



RESOLUTIONS OF THE SBC OF VIRGINIA 2018 ANNUAL HOMECOMING
LIBERTYLIVE.CHURCH (LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH), HAMPTON

Resolution 1

APPRECIATION TO LIBERTYLIVE.CHURCH, HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, The 2018 Annual Homecoming of the SBC of Virginia has been a time of edification, encouragement, and equipping; and

WHEREAS, We recognize an event of this magnitude requires diligent preparation and planning; and

WHEREAS, We acknowledge the warm and gracious hospitality of Pastor Grant Etheridge and the people of Libertylive.church; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the SBC of Virginia meeting in Hampton, Virginia, November 11-13, 2018, express heartfelt gratitude to the Lord and to all those He has used to bring about an Annual Homecoming characterized by a wonderful spirit of unity and cooperation focused on the Great Commission.

Resolution 2

PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT AND OTHER ELECTED LEADERS

WHEREAS, 1 Timothy 2:1-4 instructs believers to pray for those in authority over us; and

WHEREAS, Romans 13:1 proclaims to Christians that there is no governing authority which God has not established; and

WHEREAS, God, in His permissive will, may allow political leaders, both in biblical times and the present day, to enact policies that are opposed to His revealed will (1 Kings 16:25, 30); and

WHEREAS, It is in God's power to prompt the hearts and minds of political authorities to His purposes and furnish wisdom and guidance in their decisions (Ezra 1:1-3; Proverbs 21:1; Daniel 3:26-30; 4:34-37); and

WHEREAS, God commands His people to respect the authority of political leaders and honor them (1 Peter 2:13–17); and

WHEREAS, Messengers of the SBC of Virginia serve a Sovereign God that is affirmed in Psalm 24:1, where we read, “The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.”; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the SBC of Virginia Annual Homecoming meeting in Hampton, Virginia, November 11-13, 2018, urge the churches of the SBC of Virginia to pray confidently, regularly, and fervently for our President, members of Congress, Supreme Court justices, and all local, state, and national governmental leaders.

Resolution 3

APPRECIATION FOR THE ARMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, In appreciation of the sacrificial service of our Armed Service veterans, and active duty personnel; and

WHEREAS, We acknowledge their service has secured and defended the religious freedoms we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Our active and reserve chaplains have been commissioned into the armed services for the purpose of care, counsel and encouragement to service members and their families; and

WHEREAS, Our Armed Forces are engaged in armed conflict and have been so for the longest time in our nation’s history; and

WHEREAS, There are many still serving in harm’s way; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the SBC of Virginia Annual Homecoming meeting in Hampton, Virginia, November 11-13, 2018, express our genuine gratitude to all veterans of the United States Armed Services for their commitment and sacrifice in the defense of our nation; be it further

RESOLVED, That we pray for those who suffered in the line of duty and the families that bear the scars of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we pray for the safety of those who remain in active service both at home and abroad and their families.

Resolution 4

THE SBC OF VIRGINIA DISASTER RELIEF

WHEREAS, The Bible declares the church Christ's instrument to affect His will on earth and that we are created for good works (Ephesians 2:10); and

WHEREAS, In the New Testament, one of the ministries of the church was to bring relief to those experiencing calamity (Acts 11:27-30); and

WHEREAS, Disaster Relief of the SBC of Virginia has demonstrated their ongoing ministry in meeting the spiritual and physical needs of people in times of crisis by responding to 10 disasters so far this year, and 45 SBC of Virginia churches have provided over 1,160 volunteers who have invested over 31,300 hours in Puerto Rico, Virginia, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, North Carolina, and Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Disaster Relief of the SBC of Virginia has made sharing the Gospel their primary passion and objective in training and in practice; therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, That we, the messengers to the SBC of Virginia Annual Homecoming meeting in Hampton, Virginia, November 11-13, 2018, do thank God for His favor in giving this ministry vision to the SBC of Virginia, and for His provision for this mission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge SBC of Virginia churches to commit to train up a new generation of volunteers, equipped and committed to serve the needs of others during times of human-made and natural calamities; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we pray for God to continue to use the Disaster Relief of the SBC of Virginia to bring physical and emotional comfort to the hurting during desperate times of need, and especially to use the Disaster Relief of the SBC of Virginia to bring the message of hope in Christ to those who are living in spiritual darkness and in need of salvation.

Resolution 5

CONDEMNING RELIGIOUS VIOLENCE AGAINST JEWISH PEOPLE

WHEREAS, Scripture proclaims that Jesus is purchasing by His blood believers “from every tribe and language and people and nation” (Revelation 5:9); and

WHEREAS, Throughout eternity we will gather with a “multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language” in worship of our risen Savior (Revelation 7:9); and

WHEREAS, Our justification before God is based on faith in Christ Jesus alone (Galatians 3:27–28); and

WHEREAS, The gospel has the power to save anyone and everyone who believes (Romans 1:16, Matthew 15:24); and

WHEREAS, The Jewish people were God’s chosen nation, and the nation from which came our Messiah, Jesus Christ our Savior. (Romans 1:3); and

WHEREAS, The attack on the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on Saturday, October 27, 2018 where 11 people were killed, and 6 people were wounded is believed to be the deadliest on the Jewish community in US history; therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the SBC of Virginia Homecoming, meeting in Hampton, Virginia, November 11-13, 2018, extend our love and compassion to those families and loved ones in Pittsburgh devastated by the religious violence that took place in the Tree of Life synagogue; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we will encourage churches of the SBC of Virginia to guard against and reject anti-Semitism and to be zealous to share the hope of Christ for all peoples.

Resolution 6

INERRANCY AND AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE

WHEREAS, Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth." (John 17:17); and



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WHEREAS, We are expressly taught, "All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness,"(2 Timothy 3:16); and

WHEREAS, Both the Old Testament and the New Testament are essential and applicable to the lives and faith of believers, and reveal important aspects of God's immutable will, enduring relationship with His people, and unchanging, holy, eternal character (Matthew 4:4, 2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:19, Malachi 3:6, Isaiah 46:9-11, Matthew 22:32); and

WHEREAS, True Christian faith is, was and always will be rooted in the Scriptures (Psalms 1:1-2, 2 Peter 1:19); and

WHEREAS, The SBC of Virginia and all churches therein agree with *The Baptist Faith and Message 2000* and the view of the Scriptures contained therein; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the SBC of Virginia continue to affirm the importance, reliability, inerrancy and authority of the Scriptures (Matthew 4:4, Deuteronomy 8:3, 2 Timothy 3:16, John 10:35, Psalm 19:7-9, Isaiah 40:8, Matthew 5:17-18, Luke 21:33, Luke 24:44-46, Romans 15:4, 2 Peter 1:19).