

Amendments to SBC's Constitution and By-Laws by Affirmative Congregational Resolution, dated February 2011, Change of Statement of Faith and Form of Government

YES -- I vote that we DO adopt the attached Confession of Faith

I ask specifically that you authorize the church leadership to amend the language of our Constitution and Bylaws, such that this document replaces and supersedes our current statement of faith. It is intended, because it more accurately and completely reflects the teaching of the Bible, to be used by South Baptist Church as an aid in the interpretation of Scripture, construction of its theology, judgment regarding orthodoxy, examination of leaders and members, examination of what other church organizations, parachurch ministries, missionaries, evangelists and teachers believe, as well as being useful in examining our own thinking and processes regarding how we do church. In this sense, it is important that your decision be based in Scripture and be therefore wise.

I AFFIRM

That God through Scripture and the leading of His Holy Spirit is directing SBC to transition from its current form of government (congregationally ruled) to government by a Board of Elders (elder ruled) and authorize that our Constitution be amended to reflect this change. It is understood that the Annual Church Budget and the encumbrance of church assets or their disposition will still require prior congregational approval. Additionally, the confirmation of Elders, the calling of a Pastor, and changes to the Constitution & Bylaws shall still require prior congregational approval. I acknowledge that Scripture is sufficient and supreme in its authority over all the affairs of the spiritual life of SBC and the Elders as God's under-shepherds and the final court of appeals for the interpretation and implementation of Scripture in this church body.