

TUESDAY MORNING - BUSINESS UPDATEMBC ANNUAL MEETING - OCTOBER 27, 2026

2026 Nominating Committee Report to the Missouri Baptist Convention

An (M) following a nominee's name denotes a minister and an (L) denotes a layperson. Listings followed by an asterisk (*) indicate proposed re-election to a second term.

Executive BoardTerm Expiring 2029

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| 1. (NW) Rob Hurtgen* | FBC, Chillicothe (M) |
| 2. (NW) Tim Weddle* | Frederick Blvd., St. Joe (L) |
| 3. (NE) Woodrow Burt* | 5th St., Hannibal (L) |
| 4. (NE) Jerry Clark | FBC, Milan (L) |
| 5. (WC) Becky Moyer | Fellowship, Greenwood (L) |
| 6. (WC) Spencer VanSickle | Northside Fellow., KC (L) |
| 7. (C) Robert Korff* | Ebenezer, Fulton (M) |
| 8. (C) Michael Quinn* | Concord, Jeff City (M) |
| 9. (EC) Matthew Culbertson* | FBC, Festus (M) |
| 10. (EC) William Savage* | St. Clair Baptist (M) |
| 11. (SW) John Birchett* | Second, Springfield (M) |
| 12. (SW) Calen Coyle* | Southgate, Springfield (L) |
| 13. (SC) Bradley Jemes* | Hillcrest, Lebanon (M) |
| 14. (SC) Tom Harris* | FBC, West Plains (L) |
| 15. (SE) Ryan Welch* | FBC, Ellington (M) |
| 16. (SE) Clarence Brammer* | Potosi Southern (M) |

Committee on Order of Business**2027 Chairman: Josh Erisman**Term Expiring 2029

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| 1. Tommy Schmidt | FBC, Gray Summit (M) |
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Credentials Committee**2027 Chairman: Calvin Haynes**Term Expiring 2029

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| 1. Phil Bray | FBC, Macon (M) |
| 2. Joel Hayworth | Southgate, Springfield (M) |

Missouri Baptist Christian Life Commission**2027 Chairman: Calvin Haynes**Term Expiring 2029

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| 1. Jason Hoagland* | FBC, Writght City (M) |
| 2. Scott Hutton | Concord Baptist, Bates City (M) |
| 3. Dave Nixdorf* | River of Life, Cameron (M) |
| 4. Pat Neilid | Three Trails, Independence (L) |

Term Expiring 2027

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| 1. Lacey Hughs | FBC, Van Buren (L) |
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Missouri Baptist Historical CommissionTerm Expiring 2029

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| 1. Cody Fleenor* | FBC, Salem (M) |
| 2. Cody Harlow* | FBC, Camdenton (M) |
| 3. John Wright* | FBC, Ironton (L) |

Missouri Baptist FoundationTerm Expiring 2030

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| 1. Jim Carver* | FBC, Ironton (L) |
| 2. Mike Comer* | FBC, Salem (L) |
| 3. Brad Marks* | Faith, Festus (L) |

Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries

Term Expiring 2029:

1. Brad Coleman FBC, Memphis (M)
2. George Guier Camp Branch, Sedalia (L)
3. Beverly Campbell* FBC, Owensville (L)
4. Josh Taylor FBC, Oakville (M)
5. Kathy Lackey* FBC, Shelbina (L)
6. Colin Hairston Chesterfield Com. Church (M)
7. Gary Havlin Oak Ridge, St. Peters (M)

Missouri Baptist Children's Home

Term Expiring 2029:

1. Steve Francis* Minor Baptist, Sikeston (M)
2. Travis Yeargans* River's Edge, KC (M)
3. Cindy Kinser FBC, Ozark (L)
4. William Bryant* FBC, Richland (L)
5. Jeff Voepel Emerson, Maywood (M)
6. Mary Henson* FBC, Iron Mountain (L)
7. Glenn Scott* FBC, Tarkio (L)
8. Gregory Boll Fellowship, Greenwood (M)
9. Jennie Johnly Antioch Baptist, Troy (L)

Hannibal- LaGrange University

Term Expiring 2031:

1. Doug Kouba* FBC, Ferguson (L)
2. Andy Fuqua Lifepoint, Ozark (M)
3. Jeriod Turner Cornerstone, Hannibal (L)
4. Chris Allen Heritage, Lebanon (L)
5. Matthan Veanes Cairo Baptist (M)

1 yr. Unexpired:

1. Doug Richey FBC, Kearney (M)

Missouri Baptist University

Term Expiring 2031:

1. Adam Cruse* FBC, Arnold (M)
2. Michael Gregory* Tower Grove, St. Louis (L)
3. Becky Krupski* Canaan, St. Louis (L)
4. Ken Parker* FBC, Kearney (M)
5. Scott Perry * Temple, Sullivan (M)
6. Ryan Bowman Fellowship, Wildwood (M)
7. Matt Cain Morse Mill (L)
8. Brent Campbell* FBC, Troy (L)
9. Shane O'Guinn FBC, Caruthersville (M)

Southwest Baptist University

Term Expiring 2031:

1. Brent Epp* Southern Hills, Bolivar (L)
2. Melanie Coppenger FBC, Cumming, GA (L)
3. Dana Brown Prestonwood, Plano, TX (L)
4. Gary Gilmore FBC, Mt. Vernon (L)
5. Terry Vawter FBC, Marshfield (L)

Nominating Committee Members Nominated

Missouri Baptist Convention President Wesley Vance, in consultation with the other officers, has nominated eight new members for three-year terms on the Nominating Committee, terms to expire 2029.

Brian Grout has been nominated to serve as chairman for 2027.

Term Expiring 2029

1. John Rhodes, Mid-Lakes Association (M), Southwest Region
2. Marty Beamer, Clay Platte (M), West Central Region
3. Terry Beasley, FBC Cameron (M), NW Region
4. Bob Strong, Freshwater Jefferson City (M), Central Region
5. Jeremiah Leonard, FBC Cabool (L), South Central Region
6. Terry Wood, FBC Eminence (L), Southeast Region
7. Sarah Lumpkin, Church of the Redeemer (L), East Central Region
8. Ray Carty, Fifth Street Baptist, Hannibal (L), Northeast Region

Term Expiring 2028

1. Jacob Yarborough (L), The Road Church, Grain Valley (WC)
2. Josh Wilson (M), Storyline Church, St. Louis (EC)
3. John Edie (L), Crossway, Springfield (SW)
4. David Long (M), FBC Stanberry (NW)
5. Scott Hanson (M), King's Church, Columbia (C)
6. Clay Miller (M), FBC Van Buren (SE)
7. Mike Dixon (L), Believers, Hannibal (NE)
8. Kevin Baker (M), FBC Ash Grove (SW)

Term Expiring 2027

1. Teresa Clouse (L), Carpenter Street, Moberly (NE)
2. Steve Crowder (L), LifePoint, Ozark (SW)
3. Isom Folsom (M), First Baptist, Stover (C)
4. Lance Mayfield (L), First Baptist, Viburnum (SE)
5. Jacob McMillian (M), Journey, St. Joseph (NW)
6. Jeremiah Nichols (M), First Baptist, Mountain View (SC)
7. Brian Stone (M), Connection Point, Raytown (WC)

Committee on Order of Business Report

Matt Dunn, Messenger

Bates City Baptist Church, Bates City

I rise to make a motion that the Missouri Baptist Convention Leadership to offer a statement of support for National Isreal in agreement with Genesis 12:3 which says, "I will bless those who bless thee and I will curse those who curse thee."

The motion by Matt Dunn is out of order, because it is in the nature of a resolution and does not comply with MBC Bylaw 6.H.

RESOLUTIONS REPORT TO THE CONVENTION

The Committee on Resolutions of the 192nd Annual Session (2026) of the Missouri Baptist Convention submits this report to the Convention.

Resolutions Recommended for Adoption:

The Committee on Resolutions recommends that the Convention adopt the following resolutions:

Resolution No. 1: Courtesy Resolution to Express Appreciation

WHEREAS, the officers, committees, and staff of the Executive Board of the Missouri Baptist Convention have, through their preparation, labor, and spirit, contributed to a successful convention;

WHEREAS, the members of the Local Arrangement Committee, along with the Director of Missions and staff of the St. Louis Metro Baptist Association, have made every effort to make our stay in this area comfortable;

WHEREAS, the St. Charles Convention Center and the Embassy Suites Hotel have assisted with preparations and have made their excellent facilities and competent staff available in hosting this meeting; be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the 192nd Annual Session of the Missouri Baptist Convention meeting in St. Charles, Missouri, October 26-27, 2026, express our grateful appreciation to the staff of the Executive Board and to the officers and committees of the Missouri Baptist Convention for an excellent and orderly program and for their leadership in these convention sessions; be it further

RESOLVED, that we express our sincere appreciation to the members of the Local Arrangements Committee, and to the Director of Missions and staff of the St. Louis Metro Baptist Association, whose thorough preparation and hospitality have contributed greatly to the comfort and convenience of the messengers and visitors of the convention; be it finally

RESOLVED, that we thank the St. Charles Convention Center and the Embassy Suites Hotel for their hospitality and help during this session of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

Resolution No. 2: Supporting Compassion and Care for Women, Children, Babies (Born and Unborn) and Families of Missouri

WHEREAS, the Missouri Baptist Convention (MBC), a network of more than 1,700 cooperating Southern Baptist churches throughout Missouri that work together to carry out the Great Commission, affirms the inherent God-given right to life of children, born and unborn, as the MBC affirmed in Section XVIII, The Family, of The Baptist Faith & Message 2000 (adopted June 14, 2000, and amended June 14, 2023), that “Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord” (Genesis 1:26-28 and Psalm 127:3), and

WHEREAS, the people of Missouri have repeatedly chosen, through their duly elected representatives in the legislative and executive bodies, to establish state laws that defend families in various ways, some of which have protected innocent life in the womb, protected women from the immense harm of abortion, and protected innocent children from damaging transgender surgeries and hormonal treatments that would have changed their God-given gender; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Constitutional Amendment 3 would begin the first step of reversing and repealing the pro-abortion Article 1, Section 36, now in our Missouri Constitution that allows abortion on demand all 9 months of pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Constitutional Amendment 3 would protect babies from abortion on demand and protect children from debilitating transgender procedures; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Constitution Amendment 3 would allow our life-affirming laws to stay in place and give the legislature back the ability to protect our families by protecting babies, moms, and children; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court’s historic reversal of *Roe v. Wade* on June 24, 2022, giving Missouri and her sister states the full authority to completely prohibit abortion within their borders; and the United States Supreme Court’s historic decision on June 18, 2025, determining that states can ban and regulate gender-affirming care and that these protections for children do not violate the 14th Amendment’s Equal Protection Clause; and

WHEREAS, Missouri Baptists have spoken in love and compassion for women and the protection of innocent lives from abortion and for the protection of children; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we will continue to speak in support of saving all those we can now and to continue our effort to save all babies, children, moms and families. We do this work through our faith and commitment to be a voice and example of Christ’s love through our churches now and over the last 50+ years; be it further

RESOLVED, that the Missouri Baptist Convention on October 26-27, 2026, in St. Charles, Missouri, strongly supports the 2026 Constitutional Amendment 3 with the language put forth by the duly elected legislators of Missouri to change the Missouri Constitution back to one that values and cherishes life from the moment of conception; be it finally

RESOLVED, that we vow to continue our work in love and compassion through our churches in communities across Missouri to reach out in a Christ like manner to share Christ with women and families in need and work with our legislators to protect and nurture all families as defined by God.

Resolution No. 3: On Affirming the Southern Baptist Convention's Resolution on Sports Betting

WHEREAS, Scripture warns that "the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Tim 6:10) and teaches that we cannot serve both God and money (Matt 6:24); and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists have a long-standing history of opposing gambling in its various forms; and

WHEREAS, the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas, Texas, June 10-11, 2025, adopted the resolution "On the Harmful and Predatory Nature of Sports Betting," condemning sports betting in all its forms; and

WHEREAS, the rapid expansion of legalized sports betting continues to exploit young adults, the poor, and those prone to addiction, bringing harm to individuals, families, and communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Missouri Baptist Convention meeting in St. Charles, Missouri, October 26-27, 2026, affirm and commend the 2025 Southern Baptist Convention resolution "On the Harmful and Predatory Nature of Sports Betting"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we reaffirm our opposition to gambling, and specifically sports betting, as harmful, predatory, and incompatible with biblical principles of stewardship, work, and integrity; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage Missouri Baptist pastors and churches to teach biblically about gambling and to offer compassionate support and counseling to those struggling with gambling addiction; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we call upon Missouri Baptists and all followers of Christ to repent where needed and to refuse to participate in the sin of gambling.

DISPOSITION OF RESOLUTIONS

The Committee on Resolutions took the following actions respecting disposition of resolutions submitted by messengers to the Convention, the subject matters of which are addressed in the resolutions recommended for adoption:

Resolution submitted by Bill Gernenz, messenger from First Baptist Church of Eldon, on the Damaging and Deceitful Nature of Sports Betting, see Resolution No. 3.

Resolution submitted by Susan Klein, messenger from Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Holts Summit, on Supporting Compassion and Care for Women, Children, Babies (Born and Unborn) and Families of Missouri, see Resolution No. 2.

RESOLUTIONS NOT REPORTED OUT

The Committee on Resolutions does not recommend the following resolutions submitted by messengers to the Convention:

Resolution submitted by Raymond Shreckengost, messenger from First Baptist Church of Gideon, on Christians Publicly Denouncing the Evil of Islam.

Respectfully submitted, Committee on Resolutions

Jonathon Woodyard, First Baptist Church, Bolivar
Beth Atchison, Crossway Baptist Church, Springfield
Rich Bitterman, Cedar Ridge Baptist Church, Galena
Aaron Lumpkin, Church of the Redeemer, Saint Louis
Eric Turner, Prince Avenue Baptist Church, Hannibal

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The MBC Credentials Committee reported to the Convention on Monday afternoon for the recommendation on page 50 of the Book of Reports with the following additions to the list of newly affiliating churches:

NEWLY AFFILIATED CHURCH	PASTOR	ASSOCIATION
Antioch, Wright City	Dustin Brown	At Large MBC
Casa De Oracion, Noel	Hazael Rodriguez Jr.	At Large MBC
Citizens, Wentzville	Daniel Williams	At Large MBC
Cornerstone Fellowship, Salem	Tanner Devereaux	Dent
Elk River, Noel	John Howard	Shoal Creek
Faith Life, St. Louis	Lawrence Baker Sr.	St. Louis Metro
Freshwater, New Bloomfield	Zach Fleer	Concord
Grace & Truth, Branson West	Patrick Smolen	At Large MBC
Harvest, Columbia	Jacob Simmons	Heart of Missouri
Iglesia Bautista, St. Joseph	Carlos Ruggiero Linares	At Large MBC
Oasis, Versailles	Vacant	Lake Ozark
One Kingdom, Kansas City	Ian Warner	At Large MBC
Redemption's Hill, Columbia	T.J. Dreyer	At Large MBC
River's Edge, Winfield	Mark Fincher	Twin Rivers
Rock Soulard Campus	Michael Wuebbles	St. Louis Metro
Russ, Lebanon	Steve Hash	Laclede
Sojourn, Galena	David Pearson	Tri-County
The River, Eminence	Harley Motsenbocker	Texas
The Way Moselle Campus, Union	Steven Pelton	Franklin
Waypoint, Joplin	Kent M. Van Natta	Spring River
Waypoint Overland Campus	Noah Coates	St. Louis Metro
Waypoint Warrenton Campus	Sam Byers	Twin Rivers
Word Outreach, St. Louis	Eric Gakunzi	St. Louis Metro

REAFFILIATED CHURCH	PASTOR	ASSOCIATION
FBC Henrietta	Terry Dehn	Heartland
Grace, Richland	Tony Shaw III	Laclede