

Resolution on the Theme of the 2026 PARBC Fall Conference
“The Incomparable Christ: Our Caring Shepherd”
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Whereas, Scripture likens sinners to sheep who have gone astray and describes needy people as sheep without a shepherd, exposed and unable to find their own way home (Isa. 53:6; Matt. 9:36; 1 Pet. 2:25); and

Whereas, the LORD reveals Himself as the Shepherd of His people, providing what they need, restoring their souls, and carrying the weak close to His heart (Ps. 23:1–4; Isa. 40:10–11); and

Whereas, Israel’s unfaithful shepherds scattered the flock, but the LORD promised to seek His sheep Himself and to set over them one Shepherd from David’s line (Jer. 23:1–6; Ezek. 34:11–16, 23–24); and

Whereas, these promises are fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd and Son of David, who laid down His life for the sheep and took it up again in victory (Matt. 2:6; John 10:11–18); and

Whereas, the risen Christ is now the Great Shepherd who keeps His sheep, watches over their souls, and equips them to do His will (John 10:27–30; Heb. 13:20–21; 1 Pet. 2:25 & 5:7):

Be it therefore resolved, that we, the messengers of the Pennsylvania Association of Regular Baptist Churches, assembled at Calvary Baptist Church in Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, on September 14–16, 2026, do joyfully confess Jesus Christ as the incomparable Shepherd and the Lamb standing as though slain: by His blood He has redeemed a people from every tribe and nation, and He is worthy of the worship of heaven and earth (John 10:11; Rev. 5:6, 9–14); and

Be it further resolved, that we will hear His voice in Scripture, follow where He leads, and trust Him when the way is dark (Ps. 23:3–4; John 10:3–5, 27; 2 Tim. 3:16–17); and

Be it further resolved, that our pastors will feed Christ’s flock with the Word, guard it from error, and lead by godly example (Acts 20:27–31; 1 Pet. 5:1–3); and

Be it further resolved, that our churches will bear one another’s burdens, strengthen the weak, and gently and lovingly seek to restore those who wander (Gal. 6:1–2; 1 Thess. 5:14; James 5:19–20); and

Be it further resolved, that we will carry the gospel to those without a shepherd, trusting Christ to gather them into His one flock (Matt. 9:36–38; John 10:16; Rom. 10:13–15); and

Be it finally resolved, that we will await the appearing of the Chief Shepherd, who will bring us safely home and lead us to living water, where God will wipe away every tear (John 14:1–3; 1 Pet. 5:4; Rev. 7:17).