



Western Recorder

MAY 24, 1975

Miami Beach, Florida, will be the site for the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention June 10-12. This issue of Western Recorder will provide the Kentucky messengers with a complete guide to convention and convention related activities.

The week of March 28-30 was proclaimed "Bob Wallace Appreciation Week" in Paris, Kentucky, in honor of the First Baptist Church pastor. The proclamation listed many contributions of Wallace to the life of the whole community as well as to the First Baptist congregation. Climaxing the week was pastor appreciation day for Wallace on Easter Sunday.

William Rogers, director of cooperative ministries-Christian life department of

KBC, delivered the baccalaureate address for Simmons Bible College May 18. Simmons is located in Louisville and is sponsored by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

First Baptist Church, Pikeville, dedicated their new sanctuary on Sunday, May 18. Harold Wainwright of Covington, a former pastor of the church, delivered the message at the 11 o'clock worship hour. This was followed by a fellowship meal. At two o'clock in the afternoon the new sanctuary was dedicated. J. V. Case of Owensboro and Ellis Paul Howerton of Louisville, the son of the late former pastor E. L. Howerton, were the afternoon speakers.

Children's Work Is Focus Of June Meet

Kindergartens, day care centers and work with mentally retarded will be the focus of attention during a two-day conference at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly June 6-7.

Directed by Mrs. Warren Allnatt, children's consultant for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the program is designed for those interested in beginning such work as well as those with existing programs.

Leading conferences on work with mentally retarded will be Mrs. Jessie Meeks of Nashville. Mrs. Meeks recently retired after serving as consultant for work with mentally retarded for a number of years for Tennessee Baptists.

Mrs. John Perkins, Mrs. Jerry Smith and Mrs. Fred Waldrop will compose the faculty for the kindergarten-day care portions.

Mrs. Perkins is associate director for Southern Seminary's day care center. Mrs. Smith is director of preschool and children's work at Green Acres Baptist Church, Louisville.

Mrs. Waldrop is professor of early education at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

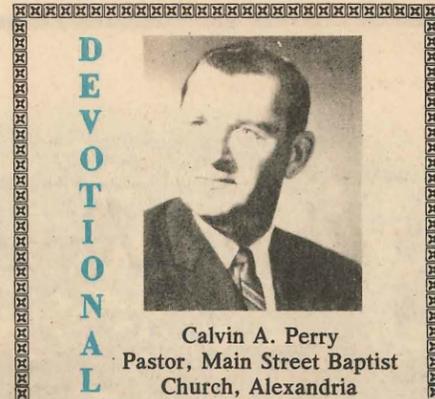
A special feature of this year's program will be a question and answer session with the chief deputy state fire marshal. Edwin L. Moore, a Baptist layman, will explain the new fire codes and answer questions.

Reservations for the conference should be made by writing to Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Route 1, Bagdad, Kentucky 40003.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"In charge of our new pledge program is Ed Biggs, former city tax collector!"



Calvin A. Perry
Pastor, Main Street Baptist
Church, Alexandria

Every day we are made aware by the newspapers and other media of the so-called fuel shortages and gasoline prices. It all boils down to the fact that we live in an automobile age.

As we read God's Word we notice how Christ often took the most common things of life and revealed from them the things of God. The common automobile and its passengers can suggest some spiritual truths for your life and mine. For example, let's take the back-seat driver and note his or her characteristics.

The attitude of some people who ride in the back seat is one of absolute distrust of the person who is driving. They really don't mean it that way; but should any vehicle be seen approaching, even in the remote distance, they immediately let the driver know that "there is something coming."

Now this kind of attitude is not confined to motorists. There are those in this world who feel that this world has no driver, that things are out of control and somehow or other they must put things right. If we have become back-seat drivers we must be made to understand that this world is not uncontrolled. God is in charge. We have to trust God to drive the universe in which we live.

The back-seat driver doesn't have good sight. They are not in a position to see yet they want to direct. Some people prefer to sit in the back seat and criticize but they themselves never do anything to bring what they think ought to be done into realization.

Let's be courageous enough to live our faith; not content to simply tell it. Don't be too ready to see the fault which is in another man's eye and at the same time neglect your own obvious failings.

It is tragic if you are content to be a back-seat driver and let someone else do the work God intended you to do. There is a work for each of us to do and no one can do it as well as we can.

Do not be a back-seat driver. GET INTO THE FRONT SEAT AND DRIVE.

Late last December, 74 Royal Ambassadors and counselors gathered at Walt Disney World, Florida, to take part in a unique experience in missionary education. We called it "Mission Games '74." There was no lectures, no classes, no mission study books, no missionary filmstrips. Just games. Three days of games and simulation experiences focused on missions.

What happened during those three days would not fit most traditional notions of "mission study." Picture more than 70 men and boys sprawled all over the carpet in a large, chairless conference room, talking furiously, writing messages, arguing, shouting instructions, rising occasionally to deposit small red plastic chips in acrylic tubes on a board in the center of the room, and groaning at or applauding certain announcements from the director. Or visualize a room filled with players trading vari-colored slips of paper, nodding their heads and flapping their arms in strange gestures, while uttering such wierd sounds as, "Naga naga naga na."

Fun? No doubt about it. But was it study? Did the guys really learn anything about missions? Let the words of one of the boys, a high-school senior, answer that question:

"We've all been studying about missionary work for years; but during the last three days I've really felt what it was like to be a missionary."

And that was the whole point. This event was designed to go beyond the mere impartation of information about missions. Its purpose was to help the participants get inside the experience of missionaries, in a vicarious sort of way; to identify with the work of missions personally, emotionally, as well as cognitively.

For example, in the strange simulation game described above, "Naga naga naga na" was a foreign language, part of an alien culture which we set up within the game. Visitors introduced into that simulated culture developed a healthy understanding of the problem of "cultural shock" so often experienced by new missionaries in a strange new land. They came to understand the experience by feeling it, not just by talking about it.

The impact of Mission Games '74 will be felt far beyond the Magic Kingdom of Disney. What happened there was only a beginning, a successful experiment which demonstrated that simulations and games may be used to open up bright new possibilities in missionary education (and, for that matter, in religious education of all kinds).

Royal Ambassador leaders at Disney World went away with plans to use mission games in retreats and summer camps. One of them led a group of high

MISSION GAMES

an experience in christian learning

By Lucien E. Coleman, Jr.
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school boys from First Baptist, Dallas, in such an experience early in February. Later, he wrote: "The Lord blessed us with a wonderful retreat. The boys responded enthusiastically to the games, perhaps to a greater degree than I had expected. . . . If the goal of the games was to learn more about missions, to actually 'be' a missionary, and to identify with missions emotionally, then the goal was accomplished."

The Brotherhood Commission plans to publish a kit containing materials and instructions for all the games used at Mission Games '74 during the spring of 1975. Designed primarily as a curriculum unit for youth in World Missions Conferences on the local and associational levels, this kit will make it possible for thousands of Southern Baptist youth to participate in experiences like those at the Disney World seminar. This development should give considerable impetus to the use of games and simulations in Baptist churches.

As instructional games become more widely known in our churches, they will evoke enthusiasm from some and criticism from others. A great deal of the criticism will be based on misunderstandings. For example, "games" are universally associated with "play," and, to the average person, play is at cross-purposes with serious learning. The skepticism concerning the role of play in educational programs is deeply ingrained in most of us. We inherited it from our Puritan tradition, the tradition which included this bit of verse in the old *New England Primer*:

"Fear God all Day
Parents Obey
No false thing say
By no sin stray
Love Christ Alway
In secret Pray
Mind little play
Make no delay."

(Note that play is associated, at least by implication, with falsehood, sin, and procrastination.)

Many good church people become disturbed over anything which has the appearance of play in Sunday School departments. What they do not take into account is that play and games are often quite serious in purpose. Who could doubt the seriousness of war games (military maneuvers), for example? The internationally famous psychologist, Jean Piaget, has suggested that play provides a context for important learnings in childhood. For example, he believes that children learn a great deal about the nature of the moral order through learning about the nature of rules in a game.

Mission Games '74 was no mere collection of easy educational gimmicks. The game we called "Formissia," for instance, was carefully developed by an inter-agency team composed of personnel from the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Something like 80 hours of hard work went into the game before it ever emerged in prototype form. Later, we took it to Richmond, where 31 Foreign Mission Board staffers played it and helped us "de-bug" it. Russell Bennett, of the Home mission Board staff, has worked equally hard on the other games in the kit to be published this spring. Every game in that kit will have undergone field-testing in a variety of learning situations.

In some of the publicity which followed Mission Games '74 I was quoted as having called that event a "bold new breakthrough in religious education." That report was inaccurate. I expressed the opinion that we had seen a "significant step forward in missionary education." The difference between the two statements is more than a matter of semantic quibbling. Simulations and games will be served as poorly by those who claim too much for them as by those who criticize them. Seldom do we see "bold new breakthroughs" in religious education. Once in a while, though, there comes along a truly innovative approach to learning which holds a lot of promise for Christian teaching. That's where instructional games and simulations are today.

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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 Joys And Sorrows Of Springtime

Springtime must be more beautiful and glorious in Kentucky than anywhere in the world. Walking to work on one early morning in May was more like being in heaven than on earth. Millions of dewdrops adorned every blade and leaf with sparkling diamonds. The perfume of early wild flowers overcame momentarily the smelly smog of man's making. The variety of songs of happy birds blended into a hallelujah chorus.

Spontaneous praise filled my soul. The material and spiritual blessings of God were far beyond any reckoning and my feet were scarcely touching the ground.

Suddenly an invading thought shocked me out of my ecstasy. It came from the front page news reports read at breakfast. These were eye witness accounts of human suffering in the Communist takeover of Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Suddenly I thought how would it feel to be in Cambodia instead of in the beautiful and free land of America?

Why would a creature of God in Cambodia have it so hard and I have it so good? Is he less deserving than I? No! Only the inscrutable providence of God accounts for a Cambodian's sufferings and my blessings.

An easy answer would be that God loves and blesses Christians and hates and punishes Communists and other pagans. It is not that simple, however. The Bible doesn't teach that and life does not fit this theology.

On the same spring day came a letter from the Jim McKinleys, missionaries to Bangladesh. The main message in the letter was that Mrs. McKinley (Betty) and Jill, the daughter of the McKinleys, were departing from Dacca for Louisville to fit Jill with a larger eye. The McKinleys had hoped and waited for word that the fitting of the eye could be done in Hong Kong and the longer, more expensive trip in Louisville would not be necessary. The word finally came that it could not be arranged in Hong Kong.

Christians, even missionaries like the McKinleys, are not pets of God's providence. We are not exempt from the demonic powers of this world but we are given the grace to be victorious over all evil forces including sickness and suffering.

Jim McKinley will stay by the stuff while mother and daughter come to Louisville. He sees more need and suffering in a day than most of us do in a lifetime.

As an example, let me share a couple of paragraphs from his letter.

"Recently, a lady came to me asking if I would arrange for someone to take her youngest child. Her husband had died along with two of her children. She had no way of providing for the two remaining ones. She felt if someone would take her four-year-old daughter, she could beg enough to feed herself and her six-year-old son.

"Though I do not understand how she could bring herself to such a position, I thought she was doing the right thing to be willing to give up her youngest child. I called the Salvation Army to ask if they wanted the little girl. In ten minutes their car arrived for taking the child. The mother sobbed in anguish as she lifted the little one into the vehicle. However, she was helped a little when I told her she could go with the driver to the adoption center. This is the story of one of many families."

Awareness of such suffering by millions takes some sparkle out of the springtime diamond dewdrops and some beauty from the morning melodies of birds. Truly God is in his heaven but all is not right with the world.

As children of God through Jesus Christ our reward is not exemption from evil and suffering but involvement with God in providing for all others the necessities of a physical life and the good news of another kind of life. If this partnership with Jesus Christ is not as exhilarating as a May morning in Kentucky, something is wrong.

Executive Board Members Need Help

The most demanding and gruelling experience in Kentucky Baptist denominational life is the Executive Board sessions. The May 12-13 meeting was a marathon and this seems more and more to be the case.

The lengthy and exhausting committee meetings are not due to anyone's failure. They are a fact of life under our present structure. The fact is they would be even more difficult were it not for hundreds of hours of preparation by Executive Secretary Frank Owen, Doris Yeiser and others.

In Kentucky we prize highly a democratic style of denominational life with as many participants as possible on the policy making level. As a result we have two practices that most other state Baptist conventions do not have.

One is to have at least one member on the Executive Board from all 80 Kentucky Baptist district associations. Some associations qualify for as many as 20 members and so the total membership of the board is around 150. Some other state conventions do not provide for representation from all associations but have limited the executive board (committee) to 40 or 50 members.

The second Kentucky policy has to do with the method of selecting board members. In most states the convention nominating committee nominates board members without consulting district associations. In Kentucky the associations nominate two persons for each place to be filled and the convention nominating committee chooses one to recommend for election by the state convention.

A committee of 150 is unwieldy when it comes to originating and shapening programs and policies. So the committee is divided into subcommittees which do the groundwork on matters before they are considered by the whole board.

This is necessary but it results in board members being fully informed on only those matters

assigned to their committee. This frustrates sincere board members who are asked to vote on recommendations from other subcommittees which they do not fully understand.

This problem is intensified by the policy of allowing a board member only one three-year term before stepping down. By time he is informed enough to be a valuable member he is gone.

Every year about one-third of the Executive Board members are new. These members function with a big disadvantage. They know little of what's gone on before and so they have to trust the staff and more experienced members of the board or make spectacles of themselves.

There are some ways to overcome these difficulties. One is to give members two three-year terms or maybe one five-year term before going off the board. Board members would be much more informed but fewer different persons would serve.

Another help would be an orientation for new members. In a day or half a day one could learn much about how the board functions and be briefed on the main matters under consideration at the time.

Another plan which would be very helpful would be to have sub-committee meetings at least a month before the full board meets with all sub-committee recommendations shared with all board members three or four weeks before the full board meeting.

The Executive Board and how it operates are critical in the life of Kentucky Baptists. Indeed, the board acts for the convention all the time except the three days of the annual convention sessions. Even the annual convention looks to the Executive Board for recommendations on all major matters.

Being a board member is not a denominational honor. It is a demanding assignment and those who are not willing to give time and study to it should not agree to serve.

BAPTIST FORUM



A BETTER CHOICE

Dear Editor:

Baptist Hymnal! Baptist Hymnal! that's all there seems to be in the *Western Recorder* lately (and many other state papers). But beware the shortcomings: 1) the paper is uncoated stock and far too thin. It lacks opacity or, in

printer's lingo, has too much "show through"; 2) the covers are cheap — 65 cents extra for better quality; 3) lack of Amens, Choral Responses and Calls to Worship! That's right — take another look.

What most papers seem to overlook is the excellent hymnal introduced in Octo-

ber of last year by Donald P. Hustad, professor of church music at Southern Seminary, former organist with Billy Graham, and member of the recent *Baptist Hymnal* committee. Entitled "Hymns for the Living Church" and published by Hope, Inc., it is cheaper per copy — \$3.50 — and is printed on better paper (you cannot see through it) and bound with a cover that will cost no extra. Each hymn is associated with a pertinent scripture and all responsive
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Color It
Different



John Carney
Youth Consultant, Church
Services Group, KBC

Lifestyle Ministry is the theme of the Youth Week at Cedarmore, July 14-18. This year's program is different in several ways. For one difference, the week is being sponsored by the Church Service Group instead of one department. Responsibility for Youth Week has been handed from department to department in past years. This year and for future years, this will be a ministry assigned to me as youth consultant for the church services group.

Another way that Youth Week is different is that youth ministries will be emphasized. Some youth will choose and be trained in day camp ministry. This ministry utilizes youth as group leaders with children, first through sixth grades. Another group of youth will choose ministry to the aged. Two other choices are available: ministry to the deaf or ministry to the institutionalized.

Youth Week will be different in that the four groups will not just study and talk about what might be done. After spending time in study and developing skills, the group will leave Cedarmore to work in one of six locations: three day camps, a training school for deaf, a hospital, and a long term care facility.

On the lighter side, one of the recreation activities will be a tug-o-war where the losers are losers indeed. The more powerful team will pull the less powerful through a mud hole.

A decided difference to this year's Youth Week has been due to the effect of Kentucky state camping regulations. The requirement of 40 square feet per camper limits the number of youth that can attend. This necessitated limiting the number from any one church to give more churches the opportunity of having their youth trained in a "Lifestyle Ministry."

There are 176 registered for camp. Hopefully, churches that received letters of regret will now join together to provide a week of inspiration and fun for their youth.

Next year Youth Week plans envision additional youth camps to give more Kentucky young people opportunity to experience God's guidance in the serenity and beauty that is Cedarmore. □

Pastors' Conference

Southern Baptist Convention
Miami Beach Convention Center

June 8-9, 1975
Theme: "The High Calling of God"

Sunday Night Joint Session with Woman's Missionary Union

7:00 "One World, One Witness," Samford University A Cappella Choir
Welcome, Reubin Askew, Governor of Florida
Welcome, Mrs. R. L. Mathis and James L. Pleitz
Solo, Aemiko Iinuma, New York
Foreign Missionary Commissioning Service, Baker James Cauthen and Foreign Mission Board staff

Monday Morning Session

9:50 "The Pastor—Called of God," Bill Self, Atlanta, Georgia
10:15 "The Pastor—Preparation For Service," Charles Fuller, Roanoke, Virginia
10:50 "The Pastor—A Teacher Rightly Dividing The Word of Truth," Russell Dilday, Atlanta, Georgia
11:30 "The Pastor As A Father and Husband," Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale, New York

Monday Afternoon Session

2:15 Testimony—"In All Thy Ways Acknowledge Him," Steve Davis, University of Oklahoma
2:30 "The Pastor As An Evangelist," Ralph Smith, Austin, Texas
2:55 "The Pastor—A Man Under Command," Carl Bates, Charlotte, North Carolina
3:10 "The Pastor—A Proclaimer of God's Word," W. A. Criswell, Dallas, Texas

Monday Evening Session

7:10 "The Pastor—His Involvement In The Community," John Claypool, Fort Worth, Texas
7:35 "A New Man in Christ Jesus," Charles Colson, McLean, Virginia
8:05 "The Joys of Being A Pastor," James Monroe, Fort Walton Beach, Florida
8:35 "The Pastor—The Rewards for Faithfulness," R. G. Lee, Memphis, Tennessee

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YOU ARE INVITED — James Pleitz, president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, and Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of SBC Woman's Missionary Union, will share the gavel when the two organizations hold a joint session Sunday evening, June 8, in Miami Beach Convention Center South Hall. The two organizations will be commissioning new foreign missionaries and will hear an address by Reubin Askew, governor of Florida. WMU and the Pastors' Conference will hold separate sessions Monday, WMU meeting in the South Hall while pastors are in the North Hall.

Miami Beach Convention Center
June 8-9, 1975
Theme: One World, One Witness

Sunday Evening Joint Session with Pastors' Conference (North Hall), 7:00 p.m.

"One World, One Witness"—Samford University A Cappella Choir, L. Gene Black, Birmingham, Alabama, director
Welcome—Mrs. R. L. Mathis, WMU president, Waco, Texas; and James L. Pleitz, Pastors' Conference president, Pensacola, Florida

Welcome, Reubin Askew, Governor of Florida
Music—Congregation with Claude Rhea, Samford University, Birmingham, director

Prayer

Solo—Aemiko Iinuma, New York
Foreign Missionary Commissioning Service—Missionary Appointees and Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board
Winston Crawley, director of overseas division
Frank K. Means, secretary for Eastern South America
H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa
Davis L. Saunders, secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa
J. D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East
Charles W. Bryan, secretary for Middle American and the Caribbean
R. Keith Parks, secretary for Southeast Asia
Louis R. Cobbs, secretary for missionary personnel

Meditation Music

Claude H. Rhea, Jr., and Betty Sue Shepherd (associate professor of music, Samford), Birmingham

Monday Morning Session (South Hall), 9:30 a.m.

"One World, One Witness"—Samford University A Cappella Choir
Hymns, Congregation with Claude Rhea
"One World, One Woman's Witness," Kitty Blissett, US-2 missionary, Waterbury, Connecticut

Business

Report of the Executive Secretary, Carolyn Weatherford
Election of Officers
Special Music, Aemiko Iinuma
Missionary Message, Dr. and Mrs. August Lovegren, Jordan
Meditation Music, Claude Rhea, Jr., and Betty Sue Shepherd, Samford University

Monday Afternoon Session 2:00 p.m.

"One World, One Witness," Samford University A Cappella Choir
Hymns, Congregation with Claude Rhea, Jr.
"One World, One Woman's Witness," Mrs. Everett Deffine, Baptist Young Women director, Arizona WMU, Mesa, Arizona

Prayer

Special Music, Aemiko Iinuma
"My World, My Witness," (Presentation of Christian Social Ministries, Home Mission Board)
Paul Adkins, director, Christian Social Ministries Department, Home Mission Board
Theme Interpretation:
"My World Was," Ralph Fults, director, Vocational Services, Buckner Baptist Benevolences, Dallas, Texas (on tape)
"My World Is," Ernest Ed Onley, Jr., director, Christian Social Minis-

Woman's Missionary Union

tries, Capital Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Mildred Blankenship, assistant director, Department of Christian Social Ministries, Home Mission Board and Mrs. M. V. Leininger, Jr., literacy resource person, Orlando, Florida
Mr. and Mrs. James M. Palmer, US-2 missionaries, Phoenix, Arizona
Clovis A. Brantley, associate director, Department of Christian Social Ministries, Home Mission Board with Mr. and Mrs. James M. Whitlow and Jeffery Paul, adoptive parents and child
"My World Will Be," Mary Edwards Renaker, poet, Louisville, Kentucky, and John Claypool, pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas

Meditation Music, Claude Rhea, Jr., and Betty Sue Shepherd

Monday Evening Session 7:00 p.m.

"One World, One Witness," Samford University A Cappella Choir

Hymns

"One World, One Woman's Witness," Diana Moore, chaplain, Hanover School For Boys, Richmond, Virginia

Prayer

Solo, Aemiko Iinuma
Cooperative Program Jubilee Featuring Dramatic Monologues, R. Quinn Pugh, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Bel Air, Maryland, and Sheryl Churchill, Acteens director, Texas WMU, Dallas

Chorus, Samford University A Cappella Choir

Testimonies,
Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Executive Committee
Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board
George Sadler, former area secretary, Africa, Europe, Near East, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia
Arthur B. Rutledge, executive director-treasurer, Home Mission Board
Mrs. Genus Crenshaw, missionary, and Seminole Indians, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
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Tuesday Morning, June 10

- 9:15 Music for Inspiration—Florida Baptist Singing Men, Paul Bobbitt, Jacksonville, Florida, director
- 9:30 Call to Order
- 9:35 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, director
- 9:40 Report of Registration and Constituting of Convention—W. Fred Kendall, Nashville
- 9:45 Report of Committee on Order of Business—Searcy S. Garrison, Atlanta, Georgia
- 9:55 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers
- 10:05 Introduction of Mayor of Metro Dade County—Harold C. Bennett, Jacksonville, executive secretary, Florida Baptist Convention
Welcome Message—Stephen P. Clark, Mayor of Metro Dade County
- 10:15 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, Committee of Tellers
- 10:20 "Let Christ's Freedom Ring"
Presentation of Liberty Bell—Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Historical Commission
Solo—Nettie Beth Weber, Lubbock, Texas
- 10:25 Presidential Address—Jaroy Weber, Lubbock, Texas
- 11:00 Congregational Singing
- 11:05 Executive Committee Report (first section)
- 11:55 Miscellaneous Business
- 12:15 Introduction of Resolutions
- 12:35 Benediction—Richard M. Stephenson, Richmond, executive secretary, Baptist General Association of Virginia

Tuesday Afternoon, June 10

- 2:15 Music for Inspiration—Missouri Music Men, Bob Woolley, Jefferson City, Missouri, director
- 2:30 Congregational Singing—Paul Bobbitt, assistant convention music director
- 2:35 "Let Christ's Freedom Ring through Church Ministry"—James T. Draper, associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
- 2:50 Election of Officers
- 3:05 Radio and Television Commission Report
- 3:15 Southern Baptist Convention Seminaries Report—W. Randall Lolley, president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.
- 3:45 Congregational Singing
- 3:50 Executive Committee Report (final section)
- 4:05 Introduction of Resolutions
- 4:15 Election of Officers
- 4:25 Miscellaneous Business
- 4:35 Benediction—Padgett C. Cope, pastor, First Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana

Tuesday Evening, June 10

- 6:45 Music for Inspiration—Massed Choirs from Miami Baptist Churches, Paul Bobbitt, director
- 7:00 Congregational Singing—Ron Lowry, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas
- 7:05 "Let Christ's Freedom Ring through Denominational Involvement"—Duke K. McCall, president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky
- 7:20 Cooperative Program Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration
Presentation of Torch from Memphis—Stewardship Commission, Brotherhood Commission
Commitment of State Conventions
- 8:30 Congregational Singing
Special Music

Southern Baptist Convention

Miami Convention Center

Miami Florida

June 10-12, 1975

Theme: "Let Christ's Freedom Ring"

Jaroy Weber, president, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas

Stewart B. Simms, first vice president, pastor, First Baptist Church, Greer, South Carolina

Charles N. King, second vice president, pastor, Corinthian Baptist Church, Frankfort, Kentucky (Died February 28, 1975.)

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W. Frederick Kendall, registration secretary, retired, Nashville, Tennessee

Porter W. Routh, treasurer, Nashville, Tennessee

W. C. Fields, press representative, Nashville, Tennessee

William J. Reynolds, music director, Nashville, Tennessee

- 8:40 Report of Committee Named to Study Executive Committee Function and Change in Name of Convention—Chauncey R. Daley, editor, *Western Recorder*, Middletown, Kentucky, chairman
- 9:30 Miscellaneous Business
- 9:45 Benediction—W. Ches Smith, III, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tifton, Georgia

Wednesday Morning, June 11

- 9:15 Music for Inspiration—Stetson University Choir, Robert Rich, director
- 9:30 Congregational Singing—Ken Osbrink, minister of music, Central Baptist Church, Miami, Florida, director
- 9:35 "Let Christ's Freedom Ring through Personal Evangelism"—James Schneider, pastor, Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Groton, Connecticut
- 9:50 Election of Officers
- 10:00 Committee on Resolutions (first report)
- 10:30 Committee on Committees Report
Committee on Boards Report
- 10:35 Stewardship Commission Report
- 10:45 Christian Life Commission Report

- 10:55 Congregational Singing
- 11:00 Special Music—Lanny Allen, minister of music, First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas
- 11:05 Convention sermon—Jimmy R. Allen, pastor, First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas
Alternate—Paul S. James, retiring executive secretary, Baptist Convention of New York, Syracuse, New York
- 11:40 Miscellaneous Business
(Consideration of constitutional changes and other matters)
Election of Officers
- 12:30 Benediction—J. Thurmond George, pastor, Foxworthy Southern Baptist Church, San Jose, California

(No afternoon session)

Wednesday Evening, June 11

- 6:45 Music for Inspiration—United Bahamas Choir, Nassau
- 7:00 Congregational Singing—Paul C. McCommon, Atlanta, Georgia, director
- 7:05 "Let Christ's Freedom Ring through Church Outreach"—Richard A. Jackson, pastor, North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, Arizona
- 7:20 Special Committee on Baptist State Papers

- 7:30 "Winning America to Christ"—Brotherhood Commission
- 7:50 Congregational Singing
- 7:55 "What Boards Intend To Do to Win America to Christ"—Home Mission Board
- 8:55 Special Music—Anita Bryant, Miami, Florida
- 9:15 Benediction—Alton H. McEachern, pastor, First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina

Thursday Morning, June 12

- 9:15 Music for Inspiration—United Bahamas Choir
- 9:30 Congregational Singing—Felix Snipes, Atlanta, Georgia, director
- 9:35 "Let Christ's Freedom Ring through Community Involvement"—William L. Self, pastor, Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia
- 9:50 Sunday School Board Report
- 10:40 Committee on Resolutions Report (final)
- 10:55 Denominational Calendar Report
- 11:00 Annuity Board Report
- 11:15 Miscellaneous Business
- 11:30 Congregational Singing
- 11:35 Message—Jerry Clower, Yazoo City, Mississippi
- 12:00 Benediction—Henry D. Johns, pastor, Versailles, Kentucky

Thursday Afternoon, June 12

- 2:15 Music for Inspiration—Evangelistic Singers Concert
- 2:30 Congregational Singing—Forrest Heeren, Louisville, Kentucky, director
- 2:35 "Let Christ's Freedom Ring through Mission Action and Giving"—Verlin C. Kruschwitz, pastor, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Kentucky
- 2:50 Historical Commission Report
- 3:00 Southern Baptist Foundation Report
- 3:10 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Report
- 3:20 American Bible Society
- 3:30 Congregational Singing
- 3:35 Special Music—Mrs. Anne Criswell Jackson, Dallas, Texas
- 3:40 "Winning America through the Church"—W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
- 4:10 Baptist World Alliance
- 4:20 Committee on American Baptist Theological Seminary
- 4:25 Education Commission Report
- 4:30 Benediction—Robert L. Bateman, pastor, Lane Avenue Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio

Thursday Evening, June 12

- 6:45 Music for Inspiration—The New Directions, Jack Day, Miami, director
- 7:00 Congregational Singing—Directed by William J. Reynolds
- 7:05 "Let Christ's Freedom Ring through Mass Evangelism"—Angel Martinez, evangelist, Fort Smith, Arkansas
- 7:20 Special Music—Russell Newport, Springfield, Missouri
- 7:40 Woman's Missionary Union Report
- 8:00 Congregational Singing
- 8:05 Worldwide thrust, "Let the Fire Fall"—Foreign Mission Board
- 9:05 Presentation of Officers
- 9:15 Benediction—Henry A. Parker, pastor, First Baptist Church, Orlando, Florida



TORCH LIT — Porter Routh, left, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee, lights the torch to be carried to Miami Beach as part of the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program. Mark Simmons of Nashville was the first of about 1,200 Royal Ambassadors who will take turns running the torch.

Torch Run Begins, Part Of Cooperative Program Celebration

As two people sang "Pass It On," Mark Simmons of Nashville ran from Memphis's Cook Convention Center carrying a lighted torch on the first leg of a 1,300 mile journey.

A crowd of 350 Southern Baptist Convention leaders applauded and a group of Royal Ambassador boys cheered. Such was the inauguration of the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the SBC's Cooperative Program unified budget.

After winding through Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and Florida, the torch is scheduled to reach Miami Beach the night of June 10, during the SBC Stewardship Commission's report to the denomination's annual meeting.

With a police motorcycle escort and safety vehicles in front and behind, the runners—one after another—moved along at a brisk pace. Within an hour they had covered the 15 miles to the Memphis city limits and were well on their way toward Nashville. Buses dropped new runners off at half-mile intervals and then picked them up after they had finished their stint.

Prompting people to ask questions and get information about the Cooperative Program is a major purpose of the torch run.

Glendon McCullough, executive director of the SBC Brotherhood Commission, which sponsors the RA program, explained the project to the convention leaders gathered at a breakfast sponsored by the SBC Stewardship Commission:

"During the next 29 days, we will have many deputy sheriffs—and maybe quite a few Baptists—who will be asking what this torch means. And, by June 10, we will have 1,200 boys with sore feet who know what the Cooperative Program is all about."

Church Music Conference

Central Baptist Church, Miami, and
The Miami Beach Hyatt House
June 8-9, 1975

Officers:

- President**—Don Brown, associate professor of music and director, church music program, William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri
Vice-President [Local Church]—A. Joseph King, minister of music, University Baptist Church, Wabash at Cantey, Fort Worth, Texas
Vice President [Denominational]—Sam Prestidge, secretary, church music department, Baptist General Convention of Texas
Vice President [Educational]—Mrs. Evelyn M. Phillips, associate professor of church music, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Mary June Tabor, associate, church music department, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma

Sunday Evening —Central Baptist Church, Miami
 Don Brown, William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, presiding
 John Gardner, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, coordinator

- 6:00 "A Service of Praise"—led by William J. Reynolds, Secretary, Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Florida Baptist Singing Men, conducted by Paul Bobbitt, director, Church Music Department, Florida Baptist Convention; Ken Medema, concert artist, Upper Monclair, New Jersey Baptist Convention
 8:30 Reception for Church Music Conference members (hosted by the Church Music Department, Florida Baptist Convention), Palace Room, The Miami Beach Hyatt House

Monday Morning—The Miami Beach Hyatt House, American Ballroom
 Don Brown, presiding

- 8:30 Registration, American Ballroom foyer
 9:00 Call to Order; Welcome—Paul Bobbitt
 9:05 Worship—William J. Reynolds
 9:20 Concert—Handbell Choir, First Baptist Church, Merritt Island, Florida, Jim Whitmire, director
 9:45 "Every Musician A Therapist"—Roy T. Scoggins, Jr., music therapist and principal of educational theory, The Coastal Center of the South Carolina Department of Mental Retardation, Ladson, South Carolina
 10:20 Exhibit Break
 10:45 Call to Order
 Sam Prestidge, Church Music Department, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas, presiding
 10:55 Conference Business Session — Registration and Membership Report; Report of Constitution Committee; Report of Resolution Committee
 11:15 Concert — Stetson University Choir, DeLand, Florida, conducted by Robert Rich, director of choral activities
 11:45 Adjourn for lunch

Monday Afternoon—The Miami Beach Hyatt House, American Ballroom
 A. Joseph King, University Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, presiding

- 1:15 Call to Order
 Worship—William J. Reynolds
 1:25 "New Winds Blowing"—Kenneth Chafin, pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas
 1:50 Concert—The Missouri Music Men, conducted by Bob Woolley, secretary, Church Music Department, Missouri Baptist Convention
 2:15 Exhibit Break
 2:40 Interest Sessions
 4:20 Division meeting: Local Church Division, American Ballroom, A. Joseph King, presiding; Education Division, Forum, Evelyn Phillips, presiding; Denominational Division, Palace Room, Sam Prestidge, presiding
 4:40 Suggested time to adjourn division meetings

Monday Evening—Central Baptist Church

- 7:30 Concluding Session

Sunday Afternoon

- 2:00-5:00 Registration (Alhambra West Room)—William E. Young, Nashville, Tennessee; Neta Stewart, Fort Worth, Texas
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Sunday Evening

- Charles A. Tidwell, Fort Worth, Texas, presiding
 6:45 "Moods in Multiple Media"—Jay Durham, Atlanta, Georgia
 7:00 Call to Order; Appointment of Committees; Program Preview
 7:15 Praise in Song—Mr. and Mrs. J. William Thompson, Nashville, Tennessee
 7:30 "Called to Minister through the Profession of Education"
 7:55 Testimonies—Reggie McDonough, Nashville, Tennessee; Joe Burnette, Charlotte, N.C.; Bill Black, Atlanta, Georgia
 8:25 Music—Mr. and Mrs. J. William Thompson
 8:30 "Women in Religious Education"—Cliff Elkins, Fort Worth, Texas
 8:50 "The Anatomy of a Professional Association"—Ralph C. Atkinson, Jr., Louisville, Kentucky
 9:15 Benediction—Elaine Dickson, Nashville, Tennessee

Monday Morning

- Robert E. Bingham, Atlanta, Georgia, presiding
 8:45 "Moods in Multiple Media"—Jay Durham
 9:00 "R.E. new '75 and R.E. Professionalism"—Morton Rose, Nashville, Tennessee
 Wayne Summers, Nashville, Tennessee
 10:00 Break
 10:15 "Broadman Review" — Robert A. Dowdy, Nashville, Tennessee
 10:30 "The Professional Religious Education Association in the Future"—William G. Caldwell, Nashville, Tennessee; Bryant Cummings, Jackson, Mississippi; Weston Hook, Tucson, Arizona; Bob Woolley, Jefferson City, Missouri
 10:50 President's Address—Charles A. Tidwell

R. E. Conference

June 8-9, 1975

Hotel Seville

Theme: "Religious Education: Our Profession"

- 11:05 Neighbor Talk—Robert E. Bingham
 11:45 Benediction—Gerald Dunlap, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Monday Afternoon Luncheon (Sans Souci Hotel)

- Robert Feather, Dallas, Texas, presiding
 12:30 Invocation—Lloyd T. Householder, Nashville, Tennessee
 Lunch
 Music—Ron and Pat Owen, Houston, Texas
 "Reflections About Our Profession"—W. L. Howse, II, El Paso, Texas; Keener Pharr, Jacksonville, Florida
 2:30 Adjourn

Monday Evening

- Charles A. Tidwell, presiding
 6:45 "Moods in Multiple Media"—Jay Durham
 6:55 "In the Word"—James G. Harris, Fort Worth, Texas
 7:05 Praise in Song—Mr. and Mrs. J. William Thompson
 7:10 Business Session: Committee Reports and Miscellaneous Business; Recognition of Past Presidents; Presentation of New Officers
 7:45 "Resources for Educating"—Jerry Wolverton, Nashville, Tennessee
 8:00 "Committed to Educating the Educators"—Jack D. Terry, Fort Worth, Texas
 8:30 "The Ministry of Education in Our Time"—Russell Noel, Tulsa, Oklahoma
 9:00 Benediction—Robert O. Feather, Dallas, Texas

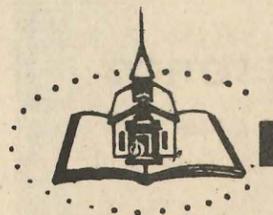
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MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION CENTER is the site for the 1975 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention and related meetings June 8-12. About 16,000 are expected to register for the sessions which will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program.

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By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for June 1, 1975)



In Difficult Circumstances

For the noble deed of healing the cripple, who had been lame from his birth, Peter and John were arraigned before the Sanhedrin. Standing before this august court, which was the most powerful body of Jews in the world at that time and without any hesitation or a single flicker of fear, Peter calmly, boldly, fearlessly and pungently told them that it was in the name and through the power of Christ that this wonderful miracle or cure had been performed. After charging them with the guilt of crucifying Christ, Peter preached Christ to them as the way of salvation.

The Power — Acts 4:13-14

Not only did the members of the Sanhedrin marvel that the man had been healed, but they were astonished also at the boldness of the Apostles in accusing them thus. Moreover, they were amazed at their language, because they perceived that they were just plain laymen without training in the rabbinical schools. Although they were unlearned men so far as the schools were concerned, they had the marvelous power of logic, eloquence and healing. When the members of the Sanhedrin beheld the man who had been healed, they could not deny that a miracle had been wrought and a good work had been done, but still they wanted to put a stop to the preaching of the apostles.

The Prohibition — Acts 4:15-18

Unable to contradict the fact that the lame man stood before them healed, the judge ordered Peter and John to go outside the council room, in order that the authorities might confer among themselves as to what they should do to and with them. One thing was certain, they could not afford to punish the men for healing a poor cripple. In their desperation, they finally decided that the only thing they could afford to do was to threaten them and command them not to preach or teach again in the name of Christ.

The Perseverance — Acts 4:19-20

It was up to the men of God to decide what they were going to do. So far as they were concerned, the command to stop preaching Christ did not present any

difficult problem. Having received their authority from a higher source, they promptly and adamantly decided that there was only one thing for them to do, namely, to go on preaching the crucified, buried and resurrected Christ, regardless of what the physical consequences of their action might be. Knowing that they "must obey God rather than man," they left the council chambers undismayed and undefeated. To have heeded the prohibition of the authorities would have been a mark of ingratitude and an act of disobedience to God as well as a terrible sin against the people, so the men of God refused to be intimidated or silenced.

The Praise — Acts 4:21-22

Unable to prove that the cripple had not been healed; unable to find anything in the lives of the apostles for which they could punish them and fearful that their mistreatment of the men of God would arouse the opposition of the people against them, the members of the Sanhedrin released Peter and John.

The Prayer — Acts 4:29-31

When Peter and John were released by the Sanhedrin, they immediately returned

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Exodus 24:3-8

The children of Israel had been delivered from bondage in Egypt and were traveling toward the land that God had promised to them. After leading them to Mount Sinai, God reminded them of the mercies He had shown them, and gave them the assurance of His continuing presence with them and watchcare over them. Through Moses, God gave to them the Ten Commandments, declaring the principles by which the people were to be governed and guided. God also conveyed to the people the laws — civil, criminal, ceremonial, moral and religious — by which their conduct was to be regulated. Moses was the mediator of the covenant between God and the people.

Faithful Moses did not conceal from the people anything which the Lord had

spoken to the company of believers and gave a full report on their experiences. Then they enjoyed a period of prayer and praise to God for His blessings upon His servants and the work which He had committed into their hands.

God rejoiced to answer their prayers for the ability to do His will, to proclaim His Word and to glorify Him. Their coveted experience of being filled with the Holy Spirit prepared them for the difficulties, dangers and duties which confronted them. The Holy Spirit enabled them to render acceptable service for God, to be helpful to others and to glorify God as they labored under His supervision. Because they were filled with the Holy Spirit, they were enabled to conform to the will of God and to render the service which He required of them. God did not fill them with the Holy Spirit merely to make them happy but rather to cause them to be helpful in Christian service. It was His desire that they should be filled with the Holy Spirit in order that the Lord might be glorified and that souls might be saved. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they proclaimed the Word of God with great boldness and effectiveness. ■

spoken. Instead of modifying the message in order to adapt it to the whims and prejudices of the people, Moses was very careful to let them know exactly what the Lord had said. He was careful to explain to them the judgments of God.

When Moses called upon the people to decide whether or not they were willing to submit to God's directions or instructions, the people unanimously agreed to the terms proposed, and without any reservation pledged themselves to do all the things that God had commanded. They did not attempt to deny their obligation to God, but they were not aware of their inability to do what they announced that they intended to do. The law gave them a high standard, but it could not supply them with the ability to realize their aspiration.

Jeremiah 36:1-4

Obviously the end of Judah was approaching but God did not permit her to go into captivity without giving her another opportunity to abandon her evil ways. Repeatedly God dealt with them with compassion, long-suffering, and patience. When they became settled in their rebellion and refused to repent, then chastisement was inevitable. As the nation hastened toward captivity, through Jeremiah God sent another message of warning. This one was in writing and according to verse three its purpose was that the people of Judah might read, repent and enjoy God's favor.

God spoke to Jeremiah and told him what to write. The prophet was very fortunate in having a capable, accurate and faithful amanuensis in the person of Baruch the scribe. Calling his dependable secretary to him, Jeremiah dictated the message which God had spoken to him and Baruch recorded it on parchment for permanent preservation and wide usage.

Evidently Baruch was a godly man who had placed his talents at God's disposal and was willing to do what he could for others. Baruch came from an illustrious family and was a secretary of rare ability. He was trustworthy in every respect. He was a splendid example of faithfulness, carefully doing the job that was committed to his care whether it was large or small. Baruch did not compose anything but simply recorded what Jeremiah dictated to him. Unquestionably he was of invaluable service to the prophet. Fortunate is any person who has such a faithful and efficient assistant, who quietly and usually without recognition does much of the work for which the other often receives the credit and praise. Being a good secretary may not be very spectacular, but if the work is done faithfully and accurately and with an eye single to the glory of God, the Lord will certainly reward it. When the message which Jeremiah received from God was recorded and preserved, it was read in various places and on numerous occasions when the prophet was absent.

Revelation 1:10-11

While in exile on Patmos in the Aegean Sea off the coast of Asia Minor, separated from those whom he loved dearly, John remained conscious of the Lord's presence with him. The Lord directed John to write what he was and to send his writing to the seven churches in Asia. His experience is another splendid illustration of the fact that God does not forsake His obedient children when they suffer for Him.

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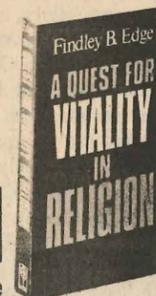
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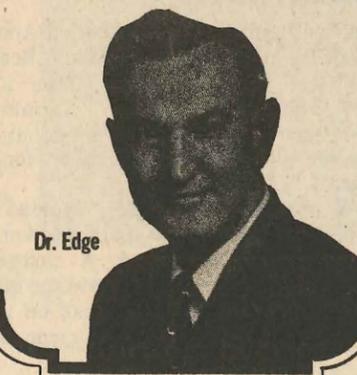


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Mission Superintendents

The 14th annual Southern Baptist Conference on Associational Superintendents of Missions will meet at the diLido Hotel in Miami Beach Monday, June 9.

The conference, which will focus on the theme, "Toward a National Mission Identity," will begin at 9:25 a.m. and adjourn at 1:25 p.m. It precedes the annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Program personnel include Carolyn Weatherford, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham; Larry McSwain, a faculty member of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; Richard G. Bryant, association vice president and director of missions for Metropolitan Miami; Tony and Peggy Brewington, who will provide special music; Kenneth Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, and S. Lawrence Childs, Jr., a North Carolina associational missions director.

Evangelists

The Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists will meet Wednesday, June 11, between sessions of the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach.

The program, featuring addresses by three evangelists, will be preceded by a concert at 12:45 p.m. in the South Hall of the Miami Beach Convention Center. The program begins at 1:30 p.m.

Paul Jackson, an evangelist from Little Rock; Wayne Bristow, an evangelist from Lubbock; and Hyman Appelman, an evangelist from Kansas City, Missouri, will bring major addresses and SBC president Jaroy Weber of Lubbock and Bill Hogue, evangelism director, SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta, will also participate.

Annuity Board

A Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board Breakfast will be at Miami Beach's Shelborne Hotel, Thursday, June 12 at 7:30 a.m., according to Kermit E. Whiteaker of Dallas, vice president and director of retirement guidance for the board.

All annuitants and their spouses are invited to attend as guests of the Annuity Board, Whiteaker added. A charge of \$3.75 per person will be made for others attending, and reservations can be made in advance by writing Retirement Guid-

Other Convention Activities

ance Department, SBC Annuity Board, 511 North Akard Building, Dallas, Texas 75201.

Those who have made reservations should pick up their tickets at the Annuity Board booth in the exhibit area at the Convention Center by noon, Wednesday, June 11.

Resolutions Needed

Elected messengers wishing to present resolutions on the floor at the Southern Baptist Convention at the annual meeting in Miami Beach are requested to send copies to Herschel Hobbs of Oklahoma City.

Hobbs, retired pastor and a former SBC president, will serve as chairman of the resolutions committee, according to SBC president Jaroy Weber, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas.

Messengers to the convention may present resolutions from the floor, even if they have not been received in advance. But, even then, they are requested to give the resolution to the SBC recording secretary in writing.

Hobbs address is 2509 N.W. 120th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73120.

Liberty Bell Replica

A replica of the original Liberty Bell has been loaned to Southern Baptists by the state of Mississippi and begins a journey May 12 via Washington, D.C., to Miami Beach for the Southern Baptist Convention meeting, June 10-12.

The nation's bicentennial will be commemorated at the SBC this year, with the Liberty Bell replica on display.

Mississippi governor William Waller, a member of First Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi, will hand over the bell in Jackson to SBC president Jaroy Weber of Lubbock, Texas.

Similar bells were presented to each state in 1954. The Mississippi bell has rested on the grounds of the state capitol building in Jackson.

Before it arrives in Miami Beach, the bell will make stops for ceremonies in several cities including the following: Philadelphia at Independence Hall; Washington, D.C. at the White House

where Weber will lead a ceremony; Richmond, Virginia, where Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, will participate in a service with the governor of Virginia and the mayor of Richmond; Raleigh, North Carolina; Charleston, South Carolina, home of the oldest Baptist church in the South—First Baptist Church—and the oldest Baptist district association; and Savannah, Georgia.

Joggers Jubilee

The second annual Southern Baptist "Joggers Jubilee" is scheduled for June 10, 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m., at Flamingo Park in Miami Beach, just prior to the opening session of the 1975 Southern Baptist Convention.

The Joggers Jubilee is jointly sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church recreation department and the Florida Baptist Convention and will be coordinated locally by Jack Naish, minister of education at Central Baptist Church in Miami. The church recreation department will present an award certificate to each participant. Participation rather than competition is the important thing, according to Conner.

Interested persons must preregister by sending their names and addresses to Naish at Central Baptist Church, 500 N.E. First Street, Miami, Florida 33132.

Ministers' Wives

W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, will be the featured speaker at the Southern Baptist Ministers' Wives Conference at 12:30 p.m., June 30, at Central Baptist Church, Miami Beach.

The theme of the conference will be "Gateway to the World" with emphasis on the role of the woman in sharing the gospel.

Tickets will be sold for \$4.50 each at the registration desk on Monday and Tuesday mornings, June 9 and 10.

He Who Puts His Hand

To The Plow . . .

. . . and looks back, will realize that the time has come to pay the balance of his air fare for the Miami Airlift. Passengers who paid their deposits before May 1 of this year should make their checks payable to Southern Baptist Seminary and mail them to: MIAMI AIRLIFT, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40206.

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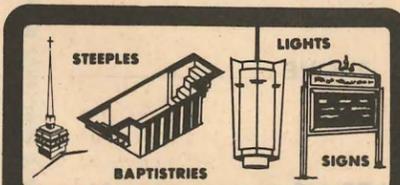
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BAPTIST FORUM



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Dear Editor:

Less than five years ago the church I regularly attend opened the Sunday morning service with the singing of "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!" or some other song of praise and worship. This, for me, at least, created a worshipful, spirit-filled atmosphere which lasted throughout the entire service.

Now the service begins with an individual making numerous announcements with regard to number in Sunday School attendance, volley ball practice, etc., etc., concluding with an admonition for us to read our bulletins very carefully for other announcements. Any feeling of reverence generated by the organ prelude is quickly destroyed. Such a dull, boring beginning produces within some of us an apathy or "tuning out" from which we sometimes are not fully recovered by the end of the service. All of this despite the fact that a weekly newsletter is mailed to each church family, and a printed bulletin is given to each member present at the service. Often a little later in the service another individual makes even more announcements. Sometimes lengthy introductions have the effect of leading us to concentrate on individual performance.

Can it be that a totally uninspiring beginning for a Christian worship service is the reason some of our members, including deacons, often visit those churches in which the "charismatic movement" prevails? Or can this also have the opposite effect of causing some to simply stay at home if they feel little or no spiritual uplift by attending a service?

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