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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - PASTOR PAUL HOOVER

We would like to extend our wish of a joyous Christ filled season to all at this wonderful time of the year.

May you have a thoughtful and peaceful close to 2018 and a great new beginning in 2019.

Please pray for the pastors and churches of the Intermountain Baptist Fellowship as we labor together for the Lord.

Pastor Paul and Cindy Hoover (Pauldhoover@icloud.com)

Annual Meeting 2018 Resolutions

REGARDING HOST CHURCH AND PASTOR

Whereas, Fellowship Baptist Church of Miles City, Montana has graciously extended a warm welcome, and has hosted the churches of our fellowship for our 2018 Annual Meeting;

Be It Resolved, that we, the messengers attending the meeting, express our gratitude to Pastor and Mrs. Ken Evans and the people of the church for their many preparations and their example of Christian hospitality.

REGARDING OUR EVANGELIST

Whereas, Dr. Stan Roach has willingly taken time to faithfully prepare and preach for these meetings;

Be It Resolved, That we communicate our sincere appreciation for his messages of encouragement to faithfully contend for the faith.

REGARDING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED OUR CHURCHES AND FELLOWSHIP MORE EXTENSIVELY IN 2018

Whereas, we thank our Camp Director, Dr. Walt Widdis and the First Baptist Church of Laurel for their dedication to the ministries of Castle Rock Baptist Camp and Whereas, we thank our Camp Manager, J.D. Benson for his work maintaining the facilities and Whereas, we thank our Camp Program Coordinator, Pastor Mike Fisher who, in the midst of candidating for the pastorate of First Baptist Church of Cody, WY. helped us initiate a new camp format and lay the ground work for the future of our camp ministry and...

Whereas, we thank all of our churches and the many faithful volunteers this past summer at Castle Rock Baptist Camp for another successful camp season and...

Whereas, we thank our IMBF officers for their faithful service and execution of the many administrative details that come with this responsibility and... We especially recognize the work of Brother Colt Heilman who stepped in and continued the work of his former Pastor as our Secretary/ Treasurer with great professionalism and...

Whereas, we thank our Field Representative and his wife, Pastor Paul and Cindy Hoover for their dedication, many miles traveled, and for cheerfully providing a ready response to the needs of our churches and fellowship.

We resolve to continue to do the work of the fellowship with the same kind of energy and enthusiasm.

REGARDING OUR SUPPORT OF PASTORS AND MISSIONARIES AROUND THE WORLD

Whereas many current pastors and missionaries are suffering financial hardship and increased physical persecution around the world.

Whereas it continues to become more difficult to raise both prayer and financial support for new missions efforts. Whereas many of our current pastors and missionaries on the field are aging and the median age of servants continues to rise.

We resolve to increase our efforts to look for and recognize the Holy Spirit's leading in calling some of our own and to mentor and train the next generation of servants to do the work of the ministry.

We resolve to keep the cause of Christ and the Great Commission foremost in the minds and hearts of the members of our congregations to include the news of financial needs and reports of those that are being displaced and even killed for Christ's sake.

And we therefore fuller resolve to support the development of discipleship classes and Bible institutes for pastoral and missions training in our local churches. We commend the work being accomplished at Mountain States Baptist College in Great Falls and Laurel and our sister churches with similar Bible institutes.

REGARDING OUR SPIRITUAL HERITAGE

WHEREAS A fundamentalist is a genuine believer in the person, work and doctrine of the Lord Jesus Christ who:

- A. Regards the Bible, both Old and New Testaments as the verbally inspired, inerrant infallible Word of God.
- B. Recognizes the Bible as the authoritative voice of God on all issues pertaining to life, including civil government, social issues, and spiritual warfare.
- C. Endeavors to practice the right way of living in all areas of his life and is a true example for others of biblical deportment.
- D. Believes in all the foundational truths of historic fundamental Christianity, including:
 1. The inspiration and preservation of the Bible
 2. The virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ
 3. The deity of the Christ
 4. The bodily resurrection, ascension and literal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 5. Salvation by grace through faith alone and regeneration by the Holy Spirit.
 6. The eternal destinies of heaven or hell.
 7. The state of man as a sinner by nature and by choice and his desperate need of the Savior Jesus Christ.
- E. Earnestly contends for the faith, which includes a militant defense and proclamation of the faith and separation from all forms of heresy, apostasy, unbelief, and pluralism.
- F. Motivated by love to give an answer to all the reason for our hope and the need to expose error, within and without the household of faith.

We resolve to continue to be committed to being and reproducing this kind of believer in our churches.

REGARDING OUR NATIONAL HERITAGE

Whereas, our allegiance is first and foremost to our Creator and King. After all, the first of the Ten Commandments states, "Thou shall have no other gods before Me" (Exodus 20:3). We also remember that in the second commandment God charged His people not to set up and revere any physical image (Exodus 20:4–5), an idea restated in 1 John 5:21. We remain careful not to idolize our nation or its symbols. Whereas, our national heritage is one nation under God and our national flag is a symbol of that freedom.

Whereas, the pledges to both the flags of the United States and the Christian cause include right definitions and associations of our allegiance.

We resolve to resist the trends to dishonor these well and rightly established symbols of our true allegiances.

We resolve to prayerfully pledge and sing of our allegiances to the banners that symbolize our nation under God and chose to honor all those that have given their lives to provide us this freedom.

REGARDING THE NEED FOR HOLINESS AND SEXUAL PURITY

Whereas we are commanded in scripture to be a holy people and holiness in our culture is being seen as more of a vice than virtue.

Whereas, marriage is honorable and is the only context for appropriate sexual expression according to biblical standards (Hebrews 13:4)

Whereas, charges of sexual deviancy and perversion are in the news daily and children are often victims of abuse.

Whereas, our society is moving toward the legalization of all kinds of sexual sin and deviancy.

Whereas, Satan continues to cause chaos with false accusations and is busy tempting leaders to fall.

We resolve to follow the biblical principles set for before us in passages such as Malachi 2:15-16 and 1 Peter 1:14-16 and expect that all believers will show evidences of their transformation from death unto life and strive to remain holy and blameless in society.

We resolve to do all that we can to ensure the protection of all who attend our events and services from the threat of actual sexual abuse and false accusation.

We affirm that pastors must preach the truth of God's Word on human sexuality, marriage, purity, and love with all boldness and without fear of reprisal from the LGBT, polygamist and sexual revolution movements.

And that it further be resolved that we proclaim that Christ offers forgiveness of sin for those who turn from it and believe on Christ for the forgiveness.

REGARDING THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

Whereas, we regard all life as a gift from God and therefore of great worth. And in light of the brutal and gruesome practices of Planned Parenthood that include the sale of body parts that have been recently documented and...

Whereas, the Roe vs. Wade decision of 1973 continues to be the law of the land and the demographic consequences of this wicked and sinful decision abound and...

Whereas, there are other threats to human life in the form of crime, drug abuse and euthanasia that we need to remember when addressing this issue publicly and privately and...

We resolve to do all that we can to preserve life regardless of the person's age, physical or spiritual condition, and whether born or unborn.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the IMBF

Dr. Steve Mix