

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING BIBLICAL VALUES IN AN UNGODLY SOCIETY

WHEREAS, the messengers of the Baptist Convention of Maryland and Delaware (BCMD), assembled at Upper Marlboro, MD, for their 2023 annual meeting; have come together to affirm and encourage one another to remain faithful to Biblical values in a society that often affirms values in opposition to the Word of God.

WHEREAS, there are social agendas in our society that advance views of marriage, family, gender, sexuality, race, life, education, and religious liberty in ways that are unbiblical;

WHEREAS, these social agendas not only impact society at large, but also can influence believers and churches in the BCMD;

WHEREAS, these social agendas reveal that many in society “love darkness more than light” (John 3:19); love “the creature more than the Creator”(Romans 1:25); exhibit a “corrupt” mind (Romans 1:28); call “what is good evil and what is evil good” (Isaiah 5:20) and in many ways “each person does what was right in their own eyes” (Judges 21:25).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the messengers of the BCMD meeting in Upper Marlboro, Maryland for the 2023 Annual Meeting encourage all BCMD churches to be committed to preaching and living out Biblical values in our society; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we reaffirm as the BCMD the Biblical values of marriage, being one biological man and one biological woman intended for life (Genesis 2:24) (Matthew 19:4-6); family based upon God’s purpose coming through marriage as best for a good society (Genesis 2:24) (Matthew 19:4-6); gender as biological, male and female (Genesis 1:27); human race being created in the image of God with intrinsic worth (Genesis 1:27); we all come from one man forming the human race (Acts 17:26); life is given by our Creator from the womb to the tomb (Psalms 139:13-16); education that honors God and does not indoctrinate into secularism (Matthew 18:5-6; 2 Timothy 2:15); religious liberty that recognizes the right of each person to worship God and express faith publicly without interference from Government (Acts 4:19-20); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage pastors to teach and preach to their congregations on these Biblical values; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we unashamedly reject societal values that oppose Biblical values (Romans 1:16) even if this brings persecution (Matthew 5:10); and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that as Christians, we affirm the Word of God and our Baptist heritage and will unite upon promoting Biblical values over our daily lives and through public policy through legislators in an attempt to create a better society for all to live.