

# **SBC Executive Committee takes up messenger motions**

September 24, 2025

Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee members addressed referrals from messengers to the 2025 SBC annual meeting at their Sept. 22-23 meeting.

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# **Executive Committee declines to sue Johnny Hunt**

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The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee at their Sept. 23 meeting weighed the potential merits and risks of filing countersuits in cases involving what it considers fraudulent claims of responsibility.

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# **Sills drops lawsuit against Jennifer Lyell estate**

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Michael David Sills and his wife Mary no longer are seeking damages

against the estate of the late Jennifer Lyell in a lawsuit stemming from Lyell's accusation of sexual abuse against Sills.

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## **Ezell explains vision behind NAMB church planting**

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Terminology goes a long way in perception. It's difficult to get a clear picture if words have different meanings on different sides of a conversation.

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## **ERLC breaks ties with the Evangelical Immigration Table**

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The Southern Baptist Convention's public policy agency will go its own way on immigration policy, breaking ties with a coalition of other evangelical Christian bodies focused on the issue.

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# **Gary Hollingsworth named ERLC interim president**

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Retired South Carolina Baptist state convention leader and longtime pastor Gary Hollingsworth has been selected as interim president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, effective Oct. 1.

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# **Baptists denounce violence, call for prayer after shooting**

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Baptists from varied perspectives denounced political violence and called for prayer after the shooting death of political activist Charlie Kirk. However, they took different postures regarding many aspects of Kirk's message.

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# **National Baptists hear first**

# **female preacher at meeting**

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Tracey L. Brown recently became the first woman ever to preach at the annual session of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A. Inc., a 145-year-old, historically Black denomination.

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# **Baptist leaders among speakers at Ascent Summit 2026**

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Several Baptist leaders will be among the keynote speakers at the inaugural Ascent Summit, March 10-12 at Columbia Church in Falls Church, Va.

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# **Katrina reshaped New Orleans churches, leaders say**

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As churches in New Orleans commemorate the 20th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, they'll do so with a New Orleans Baptist Association of churches that is more diverse and more united than it was when waters

flooded the city, leaders said.

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## **Baptist missions leader Keith Parks dies at 97**

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R. Keith Parks, international missions leader of both the Southern Baptist Convention and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, died Aug. 26. He was 97.

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## **MedAdvance highlights importance of health care missions**

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Health care missions provide access to millions of people who've never heard of the Great Physician, and health care professionals play a crucial role in prescribing treatment for both physical and spiritual needs. These were some of the messages attendees of MedAdvance heard.