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SBC President Bart Barber Responds to SCOTUS Dobbs Ruling

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FARMERSVILLE, Texas—Bart Barber, pastor and newly elected president of the [Southern Baptist Convention](#), America’s largest Protestant denomination, provided comments today in response to the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling in the abortion case, *Dobbs v Jackson Women’s Health Organization*:

“Southern Baptists rejoice at the ruling that the United States Supreme Court has delivered today in *Dobbs v Jackson Women’s Health Organization*.

Since 1980, the Southern Baptist Convention has passed more than [20 resolutions](#) on the question of abortion. We have consistently held these principles:

- That from the moment of conception until the moment of natural death all human beings are made in the image of God.
- That every human being is valuable and deserves to be loved and protected, regardless of race, ethnicity, sex, socio-economic status, disability, intelligence, or utility to society.
- That elective abortion should be prohibited by law except in cases wherein the life of the mother is endangered by carrying the baby to term.
- That expectant mothers facing difficult circumstances deserve the love and support of the church, the community, and society.

These principles have motivated both our consistent support of the pro-life movement and our consistent support of crisis pregnancy centers, ministries to low-income families, foster-care and adoption agencies, and other ministries of mercy to people in need.

As we stated just days ago in a [resolution](#) at our 2022 Annual Meeting, in a post-Roe United States, “We commit to stand with and pray for abortion-vulnerable women, to eliminate any perceived need for the horror of abortion, and to oppose Planned Parenthood and other predatory organizations or institutions who exploit vulnerable women for profit.” State-by-state, mother-by-mother, heart-by-heart, we will continue our sacred work toward this goal.”

Barber was elected President of the Southern Baptist Convention June 14 in Anaheim, CA. More information about Barber can be found [here](#).

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