

CBF to evaluate structure, funding in two-year study

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Facing a chronic budget shortfall, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship moderator Hal Bass has appointed a 14-member task force to study the organization's missional and organizational future.

Historian urges Cooperative Baptists to reclaim “audacious identity”

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Historian Bill Leonard encouraged fellow Baptists to “get over” being embarrassed by their denomination's often-negative image and instead celebrate their lineage in an “audacious identity” established by their forebears.

Vestal says CBF will have to recall missionaries unless funding improves

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The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship will be forced to recall missionaries from the field if donations to its annual Offering for Global Missions do not increase next year, CBF Executive Coordinator Daniel Vestal told the CBF Coordinating Council June 23.

Southwestern retirees to lose benefit; group asks trustees to reconsider

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An organization of retired faculty and staff from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has asked the school's trustees to reconsider a decision to discontinue providing health insurance coverage at no cost to retirees. But the seminary's president says trustees will not reconsider the issue.

SBC messengers defeat attempt to open task force records

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Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Orlando, Fla., June 15-16 defeated an attempt to unseal written and audio recordings of Great Commission Resurgence task force proceedings.

SBC resolutions highlight Gulf, family, homosexuality

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The Southern Baptist Convention decried ecological catastrophe in the Gulf of Mexico, focused on the family and opposed the normalization of homosexuality as messengers approved seven resolutions with no debate during the SBC annual meeting in Orlando June 16.

Rankin notes missions

progress, but “not there yet”

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When it comes to reaching the world for Christ, Southern Baptists “are not there yet,” said Jerry Rankin, president of the International Mission Board.

SBC approves smaller budget, recognizes retiring executives

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Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in Orlando, Fla., approved a pared down budget for 2010-2011 and honored two agency presidents who retire this year.

Georgia church planter elected SBC president

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In a surprise move, Southern Baptists said no to two well-known presidential candidates and elected a church planter from Marietta, Ga., to

lead them in the coming year.

Messengers embrace report, focus on Great Commission

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The Southern Baptist Convention embraced a future uncertain but focused on the Great Commission when a solid majority of messengers adopted the report of the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force June 15.

Approval signals Southern Baptist concern for “lostness,” task force says

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The Southern Baptist Convention overwhelmingly reaffirmed its intention to spread the gospel throughout the nation and around the world, members of the SBC’s Great Commission Resurgence task force told reporters.

Task force recommendations could harm cooperation, Chapman insists

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Adopting the report of the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force could have negative repercussions, Morris Chapman warned Southern Baptist Convention messengers during their annual meeting June 15.