

FBC Huntsville, the Southern Baptist Convention, and Women in Ministry

1. We appreciate the support the SBC has given local churches and its significant contribution to national and international missions since 1845. Specifically, we honor how FBC members have supported the SBC's mission to further the Kingdom through our 100+ years of shared history.
2. As an autonomous Baptist church, we support women in ministry—*our* ministers and future ministers, in particular—because we believe this is a biblical position. We remain committed to that position.
3. Consequently, we are disappointed in how the SBC has devalued the pastoral roles and leadership functions of women in the church—both in the *2000 Baptist Faith and Message* and in the recent vote favoring the Law Amendment.
4. We will wait until June 2024 to see whether the Law Amendment is ratified at the next convention. If it passes (and once the impact becomes clear), we will reassess our relationship with the SBC.
5. Our current giving options are SBC Missions, CBF Missions, and FBC Missions. We will maintain those options at this time.
6. If at some point we are no longer an SBC church, we will do the following:
 - a. We will still offer giving options for members who wish to support SBC missionaries.
 - b. We will seek to partner with another body (or bodies) beyond us that reflect the centrist nature of our church.

Adopted by FBC Huntsville's Leadership Council and Deacons

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