

# **Effort to compel greater SBC transparency fails**

June 12, 2025

Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting messengers approved a new business and financial plan for convention entities, rejecting an amendment that would have required a level of financial transparency comparable to IRS Form 990 disclosures.

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# **Amendment barring women pastors falls short again**

June 12, 2025

Once again, a constitutional amendment barring any church with a female pastor from the Southern Baptist Convention failed to reach the required two-thirds threshold of approval at the SBC annual meeting.

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# **SBC affirms resolution on**

# **gender, marriage and family**

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Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas voted to affirm all eight resolutions brought to the floor—with some debate—but with only one amendment, deemed friendly.

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## **Southern Baptists defeat motion to abolish the ERLC**

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Southern Baptists defeated a motion to do away with the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, the Southern Baptist Convention's moral concerns and public policy agency.

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## **Southern Baptists commission 58 new IMB missionaries**

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Southern Baptists celebrated 58 newly appointed International Mission Board missionaries during the opening session of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting.

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# **Lyell deposition revealed details of alleged abuse**

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In early April, Jennifer Lyell, a former Christian publishing executive, sat for a deposition in a defamation lawsuit filed by her once mentor and professor David Sills.

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# **Clint Pressley reelected as SBC president**

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Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Dallas elected a slate of officers, reelecting Clint Pressley, pastor of Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte, N.C., to a second term as president.

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# **SBC panel discusses sexual abuse prevention solutions**

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To continue conversations addressing sexual abuse within churches, the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee sponsored a panel discussion on abuse response and prevention during the SBC annual meeting June 9 in Dallas.

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# **WMU celebrates 130 years of Annie Armstrong Offering**

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“Missions is not a monthly meeting,” noted WMU Executive Director Sandy Wisdom-Martin, adding, “It is how we live our lives.”

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# **Abuse survivor and former Lifeway VP Jennifer Lyell died**

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Jennifer Lyell, an editor and author whose promising career in Christian

publishing was derailed when she accused a former Southern Baptist leader of abuse, died June 7. She was 47.

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## **SBC to vote on plan emphasizing trustee governance**

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The newly proposed business and financial plan going before Southern Baptist Convention messengers for a vote next week aims to offer clarity while leaning on trustee governance of SBC entities, said Executive Committee President Jeff Iorg.

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## **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary finds its path**

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For much of the past decade, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth has been making headlines for all the wrong reasons. Today,

the school is in a place of “genuine stability,” said President David Dockery.