

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

OFFICIAL REPORT

The Program Committee is responsible for preparing the order of business for the annual meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia and assuring that worship is emphasized during the meeting. We are grateful to the city of Virginia Beach for their wonderful hospitality.

Our theme for this year is **Heart for the Not Yet**, based on Acts 17:6b: *“These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also.”* Our main speaker is Miriam Swanson, with Alan Hirsch and Rick Warren speaking on Tuesday afternoon. Taylor Vancil of Second Baptist Church, Richmond, will lead our worship, with special guests, the David Esleck Trio.

New this year is a BGAV-wide art exhibit, Art For the Not Yet, where churches and individuals have created art to help us all pray, and dream about God’s heart for all people. We hope you will take time to experience this unique aspect of our annual meeting.

It is our prayer that our time will encourage you to go back to your communities and “turn the world upside down” with God’s love and heart for the not yet.

The Program Committee makes the following Motion:

1. that the program, as printed, be adopted as the agenda for the 2026 meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia
2. that the times on the program are indicated merely as a guide
3. that to expedite discussion, debate on all matters will be limited to three minutes per speaker, and that speakers, pro and con, be alternated
4. that future dates and sites for the Annual Meeting be affirmed as:
 - November 8-10, 2027 in the Capitol Region, at Main Street Station, Richmond
 - November 13-15, 2028 in the Northern Virginia Region
 - November 2029 in the Southwest Virginia Region

Respectfully submitted,

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