

After initial refusal, SBC denounces ‘alt-right white supremacy’

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Messengers to the 2017 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting denounced “alt-right white supremacy” in a nearly unanimous vote after a tumultuous day of refusing to address the issue.

SBC approves process to sell Nashville building

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Presentation of a \$3.1 million gift from the sale of the Florida convention’s former building was part of an Executive Committee report that also included Southern Baptist Convention adoption of a process to sell the SBC Building in Nashville.

Southern Baptists grapple with

morality, white nationalism

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UPDATED: Southern Baptist Convention messengers adopted a statement on the importance of public officials who display “consistent moral character.” They also eventually approved a resolution condemning the “alt-right movement,” which includes proponents who call themselves white nationalists, after initially affirming a committee’s decision not to present it.

Southern Baptists seek to reverse decline with focus on evangelism

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Faced with continuing declines in membership and baptisms, Southern Baptist Convention President Steve Gaines implored messengers to the denomination’s yearly meeting to turn to God and put their emphasis on evangelism.

CBF leaders defend

pastor/judge who protested death penalty

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A North Texas pastor joined leaders of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in publicly defending a pastor's right to participate in a religiously motivated protest against the death penalty while also serving as a judge.

LGBT advocacy group plans protest at SBC meeting

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An advocacy group seeking to have homosexuality and transgenderism "removed from the sin list" announced plans to "politely disrupt" the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting June 13-14 in Phoenix.

CBF announces cuts in staff, field personnel

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A 25 percent decrease in giving to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Offering for Global Missions prompted the organization to cut its budget and reduce the number of missions personnel on the field.

Couple renews lawsuit against LifeWay over Glorieta sale

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An Arkansas couple renewed their lawsuit that contests the sale of Glorieta Conference Center, asserting LifeWay Christian Resources misrepresented facts and withheld information to defraud property owners of fair value for homes built on leased land at the encampment.

Former state executive sues NAMB; agency denies interference

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The former executive director of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware sued the North American Mission Board, claiming the agency defamed him and interfered with his employment. NAMB denies the charges and asked the court to dismiss the suit.

Former SBC agency executive Grady Cothen dies at 96

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Grady Cothen, who served as president of the Baptist Sunday School Board from 1975 to 1984, died May 19 in Ridgeland, Miss. He was 96.

Prestonwood to resume undesignated Cooperative Program giving

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Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano announced it will resume giving through the Cooperative Program after two months of evaluating its support of Southern Baptist missions and ministries.

U.S. entry to WWI remembered as chaplaincy catalyst

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The 100th anniversary of the United States' entry to World War I also marks the centennial of when military chaplaincy "came into its own," said Douglas Carver, former U.S. Army chief of chaplains.