

“Radical change” needed to stop decline in SBC, new president says

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Newly elected Southern Baptist Convention President Johnny Hunt said “radical change” is needed to stop the decline in membership of the 16 million-member denomination.

SBC elects first VP, refers motion on Fort Worth church

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Kentucky pastor Bill Henard won the Southern Baptist Convention’s first vice presidency in a landslide June 10, and the messengers to the SBC annual meeting referred to the Executive Committee a motion to cut ties with Broadway Baptist Church of Fort Worth.

Citing local church autonomy, SBC Executive Committee says no to sex offender database

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Recognizing Southern Baptists' "belief in the autonomy of each local church," Morris Chapman announced that the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee would not support the creation of a database of sexual offenders in SBC churches.

Tyler pastor Dykes receives top cooperation award

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David Dykes, longtime pastor of Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas, received the Southern Baptist Convention's highest award for cooperation during the SBC annual meeting in Indianapolis.

Hunt elected SBC president on first ballot

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Johnny Hunt, pastor of First Baptist Church of Woodstock, Ga., won the Southern Baptist Convention presidential election on the first ballot June 9 in Indianapolis.

Colts coach makes unexpected appearance at Pastors Conference

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Tony Dungy, coach of the Indianapolis Colts, made a surprise appearance at the Monday afternoon session of the 2008 Southern Baptist Pastors Conference.

Recognize warning signs, Page

urges Southern Baptists

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“Recognize the signs,” outgoing Southern Baptist Convention President Frank Page challenged messengers during his address to the SBC annual meeting in Indianapolis June 10.

Crossover participants persevere in spite of downpour

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Indiana Baptists and hundreds of out-of-state volunteers persevered following torrential rains June 7 to share the gospel and host block parties around Indianapolis as part of the Crossover evangelistic emphasis held prior to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting.

WMU celebrates missions at home and abroad

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Missionaries serving locations ranging from Yellowstone National Park to

the Philippines and Mozambique challenged participants at the 2008 Woman's Missionary Union missions celebration to join them in sharing Christ's love with their communities and around the world.

God uses broken vessels, pastors are assured

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Johnny Hunt, newly elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, answers questions from the media. He spoke earlier at the Pastors' Conference. (BP Photo by Matt Miller)

Six Texans inducted into Evangelists Hall of Faith

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Six Texas Baptists garnered spots among 30 heroes of the faith honored June 6 as the inaugural class of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists Hall of Faith.

Pastors urged to pray, get own houses in order

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Speakers during the opening session of the Southern Baptist Convention Pastors' Conference at the Indianapolis Convention Center urged pastors to renew their commitment to prayer and get their own spiritual lives in order.