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GEORGIA BAPTIST CONVENTION

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HISTORY OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS



EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

of the

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

of the

BAPTIST CONVENTION

of the

STATE OF GEORGIA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name and Title</u>
1877 – 1891	J. H. DeVotie
1891 – 1900	John G. Gibson
1900 – 1906	S.Y. Jameson
1906 – 1914	J. J. Bennett
1915 – 1930	Arch G. Cree
1930 – 1954	James W. Merritt
1954 – 1980	Searcy S. Garrison
1981 – 1992	James N. Griffith
1993 – Present	J. Robert White

“The Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia was organized June 29, 1822, at the Powelton Baptist Church...First name used by the body was ‘The General Baptist Association of the State of Georgia.’ This was the second state Baptist Body, the South Carolina Convention having been organized in 1821.” (A HISTORY OF THE GEORGIA BAPTIST CONVENTION, 1822-1972, James Adams Lester, p. 61.)

“An Act to Incorporate the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia...[was] assented to December 22, 1830, George R. Gilmer, Governor.” (Ibid., p. 101)

The Georgia Baptist Convention Constitution and Bylaws were adopted in 1919. (Ibid., p. 407)

Since 1877 nine men have faithfully served as Executive Secretary-Treasurer/Executive Director-Secretary/Executive Director-Chief Executive Officer of the Executive Committee.