

## **Evangelism**

WHEREAS the main purpose of our existence as an Association as cooperating churches and as individual Christian men, women, and young people is the winning of precious souls to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, urging them to be scripturally baptized, then building them up in the most holy faith, as outlined in the Savior's Great Commission: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28:19, 20); and

WHEREAS today's tendency among liberals is to either belittle New Testament evangelism entirely or to offer a synthetic substitute which stops far short of Christian reality, and the tendency among some conservative groups is to either de-emphasize it or else ignore it completely;

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in annual conference at the Civic Auditorium in Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 20-24, 1966, commend our churches, our approved agencies, and our Associational personnel for their accomplishments this past year in the field of New Testament evangelism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge our churches, our approved agencies, and our Associational personnel to manifest an even greater zeal, make even more diligent efforts, and highlight renewed endeavors at being "made all things to all men" that they "might by all means save some" (1 Cor. 9:22) during the coming year, utilizing every possible method of Biblical evangelism, such as evangelistic meetings, house-to-house visitation, street meetings, services in jails, hospitals, county homes, and other places where people are commonly neglected, distribution of gospel literature, radio and television broadcasts, youth rallies, and all other areas wherein souls can be reached with the message of redemption through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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