

From: "Will Hall"
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 1:41 PM
To: "J.D. Greear"
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Subject: FW: forwarded Platt email

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From: "Platt, David"
Date: March 23, 2016 at 8:10:53 AM CDT
To: -----

Subject: Re: March 2016 - IMB Executive Summary

Thanks for your email, ----- . I really appreciate you asking about this. To make a long story short, while I was overseas in the Middle East, J.D. asked me to shoot a 2-second video saying, "It's tricky." I had no idea what it was for. Then, as I came back into the country a couple of days ago, I heard about the video that a member of his church had made. Please be assured (and please assure anyone who asks you about it) that I am not personally (and we are certainly not organizationally) endorsing anyone for SBC president. I would be thrilled to serve alongside J.D. Greear (who I knew before I left had been nominated), Steve Gaines (who I found out had been nominated while I was out of the country), or any other faithful Southern Baptist pastor who might be nominated to serve in this important role. When I heard about the video, I called Steve Gaines to assure him that I was not in any way "endorsing" J.D., and I expressed my delight in the prospect of Steve potentially being in that role. We had a great conversation about his vision for the SBC, and I am completely confident in the Lord's leadership in whoever serves in this role for the next couple of years. I hope that gives some background, and again, please feel free to pass this on to anyone who contacts you about it.

All this to say, thanks again for asking, brother. It's definitely frustrating to come back to issues like this after a couple of weeks overseas, seeing massive needs among unreached refugees who are suffering and dying, and spending concentrated time with our front line leaders around the world discussing how we can take the gospel to them. May God give us grace together across the SBC to keep our focus on that which matters most, here in the U.S. and around the world. I thank God for your leadership at the --
--- toward that end.

Blessings, brother!
David