

# **The Baptist Foundation of California**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**Jarboe begins Service**  
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Dr. Jonathan Jarboe began his duties as president elect/senior vice president of The Baptist Foundation of California on July 29. His election for the position was part of a succession plan approved by the Board of Directors in August, 2018. As directed by the plan, Jarboe will work under the leadership of the current president, Dr. Philip Kell, for a period of time before assuming the role of president.

Rob Zinn, chair of the board of directors, applauded the board's selection last year, "Jonathan has lived the history of the Foundation, he knows the work of the Foundation and he knows California Southern Baptists."

Dr. Jarboe graduated with a double major in business and political science from California Baptist College (now University) and a Master of Christian Education degree from Golden Gate Seminary (Now Gateway Seminary) In addition, he holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Redlands and a Doctor of Educational Ministry with a concentration in leadership from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Jarboe served on the Foundation's board of directors for a total of 12 years before his election.

"Jonathan is uniquely qualified to lead the Foundation into this next phase of its history," said Kell. "With his extensive educational preparation, successful executive experience, and stellar commitment to Southern Baptists work, he brings a well-centered footing to the role. He has my hearty endorsement and knows he can expect my loyal support as the new president.

Dr. Jarboe has served at Pathway Church in Redlands, California for more than 25 years and as lead pastor since 1999. Prior, he also served on the church staff of Trinity Baptist Church in Vacaville.

"Churches are facing unprecedented challenges today," said Jarboe. "I believe the Foundation is positioned to make an increasingly greater impact for the Kingdom as we partner with them to resource effective and purposed Great Commission ministries.

Dr. Jarboe has been married to his wife, Tammy, for 32 years. They have 3 married children and two grandchildren.

A Cooperative Program Ministry of the Southern Baptist churches in California, the Foundation exists to raise, manage, and distribute financial resources for Kingdom causes. Currently managing almost \$160 million, the Foundation distributed more than \$7.7 million to Baptists and Baptist causes last year.