

Effort to compel greater SBC transparency fails

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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.

Around the State: HPU announces new programs

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Howard Payne University has announced two new programs, a Bachelor of Arts in worship ministry and an associate degree in general studies, beginning in the 2025 fall semester.

Amendment barring women

pastors falls short again

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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.

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.

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.

Christian musician Michael Tait admits to ‘double life’

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Days after an investigation revealed allegations of sexual assault against Christian musician Michael Tait, the former Newsboys frontman publicly admitted to abusing cocaine and alcohol and touching men “in an unwanted sensual way.”

Obituary: Ebbie Cullen Smith

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Ebbie Cullen Smith, Christian ethicist and Baptist missionary, died June 2. He was 93.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Rift in evangelical churches over immigration policies

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Division looms division within evangelical churches—one of President Donald Trump's most loyal demographics—over just how far to go with immigration crackdowns.