



Resolution of the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches on Reflecting on 75 years as a Fellowship of Churches

Passed August 11-14, 2014

WHEREAS, God directed in the hearts of godly pastors and delegates to stand for doctrinal purity and contend for the faith (2 Corinthians 6:14-18); and

WHEREAS, these men in 1939 at Atlantic City, NJ were willing to walk out of the merger¹ of several Methodist denominations to form what is today known as the United Methodist Church;² and

WHEREAS, this new merger took place despite differences in doctrine and practice; a group of ten ordained pastors, seven supply pastors, with about sixty other delegates and friends withdrew to Scullville, NJ. As they left the church, they sang “Blessed Assurance,” “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name,” and “Tis the Old Time Religion;” and

WHEREAS, the testimony of the Eastern Conference of the Methodist Church was continued by those men and the name of the organization was changed in 1940 to the Bible Protestant Church then, in 1985, to the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches; and

WHEREAS, the FFBC, on this seventy-fifth anniversary, still stands upon and contends for the “old Book and the old faith” (Jude 3);

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches, meeting in Annual Session at Tri-State Bible Conference, Montague, NJ, August 11-14, 2014, will continue:

1. to stand for the truth of the Word of God for which many have paid the price,
2. to preach the Word of God in our pulpits,
3. to proclaim the gospel message to a lost and dying world, and
4. to raise our banner high for our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, giving Him the praise, honor and glory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we remember those that have laid the foundation of our testimony for Christ and build upon that testimony a body of believers fit for the Master’s use.

¹ For details on this refused merger, see the book *How God Delivered 34 Churches* by Newton Conant.

² These Methodist denominations were the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the Methodist Protestant Church.



Resolution of the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches on Biblical Creationism, Not Up for Debate

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Man has long struggled to recognize God as creator of the heavens and the earth. Man has chosen to worship the creature instead of the Creator (Romans 1:19-32). The modern debate is recognized as between biblical creationism and evolution. Charles Darwin's book in 1859 *On the Origin of Species* provided ammunition to those who deny God and has led to much debate about the origin of life and the power that sustains the universe. The theory of evolution has been taught as scientific fact to recent generations. This belief has led, most recently, to the "Debate of the Decade," February 4, 2014, between Bill Nye "The Science Guy" and Ken Ham of Answers in Genesis.

The question of the debate was "Is Creation a viable model of origins in today's modern scientific era?" Bill Nye provided no credible evidence for evolution and no reason that creation is not a viable model of origins. Bill Nye simply suggested that belief in God and the Genesis account of creation is unreasonable, unbelievable, and laughable. The reaction of Bill Nye and other unbelieving evolutionists comes as no surprise based on Bible passages like Romans 1, Psalm 2, and 2 Peter 3.

While we understand that Biblical Creationism must be accepted by faith (Hebrews 11:3), we appreciate Ken Ham's cogent statements and responses and the courage to stand on Scriptural truth. With a major audience tuning in, it was clear that "there is a book," namely the Bible, which affirms Biblical Creationism as a viable model of origins!

THEREFORE, we, the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches, meeting in Annual Session at Tri-State Bible Conference, Montague, NJ, August 11-14, 2014, applaud and encourage the efforts of Ken Ham and Answers In Genesis, The Institute for Creation Research, Beginning With Genesis Ministries and other ministries that boldly research and teach Biblical Creationism.

FURTHERMORE, we implore pastors and churches to teach that Creation took place over six literal, twenty-four hour days, and that the Genesis account of Creation is truth!



Resolution of the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches on A Call to Moral Purity and Protection in the Church

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One does not need to look far to realize moral impurity abounds and has snared both non-Christians and Christians of all ages. Sexual addiction is real. Pornography is an epidemic — being a 14 billion dollar a year industry. Immorality before and during marriage has become more and more acceptable. The reasons for trouble in the area of purity are not only because we live in a godless, desensitizing culture, but the root problem is man's inherently wicked heart. Scripture calls believers to moral purity (Hebrews 13:2, 1 Corinthians 7:1, 1 Timothy 4:12, 5:22) and to guarding one's heart (Proverbs 4:23).

Sadly, one very specific manifestation of immorality and impurity is the matter of sexual abuse of children. The Bible is clear that the lives of children are precious and cherished as valuable to God (Matthew 18:6; Psalm 127:3). Such sin was once virtually unheard of, but unfortunately, more and more devastating events like this are affecting and impacting local churches. By God's grace, this resolution is not being written in response to a known case of abuse in one of the FFBC churches. However, there are men in ministry and/or some associated with a church who have grievously sinned in this way.

THEREFORE, we, the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches, meeting in Annual Session at Tri-State Bible Conference, Montague, NJ, August 11-14, 2014, do graciously remind and firmly exhort pastors and people of the following:

We must each strive to live a pure life. Guarding our thoughts is a must, confessing not hiding our sin is essential, and accountability is a safeguard.

Pastor – you must never risk your moral testimony. Be discreet in dealing with a person of the opposite sex who is not your wife or family member. Do whatever is necessary and appropriate so your integrity is not questioned (Titus 1:7).

Pastor – you must know the law in your own state concerning reporting suspected abuse. You have not only a scriptural obligation but a legal obligation in reporting sexual abuse. Romans 13:1-7 teaches us that government is ordained by God to punish evil. It is very unwise to remain unprepared to deal with a sexual abuse crisis (Proverbs 22:3).

Pastor – Exercise due care in the local church with those who work with children. Wisely implement polices to protect both children, employees, and volunteers.

We must be committed to lovingly and carefully helping the victim of sexual abuse or sin. Effects of abuse can be devastating and enduring. Don't be naïve and think that sexual sin will never happen in "your" church; the problem is more widespread that you may think.

We believe and are assured that our God can bring healing and spiritual growth to those harmed and sinned against, and he can also forgive a person of any trespass (1 John 1:9). We further believe that our God is sovereign in all things and can God be trusted (Psalm 103:19; Romans 8:28, 11:33-34).



Resolution of the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches on Attacks Against Religious Freedom

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WHEREAS, Houston Mayor, Annise Parker, recently subpoenaed the messages and personal communications of five pastors in the Houston area. Subsequent pressure from the state's Attorney General, Greg Abbot, and Christians across the Country has caused both the Mayor and City Council to back away from this action.

WHEREAS, in Idaho, Hitching Post owners, Don and Lynn Knapp, have been directed to perform same-sex weddings under threat of fines or jail time. Thankfully, a federal lawsuit against the northern Idaho city, Coeur d' Alene, has been filed.

WHEREAS, these are just two recent examples of attacks coming against Bible-believing pastors and people. We understand the real issue in both cases is the violation of our First Amendment rights. If the issue of same-sex marriage can be used to dismantle the First Amendment, then we can be sure many more attacks will come! The efforts to silence the truth will only intensify in these last days (Psalm 2; 2 Timothy 3).

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Fellowship of Fundamental Bible Churches, stand with the pastors of Houston, Texas against this unconstitutional attack on First Amendment rights. We also support the Knapps in their lawsuit to defend their religious beliefs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we will uphold and honor the First Amendment, and speak loudly and clearly about any attempts to violate its speech and religious protections.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that regardless of political and policy changes or judicial challenges, we, by the grace of God, will "obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29). Let us determine to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15) for we know that only "the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).