The Inerrancy of Scripture

WHEREAS our Association in its official doctrinal statement, confesses the divine inspiration and complete inerrancy of the Bible in its original autographs with its accompanying authority over the lives of individual believers and over the organization, worship, and service of the local churches; and

WHEREAS in addition to the well-known rejection of full Biblical inspiration by theological liberals there is an increasing number of persons calling themselves evangelicals who either question or openly deny the inerrancy of Scripture as that term has been historically and correctly understood by fundamentalists; and

WHEREAS there is a growing body of literature defending various views of "limited inerrancy" as over against the traditional and Biblical position of full and complete inspiration;

THEREFORE BE IT 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, reaffirm our deep conviction that the Bible is fully and completely the Word of God and that its teachings are an authoritative divine message and guide for every generation in every culture; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we continue to teach and preach the Bible with full confidence that it is "living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword". (Hebrews 4:12)

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