

## **Evangelism**

WHEREAS our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ summed up His purpose in coming to earth with the words, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10); and

WHEREAS His marching orders to the church, commonly referred to as the Great Commission, demands of each disciple, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15); and

WHEREAS the ministry of the New Testament church, whose spiritual success has been neither excelled or equaled in nineteen centuries of religious succession, is succinctly outlined in Luke's statement, "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ" (Acts 5:42); and

WHEREAS the Word of God clearly and forcibly teaches the value of a single soul to be greater than that of the whole world's wealth (Matt. 16:26), Hell to be a place of indescribably punishment (Luke 16:19-31), Heaven as a land of incomprehensible beauty and delight (Rev. 21:9-27), man's life on earth fleeting and uncertain (James 4:13-15), and eternity a time of endless duration (Matt. 25:46);

BE IT RESOLVED that we as messengers of churches committed to the evangelical and fundamental position of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, assembled in Annual Conference at Des Moines, Iowa, June 21-25, 1965, dedicate ourselves anew and afresh to a firm spirit and program of evangelism—both personal and mass—throughout the coming year, witnessing through life and lip, utilizing every possible avenue of presenting the liberating gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to those shackled by the burdensome bonds of sin; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that we urge our churches and constituency at home to join us in an effort to make this coming year the most effective in winning souls to Christ in our Association's history, getting out the gospel through the public press, radio, television, books and booklets, church visitation programs, special revival crusades, establishing new mission churches, and by services in jails, rescue missions, hospitals, rest homes, on street corners and wherever and whenever opportunity affords a presentation of the Bible message; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge all our Association personnel, our approved institutions of higher learning, and our approved

missionary agencies to acknowledge and apply this principle of winning the lost to Christ as the primary purpose of our existence.

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