

Resolution of Appreciation for Heritage Hills Baptist Church – Host Church

The brethren of the Independent Baptist Fellowship of North America, meeting June 19-21, 2018 at Heritage Hills Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC, hereby express our deep appreciation to our host church for their generous welcome and thoughtful care for us under the leadership of our brother, Pastor Steve Pittman. Our bodies were warmed by the North Carolina sun, as our hearts were warmed by your kind love for the body of Christ, your sister churches.

We have been greatly blessed by the hospitality of your people. The church's enthusiastic preparations in the love of Christ for our conference have encouraged and refreshed us as we have exhorted one another to stand fast in the Lord. Thank you for your faithful example and loving care. We have enjoyed the use of your beautiful building and your generous provisions for all our meal needs. The meatloaf recipe was especially delicious. Thank you for ministering to the many logistical needs of hosting a conference like this one. We were well served by musicians, ushers, children's ministries, the church's security team, great cooks, and cleanup crews. The offer of open homes for our housing needs was an unexpected blessing. The commendation of Gaius applies here: "Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers; which have borne witness of thy charity before the church" (3 John 4-5).

We rejoice in this separated witness for the truth of the gospel, and we pray that the panoply of God will continue to give you grace "to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." We shall look forward to continuing to stand with you, strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it" (1 Thess. 5:24).