

Corsicana pastor to be nominated for BGCT second VP

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CORSICANA—Danny Reeves, pastor of First Baptist Church in Corsicana, will be nominated for second vice president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas during its annual meeting in Frisco, Nov. 8-10.

Travis Burleson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Salado, announced he will nominate Reeves for the post next month.

'Rock solid'

Burleson—who described Reeves as “rock solid,” “easy to relate to” and “gracious”—became acquainted with him in the late 1990s, when Reeves served as minister of youth and education and associate pastor at First Baptist Church in Mart.

“From firsthand knowledge, I can tell you that my own parents thought highly of him,” Burleson said. “My dad—an active deacon at the time Danny was there—was a good judge of character and always spoke in high regard of Danny and his ministry.”

Burleson and Reeves continued to stay in contact through the years, and Reeves’ “charisma, compassion and steadfast demeanor have been hallmarks of his tenure” in every church he served, Burleson noted.

“I know Danny’s family. I know his history. I know his ministry. I know his leadership ability,” Burleson said. “Most importantly, I know his potential in regard to the future of our convention. Therefore, I can without reservation recommend him.”

Help BGCT reach full potential

Reeves, chair of the BGCT committee on convention business, agreed to allow his nomination for the second vice presidency because “meaningful people” in his life asked him to serve and because he feels gratitude to Texas Baptists and a strong commitment to the BGCT.

“I want to see our convention reach its full potential,” he said.

Although some people have identified the 21st century as a postmodern, post-denominational and post-Christian era, Reeves insisted it could be “potentially the most important time in Christian history” since the first century, and he wants Texas Baptists to respond to the challenge.

“This is not the time to batten down the hatches to try to weather the storm, but rather to launch out,” he insisted.

“We need to be as missional today as we have ever been. Relying upon the power of the Holy Spirit, I want us to be an Acts 1:8 convention,” he continued, alluding to the New Testament command to be Christian witnesses close to home, in surrounding regions and around the world.

“We need to be courageously proclaiming the gospel, presenting Christ as the only answer.”

Lifelong Texas Baptist

Reeves grew up in Monahans, where he was ordained at Southside Baptist Church after responding to God’s call to the gospel ministry at Paisano Baptist Encampment near Alpine.

He earned his bachelor’s degree in religious education at Howard Payne University and both his master of divinity and doctor of ministry degrees from Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University.

He has been senior pastor at First Baptist Church in Corsicana since 2011. Previous pastorates include First Baptist Church in Edna and First Baptist

Church in McGregor.

He also served on staff at First Baptist Church in Mart, First Baptist Church in Big Lake and First Baptist Church in Blanket.

He and his wife, Charissa, have three children—Courtney, Emily and Ryan.