

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Stowell

WHEREAS the Beloved Apostle Paul said, "We beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake." (1 Thess. 5:12 – 13); and

WHEREAS Dr. Joseph M. Stowell has faithfully served the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches as its National Representative for these ten years; and

WHEREAS he has demonstrated care and concern for pastors and people throughout our fellowship; and

WHEREAS he has consistently, carefully, and Biblically spoken as our national voice in a day of rapidly changing theological and social standards, and he has presented a clear stand on Biblical church separation and fallacies of neo-evangelicalism; and

WHEREAS his personal and family life has been godly and above reproach, serving as a standard for pastors, missionaries, and laymen; and

WHEREAS our lives have been enriched, encouraged, and educated by his personal and pulpit ministry which has brought "a word in season" during discouragement, despair and indecision; and

WHEREAS his dear wife Corabel has served with him to the glory of God and the good of our fellowship;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches at the 48th Annual Conference of the General Baptist Churches, meeting in Dayton, Ohio, June 25–29, 1979, do express to Dr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Stowell, our sincere and abundant thanksgiving along with deep appreciation for tireless service and sacrifice for the cause of Christ and the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, for exemplary living, good preaching, faithful leadership, godliness, and tenderhearted concern for a large, scattered family of churches; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we commend them to the grace of God and His tender care as they move into yet another chapter of their lives. We further pledge our love, friendship, and support at the Throne of Grace as the Word of God continues to be a lamp to their feet and a light upon their pathway.

Dayton, Ohio
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