne Childers
	Report of Committee on Order of Business .....	Kurt Jackson
7:00	Scripture .....	Kallie Engle
	Prayer.....	Devin Warfield
	Worship in Song.....	Lee Hinson with David’s Creed
7:15	President’s Address .....	Emerson Falls
7:45	Congregational Worship.....	David’s Creed Casey Gerber, Director
7:55	GO Students .....	Norman Flowers
8:00	Oklahoma Baptist University .....	David Whitlock
8:20	Worship in Song.....	Lee Hinson with David’s Creed
8:30	Message .....	Ed Stetzer
	Closing Prayer .....	Josiah Custar

**TUESDAY MORNING**

Michael Williamson, Presiding

Accompanists: Jason Henson and Bart Morrison

9:15	Call to Order	
	Worship .....	Ken Gabrielse
	Scripture .....	Laura Wesevich
	Prayer.....	Blake Compton
9:30	Church Planting.....	Bo Holland
9:35	Arms Around the World.....	Sam Porter

9:45	Business Session.....	Emerson Falls
	Report of Nominating Committee.....	Shane Hall
	Election of Officers	
10:10	Worship in Song.....	Ken Gabrielse
10:15	Baptist Village Communities.....	Bill Pierce
10:25	Conference Centers and Camps.....	James Swain, Andy Harrison, and Mark Jones
10:35	Business Session.....	Emerson Falls
	Report of Board of Directors.....	Anthony Jordan
	Report of Mission Advance Team.....	Hance Dilbeck
	Budget Presentation.....	Hance Dilbeck
	Election of Officers	
11:10	Worship in Song.....	Ken Gabrielse
11:25	Executive Director-Treasurer's Address.....	Anthony Jordan
	Closing Prayer.....	James Gonzales

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Blake Gideon, Presiding

1:45	Call to Order	
	Congregational Worship.....	Lee Hinson Sarah Stephens, Soloist
	Scripture.....	Taylor Phillips
	Prayer.....	Clay Phillips
2:00	Church History Award and Distinguished Service Awards.....	Eli Sheldon
2:05	The Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma.....	Robert Kellogg
2:15	MY316 Evangelism.....	Randall Adams and Tim Gentry
2:25	Reaching into the Hard Places.....	Paul Bettis
2:30	Business Session.....	Emerson Falls
	Election of Officers	
	Report of Resolutions Committee.....	Paul Beam
	Miscellaneous Business	
3:00	Congregational Worship.....	Ken Gabrielse
3:05	Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children.....	Tony Kennedy
3:15	Worship Ministry in Oklahoma.....	Ken Gabrielse
3:20	Winning and Discipling Children and Youth.....	Mark Jones and Andy Harrison
3:30	Communication Convergence.....	Doug Baker
3:35	Worship in Song.....	Casey Flynt
3:45	Annual Sermon.....	Doug Melton
	Alternate.....	Blake Gideon
	Recognition of Outgoing Officers.....	Anthony Jordan
	Presentation of Newly Elected Officers.....	Anthony Jordan
	Motion by Recording Secretary.....	Pat Wagstaff
	Closing Prayer.....	Mark McClellan

## TUESDAY EVENING

6:30	Pre-Session Music.....	Oklahoma Baptist Symphony Ken Gabrielse, Director
7:00	International Mission Board Commissioning Service.....	Clyde Meador
	Closing Prayer.....	BGCO New President
	Adjourn	

## PROGRAM PERSONNEL

Adams, Randall—team leader, Church Outreach Team, BGCO  
Baker, Doug—team leader, Communications Team; executive editor, *Baptist Messenger*, BGCO  
Ballweg, Brent—professor of music/director of choral activities, Oklahoma Baptist University  
Beam, Paul—pastor, Sulphur, Calvary; chairman, Resolutions Committee, BGCO  
Bettis, Paul—specialist, Chaplaincy, Church Outreach Team, BGCO  
Childers, C. Wayne—member, Oklahoma City, South Lindsay; chairman, Credentials Committee, BGCO  
Compton, Blake—student, Oklahoma Baptist University; member, Harrah, Faith  
Custar, Josiah—student, Oklahoma Baptist University; member, Sharon  
Dilbeck, Hance—pastor, Oklahoma City, Quail Springs; chairman, Finance Committee, BGCO; chairman, Mission Advance Team  
Engle, Kallie—student, Oklahoma Baptist University; member, Durant, Victory Life  
Falls, Emerson—pastor, Oklahoma City, Glorieta; president, BGCO  
Fannin, Ron—senior associate executive director, BGCO  
Flowers, Norman—specialist, Student Evangelism, Church Outreach Team, BGCO  
Flynt, Casey—senior student, Church Music, Oklahoma Baptist University  
Gabrielse, Ken—specialist, Worship & Music Ministries, Church & Family Equipping Team, BGCO  
Gentry, Tim—group leader, Evangelism, Church Outreach Team, BGCO  
Gerber, Casey—assistant professor, Music Education, Oklahoma Baptist University  
Gideon, Blake—pastor, Inola, First; first vice president, BGCO  
Gonzales, James—student, Oklahoma Baptist University; member, Katy, Texas, Parkway Fellowship  
Hall, Shane—pastor, Lawton, First; chairman, Nominating Committee  
Harrison, Andy—specialist, Student Ministry and Education, Church & Family Equipping Team, BGCO  
Henson, Jason—minister of music, Shawnee, Immanuel  
Hinson, Lee—associate professor and coordinator, Church Music Department, Oklahoma Baptist University  
Holland, Bo—specialist, Church Planting, Church Outreach Team, BGCO  
Jackson, Kurt—pastor, Bethany, Tulakes; chairman, Committee on Order of Business, BGCO  
Jones, Mark—specialist, Childhood Ministries, Church & Family Equipping Team, BGCO  
Jordan, Anthony—executive director-treasurer, BGCO  
Kellogg, Robert—president, The Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma, BGCO  
Kennedy, Tony—president, Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children, BGCO  
McClellan, Mark—dean, Joe L. Ingram School of Christian Service; professor, Theology and Missions, OBU  
Meador, Clyde—interim president and executive vice president, International Mission Board  
Melton, Doug—pastor, Oklahoma City, Southern Hills  
Morrison, Bart—minister of music, Ada, First  
Phillips, Clay—student, Oklahoma Baptist University; member, Heavener, Big Creek  
Phillips, Taylor—student, Oklahoma Baptist University  
Pierce, Bill—president, Baptist Village Communities, BGCO  
Porter, Sam—specialist, Partnership & Volunteer Missions, Church Outreach Team, BGCO  
Sheldon, Eli—historical secretary, BGCO  
Stetzer, Ed—president/missiologist in residence, LifeWay Research  
Stephens, Sarah—sophomore student, Vocal Performance, Oklahoma Baptist University  
Swain, James—director, Conference Centers Group, Church & Family Equipping Team, BGCO  
Wagstaff, Pat—member, Maysville, First; recording secretary, BGCO

Warfield, Devin—student, Oklahoma Baptist University; member, Enid, Emmanuel  
Wesevich, Laura—student, Oklahoma Baptist University  
Whitlock, David—president, Oklahoma Baptist University, BGCO  
Williamson, Michael—pastor, Lawton, New Covenant; second vice president, BGCO

### **Acknowledgments**

Tyson Wynn—member, Welch; parliamentarian  
Ralph Hamblin—member, Oklahoma City, Glorieta; chairman, Tellers Committee, BGCO

10. Kallie Engle, OBU student and member of Durant, Victory Life, read Scripture from II Corinthians 5:17-20.
11. Devin Warfield, OBU student and member of Enid, Emmanuel, led in prayer.
12. OBU musical ensemble David's Creed led worship in song under the direction of Casey Gerber, assistant professor of Music Education.
13. Emerson Falls delivered the President's Address based on Acts 4:23-31. He stated that contrary to the danger to the early church from external forces, today's churches are being sabotaged by internal threats. Falls stressed the urgency of spending much time in corporate prayer and reminded messengers of God's supernatural response to the bold prayers of the New Testament Christians.
14. David's Creed led congregational worship.
15. A video highlighting GO Student mission endeavors in London, England, and Cardiff, Wales, was presented.
16. BGCO Student Evangelism Specialist Norman Flowers interviewed Leslie Crane regarding her GO Student mission experiences and subsequent witnessing opportunities. Flowers stated that 156 students from 137 churches had participated in 2010. He challenged messengers to pray for students as they prepare for the next year's trips to London and Cardiff and East Asia, but most of all for the power of God to move in their lives as they go and as they return.
17. A video was shown thanking Oklahoma Baptists for investing in OBU for 100 years.
18. OBU President David Whitlock spoke of the myriad blessings recounted during the university's centennial celebrations. He assured Oklahoma Baptists of OBU's commitment to remain a Great Commandment and Great Commission university. Among the demonstrated successes that Whitlock specified, he was most pleased to report that OBU has more graduates serving as missionaries with the International Mission Board than any university in the world.
19. David's Creed with Casey Gerber led worship in song.
20. Ed Stetzer, president/missiologist in residence, LifeWay Research, preached the evening message based on I Peter 4:10. He pointed out that all who have accepted Christ as Savior (1) have received gifts; (2) God intends those gifts to be used to serve others as good stewards of His manifold grace; (3) God empowers Christians to use their gifts; (4) so that in everything God can be glorified in Christ Jesus.
21. Josiah Custar, OBU student and member of Sharon Church, led the closing prayer. The convention adjourned until 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, November 16.

Tuesday Morning, November 16, 2010

22. A Cooperative Program video based on Ephesians 6:12 was shown.
23. Second Vice President Michael Williamson called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.
24. Ken Gabrielse, specialist, Worship & Music Ministries, BGCO, led congregational worship.
25. OBU student Laura Wesevich read Scripture from Acts 20.
26. Blake Compton, OBU student and member of Faith Church in Harrah, led in prayer.
27. Bo Holland, specialist, Church Planting, BGCO, introduced Gary Davis, church planter, Hope Church in Glenpool, for a testimony.
28. Sam Porter, specialist, Partnership & Volunteer Missions, BGCO, told of partnerships with Guerrero, Mexico; the Utah-Idaho Convention; and East Asia. A contingent of Oklahoma Baptists spoke of their experiences in partnership missions: Griff Henderson, Guerrero; Roley McIntosh, Utah-Idaho; Clint Hayes, Don Jones, and Ray Sanders, East Asia. Steve Ellis, IMB strategy coordinator for East Asia, spoke of the impact of Southern Baptists in that land. He stated that in the partnership's first year several hundred volunteers from more than 80 churches had traveled to East Asia in an effort to explore the land, survey needs and opportunities, and identify ways they can strategically contribute to impacting lostness.

Porter informed messengers of disaster relief efforts in Haiti following the massive earthquake in January 2010. By year's end, 35 Oklahoma earthquake response teams will have served; 115-120 water wells will have been placed in Port Au Prince; and about sixty 12x20 block houses will have been built. Haiti's 900 existing CP-supported churches had started more than 225 new churches, and 162,000 professions of faith had been recorded in Southern Baptist churches since January.
29. President Falls announced the start of the business session and recognized Nominating Committee Chairman Shane Hall, pastor of First Church, Lawton.
30. Hall called attention to the printed Nominating Committee Report. He moved the adoption of the report, and the motion carried without question or discussion. The report is as follows:

#### 2010 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Article IV Section 1 of the Convention's Bylaws empowers the President to appoint a 15-member Nominating Committee composed of persons from various geographical areas and size churches. The committee shall meet at least twice: an orientation meeting prior to June 1, and a meeting to begin the nominating process prior to September 15. Between the two meetings, the committee shall provide opportunity for the general constituency to submit recommendations. Article IV Section 3 of the BGCO Constitution authorizes the Executive Director-Treasurer to serve as an ex officio member of all boards and standing committees, including those of auxiliary corporations, and the governing documents of each BGCO affiliate conform to that policy. Your committee submits the following names for your consideration.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BAPTIST GENERAL CONVENTION OF OKLAHOMA

According to the BGCO Constitution and Bylaws relative to the Board of Directors, due regard shall be given to both geographical and numerical representation; there shall be at least one nominee for each recognized associational area; additional nominees shall be determined on the basis of one nominee for each additional 10,000 resident church members in a given associational area with the minimum being 20,000; there shall be at least 16 persons who are not ordained ministers of the Gospel, including at least eight men and eight women.

### FOUR YEAR TERM

+ *Don Carrington*, Broken Arrow, Evergreen  
+ *Joe Coley*, Red Oak, Cedars  
+ Emerson Falls, Oklahoma City, Glorieta  
+ *Jeremy Freeman*, Newcastle, First  
+ *Nick Garland*, Broken Arrow, First  
+ *Garry McDevitt*, Prue, First  
+ *Doug Melton*, Oklahoma City, Southern Hills  
+ *An Nguyen*, Oklahoma City, Vietnamese  
+ *Will J. Roberts*, Willow, First  
+ *Charley Russell*, Connerville, Blue  
+ *Mary Shannon*, McAlester, First  
+ *William D. Sprague*, Lawton, Northwest  
+ *Keith Stevens*, Keota, First  
+ *A. J. Tiger*, Silver Spring  
+ *Scott Watkins*, Terlton, First  
+ *Eric Jones*, Broken Arrow, Agape Chinese

### THREE YEAR TERM

*Arthur Blount*, Carnegie, First  
*Scott A. Carlson*, Owasso, Central  
*Gary Cole*, Frederick, First  
*Sam Dyer*, Heavener, First  
*Dick Fischer*, Hooker, First  
*Rusty Fuller*, Ada, Trinity  
*Scott Greenland*, Claremore, First  
*Tom Hargrave*, Wards Chapel  
*Raleah Harper*, Lawton, First East  
*Jeff Jackson*, Covington, First  
*Richard Levings*, Red Rock, First  
*Zane Newton*, Altus, First  
*Randy J. Parker*, Sapulpa, Pickett Prairie  
*Debbie Thompson*, Tulsa, First  
*Keith Wiginton II*, Hobart, First  
*Walter Wilson*, Lawton, Friendship

### TWO YEAR TERM

*Randy Allen*, Lindsay, First  
*Gary Dempsey*, Madill, First  
*Dave Edwards*, Norman, River  
*Mary Ann Ethridge*, Cushing, First  
*Rick Frie*, Jenks, First  
*Willa Ruth Garlow*, Okla. City, Capitol Hill  
*Jim Henderson*, Alva, First  
*Marilee Hilderbrand*, Crittenden  
*Kevin Lancaster*, Ketchum, First  
*Steve Martin*, Tahlequah, First  
*Doug McClure*, Hugo, First  
*Danny Mills*, Muskogee, Grandview  
*Alfaro Orozco*, Edmond, Hispanic  
*Terry Pittman*, Paden, First  
*Mary Shaw*, Waynoka, First  
*Rigoberto Varela*, Duncan, El Divino Salvador

### ONE YEAR TERM

*Monty Baggett*, Muskogee, Southeast  
+ *Charlie Blount*, El Reno, First  
*Gene Crnkovic*, McLoud, Hazel Del  
*Andy Finch*, Blanchard, First  
+ *Randall Kemp*, Seminole, First  
*Joe Ligon*, Marlow, First  
*Paul Littleton*, Sapulpa, Faith  
*Doyle Pryor*, Sapulpa, First  
+ *Carol Sallee*, Bixby, New Beginnings  
*Ray Sikes*, Choctaw, First  
*Johnny Tims*, Chickasha, First  
*Gordon Walker*, Bethany, Council Road  
*Bob Waller*, Monkey Island, Lake Center  
*Anthony Williams*, Durant, Grace  
*Robert Wilson*, Ardmore, First  
*John E. Wright*, Shawnee, Immanuel

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES, OKLAHOMA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

Oklahoma Baptist University Bylaws Article II documents membership requirements for its 32 member Board of Trustees. Of the eight trustees elected each year, four must be from among the professional clergy (pastors, church staff, directors of missions, etc.) or their spouses and four must be lay persons.

### FOUR YEAR TERM

- + Ralph Chapman, Elk City, First
- + Eric Costanzo, Tulsa, First
- + *Ron Davis*, Muskogee, First
- + *Jim Gebhart*, Oklahoma City, Quail Springs
- + David Lawrence, Weatherford, Emmanuel
- + Doug Passmore, Lawton, First East
- + *Carl Storm*, Kingfisher, First
- + *Earlene Washburn*, Claremore, First

### TWO YEAR TERM

- Reagan Bradford*, Oklahoma City, Northwest
- Greg Clifford*, Bethany, Council Road
- Danny Frazee, Oklahoma City, Wilmont Place
- Scott W. Hamilton, Hinton, First
- Tony Lambert, Del City, First Southern
- Jeff Moore, Altus, First
- Mike Rader*, Elk City, Prairie View
- Lloyd White*, Oklahoma City, Southern Hills

### THREE YEAR TERM

- Jeanette Bradshaw*, Stillwater, Eagle Heights
- Alan Day, Edmond, First
- Todd Fisher, Shawnee, Immanuel
- Bill Ford*, Shawnee, First
- C. Henry Gold*, Durant, First
- Rusty Gunn, Sand Springs, Angus Acres
- Danna Humphreys*, Edmond, Henderson Hills
- Don A. Scott, Nicoma Park, First

### ONE YEAR TERM

- George Atkins*, Weatherford, First
- W. L. "Dub" Brown*, McAlester, First
- Bill Horne*, Ada, First
- Cecilia Morris*, Wilburton, First
- Scott Neighbors, Skiatook, First
- Clyde Steelman, Wister, Bethel
- Jim Westmoreland, Hollis, First
- James Wilder, Grove, First

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE BAPTIST FOUNDATION OF OKLAHOMA

Article II of the Foundation's Bylaws describes geographical, vocational and personal qualifications of the 20 directors. It specifies that 17 shall be lay persons and three shall be ordained ministers of the Gospel or in other church related vocations. At least five shall be women. In addition, four must have previous service on the board.

### FOUR YEAR TERM

- + *Laura Corbin*, Tishomingo, Bullard Chapel
- + *Dan Dunlap*, Muskogee, Southeast
- + *Michele Hart*, Weatherford, First
- + *Keith Johnson*, Velma
- + *Scott Pryer*, Tulsa, Parkview

### TWO YEAR TERM

- Chuck Buland*, Broken Arrow, First
- + Mark Formby, Hominy, First
- Gary W. Gibson*, Okla. City, Southern Hills
- Nancy Hemphill*, Duncan, Immanuel
- Greg Kannady*, Kingfisher, First

### THREE YEAR TERM

- + *Tom Evans*, Cherokee, First
- Bryan W. Gilbert, Okla. City, Brookwood
- Randy Ice*, Oklahoma City, Village
- Shirley Pogue*, Ada, First
- Karen Stephens*, Ninnekah, First

### ONE YEAR TERM

- Steven Holloway*, Elk City, First
- Randy Long*, Enid, Emmanuel
- Lindel Pettigrew*, Chickasha, First
- Terry Tolbert, Ardmore, Trinity
- Sherry Wall*, Midwest City, First

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES, OKLAHOMA BAPTIST HOMES FOR CHILDREN

Bylaws Article III of Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children addresses geographical requirements of the trustees and stipulates that 20 shall be lay persons and six shall be ordained ministers of the Gospel or others in church related vocations or their spouses; in addition, at least four must have previous service on the board.

### FOUR YEAR TERM

- + *Doyle Brewer*, Ponca City, First
- + *Gene Escoe*, Lawton, Trinity
- + *Debbie Johnsen*, Broken Arrow, Evergreen
- + *Leon Lusty*, Oklahoma City, Central
- + *Doug Moore*, Clinton, First
- + *Susan Updike*, Muskogee, First

### THREE YEAR TERM

- Patricia Cates*, Leedey, First
- Bill Clark*, Fitzhugh, First
- Deanna Huff*, Oklahoma City, Capitol Hill
- Jack Kimbler*, Edmond, First
- Roy Standridge*, Lindsay, First
- Martin Voelker*, Mustang, Chisholm Heights
- Trent Young*, Comanche, Patterson Avenue

### TWO YEAR TERM

- Johnny Busellato*, Woodward, First
- Brad Hawkins*, Okeene, First
- Bettye Hill*, Idabel, Trinity
- Gerrid Kendrix*, Altus, First
- Chris Kuwitzky*, Norman, Bethel
- Curtis Pryor*, Purcell, First

### ONE YEAR TERM

- John Black*, Ardmore, First
- Ray Earley*, Cartwright, First
- John Elam*, Woodward, Lincoln Avenue
- Cynde Fuller*, Collinsville, First
- Rachel Gibbs*, Tulsa, First
- Dave Gillogly*, Bethany, Council Road
- Bowden McElroy*, Tulsa, Southwood

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BAPTIST VILLAGE COMMUNITIES OF OKLAHOMA

Baptist Village Communities of Oklahoma Bylaws Article III provides criteria for selection of directors including geographical location, personal and vocational requirements. Of the 20 elected directors, three shall be ordained ministers or persons serving in church related vocations. There must be at least one director from each area of the state in which a BVC facility is located.

### FOUR YEAR TERM

- + *Nita Biggs*, Piedmont, First
- + *Donnie Crittendon*, Lawton, Paradise Valley
- + *Mark Gandy*, Oklahoma City, Quail Springs
- + *Dick Midkiff*, Pauls Valley, Trinity
- + *Rob Ross*, Oklahoma City, Capitol Hill

### THREE YEAR TERM

- + *Linda Gibbs*, Holdenville, First
- Gerald Jolley*, Cushing, First
- Eddie Miller*, Sand Springs, Broadway
- Jimmie Musick*, Sentinel, First
- Barbara Nicholson*, Durant, First

### TWO YEAR TERM

- Harold Zane DeLaughter*, Duncan, Immanuel
- Russell Duck*, Elk City, First
- William Smith*, Hugo, First
- Charlotte Walter*, Elk City, Prairie View
- Ben White*, Lawton, First

### ONE YEAR TERM

- Pat Belford*, Miami, First
- Abe Deutschendorf*, Lawton, Trinity
- LaVerne Dowding*, Guthrie, First
- Len Lacefield*, Newalla, First
- Dennis Taylor*, Okmulgee, First

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

### FOUR YEAR TERM

+ Craig Abla, Sulphur, First  
+ Bob Green, Broken Arrow, Arrow Heights

### THREE YEAR TERM

*David Morley*, Enid, First  
*Mike Ross*, Oklahoma City, Capitol Hill

### TWO YEAR TERM

Alton Fannin, Ardmore, First  
*Martha Hoffman*, Skiatook, First

### ONE YEAR TERM

*H. C. Bauman*, Wyandotte, First  
Robert Griffin, Oklahoma City, Brookwood

## ETHICS & RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COMMITTEE

### THREE YEAR TERM

+ David Hooks, Oklahoma City, Bryant Avenue  
+ *Darla Neighbors*, Skiatook, First  
+ Matt Smith, Blackwell, Immanuel

### TWO YEAR TERM

*Linda Lowber*, McAlester, First  
Clayton Paslay, Rolling Hills, First  
J. David Weston, Lexington, First

### ONE YEAR TERM

Jerry Couch, Duncan, Immanuel  
Steve Kern, Oklahoma City, Olivet  
Jim Paslay, Henryetta, First

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

### THREE YEAR TERM

+ *Lynn Gray*, Meeker, Morning Star  
+ *Martha Ray*, Pawnee, First  
+ Michael Ridgway, Ponca City, Longwood

### TWO YEAR TERM

Bill Ascol, Owasso, Bethel  
John Burns, Shawnee, Immanuel  
*J. A. Eddington*, Broken Arrow, Evergreen

### ONE YEAR TERM

*Michael Dershem*, Yale, First  
Jody Hilliard, Duncan, First  
*Jack Stone*, Anadarko, First

+Nominees

Italics denotes persons who are not ordained ministers of the Gospel.

Recording Secretary

+*Pat Wagstaff*, Maysville, First

Assistant Recording Secretary

+*Debbie Thompson*, Tulsa, First

Historical Secretary

+Eli Sheldon, OKC  
Portland Avenue

2011 Convention

Preacher: +Michael Williamson, Lawton, New Covenant

Alternate: +Bryan Fields, Poteau, Immanuel

Respectfully submitted,

Shane Hall, chairman

Brett Allen

Connie Faurot

Joe Dan Fowler

Brad Hawkins

Lyn Johnson

Bob Jones  
Bill Leveridge  
Ledtkey McIntosh  
William Noel  
Lance Sawyer  
Mike Seabaugh  
Sherry Wilkinson  
Walter Wilson

31. President Falls opened the floor for nominations for the office of president. Doyle Pryor, pastor and messenger from First Church, Sapulpa, nominated Blake Gideon, pastor of First Church in Inola. James Robinson, pastor and messenger from First Church, Durant, nominated Doug Melton, pastor of Southern Hills Church, Oklahoma City. The standing vote was counted, and President Falls announced Melton had been elected.
32. Ken Gabrielse led the congregation in singing "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."
33. Bill Pierce, president of Baptist Village Communities, BGCO, presented that entity's report. Roy Enterline, BVC resident and chaplain, and BVC employee Nathan Purifoy told of ways people who live at BVC and people who work at BVC serve God, serve others, and serve together. The presentation concluded with an upbeat video to prove that "Baptist Villages are not stuffy."
34. James Swain, director of Conference Centers, BGCO; Andy Harrison, Student Ministry and Education specialist, BGCO; and Mark Jones, Childhood Ministries specialist, BGCO, presented the conference centers and camps report. Swain stated that from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, Falls Creek registered 63,793 people from 988 churches. Of the 53,937 registered during the eight weeks of youth encampments, a record 42,208 were full-time campers. Harrison shared the following numbers from Falls Creek summer youth weeks: trained 2,755 invitation team members and 1,093 adult leaders; of 5,976 total decisions, 2,032 were for salvation and 1,074 were called to ministry. Evening services were streamed live on the Internet, and with only last-minute word-of-mouth notice, there were 27,897 hits by 7,597 unique viewers from 31 countries and 49 states. The average viewing time was 44 minutes per viewer. Jones described the hands-on learning opportunities at CrossTimbers Children's Missions Adventure Camp, which included "mission stops" in Kyrgyzstan and the village of Gabon, Africa. Children also learned about medical missions, Native American church plants in Oklahoma, the Cooperative Program and how Baptists work together, and personal missions. Of the 2,506 registered campers, 249 children accepted Christ.
35. President Falls recognized Shane Hall for an addendum to the Nominating Committee Report. Hall stated that one name, Carol Sallee, had been omitted from the printed document. He presented Sallee, layperson from Bixby, New Beginnings, as the nominee for a one-year term on the BGCO Board of Directors. Hearing no objection, Falls stated the nomination was approved.
36. President Falls recognized Anthony Jordan, executive director-treasurer, BGCO, for the Board of Directors Report. Jordan pointed out three special committee assignments: the Mission Advance Team, the Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee, and the Task Force to Explore Hosting Regional Satellite Conventions and/or Interactive Internet Participation in BGCO and SBC Annual Meetings. Jordan directed attention to significant actions taken by the board since the 2009 annual meeting.

37. Hance Dilbeck, pastor of Quail Spring Church, Oklahoma City, and chairman of the BGCO Mission Advance Team (MAT), presented the MAT Report. Dilbeck introduced members of the committee and highlighted parts of the printed document. He stated that to understand the nature of the report it was necessary to be aware that the committee analyzed the work of the BGCO and recommended key priorities to guide the Board of Directors and convention staff; the MAT provided general direction but did not specify suggestions for implementation. He reviewed the mission statement, spoke briefly to the report's response to the recent action of the Southern Baptist Convention regarding the Great Commission Resurgence Report, and identified the priority statements of the MAT Report. He moved the adoption of the Mission Advance Team Report. The motion carried without question or discussion.
38. Dilbeck, who also chaired the BGCO Board of Directors Finance Committee, called attention to the Cooperative Ministries Budget for 2011. He stated that the Cooperative Program objective had been reduced from \$26 million to \$24.2 million and explained the decrease included personnel cuts and programming cuts. He moved the adoption of the Cooperative Ministries Budget for 2011 and the Board of Directors Report.

David Rhoades, messenger from Woodland Acres Church, Tulsa, made a motion for an amendment, as follows: That the 2011 Cooperative Program objective of \$24.2 million be distributed 59 percent BGCO and 41 percent SBC; and that the BGCO and each of its affiliates each receive 1.67 percent less than the current recommendation from Cooperative Program gifts to make up the difference.

Falls acknowledged a second to the motion by an unidentified messenger, and Rhoades spoke to the motion. Dilbeck spoke against the motion. The motion to amend failed.

Charles Womack, messenger from First Church, Bethany, asked what was owed on the Falls Creek tabernacle. Dilbeck recognized Anthony Jordan to respond to the question, and the answer was approximately \$5 million, of which around \$4 million was not covered by pledges. Womack requested that the information be included in documents prepared for future annual meetings.

Jeremy Stowe, messenger from Trinity Church, Oklahoma City, questioned whether there was a true 60/40 split in CP receipts or if money was taken from the top to cover "shared expenses" that were mentioned in the MAT Report. Dilbeck replied that shared expense was a suggestion resulting from the work of the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force. It was included in the MAT Report as an option to be considered by BGCO leadership in response to the GCR Report as one way for state conventions to move toward a 50-50 division. The budget under consideration included no amount to be taken from the top.

Alton Fannin, messenger from First Church, Ardmore, asked for clarification of the use of the word "estimate" in the printed 2011 Budget Summary. Dilbeck replied that the word referred to the projected amount of CP receipts and the budget figures indicated how the estimated \$24.2 million CP receipts would be spent.

Del Allen, messenger from Center Point Church, Wilburton, asked, "In the deductions or reductions that have been made in the area of increment increases and salary increases, were those frozen or reduced also?" Dilbeck recognized Jordan for a response. Jordan stated there had been no salary increases in 2010; the 2011 budget includes a 3 percent salary increase "based on whether the dollars are there."

There was no additional question or discussion, and the motion carried to adopt the Cooperative Ministries Budget for 2011.

39. Ken Gabrielse led worship in song.

40. Anthony Jordan delivered the Executive Director-Treasurer's address, based on Philippians 1:3-11, to bring to light a Scriptural context to the new mission statement and to speak about the exciting challenge before Oklahoma Baptists. He emphasized "the work we do together," declaring that developing fully devoted followers of Christ is the work of the church and of the convention. The message concluded with Jordan leading the congregation in singing the first verse of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," the hymn sung in November 1906 at the ceremony marking the formation of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma by the "marriage" of the Baptist General Convention of Indian Territory and the Oklahoma Baptist State Convention.
41. David Whitlock presented Anthony Jordan with an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree for his accomplishments in Christian leadership. Jordan, in turn, removed the hood from his academic regalia and placed it on his wife Polla to honor her for standing beside him for over 42 years.
42. Michael Williamson introduced James Gonzales, OBU student and member of Parkway Fellowship, Katy, Texas, to close the morning session in prayer. The convention adjourned until 1:45 p.m.

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43. A Cooperative Program video illustrating love in action was shown.
44. First Vice President Blake Gideon, pastor of First Church, Inola, called the meeting to order.
45. Congregational worship was led by senior OBU student Casey Flynt and a group of OBU Church Music Department students. The arrangement featured a solo by Sarah Stephens.
46. OBU student Taylor Phillips read Scripture from Ephesians 3:16-21.
47. Clay Phillips, OBU student and member of Big Creek Church, Heavener, led in prayer.
48. Blake Gideon announced the death of former Oklahoma pastor, Warren Hultgren, and led in prayer for his family.
49. Eli Sheldon, historical secretary, BGCO, presented an award for written church history to Rose Chronister, Bowers Church in Sans Bois Association. A distinguished service award was presented to Clyde Kemp, creator of the idea of the RA racers.
50. The report of The Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma included a video featuring ministries of the BGCO and its affiliates, all of which are greatly enhanced by distributions from the Foundation. President Robert Kellogg spoke of ways his own life was strongly affected as a result of his OBU experience. He stressed the importance of gifts through the Cooperative Program and the significance of the stewardship of estate planning.
51. BGCO Evangelism Group Leader Tim Gentry spoke of the MY316 emphasis—using what believers already know, John 3:16, and their own story, and sharing that with family and friends. He stated over 600 Oklahoma churches had indicated a commitment to use the materials, and 40,000 youth and sponsors at Falls Creek and 3,000 children and sponsors at CrossTimbers and other regional camps had received MY316 training. Ralph Hamblin, member of Glorieta Church, Oklahoma City, shared a testimony of ways that church is using MY316. Jesús Pacheco, Ethnic Evangelism strategist, BGCO, translated the testimony of Martin Arreaga, lay leader for evangelism, Iglesia Emanuel Church, Oklahoma City. Arreaga spoke of the positive impact of using the MY316 Spanish translation materials in the church's outreach ministry. Gentry shared plans for the MY316 Road Trip, during which evangelism group specialists will travel in a vehicle resembling a NASCAR race car to every association in Oklahoma in the coming year to promote MY316 witnessing and to highlight the existing ministry evangelism projects.
52. BGCO Chaplaincy Specialist Paul Bettis introduced Barbara Maphet, who gave a testimony of how the Lord had transformed her life.

53. President Falls took the chair and announced the business session.
54. Falls called attention to unfinished business from the previous session. A motion had been made to adopt the 2011 Cooperative Ministries Budget and the Board of Directors Report. Messengers had approved the budget, but due to time constraints the president had not called for a vote on the Board of Directors Report. There were no questions, and the Board of Directors Report was approved.
55. Anthony Jordan made a point of clarification regarding the 2011 Budget Summary in the Board of Directors Report. He explained that \$10,545,560 is BGCO's share of total Cooperative Program receipts, which were projected to be \$24,200,000 in 2011. Added to BGCO's portion of CP dollars (\$10,545,560), income from multiple other sources (North American Mission Board, Edna McMillan allocations, camp operations, etc., most of which is designated to be used in specific ways) brought the grand total BGCO income to \$22,492,230. Jordan stressed the fact that no CP dollars are used for the actual physical plant of Falls Creek—those expenses are covered by registration fees, bed fees, etc.
56. Falls opened the floor for nominations for first vice president. Mark Hall, messenger from First Church, Chouteau, made a motion that in order to save time, the election of officers be done by a ballot vote. The president acknowledged a second to the motion by an unidentified messenger. There was no question or discussion, and the motion failed.
- Mark Walters, messenger from First Church, Nicoma Park, nominated Griff Henderson, pastor of Waterloo Road Church in Edmond.
- James Zachary, messenger from First Church, Noble, nominated Michael Williamson, pastor of New Covenant Church in Lawton.
- Alton Fannin, messenger from First Church, Ardmore, raised a point of order to ask for a standing vote to determine if there was an obvious choice.
- Falls called for a standing vote and announced that Griff Henderson was elected first vice president.
- Falls opened the floor for nominations for second vice president. Randy Presley, messenger from Trinity Church, Norman, nominated Kim Hays, pastor of Lake Center Church, Monkey Island.
- Alton Fannin, messenger from First Church, Ardmore, nominated Jason Langley, pastor of Lakeside Church in Mannford.
- James Zachary, First Church, Noble, nominated Michael Williamson.
- Scott Hamilton, messenger from First Church, Hinton, nominated Johnny Montgomery, pastor of First Church, Red Oak.
- Falls called for a standing vote and declared that Jason Langley was elected second vice president.
57. Resolutions Committee Chairman Paul Beam, messenger from Calvary Church in Sulphur, introduced the Resolutions Committee Report. Keith Rogers, pastor of Texoma Southern Church in Kingston, moved the adoption of Resolutions No. 1 and No. 2, and both resolutions were adopted.

#### Resolution No. 1

##### On Appreciation to Host Facility

We, the messengers to the 2010 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, November 15-16, 2010, convey our deep appreciation to President David W. Whitlock, the faculty, staff, and students for their countless hours of preparation and their outstanding hospitality during these meetings.

## Resolution No. 2

### On Oklahoma Baptist University

We, the messengers to the 2010 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, November 15-16, 2010, join all Oklahoma Baptists in celebrating the centennial of Oklahoma Baptist University. We affirm the vision of the founders of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma to establish a Christian university founded on the principles and commands of Holy Scripture. We recognize OBU's academic excellence as it remains Oklahoma's highest ranked institution of higher education and pledge our ongoing support to its mission to provide the highest quality of education to students from across the nation and around the world.

Paul Beam moved the adoption of Resolution No. 3, and it was adopted.

## Resolution No. 3

### On the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma

We, the messengers to the 2010 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, November 15-16, 2010, affirm the work of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma as a Great Commission partner in service to the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. We remain grateful for the legacy given to us and stand committed to the ongoing work of this state convention to train pastors and church leaders to engage their world with the Gospel, assist them in evangelizing Oklahoma, coordinate the ministry of disaster relief both at home and abroad, and facilitate the opportunities for missionary engagement around the world through partnership missions.

Bill Ledbetter, pastor of Fairview Church in Durant, moved the adoption of Resolution No. 4, and it was adopted.

## Resolution No. 4

### On Biblical Stewardship

We, the messengers to the 2010 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, November 15-16, 2010, stand as debtors to the mercy and grace of God in Jesus Christ as those born again by the Spirit of God. We affirm that our lives and all the resources placed into our hands are gifts from God that require our faithful stewardship to ensure they are used in service for the Kingdom of God. Whereas national surveys indicate that the average church member gives only 2.5 percent of his income to the local church, we call on Oklahoma Baptist churches, pastors, and leaders to teach and challenge grace giving beginning with the tithe as the starting point of a generous lifestyle of obedience as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Charles Echols, pastor of First Church, Cyril, moved the adoption of Resolution No. 5, and it was adopted.

## Resolution No. 5

### On the Cooperative Program

We, the messengers to the 2010 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, November 15-16, 2010, seek to stand in obedience to the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ. As servants of His Church, we will give sacrificially through prayer, service, and monetary gifts for the advancement of the Gospel. As Oklahoma Baptists, we believe the Cooperative Program stands as a trusted sacred effort and a stable means of financial stewardship whereby local congregations can extend their reach across Oklahoma, our nation, and the world to advance the Kingdom of God. We commend our churches for their consistent and generous support of the Cooperative Program and call on

Oklahoma Baptist churches to make a renewed commitment to the Cooperative Program as a priority for investment and growth in the coming years. Furthermore, we affirm that designated gifts are to be given as a supplement to the Cooperative Program and not as a substitute for the Cooperative Program as the primary channel of cooperative missions and ministry by Oklahoma Baptist churches.

Bill Ledbetter moved the adoption of Resolution No. 6, and it was adopted.

Resolution No. 6

On Immigration and the Gospel

We, the messengers to the 2010 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, November 15-16, 2010, are committed to taking the message and love of Christ to people of all races and nationalities throughout Oklahoma and the world. We as Christians are under Biblical mandate to respect the institution of government and its just laws. Accordingly, we believe that all citizens and immigrants should obey the laws of the land. We commit to follow the Biblical principle of caring for the foreigners among us and to be a neighbor to those in need, regardless of their racial or ethnic background, country of origin, or legal status. We are committed to ministering to those who are lost and sharing the Gospel to the ends of the Earth.

Mark Hall, minister of education, First Church, Chouteau, moved the adoption of Resolution No. 7, and it was adopted.

Resolution No. 7

On Dangers of Human Trafficking

We, the messengers to the 2010 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, November 15-16, 2010, recognize and condemn the worldwide scourge of human trafficking. Oklahoma Baptists resolve to become better informed about this travesty and seek ways to right this terrible wrong. We commit to educate our children and youth about the dangers threatening them and prayerfully endeavor to actively help those ensnared to escape its grasp.

Forest Weast, pastor of Twin Oak Church, Seminole, moved the adoption of Resolution No. 8, and it was adopted.

Resolution No. 8

On Sanctity of Life, Foster Care, and Adoption

We, the messengers to the 2010 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, November 15-16, 2010, recognize that human life begins at conception and ends at natural death and any termination of innocent human life is forbidden by God. Oklahoma Baptists commit to support mothers who choose life and provide loving homes, congregations, and communities for their children, exposing them to Christ's love. We are thankful to active families who give time, energy, and love to help raise these precious children of God. Considering the more than 8,200 children currently in the foster care system in Oklahoma, we challenge each congregation to support foster and adoptive families in their church and community and commit to raise awareness for the need for more. We commend the efforts of Oklahomans who are active in the passage of all pro-life state or federal legislation and will continue the fight for life. We resolve to promote Rose Day (February 9, 2011) as an effective means to demonstrate our convictions concerning the sanctity of all human life.

William Noel, pastor of Grace and Glory Church, Oklahoma City, moved the adoption of Resolution No. 9, and it was adopted.

Resolution No. 9

On Sanctity of Marriage

We, the messengers to the 2010 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, November 15-16, 2010, recognize God established the institution of marriage and defined marriage as the union between one man and one woman for life. Biblical marriage is under attack at the state and national levels, with regard to same-sex unions, the convenience of divorce, and cohabitation. We oppose and firmly stand against any legislation or decisions by the courts that seek to expand the definition of marriage and/or the destruction of such union. We encourage state and national legislators to protect the sanctity of Biblical marriage and commend their unwavering stance for family values. To affirm the sanctity of marriage, we urge Oklahoma Baptists to emphasize the importance of Biblical preaching, teaching, premarital and marriage counseling, and mentorship.

Paul Beam moved the adoption of Resolution No. 10, and it was adopted.

Resolution No. 10

On Recognition of State and National Legislators

We, the messengers to the 2010 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, November 15-16, 2010, congratulate all newly elected legislators of our great state and nation. We humbly pledge our fervent prayer support as they serve their constituencies by giving of themselves tirelessly to uphold the laws of our state and nation. Furthermore, we publicly acknowledge our responsibility to pray for and intercede on behalf of all legislators and President Barack H. Obama, in order that the citizens of these United States of America may lead quiet and peaceable lives in this nation under God. We pray for the protection of all elected governmental officials and their families. We further pray they honor their duty to uphold a culture of Biblical family values in order to keep our nation strong. We honor those legislators who serve with integrity, uncompromising Biblical conviction, and moral courage.

Mark Hall moved the adoption of Resolution No. 11, and it was adopted.

Resolution No. 11

On Support of the United States Military

We, the messengers to the 2010 Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, meeting at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, November 15-16, 2010, commend the sacrifice and service of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. We stand grateful for their commitment to justice and the preservation of liberty for our nation and the world. We encourage Oklahoma Baptists to pray for their safety and serve those families who have suffered loss. We further encourage active support to the families who are left behind during seasons of deployment.

58. Ken Gabrielse led congregational singing.

59. Blake Gideon took the chair for the remainder of the session.

60. Tony Kennedy, president of Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children, called attention to OBHC's 25 years of commitment to the sanctity of human life through Hope Pregnancy Centers. State Director of Hope Pregnancy Ministries Candy Hines challenged churches to find a place in their congregations where single mothers and their children would feel welcome. She stated statistics indicate one in three women in church congregations are post abortive. Mandy Parkhurst shared the story of her abortion experience, the impact of the Forgiven and Set Free class offered by HPC, and of God's grace in her life.
61. Ken Gabrielse, specialist, Worship & Music Ministries, BGCO, spoke of the responsibility of church leaders to guide God's people in worship by singing, by reading Scripture, by praying. He urged pastors and leaders to apply the passage I Peter 4:7-11 to the music of their churches.
62. Mark Jones, specialist, Childhood Ministries, BGCO, communicated three things that are necessary in order for children's ministry to win them to Christ and disciple them to become followers of Christ: (1) provide opportunity for children to hear about Jesus and have opportunity to respond to Him; (2) help children obtain Bible skills; (3) offer children opportunities to serve.
63. Andy Harrison, BGCO Student Ministry and Education specialist, paraphrased Colossians 1:28-29 to describe his objective for youth ministry. As the new program director for Falls Creek youth encampments, he stated the event is planned so that (1) students might come to know Christ; and (2) to initiate the discipleship process. To equip churches in helping students grow in their faith so that they might become complete followers of Jesus Christ, Harrison shared information regarding downloadable resources, Moral Compass and Sumpherō, both available at the Web site, skopos.org.
64. Anthony Jordan recognized and expressed gratitude to Ron Fannin and his wife Jamie for Ron's ten years' service as senior associate executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.
65. Casey Flynt and a group of OBU students led congregational singing.
66. Douglas O. Melton, senior pastor, Southern Hills Church, Oklahoma City, delivered the annual sermon, "The Way Forward," based on I Peter 3:8-9.
67. Anthony Jordan presented plaques to Emerson Falls, Blake Gideon, and Michael Williamson in appreciation for their service as convention officers during the past year. He introduced the newly elected officers (Doug Melton, president; Griff Henderson, first vice president, and Jason Langley, second vice president) and encouraged all in attendance to attend the concluding session that evening.
68. BGCO Recording Secretary Pat Wagstaff moved that the Board of Directors of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma be authorized to transact unfinished and new business during the time the Convention is not in session; and that the president and recording secretary be authorized to sign documents of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma with required signatures.  
The motion was seconded, and it was approved.
69. Mark McClellan, dean, Joe L. Ingram School of Christian Service, and professor, Theology and Missions, Oklahoma Baptist University, closed the session in prayer. The convention adjourned until 6:30 p.m.

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International Mission Board Commissioning Service

70. The Oklahoma Baptist Symphony conducted by Ken Gabrielse presented music for worship, which included the following selections: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"; "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"; "Farandole on 'Glorious Name'"; "How Firm a Foundation"; and "God of Our Fathers."

71. The processional of 17 new missionaries being commissioned was led by BGCO specialists and ministry assistants as Jana Gabrielse, administrative assistant, Communications Team, BGCO, directed the congregation in singing “Crown Him with Many Crowns” and “Song for the Nations.”
72. Anthony Jordan welcomed messengers and guests and introduced program personnel.
73. Jana Gabrielse led congregational praise and worship.
  
74. Tom Elliff, former Oklahoma pastor and senior vice president of the IMB, presented the missionaries.
75. Each missionary shared a personal testimony.
76. Michael Butler, IMB trustee from Oklahoma, voiced a dedicatory prayer.
77. Louima Lillete, assistant professor of music, OBU, sang “Give Me Jesus.”
78. Clyde Meador, interim president/executive vice president, IMB, gave the commissioning address. The charge to the newly appointed missionaries concluded with an altar call, during which the congregation sang “Wherever He Leads I’ll Go.”
79. Anthony Jordan asked those present to encourage Sunday School classes in their churches to commit to pray for a specific unreached people group in the coming year. He challenged all Oklahoma Baptists to be faithful to the Cooperative Program and to help make the 2010 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering the largest ever given by Oklahomans.
80. Accompanied by the orchestra, the congregation sang “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.”
81. Newly elected BGCO President Douglas O. Melton voiced the closing prayer.  
There were 836 messengers registered.