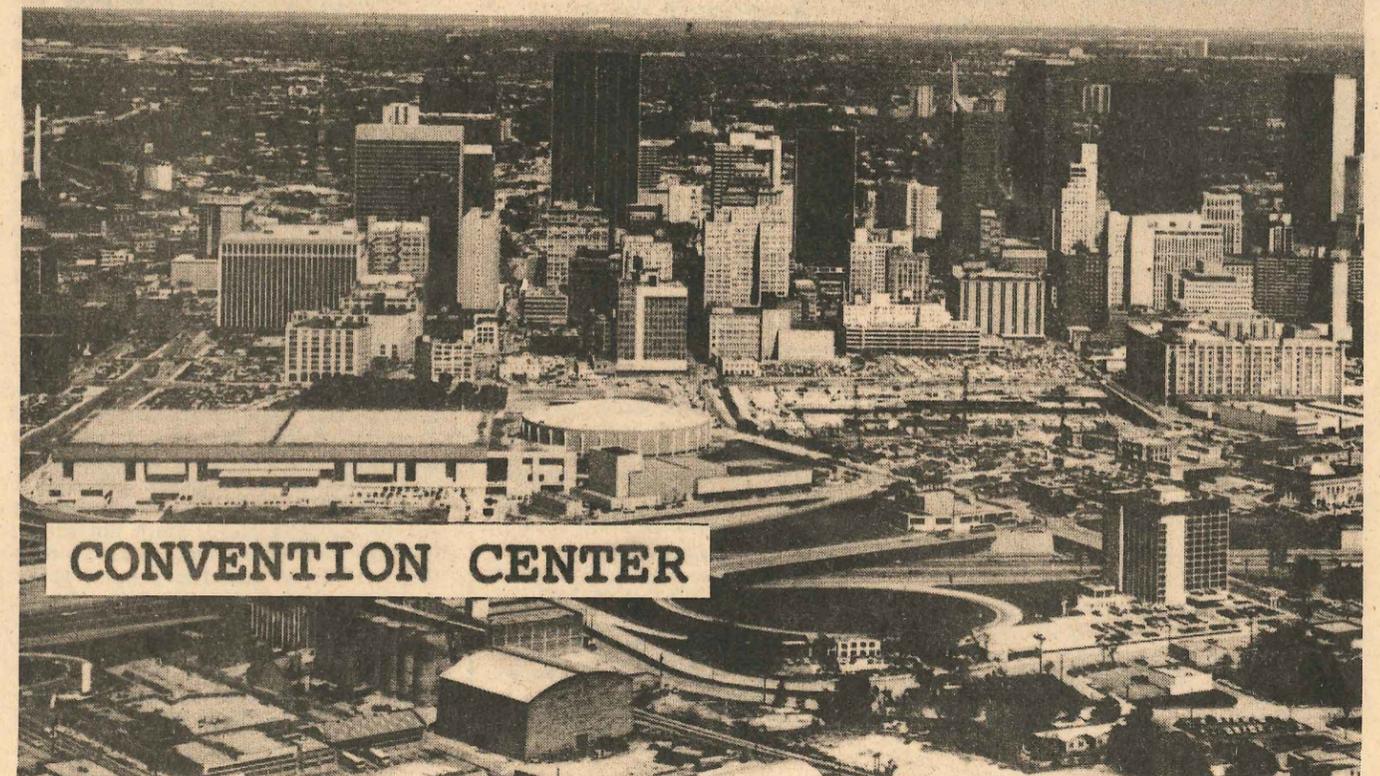




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Dallas, Texas, will host the 129th annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention June 11-13. This issue of Western Recorder will provide the Kentucky messengers with a complete guide to convention and convention related activities.



CONVENTION CENTER

People And Places

Four students from Kentucky will receive degrees during spring commencement exercises to be held in Truett Auditorium at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, on May 10.

Larry L. Gilmore of Paducah will receive the master of divinity degree as will Charles R. Ward, Jeffersonton, and James G. Calmes of Beattyville. Alva G. Parks, Richmond, will receive the doctor of education degree.

Seminary president Robert E. Naylor will present degrees and diplomas to 280 candidates from the seminary's three schools: theology, religious education, and church music.

James H. Landes, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will be the commencement speaker.



Gilmore



Ward



Calmes



Parks

C. L. Nicely has been awarded a citation of meritorious service for extraordinary contributions to the work of Baptists. His ministry has been mainly in Kentucky and Tennessee. He recently retired after leading the Yorktown congregation in Louisville through a successful building program. He will continue to live in Louisville and doubtlessly will remain active as a supply preacher and evangelist.

James E. Taulman, pastor of the Fort Mitchell Baptist Church, is the author of an article in the May issue of the *Baptist Program*. The title of Taulman's article is, Let The Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists Help!

Jesse C. Stricker, director of the stewardship-promotion department of the Kentucky Baptist Executive Board, is the author of an article appearing in the May issue of the *Baptist Program*. His article, Learning The Long Mission Reach, traces the growth of the Co-operative Program and the Vacation Bible School for the last 50 years.

William R. Bradshaw, presently serving as interim pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Dunnville, has been selected to appear in the 1974 edition of *Who's Who in Kentucky*.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"We need to unite! Think of it — my church's doctrines combined with your church's real estate holdings!"

DEVOTIONAL



Bill Rogers
Child Care Board
Middletown, Kentucky

Early in Genesis we are told "And they (Adam and Eve) heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day..." (Genesis 3:8) The implication is that Adam and Eve had fellowship with each other and with God. From my rural background I get the picture of a father and two of his children taking a walk in the cool of the day. Even when they were physically separated during the day there was not loneliness.

The picture is quite different today. One encounters lonely pastors, lonely mothers and wives, lonely husbands and fathers, lonely children and teenagers. The number of people around us does not determine closeness and fellowship.

The fig leaves may be symbols of an attempt to hide, not only from God, but from each other. Fellowship and the feeling of closeness does not just happen. On the other hand, loneliness does. Fellowship requires effort on the part of someone. When John declared "We have fellowship one with another" (I John 1:7) he is careful to point out that this is possible because of God's initiative in Christ and our willingness to walk in light.

The point is that loneliness comes when we do nothing to develop fellowship. In fact, we often erect barriers. I have experienced loneliness and don't like it. I need people around me. I need people I trust and people who trust me; people I care about and people who care about me. It is in this kind of environment that I discover God walking again in the cool of the day. In this environment I discover again—God cares for me and I am not alone.

My family, good friends and my church have provided this presence through the years. I am a member of a caring church. My church goes out to people in all kinds of circumstances and crises. In my darkest moments, I am assured that my church is reaching out to me. Therefore, I am not alone. Because I have experienced God's care through Christ and His people, I can declare with the psalmist, "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me..." (23:4). God has taken the initiative to dispel loneliness. The next step is up to us. □

WESTERN RECORDER

Baptist Layman Escapes Death As Killer Repents

By Calvin L. Fox

Guns at the ready, the soldiers crouched to provide a smaller target and moved stealthily through the underbrush. Without warning, the noise of battle shattered the silence of the mountain forest. As the men sought cover, the captain dived into a shallow ravine.

Months after, the captain (or mayor), who is also lay leader of the Baptist church in his community, learned that the whole incident had been set up by the local Communist group and their professional killer. Their aim: to assassinate the captain. He also found out that the assassin had been hiding in the same ravine, less than ten yards away.

Something happened to me

When the Communist executioner later told his side of the story, he said flatly, "Something happened to me, and I just could not shoot the captain."

Within a few weeks the head of the Communist army in the Philippines called the assassin before him to explain why the captain was still alive. The professional killer offered the only explanation he could. "The captain is a man of God," he reported, "and that makes him very hard to kill." Enraged the commander slapped the subordinate's face. "Do not speak the name of God again!" he shouted.

Sometime later the captain led another army patrol on an inspection of the village. "Where is the executioner's house?" asked the sergeant, as they moved through the village. "Just ahead," the officer pointed out. Tension engulfed the patrol, as the men quickly began preparing for a fight. Instead, the captain laughed. "This is not a hostile patrol," he reminded the men, "but only a cleanliness inspection."

Second brush with death

He was mistaken. Without being aware of it, he was about to face another brush with death. The patrol's arrival had surprised the executioner, and he was hiding in his house. He confessed later that he fully intended to shoot the captain that day and then turn the gun on himself before the patrol could capture him. Instead, because of God the assassin understood later, he sat quietly and listened as this Baptist layman talked with his wife.

Calvin L. Fox is a Southern Baptist missionary to the Philippines, stationed at Cabanatuan City. Adapted from the May, 1974, issue of *The Commission*.

The captain informed her that President Marcos had promised amnesty to any Communist who would turn in his guns and denounce all ties with the Communist movement. The captain added that he would help anyone secure amnesty, if that person would confess his sins to a loving God — who would forgive all sins, not just crimes against the government — and trust Christ as Savior. These words touched the executioner deeply, for he had never heard of a God who loved and forgave; he had heard only of a God who hated and took revenge.

After a few days the captain once again stepped into the valley of death. A party was planned at the executioner's home. As is customary, the captain was invited to make a short speech. The party was only a ruse; every guest had come just to help the host trap and murder the officer.

As soon as the captain entered the house, he sensed the danger. He greeted everyone, sat down, and prayed. The guests, in a game of cat and mouse, gave him a chance to speak. But his words startled them.

"I know who you all are, and I know why you have invited me," he began.

Not afraid to die

"You think I am afraid to die. Well, I am not afraid to die, because I have trusted Christ as my Savior. He has taken away all of my sins and made it possible for me to go to heaven when I die.

"This is what you cannot understand. This is what makes you afraid of me. You can see that I am not afraid to die, but you are. This is why the Communists can hold you and force you to do things you know are wrong."

His gaze swept his audience. "You do not go outside of your homes without a gun or a companion," he charged. "I walk alone at night unarmed. You cannot sleep well at night, because you are afraid you might be killed. I sleep like a baby, because I know that if I die, I will go to heaven. This is beyond your comprehension, but Christ has changed my life and has made me a different man."

Then the captain told how Christ had given him a new life. "Christ is waiting to give you the same new life," he said, "if you will confess your sins to God and accept him as Savior."

Throughout the remarks, in the next room sat the executioner, M-16 in hand, ready to do away with the captain. But he was unable to move. Never had he seen a man who was not afraid of death. Never had he heard so much about this God of love.

"I will help anyone of you to get amnesty, if you will accept Christ and confess your sins to God," he heard the officer saying. "If you confess your sins to man, it is only burying them, and someday the old life will come back. But God removes sins and remakes men. I promise everyone of you that I will help you tomorrow to get amnesty, in spite of the fact that you invited me here to kill me."

Accept Christ for help

He rose, excused himself, and left the house. At the bottom of the stairs the executioner's wife stopped him. "Did you really mean what you just said?" she asked softly.

"I will help anyone who will confess his sins to God and accept Christ as his Savior," he promised.

The following night the captain had a visitor at his home. The executioner's wife came to tell him that her husband would be waiting to surrender to him at a specified place. There were two conditions: the officer must come alone and come unarmed.

After much prayer and a night's sleep, the captain headed for the meeting place — either to lead a paid killer to Christ or to walk into another trap. He reached the designated spot and waited. In a little while, when the executioner was satisfied that his conditions had been met, he came out of hiding.

"I am ready to surrender, because I can trust you," he said.

The captain smiled and said, "You know my requirements."

"I do, and I am ready."

Together the Baptist lay leader and the trembling executioner knelt. The captain listened as the man poured out his confession of the murders of many of the officer's friends and neighbors.

The story is not over, for neither of these men or their families will be completely safe as long as there is a Communist movement in the Philippines. Both men need the continuing support of prayer. But because a believer was unafraid to die, a guilty man has found the promise of eternal life. (BP)

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"Earnestly contend for the Faith which was once for all delivered to the saints"—Jude 3

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The Hidden Will Be Uncovered

This is not a political editorial. It is some moral observations based on the present state of affairs in our national government. The morality and integrity of our political leaders are far more important than whether they are Democrats or Republicans. For anyone who might have been apathetic toward the present turmoil in Washington it is time to be concerned and even alarmed.

The transcripts of the taped conversations of the president and his close associates are shocking. Whether they, along with other parts of the tapes not included in the transcripts, prove the president is guilty or not guilty must be decided by those with more information than I have. My concern is for the profane language and the spirit of the conversations which have been made public.

Somehow, some way it is just hard to believe those in the highest places of our nation descend to such gutter language in private conversations. To be sure Mr. Nixon is not the only president to use profanity. Mr. Truman, a Baptist, was not reluctant to resort to profanity to emphasize his point but he was more open with it and his private conversations were never released to the public.

Has this kind of talk and attitude toward opponents always gone on in the White House? I cannot believe it. If it has, the exalted image most of us have had for the United States President is destroyed. Even the stars and stripes of old glory seem soiled and the language of men in high places is more appropriate for pool rooms and beer joints than for the White House. Will a tour through the home for the president ever again bring goose pimples to thousands of us who felt somehow we were walking on sacred soil?

President Nixon's revelation serves to prove that

he like the rest of us is two persons. One is that which we present to the public, the other is what we are when our guards are down. One is the side that brings religious services to the White House, the other is the profane conversations that go on in the privacy of the president's office.

All of us can profit from what has happened to the president. Most of us also have two sides but only one is presented to the public. Many of us behave in public as if we already have one foot in heaven while at home with our wives and children we act more like we get our guidance from hell.

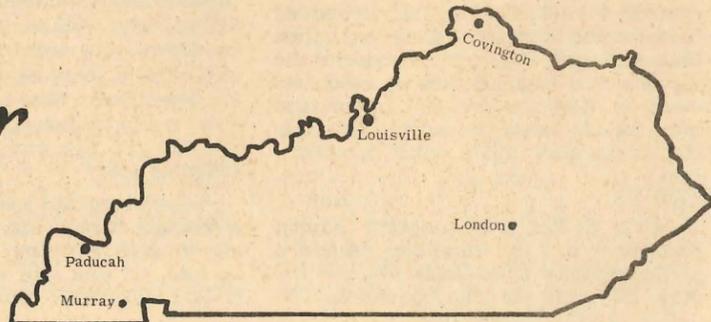
Preachers are not exempt from this temptation. Gathered in a hotel room at a convention or over a cup of coffee most anywhere many of us take our fellow ministers apart and say all manner of evil about them including rumors which may or may not be true.

Preachers are rarely given to profane language but most of us lie who boast that we never say anything to a man's back we wouldn't say to his face. Many of us would have red faces if a secret recorder played back to the world what we said somewhere, sometime when our guards were down.

We may be shocked and embarrassed when our private conversations are made known but we should not be surprised. Jesus said, "But there is nothing covered up, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. Wherefore whatsoever ye have said in the darkness shall be heard in the light; and what ye have spoken in the ear in the inner chambers shall be proclaimed from the housetops. (Luke 12:2-3, ASV)

Many of us think this will happen after this life and we will be forgiven by then. Mr. Nixon knows it can happen here and now and so should we. Let those who have ears to hear, hear.

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Baptists Informed



Guest Editorial

Busers May Bypass SBC

Al Shackleford
Indiana Baptist

When the Southern Baptist Convention holds its annual meeting each June, there is concentrated in one place over 15,000 members of SBC churches from throughout the nation.

The convention itself actually meets only three days. In its "Convention Procedure" there is a paragraph on "Convention session" (1973 SBC Annual, page 44) which states, in part, "The Convention shall open with the Tuesday morning session and continue through Thursday, holding such sessions as the Committee on Order of Business finds necessary for the conduct of business, except that Wednesday afternoon shall be reserved for seminary luncheons and other necessary meetings."

However, since there are many Baptists in one place at one time, there are other meetings which meet around the time of the convention — although none of these have an official relationship to the Southern Baptist Convention. The larger of these are the WMU Convention, SBC Pastor's Conference, and the Music Conference which meet before the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Evangelists Conference which meets on the free Wednesday afternoon.

There are luncheons for alumni of each seminary, gatherings for various college alumni, meetings for such groups as church educational directors, superintendents of missions, ministers' wives, and many, many more — including this year "Baptist Joggers." It should be noted that all of these have so arranged their meetings to NOT conflict with any session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

However, there is a new group to be organized this year during the Southern Baptist Convention — and the word DURING is accurate.

The new organization will be for Southern Baptists who are involved in church bus evangelism. No name or formal organization has been established, but those interested are invited to a breakfast on Wednesday morning (June 12) at a Dallas motel. According to information mailed to interested people and an article in the April issue of *The Southern Baptist Journal*, the session may continue throughout the day and maybe even the next day — AT THE SAME TIME THAT THE CONVENTION IS IN SESSION.

The Southern Baptist Journal and its publisher, Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, have repeatedly stated that they are loyal Southern Baptists who desire to support the beliefs and practices of our denomination. We fail to see how they can achieve this purpose by holding meetings which compete with the convention in session.

Also, *Journal* editor William Powell is advocating that similar church bus organizations be started in each state which would meet "during the annual meeting of the state convention and again each winter during the state evangelism conference." Note that the same word DURING is used as it is for the Dallas June 12 meeting which is DURING the Southern Baptist Convention.

Older Baptist will remember the J. Frank Norris era, when he and his followers would rent auditoriums and parks adjacent to the SBC and state convention sites and hold competing meetings. We do not believe that the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship would want to follow this pattern.

We would urge the Fellowship leaders to reschedule their June 12 meeting to a date either prior to or following the Southern Baptist Convention. This would clearly prove their stated desire to work within our denomination, rather than outside of it.

BAPTIST FORUM



APPRECIATION FOR EDITORIAL

Dear Editor:

May I express my appreciation for your editorial on the Christian Education formula. Your editorial signals to us that you recognize that the formula for distribution of Christian Education funds needs to be studied, and that our Christian Education Committee is willing to do so. We who have served Kentucky Baptist from southeastern Kentucky have often wondered if anyone else was aware of our progress or our problems.

Cumberland College is by far Kentucky Baptist's largest college. There are more students enrolled in Cumberland College than in Campbellsville and Georgetown combined. There are also more Kentucky students, more Kentucky Baptist students, more students preparing for Christian vocations, and more ministerial students at Cumberland than in the other two schools combined.

Nevertheless, Kentucky Baptist invest \$280.00 a year in each student attending Georgetown and Campbells-

ville, while investing only \$138.00 in each student each year at Cumberland. To repeat your question, is this fair?

Cumberland College has consistently respected its relationship with Kentucky Baptist, and the expectations of Kentucky Baptist toward the college. Controversial funds have not been received, nor controversial issues fostered by Cumberland. A financial policy of frugality and caution has been followed, and the policies of the college reflect the moderate position of Kentucky Baptist.

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Kentucky RAs To Serve As SBC Pages In Dallas



Adkins



Rich



Doane

Two Royal Ambassadors from Crittenden and one from Bowling Green will serve as pages at the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, June 10-14.

Butch Adkins, 17, Route 1, Crittenden; Tony Doane, 16, Route 2, Crittenden; and Gary Rich, 16, 1325 Collage Street, Bowling Green, are three of 27 Royal Ambassador pages who will deliver messages, help at information booths, and assist SBC officials during the convention's 20th annual meeting.

Butch is the son of Wendell and Nina Adkins and has been a Royal Ambassador eight years. He has been president, secretary, and mission activity leader of his chapter.

Tony, whose parents are Norman and Frances Doane, is currently president of his Royal Ambassador chapter.

The son of Lawrence and Betty Lou Rich, Gary has been in Royal Ambassadors three and one-half years and has served as president of his chapter.

Annuity Board To Host Breakfast

The Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board will host a breakfast for its annuitants who come to Dallas to attend the annual meeting of the SBC this year.

Kermit E. Whiteaker, vice president and director of retirement guidance, said the breakfast will be held at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, June 13, in the Crystal Ball Room of the Baker Hotel in Dallas.

Anyone receiving an annuity from

the board is welcome at the breakfast as guest of the board. Those planning to come should pick up their tickets at the Annuity Board exhibit in the convention hall on Tuesday, June 11, Whiteaker said.

The Annuity Board has customarily sponsored an annuitants' luncheon during the annual meetings of the SBC. It changed to a breakfast this year to avoid conflicts with alumni luncheons held by seminaries and colleges.

Catalytic Agent

FRANKLIN OWEN
Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention



In chemistry, a catalytic agent is a third element whose presence speeds and assists the desired union of reacting components which are slow to unite. Our World Mission Program often serves as the catalyst of the Southern Baptist Convention which unties or keeps united the sometimes differing elements of our great body.

Baptists are strong advocates and practitioners of individual and congregational freedom. We are a rather heterogeneous denomination whose divergent elements sometimes dispute somewhat freely.

I've seen times in the Southern Baptist Convention when differences became so sharply expressed that many feared the body would break up. Such fears root in a failure to realize that an articulate people often look more divided than they really are. The Convention has always survived these crises. I think our unity in diversity lies greatly in the catalytic influence of our World Mission Program. Perhaps more than anything else, our institutions and agencies hold us together.

It is a fact that if the fellowship of our great Convention should ever suffer fragmentation none of the splintered elements in the final break up could begin to support our 2,600 foreign missionaries in 79 far flung countries with their schools, hospitals, seminaries, publishing houses, and the many individual missionary evangelists. A failure of our fellowship would largely doom more than 60 Baptist schools in the homeland, six seminaries, children's homes, homes for the aged, delinquent homes, relief and annuity program, hospitals, and on and on we could go.

There is too much at stake to allow ourselves to splinter up into segments over points of difference that need not be final tests of fellowship. Most or perhaps all of our best leadership is aware of this. Thank God for our great objectives — for a great mission program. As long as so much weight rests upon all of our shoulders and we so need each other we shall be apt to "hang together." The same is true of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and of each church.

How strange, yet wonderful, that one of the strongest forces for unity among us is the offering plate that supports the World Mission Program. And so may it ever be.

—Frank Owen

WESTERN RECORDER

'Spiritual Spectacular' Kicks Off Pastors' Meet

A Sunday evening "Spiritual Spectacular" rally, featuring a 500-voice choir, addresses by two outstanding preachers and a Christian counselor-psychiatrist, and a testimonial from the governor of Texas, will begin the 39th Annual Pastor's Conference to be held in Dallas, June 9-10.

A 30-minute concert by the 500-voice combined choirs of First Baptist Church, Dallas, will kick off the Sunday evening rally at 6:30 p.m. in the Dallas Convention Center.

Among speakers for the Sunday evening event will be Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe, who will relate his spiritual experience. The keynote address will be given by W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, to speak on "The Old Time Religion."

Other Sunday evening speakers are S. M. Lockridge, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, San Diego, California,

and Dr. Henry Brandt, Christian counselor and psychiatrist.

Three sessions on Monday, to begin at 9:15 a.m., will carry the theme, "There is Hope for Your Church," with Brandt to speak in the morning session on "The Pastor and His Tools."

J. D. Grey, retired pastor from New Orleans, will discuss the pastor's role as "The Undershepherd of the Flock," and Ronald Prince, pastor from Minden, Louisiana, will address the conference on "The Church is Here to Stay."

The Monday afternoon session will begin with a concert by the Centurymen, singing ensemble sponsored by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. The group is directed by Buryl Red, New York, and accompanied by Max Lyall, Nashville.

Rounding out the Monday afternoon speaker's docket will be Warren C. Hultgren, pastor from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

His topic will be "Where Pastors Often Fail." New officers for the Pastor's Conference, 1974-75, will be elected on Monday afternoon and presented during the evening session.

The final session of the Pastor's Conference, on Monday evening, will feature a concert by New York City Opera stars, Robert Hale and Dean Wilder, and special music by George Beverly Shea of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Cliff Barrows, also of the Graham organization, will speak on the subject, "The King is Coming."

Jaroy Weber, president of the Pastor's Conference, SBC, and the pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, said he hopes the conference will help to reestablish confidence and hope, where needed, in the minds of pastors "so they can return to their local situations committed to the task of reaching people and making disciples." (BP)

Pastors' Conference

Dallas Convention Center

June 9-10, 1974

Theme: "There is Hope for Your Church"

SUNDAY NIGHT SPECTACULAR

- 6:30 Concert by 500 voice ChoirFirst Baptist Church
Dallas, Texas
- 7:10 Scripture and PrayerDon Dyer
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- 7:15 "Pastor and His Resources".....Henry Brandt, Michigan
- 7:45 TestimonyGovernor Dolph Briscoe, Texas
- 8:00 Congregational and Special MusicDan Sampson
Pasadena, Texas
- 8:10 "Amen"S. M. Lockridge, San Diego, California
- 8:40 Offering
- 8:45 Special MusicClaud Rhea
Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama
- 8:50 "Old Time Religion"W. A. Criswell
Dallas, Texas
- 9:30 BenedictionBill Sutton, Orlando, Florida

MONDAY MORNING SESSION

- 9:15 HymnDoug Scott, Mobile, Alabama
- 9:20 Scripture and PrayerJohn Morgan
Houston, Texas
- 9:25 Special MusicThe Free Spirit
Mobile, Alabama
- 9:35 "The Pastor and His Tools"Henry Brandt
- 10:00 "The Church's Prophet"Bailey Smith
Del City, Oklahoma
- 10:25 Special Music
- 10:30 "The Church is Here to Stay"Ronald Prince
Minden, Louisiana
- 10:55 Congregational SingDoug Scott
- 11:00 Offering

- 11:05 "The Undershepherd of the Flock"J. D. Grey
New Orleans, Louisiana
- 11:35 Special MusicDoug and Mary Scott
Mobile, Alabama
- 11:40 "Lordship of Christ"S. M. Lockridge
- 12:10 BenedictionLarry Kennedy, Amory, Mississippi

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:45 Concert by the Centurymen
- 1:55 "Pastor and His Family"Henry Brandt
- 2:20 Special Music by the Centurymen
- 2:25 "The Priority on Evangelism"Harold Fickett
Van Nuys, Calif.
- 2:55 Congregational Sing
- 3:00 Election of Officers
- 3:10 Offering
- 3:20 "Pastor's Power"James Pleitz
Pensacola, Florida
- 3:40 Special MusicNettie Weber, Lubbock, Texas
- 3:50 "Where Pastors Often Fail"Warren Hultgren
Tulsa, Oklahoma
- 4:20 BenedictionClark Hutchinson, Georgia

MONDAY EVENING SESSION

- 6:45 Hymn and Prayer
 - 6:55 Presentation of New Officers
 - 7:00 "Preacher's Paradox"Eddie Lieberman
Greenville, South Carolina
 - 7:25 ConcertRobert Hale and Dean Wilder
New York City Opera
 - 7:40 "The Preacher's Message"Andrew Tampling
Birmingham, Alabama
 - 8:05 Congregational Sing
 - 8:10 Offering
 - 8:20 "The Pastor's Authority"Edwin Young
Columbia, South Carolina
 - 8:45 Special MusicGeorge Beverly Shea
Billy Graham Evangelistic Association
 - 8:50 "The King is Coming"Cliff Barrows
Billy Graham Evangelistic Association
 - 9:30 BenedictionA. O. Jenkins, Homer, Louisiana
- President—Jaroy Weber, Lubbock, Texas
Vice President—Bill Weber, Dallas, Texas
Secretary—Harold H. Coble, Midway City, California
Music Director—Ron Lowry, Lubbock, Texas

NEWSGRAM

Cooperative Program Receipts

FOR THE MONTH CLOSING APRIL 25, 1974

	1974	1973
Cooperative Program receipts (April 74)	\$ 477,205.24	\$ 382,457.51
Goal to date this year	3,000,000.00	2,866,686.64
To date this convention year	3,259,134.27	2,866,343.77
Under goal (1973) — Over goal (1974)	259,134.27	322.87
To date this time last year	2,866,343.77	2,684,725.80
Increase	392,790.51	181,617.97
Percentage increase	13.70%	6.8%

NEEDED EACH MONTH TO REACH GOAL\$375,000.00

FMB Commissioning Service To Highlight Women's Meeting

Missions, speakers, concert artists and multi-media presentations will headline the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union in Dallas, June 9-10, preceding the Southern Baptist Convention. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Sunday in the Dallas Convention Center Arena, seating 10,000.

A service commissioning new appointees of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board will highlight the Sunday evening session. Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary, will lead the service which will feature testimonies by the new missionaries.

Gardner C. Taylor, pastor of the Concord Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York, will keynote the WMU meeting on Sunday evening, building his address around the annual meeting theme, "Listen to Your World." Taylor is past president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention and is chairman of the Baptist World's Alliance's commission on religious liberty and human rights.

A musical montage Sunday evening will introduce concert artists for the two-day meeting. Sidney L. Buckley, concert bass from Easley, South Carolina, will be soloist and congregational song leader. Irene Jordan, New York opera and concert star, will sing the closing meditation. Miss Jordan recently completed a concert tour for the Foreign Mission Board in Nigeria where her sister, Dr. Martha Gilliland, is a medical missionary.

Pianist will be George R. Beasley-Murray, professor of New Testament at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary,

Louisville, Kentucky. Beasley-Murray, a concert pianist in his native England before joining the faculty of Spurgeon's College, which he recently served as president, will give a special narrated concert Monday afternoon and will accompany other music.

Dan Meeker and Betsy Orr, a modern singing duo from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, will perform at all sessions.



Beasley-Murray



Mrs. Beasley-Murray

Each session will begin with a multimedia interpretation, entitled, "My Father's World," produced by the Foreign Mission Board.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, Texas, president of WMU, SBC, says that the Sunday evening session is designed to give non-WMU members, particularly Dallas area Baptists, a first-hand experience in missions support. Mrs. Mathis says that all WMU sessions are open to the public without registration.

Monday sessions are scheduled for 9:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The morning session will honor Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of WMU for

26 years who has announced her retirement for October 5, 1974.

The afternoon session will feature an address by Mrs. George R. Beasley-Murray, who will speak following her husband's concert. Mrs. Beasley-Murray was president of the Baptist Women's League of Great Britain until her husband moved to Southern Seminary last year.

The Monday evening session will spotlight the cultures and languages of world missions. Addresses will be delivered by Eugene Nida, executive secretary of the translations department of the American Bible Society, and by Mrs. Olivia S. D. deLerin, executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of Mexico and editor of WMU publications at the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas.

Oscar Romo, secretary of the language missions department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, will present a panel of ethnic Baptists speaking on the title "Missions Mosaic in Our Land." (BP)

Bahamian Choir On SBC Program

Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) meeting in Dallas in June will hear music—Bahamian style.

The 130-voice United Baptist choir from Nassau, Bahamas will sing in the SBC's Thursday morning and evening sessions on June 13 and also during the Monday afternoon (June 10) session of the Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, annual meeting.

Members of the choir, from 23 of Nassau's 46 Baptist churches, are paying their own way to Dallas and will stay in homes of members of four churches, according to Miss Antonina Canzoneri, missionary press representative.

The Bahamian young people and adults are directed by Southern Baptist missionary Mrs. Ernest E. Brown, Sr., an organizer of the choir. They will present sacred music from the Caribbean as well as more familiar choral selections.

The choir was organized in 1968 to sing at a convention meeting of the Bahama Baptists in 1969. They have appeared publicly in the Bahamas but have not traveled as a group outside of the islands.

The SBC will meet June 11-13, while the WMU meeting will be June 9-10, both in the Dallas Convention Center. (BP)

Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention

WMU Program

Meeting in its 86th Year

June 9-10, 1974

Dallas Convention Center Arena
Dallas, Texas

Theme: "Listen to Your World"

SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 9, 7:00 P.M.

Theme Interpretation, "My Father's World"

Announcements

Prayer time, James L. Sullivan, president, Baptist Sunday School Board

Music, "Tunes Old and New," Dan Meeker and Betsy Orr

Keynote Address: "Listen to Your World," Gardner C. Taylor, pastor, Concord Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York

Concert, The Centurymen

Commissioning Service for new foreign missionaries, directed by Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board

Testimonies by new appointees

Solo, "The Lord Is My Light" (Allitsen), Irene Jordan

MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 10, 9:30 A.M.

Multimedia Theme Interpretation, "My Father's World"

Praiser time, Congregation and Sidney L. Buckley

Address, "Beyond the Ironing Board," Mrs. James Fancher, Jackson, Mississippi

Prayer time, Winston Crawley, director, overseas division, Foreign Mission Board

Concert, "Tunes Old and New," Dan Meeker and Betsy Orr

Address, "Sounds of Action in Evangelism," C. B. Hogue, director, division of evangelism, Home Mission Board

Honoring Alma Hunt

Solo, "Here Is My Life" (Bartlett), Sidney L. Buckley

Address, Alma Hunt, executive secretary, WMU

Solo, Irene Jordan

Southwestern Seminary Sets First Homecoming

Homecoming activities, a Texas barbeque, open house in all buildings, and a faculty autograph party will be features of an afternoon at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary June 12. This first Homecoming will be staged on Wednesday when there are no sessions at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas. The celebration is expected to draw over 2,000 former students and friends to the campus.

The real genuine Texas barbeque will be served on the oval in front of the Memorial Building. Serving lines will be open from 12 noon to 2 p.m. A huge blue and white striped tent will be erected to accommodate the crowds.

Transportation will be provided from the convention center in Dallas to the Fort Worth campus and back. Tickets to the barbeque will serve as bus tick-

ets. Tickets can be purchased by writing to John Seelig, P.O. Box 22000, Fort Worth, Texas 76122.

The newly dedicated Children's Center will be the focal point of open house on campus. All other buildings will be open for inspection.

The seminary bookstore will schedule an autograph party which will include several dozen faculty members who have written books. The autograph party will be in the refreshment area of the student center.

For the younger children and the young at heart a stagecoach ride around the campus will be available all afternoon.

A celebration is scheduled for Truett Auditorium on campus at 2:15 and at 3:15.



Homecoming Planners. Officers of the alumni association discuss plans for Southwestern Seminary's homecoming.

Vice President Gerald Ford To Speak In Dallas

Vice President Gerald R. Ford has accepted an invitation of the Brotherhood Commission to speak at a breakfast June 14 for 1,500 Southern Baptist lay people and their ministers at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Dallas.

Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Southern Baptist Convention agency, said the vice president agreed to launch a workshop on "The Challenge of Christian Involvement" with a breakfast address.



Ford

The workshop, sponsored by the commission, mission education agency for 461,080 Baptist men and boys, will cap a week-long series of related Southern Baptist meetings in Dallas.

The main meeting, the 117th session of the Southern Baptist Convention, is expected to attract 20,000 messengers from 50 states to Dallas, June 10-13.

Emphasizing the address will be non-political, McCullough said he invited the vice president because "I believe he is a leader who can challenge Christian men to become involved in the great issues of life.

"The people who seem to know him best — his family and political leaders of both parties in Congress where he

served 25 years — attest to his keen desire to support truth and individual integrity.

"Even his political opponents in Congress have repeatedly expressed their admiration for his honesty and candor," McCullough continued.

"At this time in history, I believe this Episcopal layman has something to say to Baptist laymen who want to get involved and still maintain high standards of honesty and integrity."

McCullough said the workshop will include two-hour conferences in at least 10 different areas, such as lay renewal, opportunities for lay people in

the denomination, work with aging, short-term mission opportunities in the United States and overseas, involvement of lay people in government and financial involvement in the denomination.

Prominent figures from throughout Southern Baptist life will lead these conferences according to the Baptist Brotherhood executive.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$5.00 each. They are available from the commission's Memphis office and will also be sold at the commission's booth in Dallas Convention Center during the SBC meetings, McCullough said. (BP)

Send Resolutions, Cooper Says

Owen Cooper, a layman and president of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), has urged that persons desiring to introduce resolutions at the denomination's annual meeting in Dallas, June 11-13, send an advance copy to the resolutions committee chairman.

Lavonn D. Brown, the pastor of First Baptist Church in Norman, Oklahoma, is chairman of the committee.

Cooper said the large number of resolutions being introduced annually to the SBC "requires the reduction of time required for introducing resolu-

tions and their referral to the resolutions committee."

Persons desiring to present resolutions are asked by Cooper and Brown to type the proposed resolutions, double spaced, or present them in longhand, if typing facilities aren't available.

If the resolution includes more than 200 words, a summary, in writing, of not more than 100 words must be submitted along with the resolution; the persons introducing the resolution will be required to state his or her name and read the 100 word summary only.

To prevent log-jamming of resolutions, the SBC three years ago in St. Louis adopted a recommendation from the SBC Executive Committee that added to the bylaws of the convention a request that "copies of proposed resolutions be submitted to the committee chairman 30 days before the convention in order to make possible more thorough consideration and to expedite the committee's work."

Resolutions may be introduced by any messenger, but all such resolutions are usually referred to the resolutions committee, which in turn reports on recommended resolutions during the final two days of the convention.

Cooper and Brown observed that the bylaw doesn't prohibit any messenger from introducing a resolution from the convention floor that hasn't been sent in advance to the resolutions committee. Rather, the resolutions aren't officially introduced and can't be acted upon by the committee until presented to the full convention, he noted.

Mail copies of proposed resolutions to be submitted to the convention in advance to Brown, the chairman, at First Baptist Church, 211 West Comanche, Norman, Oklahoma 73069. (BP)



Checking Facilities. Robert W. McGinnis (left), superintendent of missions for Dallas Baptist Association, and Carl Duck, Dallas pastor and chairman of the convention local arrangements committee check facilities at Dallas Convention Center for the June 11-13 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Speakers Will Be Larger Than Life

Speakers at the Southern Baptist Convention will loom rather large over the 17,000 messengers expected to register in Dallas, Texas, June 11-13.

Like 24 feet tall and 32 feet wide! In a manner of speaking, that is.

Color television projection on two screens that size will help bring the human beings up to the scale of the Dallas Convention Center where the meeting will occur.

The center is as long as the length of two football fields and as wide as the length of one football field.

The closed-circuit television system will be extended next door to the Dallas Memorial Auditorium to accommodate an anticipated overflow crowd on the closing night when evangelist Billy Graham addresses the crowd.

W. O. Vaught, Jr., of Little Rock, chairman of the convention's committee on order of business, said, "The use of the television equipment will mean that the faces projected on the screen will be larger than life.

"The audience on either of the extreme sides of the convention hall will have an excellent view of exactly what is taking place on the stage," he added.

Use of the image magnification system was authorized by vote of the SBC Executive Committee, with payment of costs to be one-third from a special offering taken at the convention sessions, one-third from the SBC agencies

and one-third from the convention budget.

Contract for the system is with TNT Communications, Inc., of New York, which has provided similar facilities for recent national political conventions and other large meetings.

Additional equipment, including three color cameras, switching equipment, video recorders and monitors, is being provided free of charge by Taft Broadcasting Corporation of Houston.

W. C. Woody of TimeRite, Inc., a subsidiary of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, will be coordinator and producer for the system's use at the Dallas meeting.

"This equipment will allow simple special effects to be used in flashing images on the screen," said Woody. "We can use a split-screen effect, making it possible for the messengers to see both the face of the speaker and any special visual aids he has prepared.

"In addition, there will be a character generator (writing device) for names, titles, etc., to be flashed on the screen. Words to songs, ballots and resolutions can be put up there quickly for everyone to read easily," he said.

Woody said color slides can be used, but that motion picture film must be converted to video tape to be compatible with the system.

Convention officials expect this 1974 meeting of the convention to be "the most highly visible" meeting in the denomination's recent history.

"We feel the use of this equipment will enable us to have one of the best conventions ever," Vaught said. (BP)

SBC To Bus Messengers

The Dallas Transit System will provide regular bus service between the Convention Center and motels and hotels during the Southern Baptist Convention, June 11-13.

"The buses will go out as far from downtown as the housing bureau has booked large numbers," said transportation chairman George Heath, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in suburban DeSoto.

Fifty cents will be charged for all riders. Only exact change will be accepted.

"The routes begin Tuesday morning at 8 a.m. and continue to run from 8-10 each morning and from 4 p.m. to the end of the night sessions," explained Heath.

Except on Wednesday, he continued, when there is no afternoon session, the buses will run from the Convention Center to the hotels at noon.

"Because of the parking situation in the Convention Center area in downtown Dallas during the day, we want to encourage as many as possible to leave their cars at the hotels and take advantage of the bus service," said Heath.

Taxicabs also will be available at the Convention Center.

We are assured, Heath added, that the Surtran Bus Service from the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport can adequately transport those flying to the convention. (BP)

'Joggers Jubilee' Announced

The first Southern Baptist "Joggers Jubilee" is scheduled for June 11, 6:30-7:30 a.m., at the Aerobics Center in Dallas, Texas, just prior to the opening session of the annual Southern Baptist Convention meeting.

Dr. Kenneth H. Cooper, a Southern Baptist who founded the U.S. Air Force Aerobics program of physical fitness, will welcome the SBC group at the center and take his daily turns on the track with them. Dr. Cooper, now a civilian, operates the center.

An award certificate will be presented to each person who finishes one, two or three miles.

No parking is available at the Aerobics Center, but buses will begin picking up joggers, who should be dressed in jogging attire, at 5:40 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Downtown, Ramada Inn Convention Center, Adolphus/Baker, Statler-Hilton and Sheraton Hotels.

Other buses will leave the Holiday Inn Central at 6 a.m. and pick up joggers at the Ramada Central, Hilton Inn and at a Park-n-Ride site just off Central Expressway, on the Park Cities Baptist Church parking lot. The church will provide free parking for those who catch the bus there.

"The Joggers Jubilee is being held to glorify God in our bodies — the temple of the Holy Spirit — in celebration of the abundant life in Christ," says Ray Conner, secretary of the church recreation department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. The department is jointly sponsoring the event with the special services division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

"Baptist adults of all ages may take part for 50 cents round trip bus fare," adds Conner. "However, preregistration is a must." Interested persons should send their name and address to E. Eugene Greer, 202 Baptist Building, Dallas, Texas 75201. (BP)

Nominations Sought

Nominations for persons to preach the annual convention sermon at the 1975 Southern Baptist Convention session in Miami Beach, Florida, are being accepted by the SBC Committee on Order of Business, the committee's chairman said.

W. O. Vaught, committee chairman and pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, said the committee would consider every name submitted before giving its recommendations to the convention in Dallas, June 11-13.

Vaught asked that suggestions be sent to the committee in care of the chairman by writing to him at the church address, 1000 Bishop Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203. (BP)

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 11

- 9:15 Music for InspirationAdult Choir
First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi
- 9:30 Call to Order
Congregational Singing
Special MusicThe Perry Ellis Family, Brazil
Theme InterpretationCarl Bates
"Share His Love Now by Teaching the Bible"
First Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina
- 9:50 Report of Registration and Constituting of the
ConventionW. Fred Kendall
Registration Secretary; Brentwood, Tennessee
Committee on Order of BusinessW. O. Vaught, Jr.
Chairman; Immanuel Baptist Church,
Little Rock, Arkansas
- 9:55 WelcomeJames H. Landes, Executive Secretary,
Baptist General Convention of Texas
- 10:05 Announcement of Committee on Committees,
Committee on Resolutions and Tellers
- 10:10 Special MusicFrances Cooper Miles
Pensacola, Florida
- 10:15 Presidential AddressOwen Cooper
Yazoo City, Mississippi
- 10:50 Executive Committee Report (first section)
- 11:40 Miscellaneous Business
- 11:55 Introduction of Resolutions
- 12:15 BenedictionClark Hutchinson, Marietta, Georgia

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 11

- 2:15 Music for InspirationThe Oratorio Chorus
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- 2:30 Congregational Singing
Special MusicAnne Criswell Jackson
Dallas, Texas
Theme InterpretationW. A. Criswell
"Share His Love Now by Remaining
Faithful to the Church"
First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
- 2:50 Election of Officers
- 3:20 Introduction of Resolutions
- 3:40 Executive Committee Report (final section)
- 4:00 Election of Officers
Ambassador Service National Award
Miscellaneous Business
- 4:30 BenedictionDan A. McKeever, Houston, Texas

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 11

- 6:45 Music for InspirationThe Centurymen
- 7:00 Congregational Singing
ScriptureHerschel H. Hobbs
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
PrayerRamsey Pollard, Memphis, Tennessee
- 7:15 "Reaching the Saints in Prison"
Radio and Television Commission
- 7:45 "Thy Will Be Done on Earth"
Christian Life Commission
- 8:05 Special MusicThe Centurymen
Special Prayer Time "One on One"
- 8:15 "Moved with Compassion"Home Mission Board
- 9:15 BenedictionRobert Lee Estes, Triangle, Virginia

Southern Baptist Convention

Dallas Convention Center
Dallas Texas

JUNE 11-13, 1974

Theme: "Share His Love Now"

- President—Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, Mississippi
- First Vice President—James G. Harris, Fort Worth, Texas
- Second Vice President—Clifford Brannon, Longview, Texas
- Recording Secretary—Clifton J. Allen, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 12

- 9:15 Music for InspirationSouthwestern Men's Chorus
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- 9:30 Congregational Singing
Special MusicJoe Carrell, Austin, Texas
Theme InterpretationH. Franklin Paschall
"Share His Love Now by Serving People"
First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee
- 9:50 Election of Officers
- 10:10 Committee on Resolutions (first report)
- 10:30 Committee on Committees Report
Committee on Boards Report
- 10:35 "Open Doors to the World".....Baptist World Alliance
- 10:45 Congregational Singing
- 10:55 Convention SermonR. J. Robinson
First Baptist Church, Augusta, Georgia
AlternateJames L. Pleitz
First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida
- 11:30 Election of Officers
- 11:40 Miscellaneous Business (consideration of con-

- Registration Secretary—W. Fred Kendall, Brentwood, Tennessee
- Treasurer—Porter W. Routh, Nashville, Tennessee
- Press Representative—W. C. Fields, Nashville, Tennessee
- Music Director—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tennessee

- stitutional changes and other matters)
- 12:15 Election of Officers
- 12:30 BenedictionHoward Cobble, Carrollton, Georgia

No Afternoon Session

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 12

- 6:45 Music for InspirationYouth and Adult Choirs
First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
- 7:00 Congregational Singing
Special MusicRussell Newport
Springfield, Missouri
ScriptureBrooks Hays, Washington, D.C.
PrayerJ. D. Grey, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 7:15 "The Voice of Thanksgiving"
Baptist Sunday School Board
- 8:00 Special MusicJune Hunt, Dallas, Texas
- 8:05 Special MusicYouth and Adult Choirs
First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
- 8:15 "A Prayer for Sight"Foreign Mission Board
- 9:15 BenedictionRobert J. Utley, Fort Worth, Texas

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 13

- 9:15 Music for InspirationUnited Baptist Choir
Nassau, Bahamas
- 9:30 Congregational Singing
Special MusicJoe Ann Shelton, Fort Worth, Texas
Theme InterpretationWayne Dehoney
"Share His Love Now by Faithful Giving"
Walnut Street Baptist Church,
Louisville, Kentucky
- 9:50 Committee on Resolutions Report (final)
- 10:20 Denominational Calendar Report
- 10:25 "Sharing His Love for the Pastor".....Comm. on the
American Baptist Theological Seminary
- 10:30 "Sharing His Love for Eternal Truth"
Education Commission
- 10:40 Special MusicUnited Baptist Choir
Nassau, Bahamas
- 10:55 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers
- 11:00 Southern Baptist Convention Seminaries Report
- 11:30 Miscellaneous Business
- 12:15 BenedictionRobert F. Bradley, Hampton, Virginia

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 13

- 2:15 Music for InspirationEvangelistic Singers
- 2:30 Congregational Singing
Special MusicMartha Branham, Dallas, Texas
Theme InterpretationK. Owen White
"Share His Love Now by Personal Witness"
Phoenix, Arizona
- 2:50 "The Southern Baptist Convention and Her
People"Historical Commission
- 3:00 "Dedicated Financial Resources"
Southern Baptist Foundation
- 3:10 "Our Baptist Witness in Public Affairs"
Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs
- 3:25 "The State of Retirement"Annuity Board
- 3:55 Special MusicEvangelistic Singers Chorus
- 4:00 AddressGlenn Archer, Washington, D.C.
- 4:30 BenedictionJames Waters, Macon, Georgia

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 13

- 6:45 Music for InspirationUnited Baptist Choir
Nassau, Bahamas
- 7:00 Congregational Singing
ScriptureR. G. Lee, Memphis, Tennessee
PrayerLouie D. Newton, Atlanta, Georgia
- 7:10 Presentation of Officers
- 7:15 "The Whole Church for the Whole World"
Woman's Missionary Union
- 7:35 "What's in a Name!"Brotherhood Commission
- 7:55 "A People on Mission for God"
Stewardship Commission
- 8:10 Special MusicUnited Baptist Choir,
Nassau, Bahamas
- 8:25 Congregational Singing
- 8:30 AddressBilly Graham, Montreat, North Carolina
- 9:30 BenedictionEd Brooks Bowles, Beaumont, Texas

Musicals, Hymnal To Be Unveiled At Music Confab

Two music premieres and the first public announcement of the contents of the new Baptist Hymnal (1975 edition) will be among features of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference in Dallas, June 9-10, 1974, during the week of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting.

The conference of Southern Baptist musicians will open with a "Service of Praise," at 6 p.m. on Sunday evening at Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas. Leading the service will be the Centurymen, under the direction of Buryl Red, New York; concert artists Robert Hale and Dean Wilder, both members of the New York City Opera; and the Dallas Baptist College Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Doug Smith.

Among highlights on Monday morning will be a keynote address, "Worship as Event," by former Kentuckian John Claypool, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth and former pres-

ident of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

The premiere of a new children's musical, "Jonah's Tale of a Whale," from Robert Graham and Broadman Press, Nashville, will be presented by The Children's Choir of First Baptist Church, Garland, Texas, under the direction of Harrell Slack.

During the Monday afternoon session, William J. Reynolds, director of the church music department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville and chairman of the Hymnal Revision Committee, will unveil the contents of the new Baptist Hymnal (1975 edition). This will be the first public announcement of the new hymnal's contents, Reynolds said.

The evening will feature music, including the premiere performance of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference commissioned anthem for 1974 — "Praise God in His Holiness" —

by composer James Cram, of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, to be sung by the Oratorio Chorus of Southwestern Seminary.

The conference will conclude Monday evening with a concert, "Belshazzar's Feast," by William Walton, to be presented by the Oratorio Chorus of Southwestern Seminary and by the Fort Worth Oratorio Symphony. The anthem and concert will be under the direction of Robert Burton.

1973-74 officers of the conference include Don Brown, William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, president; Dewey Kyle of Birmingham, Alabama, vice president, local church division; Paul Bobbitt, Jacksonville, Florida, vice president, denominational division; Hugh T. McElrath, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, vice president, educational division; and Mary June Tabor of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, secretary-treasurer. (BP)

Afternoon Meeting For Evangelists On June 12

The Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists will meet at First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, June 12, 1974, during the week of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting.

Speakers for the one-afternoon session will include Bailey Smith, First Baptist Church, Del City, Oklahoma, and evangelists Moody Adams of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Bill Penley of Asheville, North Carolina, and John Haggai of Atlanta, Georgia.

A special guest will be ventriloquist Geraldine Regan and "Rickey."

The conference will open at 12:30 p.m. with an instrumental concert and a concert by music evangelists. Other special music will include presentations by Ivy Walsh of Atlanta, Randall Veazey of Alabama, Lowell Leistner of Orlando, Florida, Bette Stalneckner of Lake Charles, Louisiana, Ferrell Brakefield of Oakman, Alabama, J. W. and Bettilu Turney, Austin, Texas, and Jayne Ferrell.

John Bos and Joe Nichols will be program accompanists.

Present officers are Jerry Spencer of Brownsville, Tennessee, president; John Bos, Orlando, Florida, vice president; Ed Stalneckner of Lake Charles, Louisiana, music director; E. C. McDaniel, First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, pastor advisor; and Don Womack of Memphis, Tennessee, secretary-director of the central office of Southern Baptist Evangelists. (BP)

Church Music Conference

Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth
June 8-10, 1974

SUNDAY EVENING — PARK CITIES BAPTIST CHURCH

6:00 "A Service of Praise"—The Centurymen, directed by Buryl Red, New York
8:30 Fellowship period, exhibit area, The Sheraton-Dallas Hotel

MONDAY MORNING — THE SHERATON-DALLAS HOTEL

8:00 Registration
8:30 Call to Order
Hymn
Invocation—Paul McCommon, Georgia Baptist Convention
8:35 Welcome—Sam Prestidge, Baptist General Convention of Texas
8:40 "Electronic Music and the Church"—Rick Powell, composer-arranger-producer, Nashville, Tennessee
9:25 Introduction of Executive Council
Presentation of newly-elected vice presidents
Awarding of Honorary Memberships
Address: "Worship As Event"—John Claypool, pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas
10:00 Exhibit Break
10:25 "News from Broadman Press"—Loren Williams
10:40 Conference Business Sessions
Registration and Membership Report
Final consideration of constitutional amendments
Resolutions committee report
11:05 "Jonah's Tale of a Whale"—The Children's Choir, First Baptist Church, Garland, Texas, directed by Harrell Slack
11:45 Lunch

MONDAY AFTERNOON — THE SHERATON-DALLAS HOTEL

1:00 "A Tribute to Jane Marshall"
1:50 "Baptist Hymnal (1975 Edition)"—William J. Reynolds, Baptist Sunday School Board
2:25 Exhibit Break
2:55 Interest Sessions—
Emphasis: Children's Choirs
Emphasis: Contemporary Worship—"The Church and Electronic Music"
Emphasis: The Adult Choir—"Vocal Techniques in the Choral Rehearsal"
Emphasis: Music and Worship—"Music, Worship and New Directors in Congregational Involvement"
Emphasis: Instrumental Music—"Using Instruments in the Worship Service"
Emphasis: New Materials and Methods—(exhibits)
3:50 Division Meetings
5:15 Buses begin leaving the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel for Fort Worth

MONDAY EVENING — SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

Robert E. Naylor Student Center

6:45 Banquet (in honor of music missionaries)—Music by Southwestern Seminary School of Church Music faculty; Speaker, Jesse Fletcher, director, Mission Support Division, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia

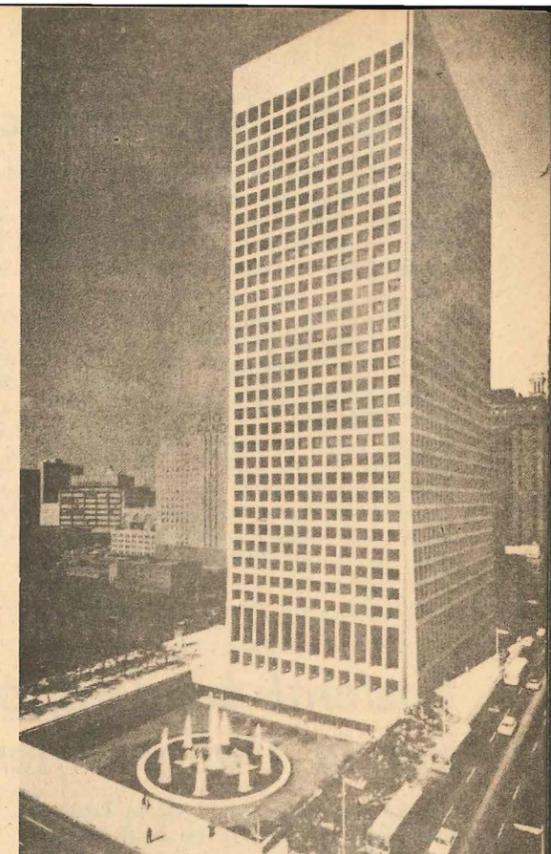
Truett Auditorium

8:15 Don Brown, presiding, Hines Sims Achievement Awards presentation by Gene Bartlett, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, to Warren M. Angell, dean emeritus, Warren M. Angell College of Fine Arts, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma
"Praise God in His Holiness"—Premiere performance of the SBCMC commissioned anthem for 1974, composer James Cram, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, sung by Oratorio Chorus, Southwestern Seminary, Robert Burton, conductor
Concert: "Belshazzar's Feast"—Composer William Walton, presented by the Southwestern Seminary Oratorio Chorus and the Fort Worth Oratorio Symphony, Robert Burton, conductor

TUESDAY MORNING (June 11)

7:30 Exhibitors Breakfast
9:30 Evaluating and Planning Session (Old and New Councils)

MAY 18, 1974



Dallas Sight. One Main Place is the 34-story first phase of a 10-acre, \$140-million complex being constructed in downtown Dallas, host city for the 1974 sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 11-13.

Pre-School Child Care To Be Provided

Preschool child care will be provided during the annual Southern Baptist Convention meeting, June 10-13, 1974, at First Baptist Church, Dallas.

The nursery service will be limited to children of persons attending the sessions from outside Dallas County.

The facilities will be open from 30 minutes prior to each SBC session and will close 30 minutes after each session is concluded.

W. Dean Willis of the local arrangements committee for the SBC's Dallas meeting said a nominal fee will be charged per child, with extra charges for those children picked up late and for food, should the child not have a sack lunch.

Willis said there should be some identification on each child and his or her belongings. Entrance to the child care facility will be on Patterson Street. Nursery care will be on the church's second floor, with the beginners on the fourth floor, he said. (BP)



Largest Membership. First Baptist Church has the largest membership of the 34,665 churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. Baptists in Dallas will host the 1974 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention which will meet in the Dallas Convention Center, June 11-13. W. A. Criswell is pastor of First Baptist.

Mission Superintendents To Meet

Southern Baptist Convention president Owen Cooper will be one of four major speakers to the SBC's Conference of Superintendents of Missions at First Baptist Church, Dallas, June 10.

Theme for the conference, to begin at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, June 10, will be "Connections that Count—Churches Functioning Together."

Joining Cooper, a layman from Yazoo City, Mississippi, as speaker will be: former SBC president H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, First Baptist Church, Nashville; Howard B. Foshee, secretary, church administration department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; and Hugh O. Chambliss, director of missions for the Madison Baptist Association, Huntsville, Alabama, and

conference president.

Cooper will speak in the afternoon on "The Fruits of Togetherness," while Paschall's morning address will be "The Unifying Power of Christ." Foshee's topic will be "Tolls for the Task," and Chambliss will relate to "Connections that Count," both morning addresses.

Special music will be provided by Mrs. Thomas Griffith of Duncanville, Texas, and by Sidney Reber, director of management services for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond. Reber will also lead congregational singing for the conference.

Conference officers for 1974-75 will be elected in the morning and presented in the afternoon. (BP)

Pastoral Leadership Conference Set In Dallas After Convention

A special two-day "Pastoral Leadership Conference" will be held in Dallas, Texas, following the Southern Baptist Convention. Dates for the conference, which will be conducted at the Baylor University Medical Center, are June 14-15.

"This conference will offer pastors the opportunity for a more productive ministry in their churches," said Brooks R. Faulkner, conference director and pastoral ministries consultant at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. "It is designed to help pastors discover and develop their strengths, not dwell on their weaknesses or those of their church members."

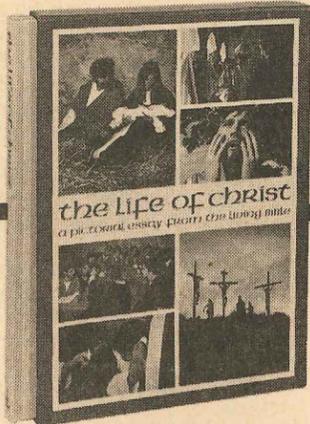
Conference topics will include "How to Make Effective Use of Your Time,"

"The Pastor As A Decision Maker," "How to Get Along With Difficult Church Members," "Motivating the Unmotivated," "Communicating Ideas and Concepts," "Skills in Human Relations" and "Communication with Many Forms of Society."

In addition to Faulkner, conference leaders will include Glenn Braswell, executive secretary, Colorado Baptist General Convention; Lyn Elder, professor, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, California; and Gene Garrison, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Inspiration Sessions Set By Education Association

The Southern Baptist Religious Education Association will meet in Dallas in the Baker Hotel, June 9-10, 1974, with secular and religious education professionals to give inspirational and informational addresses during the two day event.

Theme for the meeting will be "Share His Love Now." Edward B. Lindaman, an aerospace engineer and author who worked with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) before becoming president of Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington, will speak in the Sunday afternoon session, to begin at 1:30 p.m. His topic will be "Every Person's Genesis II."

Other educators to speak will include Grady C. Cothen, outgoing president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and president-elect of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, who will bring the Sunday evening message.

Monday morning, Ralph C. Atkinson, Jr., dean of the school of religious education at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, will speak on "Motivation, Manipulation, or Bribes."

The final message on Monday evening will be brought by Jimmy R. Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, on "My Church Sharing."

A feature of the religious education sessions will be simultaneous age-group conferences on Monday afternoon to focus on the areas of preschool children, youth, adult, and ministers of education.

Testimonies will be featured in both evening sessions, with the new association officers to be presented also on Monday evening, during the business session. (BP)

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

"Prerequisites for Sharing His Love"

Luke E. Williams, San Antonio, Texas, Presiding

- 1:30 Registration
- 2:15 Theme Meditation Violet Sturgeon
Norman, Oklahoma
- 2:55 Call to Order
Appointment of Committees
Program Preview
- 3:15 Music.....Marvin Myers, Fort Worth, Texas,
Sylvia Green, Dallas, Texas
- 3:30 Message: "Every Person's Genesis II"
Edward B. Lindaman, Spokane, Washington
- 3:50 Dialogue
- 4:00 Benediction Allen B. Comish
Nashville, Tennessee

SUNDAY EVENING

"His Love Was Shared With Me"

- Jerry Stubblefield, Greenville, South Carolina, Presiding
- 7:00 Theme Meditation Violet Sturgeon
Norman, Oklahoma
- 7:20 Musical Presentation "Shiloh," Dallas, Texas
- 7:35 Worship J. Earl Mead, Dallas, Texas
- 8:00 National Conference on Educational
Ministry Morton Rose, Nashville, Tennessee
- 8:10 Testimonies Jack Hutchinson, Fort Worth, Texas,
Joe Thompson, Memphis, Tennessee
- 8:25 Music Gale Dunn, Richardson, Texas,
Sylvia Green, Dallas, Texas
- 8:30 Message Grady Cothen, Nashville, Tennessee
- 9:00 Benediction Omar Pachecano, San Antonio, Texas

MONDAY MORNING

"Sharing His Love With Co-workers"

Helen May, Alexandria, Louisiana, Presiding

- 9:00 Songs of PraiseNorris Cash, Arlington, Texas,
Sylvia Green, Dallas, Texas
- 9:10 Theme Meditation Violet Sturgeon
Norman, Oklahoma
- 9:30 Special Music
- 9:35 "Training: Channel to Sharing"
Lloyd T. Householder, Nashville, Tennessee
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Broadman and YouBob Dowdy
Nashville, Tennessee
- 10:30 "Motivation, Manipulation, or Bribes"
Ralph C. Atkinson, Jr., Louisville, Kentucky
- 11:00 ReactorsS. C. Ray, Greensboro, North Carolina,
Lewis Martin, Columbia, South Carolina
- 11:15 "Supervising the Volunteer Worker"Pat Vickery
Houston, Texas
- 11:45 ReactorsMark Short, Houston, Texas,
Bob Feather, Dallas, Texas,
Ken Hofmeister, Nashville, Tennessee

LUNCHEON

- Charles A. Tidwell, Fort Worth, Texas, Presiding
- 12:30 InvocationEd Laux, Dallas, Texas
Lunch
- 1:20 "Trends in Education".....Nolan Estes, Dallas, Texas
- 2:15 Adjourn to conferences

MONDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:55 Simultaneous Age-Group Conferences
- 1. Preschool — Wyvon Ramsey, San Antonio, Texas;
Mrs. D. K. Harrell, Dallas, Texas, convener
- 2. Children — Jack Noble, Sherman, Texas; Evelyn
George, Jackson, Mississippi, convener
- 3. Youth — Dick Stafford, Memphis, Tennessee;
Ewing Cooley, Dallas, Texas; Bob Oldenburg, San
Antonio, Texas, convener
- 4. Adult — Roger Brooks, Brownwood, Texas; Lu-
cien E. Coleman, Jr., Louisville, Kentucky; Bob
Hines, Houston, Texas, convener
- 5. Ministers of Education — Henry Love, Memphis,
Tennessee; Philip B. Harris, Nashville, Tennessee;
Nolan Estes, Dallas, Texas; Harry Piland, Hous-
ton, Texas, convener
- 4:15 Adjourn

MONDAY EVENING

"Sharing His Love Now in My Community"

- William E. Young, Nashville, Tennessee, Presiding
- 7:00 MusicTruett L. Huffstutler, Dallas, Texas,
Sylvia Green, Dallas, Texas
- 7:05 Theme MeditationViolet Sturgeon
Norman, Oklahoma
- 7:25 Business Session
Committee Reports
Presentation of New Officers
Recognition of Past Presidents
- 8:05 Testimony: "My Church at Work"Dick Ivey
Dallas, Texas
- 8:20 Special MusicLanny Allen, San Antonio, Texas
- 8:30 Message: "My Church Sharing"Jimmy Allen
San Antonio, Texas
- 9:00 Benediction ...Charles A. Tidwell, Fort Worth, Texas
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present and a future case to be considered.

To the Christian Education Committee and to Kentucky Baptist, we simply say, "Do what is fair!"
Williamsburg, Ky. Jim Highland

ALIEN IMMERSION

Dear Editor:

I read with interest the letter "Concerning Alien Immersion" in the *Western Recorder* dated March 16, 1974. I have struggled with this question during my ministry for several years and have come to the conviction that the position stated in that letter, the position traditionally held by many Southern Baptists, not only cannot be defended scripturally but is even contrary to the teachings of the New Testament.

For instance, I do not find in the New Testament any doctrinal prerequisite for baptism other than a faith-commitment to and confession of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

I also do not find in the New Testament where a person had to belong to any particular group of Christians for his baptism to be valid. I wonder if the baptism of the Ethiopian eunuch and even that of Saul of Tarsus would be acceptable in many of our churches. These two were baptized, according to the record in Acts 8 and 9, without any reference to doctrinal integrity or church authority and their baptism was even performed by individuals and not churches. (I hasten to add that I believe in and practice baptism only on the authority of a local church.)

The traditional position forces on baptism a role that it does not have according to the New Testament, that is, the role of protecting doctrinal integrity. I too am concerned about doctrinal soundness but do not believe that requiring "rebaptism" is the way to secure it. This is a perversion of the meaning of baptism.

I would propose for consideration the following plan which our churches could adopt that would be more in accord with the New Testament:

First, when a person from another Christian denomination requests membership in one of our churches he should be questioned as to his own personal faith-commitment to Jesus as Lord and Savior. If he has not made this commitment he should not be received. This practice would help us to maintain a regenerate church membership.

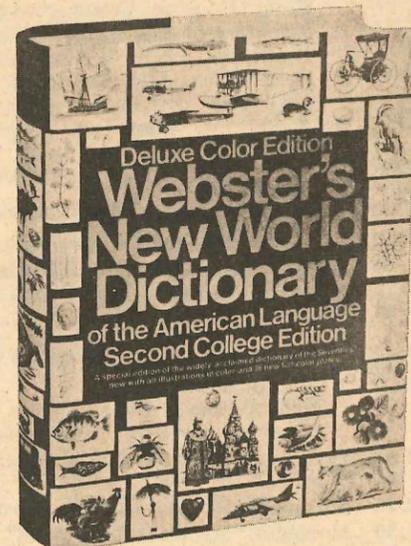
Second, if he passes the first test, he should be examined as to his general doctrinal soundness especially with reference to his beliefs about the person and work of Jesus. If he is doctrinally unsound reject him on this basis instead of telling him that he must be "rebaptized" in the hope that this will either turn him away or make him doctrinally sound. He might be told that since there is basic doctrinal disagreement he would not be happy in a Southern Baptist church.

Third, if the candidate passes the two previous tests, he should be examined as to the meaning and method of his baptism. If after having made a personal faith-commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and being saved he then confessed Jesus before a church and on this basis was baptized by immersion in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, he should be received for membership without "rebaptism." This would be the acceptance of believer's baptism according to the New Testament.

I have been a Southern Baptist for about 35 years and I love Southern Baptists and the Book we preach. With regard to baptism, I wish we could give up what I consider to be an unscriptural tradition and move to a position more in line with the New Testament. I believe following the above guidelines would help us to do so.

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Baptist Alliance Accepted For Consultive Role

The Baptist World Alliance has been accepted (April 22) for "consultative status" by the United Nations Economic and Social Council. This is an arrangement, provided under Article 71 of the U.N. charter, under which the United Nations and various non-governmental organizations may exchange information and views on matters of mutual interest.

The Alliance is an international organization, with 95 affiliates (members)

in 74 countries and dependencies. Its membership represents approximately 82.6% of the Baptists of the world.

Under the U.N. rules an organization is admitted to this relationship only if it is international in character. Thus, individual Baptist conventions have not been eligible, although three conventions in the United States have had "observers" accredited to the public relations office of the U.N., a status which is not in any way comparable to the

full-fledged consultative status now accorded the BWA.

Robert S. Denny, general secretary of the Alliance with headquarters in Washington, said that the Alliance does not plan on having a representative resident in the New York or Geneva areas.

"Our regional secretaries — Carl W. Tiller in North America and C. Ronald Goulding in Europe — will be responsible for maintaining contacts, even though their offices are in Washington and London, not New York and Geneva," said Denny. "On matters of major significance, our president, V. Carney Hargroves, of Philadelphia, and I will be available of course to take part in such consultations as may be advisable."

Denny explained that "subjects of mutual concern" may include disaster relief, refugee resettlement, economic development programs, human rights, the disposition of mandated and trust territories (in many of which there are Baptist churches).

The Alliance at its Congress in Tokyo, Japan, in 1970, adopted resolutions on peace and other world problems which expressed support for the United Nations, but until this time it has had no channel for making views known to those in the U.N. structures. The idea of seeking consultative status was introduced by staff at the BWA Executive Committee meeting in 1972, and was agreed to at the body's meeting in 1973, after the adoption of certain safeguards, instructing the officers and staff how to avoid embarrassment to Baptists in the course of the consultations. (BWA)

New Foundation Dir. In Arkansas

Harry D. Trulove of Dallas, Texas, became executive director of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation May 1. He was formerly secretary of the state stewardship department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

A native of Rome, Georgia, he is a graduate of Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He has held four pastorates in Oklahoma and Texas.

Trulove is the first full-time executive director of the foundation in over two years, when Ed McDonald resigned that position. Since that time, Roy F. Lewis of the state convention staff has served the foundation on a part-time basis as acting executive director. (BP)

Court Rules Segregation Bars Private School Aid

The U.S. Supreme Court refused without comment to review a Louisiana case dealing with state aid to students attending a segregated private school.

The case, *Evangeline Parish School Board v. U.S.*, involved what the school board described as "minimal state aid" to students in nonpublic schools. At stake were free transportation, textbooks and school supplies for students enrolled in *Evangeline Academy*, a Catholic parochial school.

A U.S. district court ruled in July, 1972, that the school board was complying with Louisiana statutes in providing such aid and thus rejected the argument of the U.S. government that any school, public or nonpublic, practicing racial discrimination should be denied any public subsidy.

On appeal, the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the lower court's decision, holding that the government's case against the academy on charges of racial discrimination was valid.

By refusing to schedule the case for oral argument, the Supreme Court indicated neither approval nor disapproval of the lower court's decision. The

practical effect, nevertheless, is that the ruling on behalf of the government in the court of appeals stands.

The school board argued that *Evangeline Academy* itself was being discriminated against in the government's suit. The school was founded in 1969 when another Catholic school in the parish (county), *Sacred Heart Academy*, could no longer accommodate the number of applicants for admission.

Sacred Heart was desegregated during the 1970-71 school year when one black student enrolled. Since then, the school board pointed out, no other blacks have entered *Sacred Heart* and no black teachers have been employed.

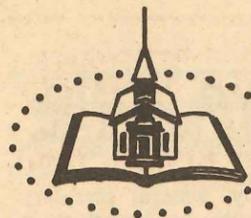
Evangeline Academy, meanwhile, has remained all-white since its inception in 1969, although the school board argued that the school's admissions policy is non-discriminatory. The reason that the school remains all-white, the argument continued, is that no black students have applied for admission.

The heart of the government's argument was that parents were purposely withdrawing their children from the parish's public schools and enrolling them at *Evangeline Academy* to escape the newly-desegregated public schools. (BP)

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James 1:16-27

God's gifts to us are unearned and undeserved. Not a single good gift which we enjoy could be ours apart from the generous heart and beneficent hand of God. The gift of victory over temptation and sin is ours merely for the appropriation of it through Christ. God's actions and intentions toward us are always good. Because He is immutable or unchanging, He will always be good to us and do what is best for us.

We are begotten by the Word of God. Of all who have been saved, not any came to know the Lord apart from the Word. The same Word that begets also nourishes, strengthens, and invigorates. God's Word is a message to man's heart, so we must receive it into our innermost being, let it become a part of us, and actively work in and through us. In permitting it to correct, teach, and direct us, we shall become more Spirit-filled and Christlike.

True Christianity expresses itself in conformity to the Word and will of Christ. One's responsibility to the Lord has not been discharged when he has attended church services and listened to the preaching and teaching of God's Word. He must permit the Word and will of Christ to be operative in his life. In the early church were some who thought there was virtue in just hearing the Word, and that it did not matter much whether or not one obeyed it. James declared that all such were just deceiving themselves.

James emphasized the importance and necessity of obedience to the revealed and expressed will of our Lord. It is good to hear with swift apprehension, but it is far better to put into practice the things taught in the Word. In verse 22 we are exhorted to be "doers of the Word." Doing the Word does not produce salvation, but it is a characteristic of a saved person. A mark of childhood is obedience.

Regardless of how wonderful and precious truth may be, it must be lived out in order to become effective. The "doers of the Word" are those who read, hear, understand, believe, submit to the authority of and are ruled by it. Their tempers, tongues, and lives are regulated by its precepts. Doing what God's Word teaches is to be a continu-

ing process, to be terminated by death only.

A mere hearer is compared to a person who, after looking at himself in a mirror, takes his departure, and soon forgets the appearance he presented. Such a man looks at himself in a mirror, is not flattered by what he sees, so he turns away and tries to forget what he saw. Likewise, many hear the Word of God, see their condition, but try to make themselves believe that they are not as bad as pictured. Just as the mirror reveals whether our faces are clean or dirty when we gaze into it, so the Word of truth reveals our moral and spiritual condition. To the believer who dares to behold himself in the mirror of God's Word will be revealed his weaknesses, failures, and sins. It reveals to the person who gazes into its pages how filthy he is and how sorely he needs cleansing.

Doing the Word and doing the work are linked indissolubly. Any doing of the work that is not based on obedience to the Word is sure to fail. Instead of

merely glancing at the mirror and chattering about what we have seen, we must practice what the Word teaches. Unfortunately there is so much counterfeit religion. Of course, it is worthless. A religion that does not curb and govern the tongue is worthless. The tongue is here regarded as an unruly horse that needs to be controlled with bit and bridle. Bridling the tongue is an excellent test of one's Christianity. He who has sufficient grace to accomplish this important and difficult task deserves appreciation and commendation. The Lord does not ignore or hold guiltless those who say that which should be left unsaid.

In verse 27 James mentions two very practical tests of genuine religion. True religion is expressed in a demonstration of mercy toward the suffering and an active love for the needy. The second way in which genuine religion is expressed, said James, is by keeping one's self untarnished or undefiled by the pollution of the world. ■

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Acts 26:19-32

After relating how he had been stricken to the earth, and how new life and light had come into his soul, Saul made the glorious claim that he "was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." That vision never grew dim in his memory. Instead, it comforted, inspired, and strengthened him greatly.

As soon as he was ready to receive it, our Lord had a great commission awaiting Paul. He appointed him to be a minister and a witness. He had an experience to relate, and the world needed to hear it. God commissioned him to proclaim man's inherent sinfulness and utter ruin, and to offer redemption to all who would exercise faith in Christ. He was entrusted with a glorious message and was assured protection as he went forth to deliver it. He was to make known by witnessing what he had experienced and what-

ever the Lord might reveal to him in the future. Henceforth Paul regarded himself as a debtor to all because of what he possessed. He was obedient to the heavenly vision that enlightened, equipped, and empowered him in service for Christ. The Lord gave him the message and he delivered it faithfully. Repeatedly he told his Christian experience, and each time he related it that story made a deep impression on his hearers. On account of his preaching the gospel of Christ to the Gentiles, the Jews seized Paul and attempted to kill him.

Paul's teachings had not been contradictory to those of Moses and the prophets. He proclaimed the death, the burial, and the resurrection of Christ. Paul's preaching was effective because he was fully yielded to Christ and the interests that were dear to His heart.

From the day on which he received the heavenly vision Paul had a great



longing to live to the glory of God. He understood full well that God had a place where He wanted him to be and a work in which He wanted him to be engaged. He knew that if he went somewhere else and did anything else he would miss God's best, and that he certainly did not wish to do.

Due to the fact that "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him," what Paul said was nonsense to Festus, the governor. Being an unsaved man, Festus misunderstood Paul and declared his statements to be nothing more than the babblings of a man who was beside himself, or crazy. To his unkind criticism Paul replied very courteously, due to the enabling grace of God. Then he made reference to King Agrippa's knowledge of the facts of Jewish history and religion. It was only natural that Paul expected one who possessed expert knowledge of the life, customs, convictions, and hopes of the Jews to hear him with an understanding and sympathetic interest.

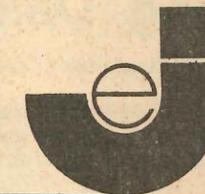
Turning directly and dramatically to Agrippa, and addressing him personally, Paul said: "King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets?" Before the King had time to reply, Paul answered: "I know that thou believest." And that was true. Convinced that Paul was correctly interpreting the prophets, Agrippa was seized by the Holy Spirit and carried back over his misspent life, piling before him the sins that had characterized his hellbound career. Trembling under deep conviction, Agrippa exclaimed: "Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." Why was he not altogether persuaded to be a Christian? He was not willing to give up sin and yield his stubborn will to the perfect will of Christ. Paul told Agrippa that he would like for him to be a Christian like himself with but one exception, namely, "these bonds."

Even though Paul's loving concern for Agrippa made a favorable and profound impression on him, he disdainfully rejected the testimony and persuasion of the Apostle. Agrippa was convicted, but not persuaded. He continued in the clutches of Satan. "Almost" spelled the difference between peace and wretchedness, heaven and hell.

Although King Agrippa, Queen Bernice, and Governor Festus, and the other dignitaries who heard Paul speak were not convinced of the value and importance of the gospel which Paul preached so earnestly and faithfully, they were agreed on the fact that Paul had not done anything which warranted his being held in prison or the infliction of the death penalty. Agrippa made the statement that Paul might have been released if he had not appealed to Caesar. ■

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Day Camp Planned During Dallas SBC Sessions

A missions day camp for children of messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention will be held in Dallas June 11-13, 1974.

The camp, open to children 6-11, will be conducted at White Rock City Park under the auspices of the Southern

Baptist Brotherhood Commission and Texas Baptist Men.

Youngsters attending the camp will take part in mission games, sports and crafts and meet Southern Baptist missionaries.

Registration fee for the mission day

camp will be \$2.50 per day or \$5.00 for all three days. The fee includes bus transportation from the Dallas Convention Center, insurance, supplies and lunch.

Jerry Bob Taylor, Royal Ambassador consultant for Texas Baptist Men, will direct the camp. W. L. Colquitt of Dallas is the local coordinator and Jay Chance of Memphis, director of the commission's Royal Ambassador division, the SBC coordinator.

"Children will enjoy an unusual mission experience under trained leadership while their parents are free to take an active part in convention sessions," Chance said in explaining day camp benefits.

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Minister's Wives To Meet June 11 In Dallas

The Southern Baptist Convention Ministers' Wives Conference will meet at First Baptist Church, Dallas, June 11, 1974.

The conference, based on the theme, "1974 Roundup of Ministers' Wives," will include a panel discussion on concerns and current stresses faced by ministers' wives.

Panel members are Mrs. Huber Drumwright, moderator, and Mrs. John Claypool, both of Fort Worth; Mrs. Forbes Woods and Mrs. John Hurt, both of Dallas.

Special music will be furnished by a trio of ministers' wives, who, with their husbands, are Southern Baptist missionaries in Vietnam. Officers for 1976 will be elected.

Present officers are Mrs. Roy W. Babb, Nashville, Tennessee, president; Mrs. James Landes, Dallas, Texas, vice president; Mrs. Charles Jolly, Madison, New Jersey, recording secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Emile Williams, Jonesboro, Arkansas, corresponding secretary.

Officers to serve in 1975 include Mrs. Maurice Clayton, Jackson, Mississippi, president; Mrs. Conrad R. Willard, Miami, Florida, vice president; Mrs. B. J. Martin, Pasadena, Texas, recording secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. P. A. Michel, Brookhaven, Mississippi, corresponding secretary. (BP)

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Vocational Assistance Confab Set

A national conference on helping to provide vocational assistance to Southern Baptist ministers is being planned for September 18-19 in Nashville by six major denominational agencies.

Called "Fulfillment in Ministry," the two day conference will blend lectures and dialogue from a cross section of Southern Baptist local, state, and na-

tional leadership. Over 30 leading churchmen from throughout the United States will guide the 350 participants in examining key issues facing Southern Baptist ministers.

The conference will discuss such topics as: the minister's family, vocational placement, measuring success, staff relationships, financial support, reloca-

tion, role expectation and conflict, seminary preparation, counseling of ministers, women in the church, continuing education, and crisis points in a minister's career. The conferences will be open to ministers and laymen.

In addition to small group discussions, participants will also dialogue on eight major addresses to be presented during the conference. The addresses will focus on five themes. Needs of Ministers, What's Being Done (to meet minister's needs), Clergy-Laity Gap, God's Call, and Wholeness and Joy in Ministry.

The conference will conclude with a worship service on the theme "Joy in Ministry!" led by James W. Hatley, pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee.

Because of funds provided by the sponsoring organizations there will be no registration fee. Each participant will be responsible for personal housing arrangements and for incidental expenses. The conference costs are being met by: the Annuity Board, Brotherhood Commission, Home Mission Board, Séminary Extension Department, Sunday School Board, and the Conference and Research Center of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Interested church leaders should contact E. B. Bratcher, conference coordinator, at 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40206, for more information and registration materials.

Record Lottie Moon Gifts Totaled For Foreign Mission Work

The final total for the 1973 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions has exceeded \$22 million, according to Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board officials.

The record \$22,232,757 received represented an increase of \$2,567,785 or more than 13 percent over the 1972 total.

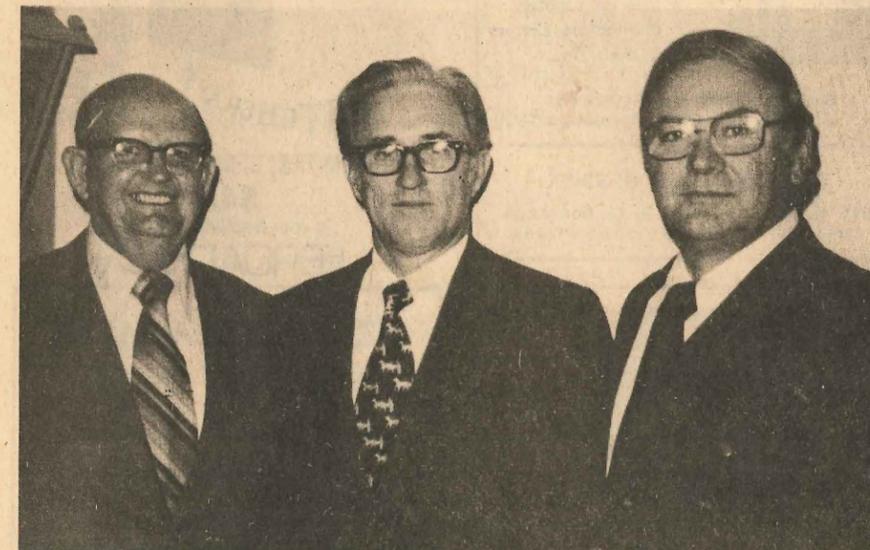
The 1973 goal was \$20 million. The offering has doubled in the last 10 years when, 1963, about \$11 million was given. The first Lottie Moon Offering, collected in 1888, totaled \$3,315.

The Lottie Moon Offering is sponsored annually by the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) in connection with the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions in Southern Baptist churches across the nation. Monies received after April 30 are included in the following year's offering.

"We are greatly encouraged by the remarkable total of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering," said Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary. "We thank God for the devoted service of Woman's Missionary Union and all others who worked and prayed to make it a success.

"This offering," he continued, "will supplement gifts through the Cooperative Program and enable twice as much work to be done on mission fields."

Southern Baptist foreign mission efforts are supported financially by two major channels of giving, the Lottie Moon Offering and the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget plan. Each of these channels accounts for about half of the board's total operating budget. (BP)



Kentuckian elected. At its annual meeting on April 23-26 in Kansas City, Missouri, the Association of State Foundation Executives elected Grady L. Randolph (center), director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Foundation department, to serve as association vice-president. Also elected were Cecil Pearson (left) of California to serve as president and Glenn Bryant (right) of Louisiana as secretary.

Church Members Vote To Give Love Offering To Stamping Ground

The Georgetown Baptist Church, Georgetown, has voted to give a love gift of \$25,000 to the Stamping Ground Baptist Church for the rebuilding of the Stamping Ground structure destroyed by the April 3 tornado. Georgetown Baptist pastor Dan C. Moore reports that the \$25,000 will be given in sixty equal monthly payments, beginning with the month of July, 1974.

Other generous contributions have been made to the congregations of the churches destroyed by the tornado but this appears to be the largest single contribution.