

Resolution on Abortion:

As we approach the 20th anniversary of Virginia Baptists' definitive statements on abortion, the Christian Life Committee recommends that the messengers to the 1997 Baptist General Association of Virginia reaffirm the following position:

Whereas, Southern Baptists have historically held a biblical view of the sanctity of human life, and

Whereas, abortion is a very serious moral and spiritual problem of continuing concern to the American people, and

Whereas, Christians have a responsibility to deal with all moral and spiritual issues which affect society, including the problems of abortion, and

Whereas, the practice of abortion for selfish nontherapeutic reasons wantonly destroys fetal life, dulls our society's moral sensitivity, and leads to a cheapening of all human life,

Therefore, be it Resolved, that the messengers to the 174th Baptist General Association of Virginia meeting in Roanoke in November 1997 reaffirm the biblical sacredness and dignity of all human life, including fetal life, and

Be it further Resolved, that in the best interest of our society, we reject any indiscriminate attitude toward abortion as contrary to the biblical view, and

Be it further Resolved, that we also affirm our conviction about the limited role of government in dealing with matters relating to abortion, and support the right of expectant mothers to the full range of medical services and personal counseling for the preservation of life and health.