Kason Branch to be nominated for SBC second VP

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Michael Criner of Brownsboro announced May 22 he plans to nominate Kason Branch, senior pastor at Creekstone Church in North Richland Hills, for second vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Criner, pastor of Rock Hill Baptist Church in Brownsboro, will make the nomination during the upcoming SBC annual meeting in New Orleans.

Both Criner and Branch serve churches uniquely aligned with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention.

"Kason is a snapshot of who we are as Southern Baptists," Criner said. "He faithfully loves the Lord, his family and his church. ... His leadership is exceptional and his relationships broad.

"Kason has the ability to see the best in others which enables him to become a peacemaker among other pastors. His work as a church planting catalyst for the SEND Network has helped launch and strengthen many churches in the Fort Worth region. Kason exemplifies what a partnership in the Great Commission looks like, and I am thrilled to nominate him for this role."

Branch served on the 2022 SBC Committee on Committees and is a parttime church planting catalyst for Send Network SBTC covering the Fort Worth region.

According to Annual Church Profile information, Creekstone Church reported 11 baptisms in 2022 and averaged 110 in weekly worship. The church collected \$250,000 total undesignated receipts, with \$6,000 (2.4)

percent) given through the Cooperative Program.

Branch holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff with a concentration in marketing along with a master's degree in Christian leadership from Dallas Theological Seminary.

He currently is pursuing a Ph.D. in leadership at Anderson University in South Carolina.

Branch and his wife Shanea, a first grade teacher, will celebrate 20 years together this July. They are the parents of two teenagers, Owen and Kayden Grace.