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SBC nominating committee releases 1990 report

By Dan Martin

NASHVILLE (BP) — The report of the 1990 Southern Baptist Convention Committee on Nominations has been released by Chairman Roland Lopez, pastor of Emmanuel Church in McAllen, Texas.

The report includes 261 people nominated to serve on the boards of trust of the 24 entities related to the 14.9-million member denomination. Of them, 129 were nominated to second terms while there are 132 new trustees.

The Committee on Nominations, composed of a layperson and a member who is clergy or denominationally-related from the 33 state or regional conventions qualified for representation, met March 15 and 16 in Nashville to nominate trustees.

Under convention bylaws, the report must be released through Baptist Press at least 45 days in advance of the annual meeting, scheduled June 12-14 in the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans.

In order for the nominees to serve, they must be elected by messengers at the annual meeting.

The committee each year considers about a fourth of the trustees of the convention-related entities. In 1990, the committee considered 261 positions; there are 980 trustees serving on all of the entities.

Under the SBC's staggered system of representation, trustees may serve two consecutive terms. The majority of trustees serve four-year terms.

Trustees serve five-year terms on the six SBC-related seminaries and on the

Baptist World Alliance and North American Baptist Fellowship.

Lopez described the meeting of the committee as "overall a good meeting, a very positive meeting. The majority was in harmony as to the nominations we made."

The chairman noted he became ill during the March meeting and returned home before the work was completed, but said he had been informed one of the committee members — David Montoya, pastor of First Church, Gravette, Ark. — plans to introduce a minority report challenging about half of the nominees.

"The committee did not vote to have a minority report," Lopez said. "But, of course, anyone from the floor (of the convention) has the prerogative and privilege of challenging in the Committee on Nominations report."

If Montoya attempts to introduce the minority report, Lopez said, "then what I will probably do is refer the matter to the president (SBC President Jerry Vines, pastor of First Church, Jacksonville, Fla.)."

"Personally, I would not recognize it (the minority report) because the committee voted not to do this, but what we do will be up to the president. I think the convention will back up the committee, but if they want to hear it and do our work all over again, that is their prerogative," he added.

"I think the convention will vote to approve what we have done ... they will take a strong lead from what we have done."

The last time a member of the nomi-

nating committee attempted to introduce a minority report was in 1988, when Raymond Boswell, a Shreveport, La., insurance executive, attempted to introduce a report suggesting replacements for 17 of the committee nominees.

At the 1988 annual meeting in San

Antonio, Texas, Boswell attempted to introduce his minority report, but then-President Adrian Rogers of Memphis, ruled the messengers must decide whether they wanted to hear such a report.

After a hand vote was inconclusive, Rogers ordered a ballot vote. Messengers voted 14,978 (53.2 percent) to

precedent. Lopez also told Baptist Press he has heard no comment about two actions of the committee: the nomination of Robert M. Tenery to the Baptist Sunday School Board, and the nomination of Curtis Caine to a second term on the Southern Baptist Christian Life Com-

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CLOWNING AROUND? Jessica Lawhorn, Central Church, Bearden, Knoxville, participated in the DramalPuppetry/Clowning Festival April 27-28. See story and additional photos on page 5. — Photo by Connie Umstead

Conservatives gain control of Southern Seminary board

By David Wilkinson and Pat Cole

LOUISVILLE, KY. (BP) — In a shift of power, conservatives gained control of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's board of trustees April 23-25.

At their annual meeting in Louisville, Ky., conservatives captured three of the board's four offices, strengthened their position on the board's executive committee and used a new working majority to approve a variety of contested motions.

In a series of unprecedented actions, trustees also:

- Blocked the election of three people recommended by the trustee executive committee to fill trustee positions vacated during the year. The trustees would have served only until new trustees were elected by the Southern Baptist Convention in June.

- Adopted a resolution on a social issue, declaring abortion "the greatest moral issue faced by Christians today."

The resolution, presented by David

Miller of Heber Springs, Ark., asked all seminary employees to "desist from publicly espousing the right of a woman to have an abortion except where the physical life of the mother is in danger" and encouraged them to join trustees in working for anti-abortion legislation. After Larry Adams of Oklahoma City requested a roll call vote "so folks back home will know how we voted," the resolution was adopted by a vote of 32 to 24.

- Established a policy to allow students to use tape recorders in seminary classes.

The seminary previously had no policy prohibiting use of tape recorders, leaving the question to the prerogative of each professor. The motion by Michael Harris of Elizabethtown, Ky., was approved, 30 to 19, despite opposition from several trustees and seminary President Roy L. Honeycutt who voiced concern about "moving into the area of telling a professor how he or she can conduct class."

During more than four hours behind closed doors, trustees debated possible responses to a 16-page document prepared by trustee Jerry Johnson of Aurora, Colo., accusing Honeycutt and several faculty members of "doctrinal infidelity," along with other charges. Titled "The Cover-up at Southern

Seminary," the material was received by most trustees the week before the annual board meeting and was then published during the meeting by The Southern Baptist Advocate, a conservative Baptist publication (see related story).

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Cultural captivity could cripple convention, panelists warn

By Marv Knox

NASHVILLE (BP) — Cultural captivity and self-centeredness may cripple the Southern Baptist Convention, despite its many virtues, a panel of observers warned.

The trio — an American Baptist, a Roman Catholic and a United Methodist — addressed the joint annual meeting of the SBC Historical Commission and Southern Baptist Historical Society in Nashville. The theme for the April 23-25 meeting was "Southern Baptists and Relationships with Other Denominations."

"The Southern Baptist Convention is significantly shaped by Southern culture," said J. Richard Peck, manager of general church periodicals for the United Methodist Publishing

House in Nashville.

"Members of this denomination, because they are in the South, seem more conservative, more friendly and hospitable and yet less tolerant of the

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Editorials

Making the news not always in SBC's best interest

Barometers outside one's field of operation sometimes are effective measures of the success of the organization. It does matter how we are perceived by other Christians.

More frequently Southern Baptists are seen as people in conflict, a convention grappling with itself. Less often we are seen, if reports be true, as a people with enough mission and evangelistic fervor to accomplish Bold Mission Thrust. Are the flames of revival burning brightly, or are we just another lukewarm group on its way to oblivion?

Six denominations were surveyed for more than three years by the Search Institute of Minneapolis, funded by the Lilly Endowment. More than 11,000 people in 563 congregations participated. The survey story was on the front of a Nashville daily last week and appeared in the *Baptist and Reflector* April 18.

The survey revealed that Southern Baptists display the highest degree of "faith maturity" and strong education programming, and the lowest level of consistent devotion to serving others.

Twenty or thirty years ago, the survey results would have looked different. Though the survey may be shocking, ordinary disdain toward unfavorable reports should not be the reaction.

The survey also showed that 51 percent of Southern Baptists believe the Bible is infallible, dictated by God and recorded by authors. Only nine percent of the other five, more liberal, dominations also hold that view.

A survey spokesperson said, "With Southern Baptists, there is certainly service to others, but not in the broad sense; neighbor yes, but not to brothers and sisters everywhere. And when they exercise their faith understanding, the issue of justice and peace-making just isn't as strong as the other denominations."

Evidently Southern Baptists could be better with our concern for worldwide problems, social issues.

During the same week, Southern Baptists made the front page of another paper — the April 25 issue of the *Wall Street Journal*. Southern Baptist writer Gustav Niebuhr, former religion editor of the *Atlanta Constitution*, wrote a lengthy summation of past struggles and current status. He noted that the SBC is still purging "liberals," and also finding that the evangelism thrust is stalled.

Niebuhr wrote about a declining rate of growth, the Paul Pressler-Paige Patterson plan for conservatism's gains within the SBC, and a gloomy horizon.

Writing as one who has closely observed the SBC scene for several years, Niebuhr says that the public's perception of Southern Baptists is changing.

His claim that Cooperative Program giving is suffering is not to be spurned. He gives examples. And, he says, "... Perhaps more important than the shortage of money is the public relations problem the denomination's squabbling is causing throughout the South."

Southern Baptist statistics show a declining growth rate not only in Cooperative Program giving, but in people numbers. Membership in local congregations is changing. Some Southern Baptists are not comfortable with ongoing dissent among us, and many new members do not have Southern Baptist background in heritage and doctrine.

In Niebuhr's article, Patterson claims that "we'll more than replace" any members driven away by the conservative movement, since others are interested in the SBC. Pressler's theory, says Niebuhr, is, "When conservative, grassroots Southern Baptists have complete confidence in their institutions, then they will open their pocketbooks."

Finally, Southern Baptists made the news last week as the Historical Commission and the SBC Historical Society held their annual joint meeting in Nashville. Theme of the meeting was "Southern Baptists and Relationships with Other Denominations." Historical

Commission Executive Director Lynn May and staff are to be congratulated for a program where Baptist friends shared their perceptions.

From a panel on closing day came these remarks:

"I see a people overly concerned about success, numbers, and growth. Growth and success will come if you are faithful and if it is God's will. I see a dualism common in your denominational thinking. I do not understand the easy division of the world into lost and saved, especially if conversion becomes too easy. I would almost wish for you a return to the anxious struggle for conversion as preached by Charles Finney." — *Robert Dalton, Glenmary Home Missioners (Catholic), Cincinnati, Ohio.*

"Recent actions of messengers to the annual conventions have buttressed the feeling that traditional Baptist distinctives are of less importance than the predilections of the party in power." (This speaker also hinted that Southern Baptists may place "Baptist" above "Christian." — *George Younger, American Baptist Churches of New Jersey.*

"Most mainliners (denominations) would agree that Southern Baptists have effectively amputated their academic community's major reason for being — a marketplace for free inquiry. It is a place for education, not indoctrination." — *Richard Peck, United Methodist Publishing House, Nashville.*

The panelists are respected within and outside their own areas. They said many complimentary things about Southern Baptists even as they gave honest opinions of weaknesses.

Southern Baptists, as perhaps no other time in history, have seized the nation's attention. It is a golden moment, potentially. We must be careful that the message is salvation, missions, evangelism, truth through God's Word — and not of fighting within.

We are messengers. What are Southern Baptists saying? — *WFA*

RTVC has special meeting May 3 to consider Johnson

FORT WORTH (BP) — Trustees of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission have been called to a special meeting May 3 to consider a recommendation they elect Jack Johnson as president.

"I have sent a notification to all trustees to meet at 2 p.m. May 3 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the DFW Airport to hear a recommendation from the search committee," said Mike Hamlett, pastor of First Church, North Spartanburg, S. C., and chairman of RTVC trustees.

Hamlett said the search committee will recommend Johnson to succeed Jimmy R. Allen, who resigned as president in April 1989 after trustees voted not to sell the American Christian Television System to a group of

Texas investors.

Allen, who became president of the agency in January, 1980, had announced nearly a year earlier his plans to negotiate the sale of ACTS and to accompany the network. ACTS has been a financial drain on the SBC entity since it was launched in 1984.

Hamlett said he could not comment on the called meeting "much beyond the announcement because the board has not acted."

Johnson, 55, has been executive director of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention since 1979. Previously, he was pastor of churches in California, Oklahoma, and Texas.

He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee; received a master of divinity degree from Golden

Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., and a doctor of philosophy degree from the California Graduate School of Theology, Glendale.

Johnson was a trustee of the RTVC from 1980-85, when he resigned, citing the pressure of his responsibilities as a state convention executive director.

Since Allen's resignation, RTVC Ex-

ecutive Vice President Richard T. McCartney has been interim president.

In addition to Hamlett, members of the search committee include Jewel Morris, a shopping center developer from Fort Smith, Ark.; Harold Brundige, an attorney and radio station owner from Martin, Tenn.; and Ernie Helton, an engineer from Columbus, Ohio.

Kinchen, Walls leave West Virginia

ST. ALBANS, W. Va. — Two top executives are leaving the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists.

Thomas A. Kinchen, executive director/treasurer since Jan. 1, 1987, has resigned to become president of the Florida Baptist Theological College at Graceville, Fla. The change is effective late next month.

Kinchen assumed the West Virginia post after serving on the administrative staff of New Orleans Seminary

Jackson C. Walls, editor of the *West Virginia Southern Baptist* for 15 years, will retire Dec. 31. During that time, Walls also served as director of church development, and was responsible for all work that related to the Sunday School Board.

During his 15-years tenure, Walls held many other staff positions with WVCSB. The Walls' will retire in Springfield, Ohio, their home town.

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Religious communicators explore power of communication

By Dan Martin

NASHVILLE (BP) — Broadcaster Bill Möyers was honored by about 1400 religious communicators from around the world during RCC 90, a once-in-a-decade gathering here April 18-22.

Möyers, a former presidential press secretary, news analyst and now a public broadcaster, was named Communicator of the Decade, an award given for the first time at the meeting.

Monica McGinley, chair of Religious Communication Congress 1990, said the award's crystal globe "represents the unity that far exceeds our diversities and the oneness of the world for which all communicators work and yearn."

Möyers was one of a number of communications leaders to appear at the conference, sponsored by 58 religious groups from around the world, including Jewish, Protestant, Catholic, and Bahai faith groups, as well as a number of interdenominational and interfaith organizations.

Other speakers included entertainer Steve Allen, a comedian, composer, author, producer, director, and writer;

BBC correspondent Kate Adie, the last journalist to leave Tiananmen Square following the military breakup of the student demonstrations in Beijing, China;

Filipino Roman Catholic Cardinal Jaime Sin, a human rights advocate; Seymour Reich, president of B'nai B'rith International; Roman Catholic Bishop Joseph Francis, chairman of the U.S. Catholic Bishop's Committee that wrote the Pastoral Letter on Racism; and Dame Nita Barrow, recently appointed governor general of Barbados and former representative to the United Nations from the Barbados; Lloyd Householder, director of the office of communications for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, said the conference "was successful in providing a forum for people of all faith groups to come together and have an interchange of ideas, to hone their professional skills, and to come to know what is going on in other groups.

"Of special interest to me was that people from the varying faith groups

were able to get a better understanding of their own faiths and to get to know each other a little better: Catholics understand Baptists, Baptists understand Methodists and others get to know one another," said Householder, who was coordinator of the meeting as well as chair of the local committee.

The conference, which featured annual meetings of eight religious communications organizations, was anchored by four plenary sessions on the theme "Communications Power." Intermixed with the plenary sessions and annual meetings of the cooperating groups were 102 special interest workshops which ranged from media for social justice to a discussion on the breaking down of the Berlin Wall in November 1989, to the changing of the electronic church to religion reporting in the daily press.

(Southern) Baptist Public Relations Association was one of the groups in annual meeting.

RCC 90 is the third such meeting of religious communicators. The first was

in Chicago in 1970 and the second in Nashville in 1980.

Möyers, keynote speaker at the opening session on "The Power of the Media to Shape Values," called on participants to be "philosophers at large" to impact society for good. "I honestly do not know how a democracy can survive unless citizens become philosophers at large," he said.

Möyers declared that millions of people look to the media to help them answer their deepest questions. "Any journalist worth his or her salt today knows the real story is to define what it means to be spiritual. This is the biggest story not only of the decade but of the century."

He added that television is the "seduction of our age," and cited a lack of "televisionaries" to make the medium work at its best. "What is urgent in society today is not an assessing of guilt for trivializing modern life, but to help turn that trend around. There has to be a medium to concern itself with the human side of society and not its commerce alone," he added.

Cultural captivity may cripple convention . . .

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views of those who differ with them. Southerners are generally more charitable than northerners, but they are less likely to be concerned about social justice issues. They are more likely to be titheers, and they clearly attend church more frequently than their northern counterparts."

"In many ways Southern Baptists epitomize the American ethos," warned Robert A. Dalton, vice president of Glenmary Home Missioners in Cincinnati and the Roman Catholic liaison to the SBC.

"Your danger is that you will fall into cultural captivity and lose your prophetic edge of Biblical strength. If you become merely a 'civil religion,' you will become another mainline denomination falling into decline."

After noting the SBC exhibits tendencies toward both individualism and imperialism, American Baptist George D. Younger said members of his denomination look toward the SBC with both anxiety and optimism.

"Anxiety, because you seem to be so much a part of the Establishment; optimism, because you have a wide enough span within your fellowship to

include those who are out as well as those who are in," said Younger, executive minister of the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey in East Orange. "Anxiety, because you seem to be the prototypical American organization; optimism, because you have been able to retain the ability to spawn vital religious movements."

Peck, who presented a perspective from mainline Protestantism, reported: "A disheartening survey . . . found that, in general, the religiously devout are on the average more bigoted, more authoritarian, more dogmatic, and more anti-humanitarian than the less devout. Unfortunately, Baptists were found to be relatively more devout than other denominations."

But he also cited another survey that determined Southern Baptists have a "higher degree of faith maturity" than mainliners. Consequently, Southern Baptists' faith makes more of a difference in their lives, and they tend to be more loyal to their denomination and churches than the others, he said.

Mainliners also get the impression that Southern Baptists are "dominated by politics and polemics," particularly in relationship to their institutions, Peck said. But this has cost the denomination dearly, he noted: "Most mainliners would agree that Southern Baptists have effectively amputated their academic community's major reason for being — a marketplace for free inquiry. It is a place for education, not indoctrination."

The SBC is impoverished if only people who agree that Scripture is without error are allowed positions of leadership, he added. "Mainliners might envy your denomination for its evangelical fervor, its compassion for others around the globe, its fine publications, its healthy budgets, and large membership, but they would not trade all of these together for freedom of thought," he said.

Dalton praised Southern Baptists for their support of religious freedom. He also cited their "fire for evangelism," structural efficiency, passion for the Bible, emphasis on the individual, "im-

portant insight about the priesthood of all believers" and "prayerful hearts."

But he warned about the pitfalls of climbing the social ladder, paying too much attention to numerical success, failing to "focus on a hurting world" and structuring worship that is more concerned with "show rather than substance."

As a close observer of the SBC during most of its decade-long theological/political controversy, Dalton cautioned, "If you do not find a way of altering your image of fighting and feuding, your Biblical message will fall on deaf ears."

Younger admitted that American and Southern Baptists have seen each other through "self-justifying images" since they split in 1845. "These images are deep-seated, yet unworthy, on both sides," he added.

Some of the images American Baptists see in their Southern siblings, he said, are: The "last defenders of the

Lost Cause of Confederacy;" "ecclesiastical super-organization"; "mission imperialism"; "theological obscurantism," particularly in the 1988 SBC resolution on the priesthood of Christian believers, which critics have dubbed a resolution on the authority of pastors; "social quietism," especially regarding civil rights; "denominational exclusivism"; and an over-emphasis on individualism and independence.

Yet in a changing world, both sets of Baptists need to move beyond their images of each other, Younger insisted: "The future of the Baptist Christian witness depends upon our willingness to draw upon the resources that have come to us out of Scripture, out of the life and thought of the church in all ages, and especially out of our heritage as Baptists. It will also depend upon our openness to the Holy Spirit. . . . who continually draws us into new forms of response."

Liberian fighting closes churches

RICHMOND (BP) — Fighting between Liberian government and rebel troops has caused closing of all Baptist churches and mission stations in northern Nimba County.

Southern Baptist missionary Earl Williams, now on leave with his family in Louisiana, said when he left Yekepa, a city in northern Nimba County, few people remained in the cities and villages of the area. His wife, Jean, is from Knoxville.

All nine Baptist churches and eight mission stations in northern Nimba County had closed. About half had stopped meeting in March because of the fighting.

Some churches and preaching points may never meet again because the fighting displaced entire towns and villages, Williams said. Some villages will take a long time to regroup, he added.

Five Southern Baptist missionaries assigned to Buchanan, Liberia, now are in the capital city of Monrovia waiting for the fighting to die down. They decided to wait in Monrovia, about 70 miles northwest of Buchanan,

after the U.S. Embassy in Monrovia advised an estimated 10,000 U.S. citizens to leave Liberia because of increased fighting between government and rebel troops.

Mission administrators gave the go-ahead April 27 for missionaries in Liberia to leave the country if necessary. Many of the missionaries are expected to make travel arrangements, but will not leave unless the situation makes departure necessary.

Tom Jarnigan accepts Bean Station pastorate

First Church, Bean Station, called Tom Jarnigan to serve as pastor.

Jarnigan served as interim pastor of the church before being called as full time pastor. He served as pastor of Pisgah Church, Decatur; North Sweetwater Church, Sweetwater; Head of Richland Church, Rutledge; and New Prospect Church, Rutledge.

He was ordained in 1970 at Central Point Church, Rutledge.

Jarnigan and his wife, Brenda, have two sons.



OUTGOING TRUSTEE — Richard Emmert, left, pastor of Manley Church, Morristown, was recognized recently by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission at the end of his eight-year term of service on the commission's board of trustees. Making the presentation is James H. Smith, Brotherhood Commission president.

PAC supports religious liberty plan in close vote

By Marv Knox

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention Public Affairs Committee voted 4-3 to endorse proposed changes in how the SBC addresses religious liberty.

The vote also included three abstentions, and Chairman Albert Lee Smith did not vote. Seven of the Public Affairs Committee's 18 members were absent for the vote during its spring meeting in Washington April 19.

The changes have been proposed by the SBC Executive Committee and will be considered by messengers to the convention's annual meeting in New Orleans June 12-14.

The changes would revise the SBC Christian Life Commission program statement to allow the commission to

PAC honors Helms

WASHINGTON (BP) — Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., received the Southern Baptist Public Affairs Committee's Religious Liberty Award during its spring meeting April 19-20 in Washington.

The award was created by the PAC last October to honor citizens who have done an "outstanding job maintaining and promoting religious liberty in the United States," said Robbie Hughes, Jackson, Miss., chairperson of the award committee.

Helms, a lifelong Southern Baptist and senator for 18 years, was the only nominee for the first annual award. Hughes said, adding, "He has always stood strong for religious liberty" and has exhibited "unswerving, courageous dedication to God and country."

Our Readers Write

That new life

Some people are predicting this world will end at the year 2000. That's only ten years away. Only God Himself can make this decision, not man alone. Shouldn't we be dedicating and not debating?

Our lives are much involved in this future. Dedicating them to the Lord would be the greatest decision we could make, before it's too late. At this time our world is in its fullest stage of imperfection.

Our streets are filled up with drug pushers and drug addicts. Alcoholism is ruining the lives of millions, as well as taking them to their graves. Additionally, those who do not use either of these substances are killed. Why should the innocent have to suffer because of another's mistake?

Our prisons are filled with those that murder, rob, rape, and more than we can mention. Most of them reach out their hands for the money, when they should be seeking salvation which doesn't cost a thing. It is free to all who want to be partakers.

The Bible tells us to watch therefore, for we know not what hour the Lord cometh. It's been said that there are only two things that are certain in this life — death and taxes. Death can be a frightening experience for us if we're not God's children. It holds no anchor for us. God gives us a choice of two alternatives in life — a right one and a wrong one.

Our world needs revival, but without our help, prayers, and love for our Lord and master Jesus Christ, there are no revivals. We can be found among those that are guilty, a sinner. Prepare for the days ahead by getting right with God.

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address religious liberty issues as well as moral concerns. The changes also would delete the Public Affairs Committee program statement. The Executive Committee assigned it five less formal "operational guidelines."

Historically, the SBC has addressed religious liberty through the nine-denomination Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. The Public Affairs Committee comprises the SBC's membership on the Baptist Joint Committee.

Some Southern Baptists have criticized the Baptist Joint Committee for being too liberal and unresponsive to conservatives' concerns.

PAC member Roy R. Gean Jr., an attorney from Fort Smith, Ark., offered the statement endorsing the proposed changes. Combined with a budget proposal that would cut SBC funding of the BJC by 87.24 percent, hike the CLC budget by 40.70 percent and increase the PAC budget by 5.47 percent, the changes would make the CLC a primary Southern Baptist voice for religious liberty.

Before Gean made his motion, PAC members voted down a motion opposing the changes, suggested by J. I. Ginnings, an oil producer from Wichita Falls, Texas.

Ginnings noted the SBC's relationship to the BJC was revamped in 1987. The SBC membership on the 54-member committee was increased from 15 to 18, and at-large PAC membership was raised from five to 12. Also, the PAC was given expanded powers to take action on SBC motions and resolutions upon which the BJC does not act

or cannot support.

Implementation of the new relationship "has not been given enough time," Ginnings charged. "Progress has been made. . . I don't want to see that changed."

But Gean defended the proposed changes, praising the work of the Executive Committee's subcommittee that studied the issue: "These fellows are not a bunch of jacklegs. They are intelligent people."

Claiming the proposed changes still provide operating room for the PAC, Gean added: "Let's support the Executive Committee in this matter. They know what they are doing. This is the best thing that has happened since we (the PAC) voted two years ago to sever ties with the Baptist Joint Committee."

PAC Chairman Smith, an insurance executive from Birmingham, Ala., concurred with the idea that the proposals still allow a role for his committee. Under the proposals, the CLC would have "an assignment, not the assignment" for religious liberty, with the PAC also involved, he said.

Norris W. Sydnor Jr., a pastor from

Mitchellville, Md., called the Executive Committee "wishy-washy," noting the proposed changes do not describe clear responsibilities, particularly for the PAC.

"Somebody has to make a decision about what the Public Affairs Committee will do," he said. "Otherwise, we'll be wasting our time. If this thing goes through, I don't see a need for the Public Affairs Committee."

Larry Lewis, president of the SBC Home Mission Board in Atlanta, said, "The sentiment of the Southern Baptist Convention is the program assignment of the CLC should be expanded, and they should be the major voice for Southern Baptists on religious liberty, and the PAC should have a supportive role."

The proposed changes offer "a way to disentangle us from the mess we've had with the Baptist Joint Committee," said Sam Currin, a judge from Raleigh, N.C. "I have no problem with the CLC getting the additional religious liberty issue for their work. So many moral and social issues have religious liberty issues associated with them . . ."



CONTRACT SIGNED — Administrator Cindy Wilmoth and J. L. Ford, executive director of Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes, discuss plans for a 20,000 square foot addition to Baptist Health Care Center in Lenoir City. Construction is scheduled for completion in eight months at a cost of \$1 million. Ford recently signed a construction contract for the facility. Sixteen patient rooms and several rooms for child care (for employees' children) will be added.

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Likes doctrinal preaching

Recently I read an article, second in a series, by Timothy George, concerning his reflections and feelings of returning to more doctrinal preaching by our Baptist ministry.

I was very impressed by the article, and I thanked the Lord for it. For the past few years I have felt the need and have been hungry for more such preaching.

I am 91 and am unable to attend my local church as I want to — but I worship with Dr. Bill Sherman's church (Woodmont, Nashville). I am truly grateful for his faithfulness in preaching God's Word and truths.

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TeamTalk

By D. L. Lowrie

The writer to the Hebrews referred to Abel as being dead, but yet speaking. The Lord wants us to know that we can do things in life that will continue after death.

I saw this happen last week. A few people, who are already with the Lord, left some money in a trust with the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

The income from these trusts is designated to the Cooperative Program. Last week Earl Wilson, president of the Foundation, brought to me a check for more than \$150,000 for the Cooperative Program. This is income from these trusts for the last six months. Much of this amount is the result of trusts created by people who are already dead.

All our Baptist institutions receive

such money, in many cases in much larger amounts. Our institutions would have difficulty surviving if some people, who are now dead, had not decided to continue to give after death.

Thank God that they are still ministering.

The beautiful thing about this is that most of us have the same opportunity. The Foundation will faithfully administer funds that are entrusted to them until our Lord comes.

If you have an interest in this, Earl Wilson will be happy to assist you. If you have a favorite Baptist institution, contact the president. He will be delighted to help you do what you want to do for the Lord after you are dead.

Isn't this exciting? This is one reason that the Lord will not pass out His final rewards until His second coming. The work of these will not be fully completed until the Lord comes. Let me encourage you to join this number.



LOWRIE



PUPPET CHOIR — Joe Morrell, minister of music at Woodmont Church, Nashville, taught puppeteers advanced manipulation and choreography as puppets "sang" with a vocal accompaniment.



TRANSFORMATION — Christy Haines, costumer for television and motion pictures, demonstrates application of stage makeup on Nell Rhama from Clearview Church, Franklin. — Photos by Connie Umstead

Drama, Puppetry, Clowning Festival celebrates tenth year

By Connie J. Umstead, news assistant

The Tennessee Baptist Convention completed its first decade of Drama/Puppetry/Clowning Festivals April 27-28 with the tenth annual conference held at First Church, Nashville.

More than 800 people and 31 instructors participated in this year's conference. Attendees included Tennessee Baptists; Baptists from six other states; and members of the Church of Christ, Presbyterian, and Assembly of God denominations.

Eleanor Yarborough, TBC Church Recreation Department program director, said Tennessee was the first state to have a creative ministry festival. Now, 19 states have festivals, many of which were modeled after Tennessee's, she added.

The Tennessee festival has grown over ten years from 75 participants in 1981 to 1030 participants in 1989. Registration for the 1990 festival was 815.

"Drama has been a part of the religious experience for a very long time, but it has expanded to include

other fine arts, including mime, clowns, and puppetry," Yarborough said. "The days of terry cloth bath robes and towels over the head are gone in creative ministry... people expect more" because of their exposure to the fine arts in media, she explained.

The festival provided several ways of learning about creative ministry. Seventy-seven instructional conferences were held during the two-day festival. Performances by participants were evaluated, and participants had opportunities to watch guest artists and other participants perform.

In addition, a creative worship service revolving around the festival theme, "Celebrate the Son," was held to show how creativity can be used in worship.

"Our goal is for participants to really experience worship and be lifted in their relationship with God," Yarborough said.

Stressing that the participants did not compete with one another, Yarborough said, "We're trying to lift their abilities so they can be the best

they can be." She added that many participants will use what they learned at the conference during mission trips and in Backyard Bible Clubs during the summer.

"It's not just for entertainment. We hope it's entertaining, but we have an important message," Yarborough said. "People are beginning to hear (through creative art) the message that may have been closed off before."

Ashley Hall, a participant from Indian Springs Church, Kingsport who has attended the festival three years, agreed. "It lets people see Jesus in a whole new way — in a creative way."

"We are in a day and time in which the creative arts are being used by the Holy Spirit in a powerful way," said Ev Robertson, drama specialist at the Baptist Sunday School Board and drama coordinator for the festival.

"People will stop and look at a clown or watch a puppet. They allow us to grab the attention of a cold, secular world. We can show them the love of Christ and how He can cleanse their sins... When we have their attention, God can speak to them," Robertson continued.

Scheduling of the festivals will change after this year. Beginning in 1991, three regional festivals and one statewide festival will alternate years.

Regional festivals next year will be held April 12-13 at Central Church, Bearden, Knoxville, for East Tennessee; April 19-20 at Germantown Church, Germantown, for West Tennessee; and April 26-27 at Creeview Church, Nashville, for Middle Tennessee.

The next centrally-located statewide festival will be in 1992.

SBC nominating committee . . .

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mission.

Tenery, editor of the conservative publication, Southern Baptist Advocate, and pastor of Burkemont Church, Morganton, N.C., was nominated to a new term on the BSSB even though he rotated off in 1989 after having served eight years as a BSSB trustee.

Caine, a medical doctor from Jackson, Miss., raised protests — including a call for his removal made in a motion from the floor at the 1989 annual meeting — with remarks he made during a meeting of the CLC which were perceived as racist.

The SBC motion was referred to the SBC Executive Committee which said the question "is moot... " since Caine was to complete a first term of service in 1990 and "consideration of his re-nomination for another four-year term is a decision to be made by the commissioner and the SBC Committee on Nominations."

Traditionally, the Committee on Nominations renominates persons eligible for second terms.

"At this point, I have not received any calls or letters mentioning any challenge," Lopez said, adding the nomination of Caine to a second term during the committee meeting "drew no discussion as far as I know."

While Caine was nominated to a second term, the former governor of Kentucky, Martha Layne Collins, from Versailles, was ruled ineligible for service as a trustee of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., because she missed three annual trustee meetings in a row.

Southern Seminary is the only SBC entity which has a provision in its bylaws to declare a trustee ineligible for service because of excessive absenteeism.

Two members of the Baptist World Alliance General Counsel also were not reappointed even though they were eligible. The SBC bylaws do not establish a limit on the number of terms a person may serve on the BWA.

Carolyn Weatherford Crumpler, recently retired executive director of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union, was eligible for renomination even though she has served ten years as an at-large member of the BWA. The nominating committee replaced her with the current WMU executive, Dellanna O'Brien.

Another long-time BWA trustee, Jack R. Jones of Arlington, Va., was not renominated. Jones, who went on the BWA in 1980, was replaced by Erle Cocke of Washington, D.C.

See page ten for Tennessee Baptist nominations.

One Word More

By Wm. Fletcher Allen, editor

The Wesleys were a large family, but they made their mark. John and Charles, well-known to Methodists and millions of other Christians, came from a family of 19 children.

Perhaps there was little in their early days to single them out for greatness in God's service, but great they became.

John was a leader of the evangelical revival and founder of Methodism in England and America. He traveled endlessly, on horseback mostly, preaching and teaching, covering a quarter of a million miles during his lifetime. He was awake for Bible study by 4:30 — and afterward he took to the roads and fields.

Charles was the famed hymn writer for evangelical Protestants. He wrote at least 6000 hymns, many of which are still sung by Baptists, Methodists, and other denominations.

They were great laborers for the Master. But even though the family was large, the parents brought them up with genuine love and respect for the Lord. Samuel, the father, was a pastor. Susanna, the mother, did not have books available to learn about child guidance.

Susanna had 16 rules for teaching children in the home. They had much to do with the spiritual development of John and Charles, and the others, and are valid yet. No doubt some of them would make children (and even parents) wince today.

No eating between meals, kids, positively not. But Mom, I'm starving! All children in bed by 8 p.m. (Think of all the television and videos they would miss!)

Take your medicine without complaining. Perhaps that meant "consequences" as well as medicine. Subdue self-will in the child and work with God to save his soul. Teach each one to pray as soon as he can speak.

Require all to be still during family worship. Family worship — what is family worship?

Give them nothing they cry for, and only that for which they ask politely. To prevent lying, punish no fault which is first confessed and repented. Don't allow a sinful act to go unpunished. Commend and reward good behavior. Preserve property rights, even in the smallest matters.

Strictly observe all promises. Require no daughter to work before she can read well. Teach children to fear the rod.

Those are some of Susanna Wesley's rules for raising a family. She and Samuel made the best possible efforts toward keeping a happy home and developing Christian children — fit for service to community and God.



ALLEN

Conservatives gain control of Southern . . .

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Although Johnson's document was being discussed by the board's executive committee, trustees voted a motion from John Michael of Louisville, Ky., to move the issue to the full board for consideration, thus pre-empting any recommendation by the executive committee. After discussion, trustees then voted to postpone action on the matter until the next annual board meeting in 1991.

Johnson also introduced a motion on the seminary's governing doctrinal statement, the Abstract of Principles, that sought to interpret the document's statement on the inspiration of Scripture in light of a 1888 book by Basil Manly Jr. Manly, one of the seminary's original faculty members, is credited with principal authorship of the Abstract. Late in the meeting's last session, however, trustees approved Johnson's request to "postpone indefinitely" his earlier motion.

Also in executive session, trustees approved separate statements critical of two faculty members while also adopting a motion expressing appreciation for Honeycutt and "the method in which (he) has handled the affairs of the seminary."

A resolution adopted after debate expressed disapproval of Christian ethics professor Paul Simmons' activities related to abortion. Harm done to the seminary by "continued activities in

this area," the resolution added, "may be considered sufficient grounds for dismissal."

Simmons, who has taught at Southern Seminary since 1970, has been under fire for several years for his views on abortion.

Another action requested Honeycutt to express the board's "deep concern" to church history professor E. Glenn Hinson for "intemperate comments about controversial issues which negatively affect the public perceptions of Southern Seminary."

According to several trustees interviewed after the meeting, most of the criticism came in response to a newspaper account of Hinson's remarks during a series of presentations at a Tennessee church. Following a series of critical letters, Hinson submitted a letter to Honeycutt clarifying some of the comments attributed to him and apologizing for any misunderstanding or embarrassment.

Hinson has drawn criticism in recent years for his criticism of conservative leaders and for his advocacy of shifting distribution of funds to denominational boards and agencies away from the national Cooperative Program unified budget to state Baptist conventions.

In addition to Hinson's letter, trustees received a copy of a letter from Simmons offering to continue to disassociate his views in public appearances

from any official position of the seminary, to refuse media interviews dealing with abortion and "to avoid inflammatory rhetoric in responding to those who take contrary positions."

During the first few hours of executive session, more than 300 students who had been asked to leave the crowded meeting room maintained a vigil outside, with many of them praying and singing hymns. Dozens wore "Maintain the Vision" T-shirts as a sign of support for the school and its faculty.

Invited by trustee chairman Alton Butler of Pensacola, Fla., to speak to the trustees, student body President Ellen Sechrest assured the board of the students' concern and prayers, noting, "Our future is in your hands."

In the election of officers, trustees chose not to challenge the nomination of Sam H. McMahon Jr., who had served during the past year as first vice chairman and was the only moderate proposed by the nominating committee. McMahon, chairman of the board of Southeastern Commercial Management Corp. in Charlotte, N.C., was elected chairman with only five trustees registering "no" votes.

Other new officers are W. Wayne Allen, pastor of Briarwood Church, Cordova, first vice chairman; Larry L. Adams, administrator of the Baptist Retirement Center, Oklahoma City, second vice chairman; and John G.

Hicks, a Louisville attorney, secretary. Conservatives; however, successfully challenged two of three persons recommended by the nominating committee for re-election to the board's executive committee. William W. Causey, executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Jackson, defeated conservatives' nominee James M. Bullock, pastor of Colgate Church, Sellersburg, Ind., by a single vote. Two other people recommended for re-election, Ken Hall, a Louisville layman, and John Wallace, a retired pastor from Lexington, Ky., were replaced respectively by Bullock, who was nominated again, and by Carroll Karkalits, a layman from Lake Charles, La. Conservatives picked up another executive committee member when Richton, Miss., pastor John Allen defeated Louisville layman Fred Pfannenshmidt in an election to fill a vacated position.

Trustees also chose to deal with all faculty personnel recommendations in executive session. Although some recommendations reportedly received opposition, each was approved. Actions included:

- Electing Doris Ann Borchert as associate professor of Christian education with tenure.
- Promoting Kathryn N. Chapman to professor of childhood education and six people from assistant to associate professor: John H. Dickson, church music; Donoso S. Escobar, social work; Molly T. Marshall-Green, theology; Lloyd L. Mims, church music; Pamela L. Scalise, Old Testament; and Dan R. Stiver, Christian philosophy.

- Naming two faculty members to endowed chairs: Bill J. Leonard, William Walker Brooks professor of American Christianity, and Gerald R. Borchert, J. Rupert Coleman professor of New Testament interpretation.

- Granting a two-year leave of absence for David S. Dockery, assistant professor of New Testament, who will be chief editor of academic books at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Broadman Press in Nashville.

In other actions, trustees:

- Approved changes to the seminary charter that are intended to clarify procedures for electing new trustees and to help ensure the seminary's tax exempt status.

- Adopted a 1990-91 operating budget of \$15,742,484, a 5.3 percent increase over the current year. The budget provides for a two percent salary increase for faculty and staff.

- Approved an \$8.15 million deferred maintenance plan for the campus, including proposals for generating the required funds.

White accepts pastorate

Point Pleasant Church, Newport, called M. L. White as pastor.

White retired from English Creek Church, Newport, in 1985, and from Beulah Church, Mohawk, in 1989. He served as pastor of many other churches in Tennessee during his 51 years of service in the ministry.

Ordained Sept. 11, 1938, at Holston Church, Strawberry Plains, White attended Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, and University of Tennessee.

White and his wife, Ruth, have two sons and four grandchildren.

Roy Honeycutt responds to trustee's charges

By Pat Cole

LOUISVILLE (BP) — In an emotional response to accusations he does not believe the Bible, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary President Roy L. Honeycutt told the school's trustees "the Word of God has been the dynamic and integrating focus for my life."

Prior to the seminary's April 23-25 trustee meeting, trustee Jerry Johnson, pastor of Central Church, Aurora, Colo., circulated a 16-page document, titled "The Cover-up at Southern Seminary," which accused Honeycutt and several professors of "doctrinal infidelity" and other charges.

Honeycutt said that many of Johnson's accusations against him and the professors were dealt with in 1987 in the seminary's response to the concerns of the Southern Baptist Peace Committee. Johnson's article, however,

accused the seminary of a cover-up in connection with its Peace Committee response.

Johnson charged that Honeycutt's writings in commentaries on four Old Testament books "create problems for all Bible-believing Southern Baptists." Citing a variety of illustrations from commentaries, Johnson wrote that Honeycutt "scoffs at the historical reality" of some passages and "displays a bias against the supernatural in the Bible."

"One would have to be as blind as a mole not to see that Dr. Honeycutt just does not believe the Bible," he wrote.

Although trustees voted in executive session to postpone actions concerning Johnson's document until next year, Honeycutt requested permission to speak briefly about his views on the Bible.

In his response, Honeycutt told trustees he could not "allow a year to lapse (before the next annual meeting) when the issue has been raised about whether or not I believe the Bible," adding, "I consider that issue second only in seriousness to the question of whether or not I believe in Jesus Christ."

In his article, Johnson accused Honeycutt of "scoffing" at Scripture. Noting that "the word scoff means to deride, mock, ridicule, or scorn," Honeycutt said: "My love and reverence for the Bible flow so deeply through my life I am offended by the suggestion that I take such an attitude toward the Word of God."

Honeycutt emphasized he had "never known a time when I did not read the Bible" and "seek to live out of its revelation." The 63-year-old Old Testament scholar also stressed that he had spent 44 years in a serious study of the Bible in an academic setting.

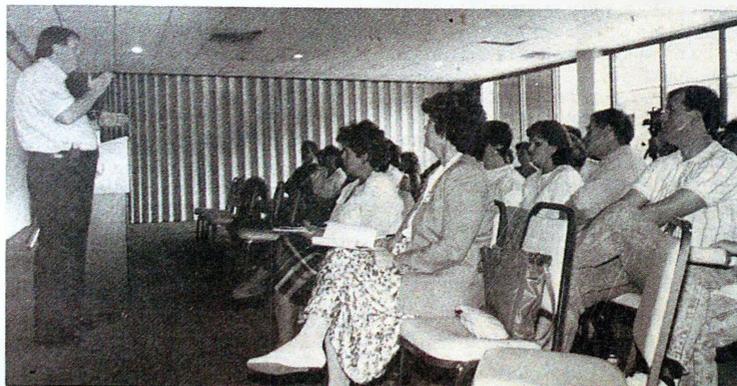
"It was the Bible which brought me the good news of Jesus in salvation, voiced my call to ministry and still sustains daily through circumstances such as these accusations," he said.

Claiming that one criticism hinged on the interpretation of six Hebrew words, Honeycutt said, "You can tell me you disagree with my interpretation of Scripture, but please don't tell me you disagree with my belief in the Bible."

Students in the room and most trustees responded with a standing ovation.

Following Honeycutt's statement, Johnson told reporters he was "not satisfied" with Honeycutt's explanation. He said he stands "completely and totally behind" the truthfulness of the charges he made in his document.

He also expressed confidence "the future will vindicate my article."



RAISING CAIN — Approximately 75 parents and youth leaders from Holston Association recently attended "Raising Cain," a conference held in conjunction with the association's annual youth retreat in Gatlinburg. Paul A. Warren, medical director of Mirthin-Meier Clinic Child and Adolescent Behavioral Unit at Wysong Medical Center in McKinney, Texas, led the conference. On the front row, Dianne Barker (foreground) and Martha Fitzgerald of Oak Grove Church, Gray, take notes. — Photo by Lonnie Wilkey



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LOUISIANA SUPERDOME, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

JUNE 12-14, 1990

New Orleans SBC to focus on church growth

By Marv Knox

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — Church growth will take the spotlight during the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in New Orleans' Louisiana Superdome June 12-14.

"The Churches: Edified ... Multiplied" will be the theme for the meeting, announced Dwight "Ike" Reighard, pastor of New Hope Church, Fayetteville, Ga., and chair of the SBC Committee on Order of Business.

"As we enter the 1990s, we need to recognize that if Bold Mission Thrust (the SBC campaign to spread the Gospel across the globe by the year 2000) is to be a reality, we must emphasize the role of our churches in growth," Reighard said. "We must challenge them with churches and pastors who are building great churches — from the very large churches to smaller churches."

Theme interpreters will be Homer G. Lindsay Jr., co-pastor of First Church, Jacksonville, Fla.; Larry Wynn, pastor of Hebron Church, Dacula, Ga.; and Ron Lewis, a church-growth consultant from Nashville.

"Homer Lindsay Jr. is a man who has been used of God to build one of the finest churches in America, and one of the largest," Reighard said. "It has set a fine example, both in baptisms and in missions giving."

"To the other extreme is Larry Wynn. He has taken a church over ten years from running 65 in Sunday School to over 1200 in Sunday School and last year baptized over 500 people. A lot of people will discover the ministry of Hebron Church during the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Also, Ron Lewis is considered to be one of our greatest experts in the area of church growth. He will do a great job inspiring and motivating our men in church growth."

The SBC annual meeting additionally will feature a message by Jay H. Strack, a vocational evangelist from Dallas.

Strack's place on the program will highlight the role of revival meetings in church growth, Reighard added. That especially will be true in light of the spring "Here's Hope" simultaneous revivals that will have been conducted in Southern Baptist churches across the country by the time of the New Orleans meeting, he noted.

"We've just got a superb program planned for New Orleans," he said. "We feel like we've got some of the finest speakers in America to share in the areas of church growth."

Two other keynote speeches will be presented during the meeting. SBC President Jerry Vines, co-pastor of First Church, Jacksonville, will give the annual president's address. Fred Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill Church, Mobile, Ala., will deliver the convention sermon.

Lindsay will bring the first major address of the meeting, at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, June 12. He will be followed that day by Vines, at 11:25 a.m., and Wynn, at 7:20 p.m. Wolfe will preach at noon Wednesday, June 13, followed that day by Lewis, at 7:05 p.m. Strack will speak at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 14.

Two unique items on the program



SUPERDOME CROWD — The 1982 Southern Baptist Convention meeting at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans attracted 20,456 messengers. Some SBC leaders are predicting that when the 1990 convention meets June 12-14 in the Superdome that number will be more than doubled. Messengers are watching a video message from then-Vice President George Bush who spoke that year at the SBC Pastors' Conference. President Bush has been invited to speak to the entire convention this year, but has not yet accepted.

will be the reports of the SBC's Sunday School Board and Foreign Mission Board, Reighard said.

The Sunday School Board has been allotted an extra-long segment for its report so it may launch the celebration of its 100th anniversary in 1991, he explained. Board President Lloyd Elder of Nashville will preside over the report Wednesday at 10:15 a.m.

The Foreign Mission Board's report will feature a missionary appointment service, an unusual event at SBC an-

nal meetings, Reighard noted. Board President R. Keith Parks of Richmond, Va., will lead in that report and service Wednesday at 7:55 p.m.

The convention's program also may include an appearance by President George Bush. Bush has been invited to address the convention on Thursday afternoon, Reighard said.

Reighard told the Baptist and Reflector April 24 that he is still waiting word from the White House as to Bush's plans. While it has been several weeks since the invitation was extended, "we're still hoping," Reighard said.

He noted the committee is willing to be flexible if Bush cannot speak on Thursday afternoon, but could at another time. "It would be tremendous to have a sitting president of the United States to share with our messengers," Reighard said.

The annual meeting also is when messengers from Southern Baptist churches meet to conduct SBC business. (See page 10)

'Hearts of one accord' focus of WMU meeting

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union Executive Director Dellanna O'Brien will give her first executive board report during the WMU annual meeting June 10-11 in New Orleans.

Because the event will be O'Brien's first annual meeting since taking office last September, an informal introduction time has been scheduled at the beginning of the first session. Meeting participants can greet O'Brien beginning at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, June 10, at the entrance of the New Orleans Convention Center, site of the annual meeting.

Sunday sessions will begin at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

"Hearts of One Accord" will be the focus of the annual meeting. The heartbeat of missions will be illustrated through special music, theme interpretations and missionary testimonies, program planners said.

Messages will be brought by Ruth Tucker on Sunday evening, Monte Clendinning on Monday afternoon, and Denton Lotz on Monday evening. Tucker is a visiting professor at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Ill., and a professor at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich. Clen-

dinning is conference coordinator of the World Mission and Evangelism Center at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Lotz is general secretary/treasurer of the Baptist World Alliance.

Joann Goatcher, a medical consultant with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, will lead theme interpretations throughout the meeting.

Each of the five sessions feature presentations by Southern Baptist home and foreign missionaries. Missionary speakers include Deborah Moore, Liberia; Karen Dewitt, Fort Worth; Karen Sue Gross, Hope, Ark.; Pamela Mungo, New England; Gwendolyn Williams, New Orleans; and Deborah Wohler, Lake Tahoe, Calif.

Two brothers and their families will be featured during the Monday evening session as they talk about the impact of missions on a family. Representing the Wakefield family will be William and Delcie Wakefield and their son and daughter-in-law, Andy and Olivia; and Robert and Margie Wakefield and their son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Fran.

William Wakefield is a regional vice president for the Foreign Mission

Board. Robert and Margie Wakefield are missionaries to India. Mark and Fran Wakefield are missionaries to Fiji. Andy and Olivia Wakefield are students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Missions work in New Orleans will be highlighted during the Sunday afternoon session. Joining Louisiana WMU President Beverly O'Reagan of New Orleans will be Richard Wilson, director of Christian social ministries for the Baptist Association of Greater New Orleans; Mary Dan Kuhnle, director of Sellers Baptist Home and Adoption Center; Fred Luter, pastor of Franklin Church; Toby Pittman, director of Brantley Memorial Center; and Gwendolyn Williams, director of urban ministries at Grace Church.

Missions work in Louisiana will be the focus of the "Here's Missions in Louisiana" luncheon scheduled for Monday at noon in the convention center.

Luncheon tickets must be ordered in advance from Order Processing, Woman's Missionary Union, P. O. Box 830010, Birmingham, Ala. 35283-0010. Tickets are \$20 each and must be ordered by May 15.

Union hosts gathering

Union University will host an Alumni and Friends Dinner during the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in New Orleans.

The Tuesday, June 12, dinner will be held in the St. Maxent Room of Holiday Inn Downtown — Superdome. It will begin at 5 p.m.

The program will include President Hyran Barefoot and entertainment. Tickets may be obtained by writing the office of alumni affairs, Union University, Jackson, Tenn. 38305. Cost is \$10 prior to the SBC or \$12 at the SBC. They will be available at the school's SBC exhibit. For more information call (901) 668-1818 ext. 209.

Belmont College and Carson-Newman College are not sponsoring SBC-related functions, according to spokespersons of the two schools.

Southern Baptist Convention

Louisiana Superdome,
New Orleans, La.

June 12-14, 1990 'The Churches: Edified . . . Multiplied'

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 Evangelist, Hartselle, Ala.
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 Board, Nashville
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 Baptist Sunday School Board,
 Nashville
Treasurer — Harold C. Bennett, Presi-
 dent, SBC Executive Committee,
 Nashville
*Scripture: "Then had the churches
 rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee
 and Samaria, and were edified; and
 walking in the fear of the Lord, and in
 the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were
 multiplied." (Acts 9:31)*
Tuesday Morning
 June 12 — 8:20-Noon
Music for Inspiration
Call to Order
Congregational Singing
Prayer
Registration Report and Constitution of
Convention — Lee Porter, registra-
 tion secretary
Committee on Order of Business (First

Report) — Dwight Reighard,
 chairman
Welcome — Mark Short, executive
 director, Louisiana Baptist
 Convention
Response — Junior Hill
Announcement of Committee on Com-
mittees, Credentials, Resolutions,
and Tellers
Theme Interpretation — Homer G.
 Lindsay Jr.
Executive Committee Report (Part 1)
 — Harold C. Bennett
Introduction of Business and
Resolutions
Congregational Singing
Music
President's Address — Jerry Vines
Benediction
Theme Song: "It's Harvest Time"
Tuesday Afternoon
 June 12 — 1:00-5:00
Evangelistic Singers
Congregational Singing
Prayer — Rick Stanley
Messenger Information Survey
Business
Committee on Order of Business
(Second Report) — Dwight Reighard
Introduction of Business and
Resolutions
Election of Officers (First)
Committee on Nominations Report —
 Roland Lopez, chairman

Congregational Singing
Executive Committee Report (Part 2)
 — Harold C. Bennett
Congregational Singing
Business
Committee on Order of Business -
(Third Report) — Dwight Reighard
Committee on Committees Report
Introduction of Business and
Resolutions
Miscellaneous Business
Election of Officers (Second)
Benediction
Tuesday Evening
 June 12 — 6:30-9:30
Music for Inspiration
Congregational Singing
Prayer
Election of Officers (Third)
Theme Interpretation — Larry Wynn
Congregational Singing
Bold Mission Thrust Report — Harold
 C. Bennett
Commission on American Baptist
Seminary Report — Arthur L.
 Walker
Historical Commission — Lynn E. May
 Jr.
Radio and Television Commission —
 Richard T. McCartney
Congregational Singing
Home Mission Board Report — Larry
 L. Lewis
Benediction
Theme Song

Presentation of Past Presidents
Presentation of newly-elected SBC
Officers
Congregational Singing
Foreign Mission Board Report and Ap-
pointment Service — R. Keith Parks
Benediction — Robert Sherrill
Theme Song
Thursday Morning
 June 14 — 8:30-Noon
Music for Inspiration
Congregational Singing
Prayer
Business
Committee on Resolutions (Final
Report)
Southern Baptist Foundation Report —
 Hollis E. Johnson III
Christian Life Commission Report —
 Richard D. Land
Golden Gate Baptist Theological
Seminary Report — William O.
 Crews
Congregational Singing
Brotherhood Commission Report —
 James H. Smith
New Orleans Baptist Theological
Seminary Report — Landrum P.
 Leavell II
Annuity Board Report — Paul W.
 Powell
Recognition of Outgoing Officers —
 Harold C. Bennett
Congregational Singing
Music
Message — Jay H. Strack
Benediction

Wednesday Morning
 June 13 — 8:30-12:30
Music for Inspiration
Congregational Singing
Prayer
Election of Officers (Fourth)
Stewardship Commission Report —
 A. R. Fagan
Southeastern Baptist Theological
Seminary Report — Lewis A.
 Drummond
Midwestern Baptist Theological
Seminary Report — Milton Ferguson
Education Commission Report — Ar-
 thur L. Walker
Southwestern Baptist Theological
Seminary Report — Russell H.
 Dilday
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Report — Roy L. Honeycutt
Congregational Singing
Baptist Sunday School Board Report —
 Lloyd Elder, president
Congregational Singing
Election of Officers (Fifth)
Business
Committee on Order of Business
(Fourth Report) — Dwight Reighard
Committee on Resolutions (First
Report)
Miscellaneous Business
Congregational Singing
Music
Convention Sermon — Fred Wolfe
Benediction

Thursday Afternoon
 June — 1:30-3:30
Music for Inspiration
Congregational Singing
Prayer
Introduction of Fraternal
Representatives
Denominational Press Report — Alvin
 C. Shackelford
American Bible Society Report — Fred
 A. Allen
Denominational Calendar Committee
Report — Leon B. Hataway
Baptist World Alliance Report
Baptist Joint Committee on Public Af-
airs Report — James M. Dunn
Public Affairs Committee Report —
 Albert Lee Smith
Woman's Missionary Union Report —
 Dellanna W. O'Brien
Report on Southern Baptist Convention
Canada Planning Group — Larry L.
 Lewis
Benediction
Theme Song: "It's Harvest Time"

Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference

"The Pathway to God's Presence"

June 10-11, 1990 Louisiana Superdome, New Orleans

Sunday Evening
 June 10 — 6:00-9:00
 Tom Elliff, presiding
Music
Welcome — Tom Elliff, president,
 Southern Baptist Pastors'
 Conference
Prayer — Ron Hart, first vice presi-
 dent, Southern Baptist Pastors'
 Conference
Music
Message — Manley Beasley,
 evangelist, Euless, Texas
Music
Message — Bailey Smith,
 evangelist, Atlanta
Congregational Singing
Prayer and Offering — Robert
 Holmes, secretary-treasurer,
 Southern Baptist Pastors'
 Conference
Music
Message — Adrian Rogers, pastor,
 Bellevue Church, Memphis
Benediction
Monday Morning
 June 11 — 8:30-11:45
 Ron Hart, presiding
Music
Prayer
Message — Nelson Price, pastor,
 Roswell Street Church, Marietta,
 Ga.
Music
Message — Stan Coffey, pastor, San
 Jacinto Church, Amarillo, Texas
Special Broadman Press
Presentation
Offertory Prayer
Music
Message — Dwight "Ike" Reighard,
 pastor, New Hope Church, Fayette-
 ville, Ga.
Music

Monday Afternoon
 June 11 — 1:15-5:00
 Tom Elliff, presiding
Music
Prayer
Message — Avery Willis, BSSB
Music
Message — Richard Lee, pastor,
 Rehoboth Church, Atlanta
Offertory Prayer
Music
Election of Officers
Music
Message — O.S. Hawkins, pastor,
 First Church, Fort Lauderdale,
 Fla.
Music
Message — John Bisagno, pastor,
 First Church, Houston
Benediction
Monday Evening
 June 11 — 6:15-9:00
 Tom Elliff, presiding
Music
Testimony
Prayer
Message — John McArthur, pastor,
 Grace Community Church, Sun
 Valley, Calif.
Music
Message — Morris Chapman,
 pastor, First Church, Wichita
 Falls, Texas
Welcome to the Convention and
Prayer — Jerry Vines, president,
 Southern Baptist Convention
Offertory
Message — Charles Stanley, pastor,
 First Church, Atlanta
Introduction of 1991 Southern Baptist
Convention Pastors' Conference
Officers

NO WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Wednesday Evening
 June 13 — 6:10-9:25
Music for Inspiration
Congregational Singing
Prayer
Theme Interpretation — Ron Lewis
Business
Committee on Order of Business
(Fifth Report)
Election of Convention Sermon
Preacher and Alternate, and Music
Director, 1991
Introduction of Local Arrangements
Committee

Prayer conference set

NASHVILLE (BP) — A national prayer conference for people interested in deepening prayer ministries in their churches, states or associations will be held in New Orleans prior to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting this summer.

Sponsored by the National Prayer Corps of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, the prayer conference will be held June 7-9 at Hardin Student Center at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

A \$25 registration fee includes a notebook. Housing is available at the seminary's Providence House at \$16 for a single room or \$22 for a double room per night. Registrants may send their housing and conference fees to Paul Robertson, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, La. 70126-9988.

SBC pastors' conference seeks 'God's presence'

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — The 1990 meeting of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference will focus on seeking God's presence, according to Tom Elliff, conference president.

"The theme — 'The Pathway to God's Presence' — will focus attention on the importance of ministering with that obvious sense of God's presence in our lives," said Elliff, pastor of First Southern Church, Del City, Okla.

Elliff said the theme comes from the account in Exodus chapters 32 and 33 when Moses was interceding for the people and told God that if God's presence did not go with the people, he did not want to go.

"The whole issue of living in the presence of God, living with God, and having Him manifested in your life is the theme of this year's Pastors' Conference," Elliff said.

The Pastors' Conference will be June 10-11 in the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, in advance of the 1990 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, scheduled June 12-14, also in the Superdome. It is one of more than a dozen meetings scheduled in advance of the annual meeting of the SBC.

Elliff said the officers of the Pastors'

Conference planned the two days of meetings to include "a broad spectrum of SBC pastors, evangelists, missionaries, educators, and others."

"I think we have been very inclusive in our planning," said Elliff, referring to a movement to make the conservative movement within the convention more inclusive. "The program was prepared before the statements about inclusiveness were made, but we have included a broad spectrum."

Three former presidents of the SBC are scheduled to address the conference: Bailey Smith, an evangelist from Atlanta, Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, and Charles Stanley, pastor of First Church, Atlanta.

Also on the program are two men who have been mentioned as possible candidates for office: Richard Lee, pastor of Rehoboth Church, Tucker, Ga., who will be nominated as 1991 president of the Pastors' Conference, and Morris Chapman, pastor of First Church, Wichita Falls, Texas, who will be the conservative candidate for president of the SBC.

"I invited Morris (Chapman) because he is a good friend and a good brother," said Elliff. "I am delighted

he is going to be nominated, but we tried to put people on the program who would communicate effectively.

"There is not any way in the world that people will not try to make some political statement out of the program, but my concern was that the Lord's Word would be preached, and that the speakers would minister effectively to the pastors and others who will be there.

"We did not sit down and plan this program with any kind of agenda in mind other than that we wanted everybody who attended to be ministered to. That was our burning desire. I think it would have been more political to try to maneuver the program to make a political statement rather than just putting together a program of men who could deliver the goods."

Others scheduled to address the conference include pastors Stan Coffey of San Jacinto Church, Amarillo, Texas;

Dwight "Ike" Reighard, pastor of New Hope Church, Fayetteville, Ga.; O. S. Hawkins, pastor of First Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and John Bisagno, pastor of First Church, Houston.

Paige Patterson, president of Criswell College of Dallas, also will speak, as will Manley Beasley, an evangelist from Euless, Texas.

Avery Willis, a former foreign missionary now working in discipleship training at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, also will speak. Willis is the author of the MasterLife program. Another denominational employee, Ron Boswell, director of the Volunteers in Mission department of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va., will give a testimony.

John MacArthur, pastor of Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, Calif., and an author and radio preacher, also will address the conference.

SBC day camp focuses on missions

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — Future Southern Baptist missionaries, pastors, and lay leaders may attend seminary during the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting by registering for SBC Missions Day Camp sponsored by the children and youth division of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

More than 350 children are expected to attend the three-day camp at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Parents attending the annual meeting may register their children who have completed grades 1-6 this year.

Missions Day Camp is scheduled during all daytime sessions of the convention, Tuesday, June 12, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesday, June 13, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; and Thursday, June 14, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., or when the convention adjourns.

Cost is \$8 per day per child. This includes lunch Tuesday and Thursday and refreshments all days.

To register children for day camp, messengers may visit the Missions Day Camp Booth near the messenger registration area of the Louisiana Superdome Monday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and during daytime convention sessions Tuesday and Wednesday.

Transportation is provided to and from the day camp from the Superdome. All day campers will leave by 8:30 a.m. from the Missions Day Camp drop-off and pick-up area.

Children in the seventh grade and older are eligible to serve as assistant counselors for the day camp by contacting Karl Bozeman at the Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, Tenn. 38104.

'Prelude' to precede music conference

NASHVILLE (BP) — "Prelude," a conference for Southern Baptist church musicians, is scheduled to precede the annual Southern Baptist Church Music Conference prior to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting this year in New Orleans.

Sponsored by the SBC Sunday School Board's music service, the June 7-9 Prelude conference at the Downtown Marriott will include reading sessions by music publishers, premieres of new music, concerts by music artists and choral groups, and free music for participants.

The 34th annual Southern Baptist Church Music Conference will be June 10-11 at First Church, St. Charles

Avenue at Napoleon, with the Downtown Marriott as headquarters hotel.

Mark Edwards, minister of music at First Church, Nashville, and president of the SBCMC, said the church music conference program will "hold up the local church as the focus of the ministry by featuring church choirs, a pastor as preacher and every kind of church singing group we can think of."

Music for the Prelude sessions will be "eclectic by design," said Mike Wilkins, coordinator of the music service. "Our dream is for a conference that will unite Southern Baptists from every part of the denomination and unify us in proclaiming Jesus as king through diverse musical tastes."

Prelude reading sessions and concerts will be provided by Alexandria House, Sparrow, Genevov, Purifoy, Kirkland House, Lillenas, Shawnee, Zondervan, and Word.

Major concerts at Prelude will include Steven Curtis Chapman, songwriter/singer from Sparrow, Inc. in Chatsworth, Calif.; Dennis and Nan Allen, concert artists from Franklin; Marvin Matthews, gospel singer, and Tim Sheppard, Christian artist/singer, both of Alexandria House, Nashville; and NewSong, a quartet from Word, Inc., Dallas.

Additional SBCMC program features will be various individuals, church choirs, the Louisiana All-State Youth Choir, and the Seminarians of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Preacher for the conference will be Brian Harbour, pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, Ark.

Participation in Prelude will provide a free first-year membership in SBCMC for people who are not members of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference. Registration for Prelude is \$135. It may be sent to Music Service, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234. Registration may be charged to Baptist Book Store charge accounts by calling (800) 368-7421. In Tennessee, call (800) 223-2966.

Ministers' wives plan annual SBC luncheon

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — "Inherit the Blessing" will be the theme for the 1990 Southern Baptist Convention Ministers' Wives Luncheon June 12 at 12:15 p.m. in the ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Orleans.

The luncheon will be held in conjunction with the SBC annual meeting in the Louisiana Superdome June 12-14.

Shirley Dobson, wife of preacher, author, and lecturer James Dobson, will be the featured speaker for the luncheon, announced Lynda Estep of Columbia, S.C., president of the SBC Conference of Ministers' Wives.

All participants in the luncheon will receive a free copy of Don't Miss the Blessing, a new book written by Joanne Leavell, wife of Landrum P. Leavell II, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Tickets sold before June 1 will cost \$16. They will cost \$18 when bought at the SBC Conference of Ministers' Wives booth in the Superdome.

To order tickets, send a check for \$16 per ticket and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Janet Wicker, First Church, 2201 Broadway, Lubbock, Texas 79401.

Seminaries hold SBC meetings

All of the Southern Baptist Convention seminaries will be holding luncheons for alumni and friends on Wednesday, June 13, during the convention meeting.

• Southern Seminary — 1 p.m., New Orleans Marriott, features President Roy L. Honeycutt and alumni awards. Tickets — \$16 before May 15, \$20 after May 15, by calling office of alumni relations at (800) 626-5525 or, in Kentucky, (502) 897-4700.

• Midwestern Seminary — 1 p.m., Clarion Hotel, 1500 Canal Street, features President Milton Ferguson and alumni awards. Tickets — \$14 prior to SBC, by sending reservation (even without payment) to office of seminary relations, MBTS, 5001 N. Oak St. Trafficway, Kansas City, Mo. 64118, or calling (816) 453-4600; \$18 at SBC exhibit.

• Golden Gate Seminary — 1 p.m., Downtown Holiday Inn, 330 Loyola (two blocks from Superdome), includes dialogue session with President William O. Crews and alumni awards. Tickets — \$10 before May 31 by sending payment to alumni office, GGBTS, Strawberry Point, Mill Valley, Calif. 94941-3197, or calling (415) 388-8080; \$12 at SBC exhibit.

• Southeastern Seminary — 1 p.m., Regency Ballrooms F, G, and H, New Orleans Hyatt Regency, presided by Randall Lolley, alumni president, addresses by President Lewis Drummond, Bruce Powers, professor of Christian Education, and Judith P. Powell, pastor, Enfield, N.C. Tickets — \$14.50, alumni office, SEBTS, P.O. Box 1889, Wake Forest, N.C. 27588, (919) 556-3101; \$20 at SBC exhibit area on Monday.

• New Orleans Seminary — noon, quadrangle of seminary, followed by 1:30-3 p.m. meeting, Roland Q. Leavell Chapel, includes alumni awards. Tickets — \$5 by sending payment to office of alumni, NOBTS, 3939 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans, La. 70126, (504) 282-4455, ext. 3291, or from SBC exhibit. Transportation — shuttle bus from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside Superdome and returning 3-5 p.m.

• Southwestern Seminary — immediately after morning session, Hyatt Regency Ballroom, Hyatt Hotel, features report by President Russell Dilday and alumni awards. Tickets — \$16 by sending self-addressed stamped envelope to Public Affairs, SWBTS, P.O. Box 22000-3E, Fort Worth, Texas 76122, \$19 at SBC exhibit.

Tennessee Baptists nominated for SBC positions

NASHVILLE (BP) — Appointments to four key committees to serve during the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 12-14, in the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, have been announced by SBC President Jerry Vines.

Vines announced the appointments of the Committee on Committees and the Resolutions, Credentials, and Tellers committees April 27. The SBC bylaws require the SBC president to announce the appointments "at least 45 days in advance of the annual meeting."

Vines told Baptist Press he is pleased with the appointments. "I have kept my two commitments in these appointments. I have not knowingly appointed anybody who believes there are errors in the Bible, and these appointments represent the best Southern Baptists I could find.

"To my knowledge, there is nobody appointed who has a personal axe to grind, or has a personal, private agenda. These are just good solid Jesus-loving, Bible-believing, denominationally-faithful Baptists."

In addition, trustees to serve on the commissions, seminaries, boards, and other committees of the SBC have been nominated by the 1990 Committee on Nominations.

In order to serve, the trustees must be elected by messengers to the 1990 annual meeting in New Orleans.

Tennessee Baptists nominated for positions are listed below.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES — Todd Zeigler, pastor, First Church,

TELLERS COMMITTEE — Tim Hedquist, administrator, Bellevue Church, Cordova, chairman; and Marshall Albritton, attorney and member of Park Avenue Church, Nashville.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — Don Whitt, Milan, second term.



Alcoa; and Tommy Doyle, medical doctor and member of First Church, Milan.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE — Charles Page, pastor, First Church, Nashville.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE — Sammy Wilson, pastor, Calvary Church, Alcoa; Frank Bell, pastor, Webb Church, Newport; Steve Carr, pastor, Old Bethlehem Church, Union City; and Steve Frank Bain, pastor, Lakeview Church, Selmer.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD — William M. Blanchard Jr., pastor, First Church, Soddy-Daisy.

HOME MISSION BOARD — Guy M. Milan, pastor, North Knoxville Church, Knoxville.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD — Robert C. Pittman, pastor, Kirby Woods Church, Cordova; Jerry Sutton, pastor, Two Rivers Church, Nashville; and O. Eugene Mims, Cleveland, second term.

ANNUITY BOARD — G. R. Rush,

certified public accountant and member of Central Church, Chattanooga.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION — Hugh M. Sloan, a vice president for an investment firm and member of First Church, Nashville; M. Terry Turner, banker and member of Brentwood Church, Brentwood; John C. Blackman, a vice president of an investment firm and member of Immanuel Church, Nashville; Frank C. Ingraham, attorney and member of First Church, Franklin; and Roy L. DePue, businessman and member of First Church, Hendersonville.

AMERICAN SEMINARY COMMISSION — Steven A. Jett, pastor, Stock Creek Church, Knoxville; and Edsel L. West, Harriman, and William T. Hill Jr., Nashville, second terms.

EDUCATION COMMISSION — William L. Palmer, president, Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, second term.

BROTHERHOOD COMMISSION — Donald Long, pastor, Chamberlain Memorial Church, Chattanooga.

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY — Ron S. Lewis, Franklin, second term.

SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY — Jack May, Memphis, second term.

SBC campus ministers to focus on edification, multiplication

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — Campus ministers from across the nation will focus on the edification and multiplication of ministry when they convene in New Orleans June 10-11. The meeting begins with registration on Sunday at 2 p.m. and concludes at 11:45 a.m. on Monday.

"Ministers Edified . . . Ministry Multiplied" will be the theme for the Association of Southern Baptist Campus Ministers' annual meeting in the Quality Inn Midtown.

The campus ministers' meeting is one of more than a dozen auxiliary conferences to be held in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in New Orleans June 12-14.

The meeting's theme picks up on the SBC annual meeting theme, "The Churches: Edified . . . Multiplied," said Tana J. Clement, the association's program vice president and coordinator of Baptist student ministry in metropolitan St. Louis.

"We're looking at the word 'edified' in the SBC theme," she said. "If we a professional organization will do all we can to build each other up professionally and strengthen each other personally, our ministries will multiply automatically.

"We chose three topics to build off this theme. Our first responsibility is to strengthen our relationship with our Savior. Second, we must have a support base among Christian friends, our

Christian brothers. Thirdly, we've been loved by God, and we have been called to receive love and give love to other people on the planet, to minister in Jesus' name."

In addition to relating to the SBC theme, the topics grew out of a survey of campus ministers' needs that was conducted by the association last year, Clement said.

Theme interpreters for the meeting will be Molly Marshall-Green, assistant professor of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.; Tom Logue, retired director of student ministries for the Arkansas

Baptist State Convention in Little Rock; and Douglas Ezell, pastor of Napoleon Avenue-Parker Memorial United Methodist Church in New Orleans.

The campus ministers will be led in worship three times by Constance McNeill, metropolitan coordinator for student ministries in Kansas City, Mo.

They also will hear a presentation on volunteer student ministry in the Soviet Union from Charles Johnson, director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's student ministry department.

New Orleans SBC to focus . . .

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During that time, messengers will elect a successor to Vines, who has served two one-year terms as president. Three Baptist pastors have announced intentions to seek the convention's presidency. They are: Dan Bates, Millican (Texas) Church; Morris Chapman, First Church, Wichita Falls, Texas; and Dan Vestal, Dunwoody Church, Atlanta, Ga.

Messengers also will vote on a proposed \$137.3 million unified allocation budget that will help support evangelistic, ministry and educational endeavors worldwide. They also will vote whether to keep the nine-denomination Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs as their primary religious liberty organization, or whether to transfer that responsibility to the SBC Christian Life Commission.

In February the SBC Executive Committee approved a proposed budget which would reduce the Baptist Joint Committee's funding from

\$391,796 this year to \$50,000 while providing the Christian Life Commission \$1,262,536, approximately \$365,000 more than the moral concerns agency is now receiving.

"We feel we've got an extremely well-rounded program," Reighard said. "There's going to be a lot of attention on the election of a new president to succeed Jerry Vines. But we hope all the focus won't be on that issue. We've put together a program that I think folks will enjoy and find challenging."

Record numbers of those folks may attend the meeting, he predicted.

"I believe we're going to have one of the largest — if not the largest — Southern Baptist Conventions on record," he said. The record was set in 1985 in Dallas, when 45,519 messengers attended.

"New Orleans will be a wonderful host city," Reighard noted. "And the Superdome gives us the capability to host the convention in a good, orderly fashion, where we won't be cramped and worn out. It's made for a convention like this."

State convention presidents plan breakfast

MURFREESBORO — The Baptist State Convention President's Fellowship will sponsor a prayer breakfast prior to the 1990 Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans, La.

The breakfast is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. on Monday, June 11, at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans.

F. Murray Mathis, president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the BSCPF, said the meeting is open to anyone interested in praying for the convention which begins June 12 and runs through June 14.

"This is a time when presidents of state conventions, denominational leaders, and SBC messengers can join together to pray specifically for decisions that will be made at the convention," Mathis said.

Mathis, pastor of Third Church, Murfreesboro, said he is hopeful the prayer breakfast will set a positive tone for the convention.

The program for the prayer breakfast will be led by T. W. Hunt and Avery Willis, Baptist Sunday School Board; Henry Blackaby, Home Mission Board; and Minnette Drumwright, Foreign Mission Board. They are prayer leaders of Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$12.50 and reservations should be made by May 20. Seating is limited, Mathis said.

For additional information, contact Mathis at 410 W. McKnight Drive, Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37129.

Live SBC telecast offered on BTN

NASHVILLE (BP) — For the sixth consecutive year, live gavel-to-gavel coverage of the 1990 Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans, June 12-14, will be televised on the Baptist Telecommunication Network.

The SBC telecast will begin at 8:15 a.m., Central Daylight Time, June 12. The first day's activities include the SBC President's Address, several Southern Baptist Convention agency reports, including the Home Mission Board, and sessions on business and resolutions.

The signal from BTN will be unscrambled to allow churches and individuals who are not BTN subscribers to view the sessions. The BTN signal is transmitted on Spacenet 1 satellite, channel 21.

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... Along the southern border, from
Pocahontas to Orme, through Michie ...

Here's Hope.
Jesus cares for you.

Tennessee Revivals ...

Milan Missionary Church, Maynardville, will begin revival May 7 with evangelist Gary Beeler.

Mt. View Church, Antioch, will hold revival May 6-9 with evangelist Louis Ridout. Jake Hess will present a concert each evening.

Don Short will speak at revival May 13-17 at Newbern Church, Newbern.

Duck River Association reported the following upcoming revivals: Victory Church, Manchester, May 4-6; First Church, Huntland, May 6-9; First Church, Estill Springs, May 6-10; and Center Grove Church, Tullahoma, May 20-25.

Mouth of Richland Church, Blaine, will hold revival May 6-11. Chris Burns from Broadway Church, Maryville, will lead the services.

First Church, Manchester, will hold lay-led revival May 2-6.

The following churches in Cumberland Association have scheduled revivals: First Church, Woodlawn, May 3-5, Eddie Benton; Blooming Grove Church, Woodlawn, May 13-20, James Anderson; Pleasant View Church, Clarksville, June 24-28, Curtis Coleman; and First Church, St. Bethlehem, June 17-23, John Christian.

First Church, Rockwood, will hold revival May 6-9.

Bobby Boyles will speak at revival May 6-9 at Leawood Church, Memphis.

Park Avenue Church, Nashville, will hold revival May 5-9.

Ralph Langley will lead revival May 5-9 at First Church, Kingston. Mike Bundon will lead music.

Dalewood Church, Nashville, will hold revival May 6-10 with evangelist Mickey Dalrymple from Columbus, Miss.

Junior Hill will lead revival May 6-9 at First Church, Lenoir City. The Celoria Family Singers will provide special music.

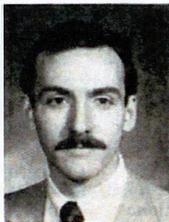
Phil Glisson will lead revival May 6-10 at East Commerce Church, Lewisburg.

First Church, Tracy City, began revival April 29 with evangelist Charles Stanby. Services will conclude May 6.

Education ...

Tennessee alumni of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., recently elected Raymond Langlois, pastor of Judson Church, Nashville, president of the state alumni association. Langlois will serve as a member of the seminary's Alumni Advisory Council.

Philip Coyle has been named assistant professor of psychology and counseling at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary. Coyle is minister of family life and counseling at Manley Church, Morristown. A graduate of Memphis State University, Coyle earned his master's degree and doctorate from New Orleans Seminary. He assumes the professorship Aug. 1.



COYLE

Steven H. Simpler has been named acting dean of the School of Biblical Studies and Ministry at Belmont College, Nashville, effective June 1. The Waco, Texas, native has taught at Belmont College for four years. He earned a degree in journalism from Baylor University, Waco; a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist

Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; and a doctorate in religion from Baylor University.

Churches ...

Bartlett Church, Bartlett, observed Neighbor Day April 15, with an all time high attendance of 1501 in Bible Study. Also, the church recently received the first of three Eagle Awards from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Only 13 out of 38,000 Southern Baptist churches have received three or more awards.

The congregation of Madison Heights Church, Madison, celebrated the church's 40th anniversary April 22.

Members of Unity Church, Allardt, recently moved into a new educational building.

Open house and dedication of a new building for Bethel Springs Church, Calhoun, was held April 15.

Members of Brownsville Church, Brownsville, dedicated a new family life center and held open house recently.

Leadership ...

Bill Sewell has retired after serving as music minister at Lucy Church, Millington. The church called Rick McKinney, a student at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis, as music minister.

Mt. Pelia Church, Martin, called Brian Gass as part-time youth director. He is a student at University of Tennessee, Martin.

Jason Berry was recently called as pastor of Sunrise Church, New Tazewell. This is his first pastorate.

Minnow Branch Church, Pulaski, called Dwight Bevels as pastor. He was ordained in February at Highland Church, Pulaski.

Oak Grove Church, Cleveland, recently called M. L. Arbuckle as pastor.

Grace Church, Knoxville, called Mark Braddom as minister of education/music, effective March 26. Braddom served for 13 years as minister of music at a church in Lebanon, Ohio.

Brian Walden, a sophomore at Tennessee Wesleyan College, Athens, has



DEDICATION HELD — Members of Northport Church, Newport, dedicated their refurbished sanctuary April 22. Cost of the inside renovation was approximately \$60,000. Building committee members are Glen Lane, chairman, Frank Green, David Lindsey, Bob Hurst, and Chester Suggs. Terry Rutherford is pastor.

been called as summer youth director to First Church, Caryville.

First Church, Maryville, recently called Ginger Teague as interim minister of youth, and Betty Hoglen as minister to senior adults.

Harold Champion has been called as director of evangelism and the deaf ministry to Radnor Church, Nashville.

First Church, Newport, called David A. Jennings as minister of education and students.

Woodland Church, Brownsville, called Charles Pratt as interim pastor.

First Church, Charlotte, called J. L. Ford, executive director of Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes, as interim pastor.

Tom Gibson has been called as interim pastor to Kirkwood Church, Clarksville.

Barfield Church, Murfreesboro, called Charles McKnight as interim pastor.

Second Church, Jonesborough, recently called Tex Murray as interim pastor.

Bill Dennington has been called as associate pastor of First Church, Bluff City.

University Parkway Church, Johnson City, called Jamie Powell as minister of youth.



GROUNDBREAKING HELD — Grace Church, Knoxville, broke ground March 25 for a \$1.6 million family life/education building. The facility will also provide a new fellowship hall and kitchen. The church has received \$1.1 million in pledges through a capital stewardship campaign. Average Sunday School attendance has increased over 150 per week in the last two years. Construction began April 13 and is expected to be completed in ten months. Participating in the ceremony were, from left, F. H. Harbin; Pastor Ronald Stewart; Rena West, the church's only living charter member; Ken Dryer, chairman of building committee; Wade Smith; David Noe; Joy Castleberry; and Carole Cox.

For several weeks the Baptist and Reflector has printed upcoming "Here's Hope" revivals. Now we would like the results. This form is the proper method to use to have the results of your revival printed.

Please clip and use this form to report

SPRING 1990 REVIVALS

Church _____ City _____
 Evangelist _____ From _____
 Singer _____ From _____
 Pastor _____ Meeting Date _____

_____ Additions by baptism _____ by letter _____ by statement
(Not including professions not joining)
 _____ For special service or ministry _____ Other professions

Mail to Baptist and Reflector, P. O. Box 728, Brentwood, Tenn. 37024
 immediately after revival.

Tennessee churches report 'Here's Hope' results

Many Tennessee Baptist churches have been participating in the Home Mission Board's "Here's Hope — Jesus Cares for You" Simultaneous Revival emphasis during the last eight weeks. The following results were reported to the Baptist and Reflector.

Calvary Church, Parsons, held revival March 18-23 with evangelist Steve Nelson, Fort Worth, Texas, and music director Matt Plunk of Parsons. The revival resulted in ten additions to the church by baptism and one by statement. Four others made professions of faith, but did not join the church.

D. L. Lowrie, Tennessee Baptist Convention executive director-treasurer, spoke at revival March 18-21 at Bethel Church, Greenbrier. The church reported seven professions of faith. Two people joined the church by letter, and 11 made rededications.

Wells Station Church, Memphis, held revival services March 25-28. Phil Glisson, Memphis, led the services and Huel Moseley, also of Memphis, led music. Four people joined the church by baptism, and four joined by letter. Nine additional people made professions of faith.

Seven people joined Parrans Chapel Church, Bolivar, during revival March 25-30. Five joined by baptism, and two by letter. Three others made professions of faith. Howard Kitter led the services and Jerry Clift led music. Both men are from Bolivar.

Liberty Church, Somerville, held revival March 25-30 with Robert Campbell of the Home Mission Board leading the services. Danny Dowdy, Somerville, led music. There were nine additions to the church by baptism, two by letter, and two by statement. Three others made professions of faith.

Mount Pleasant Church, Bradford, participated in revival March 25-30 with Mickey Basham, pastor of North Jackson Church, Jackson, as evangelist. Larry Sellers, minister of music at Mount Pleasant Church, led music.

There were eight professions of faith. Bill Hazlewood, director of missions for Cumberland Gap Association, led revival March 25-29 at Unity Church, Allardt. Four people made professions of faith and joined the church.

Twenty-five people rededicated their lives to Jesus at revival March 25-28 at First Church, Obion. Jerry Essary, minister of education and youth at Second Church, Union City, was evangelist, and Wendell Verdell, minister of music at First Church, Gleason, led music. There was one profession of faith.

Chapel Hill Church, Milan, held revival March 30-April 1. Blane Deloach led the services, and Todd Plett led music. Both are from Union University, Jackson. There were no professions of faith.

Floyd Lammersfeld, Gleason, led revival April 1-6 at First Church, Pinewood. Mark Garrett, Dickson, led music. There were three additions to the church by baptism. Two people made professions of faith without seeking church membership.

Gravel Hill calls Garrett

Jimmy G. Garrett was called as pastor of Gravel Hill Church, Ramer, effective March 1.

Garrett was most recently pastor of Silerton Church, Silerton, and was ordained at Parrans Chapel Church, Bolivar.

The Bolivar native earned a bachelor's degree from Union University, Jackson, and a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

He and his wife, Lisa, have two children.

Six people were baptized as a result of revival April 1-6 at Calvary Church, Smithville. Donald Owens, Lebanon, led the services, and Brad Leach led music.

Lucy Church, Millington, held revival April 1-6 with evangelist James Smith, Bolivar, and music director Rick McKinney, a student at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis. There were two professions of faith, five joining the church by letter, and several rededications.

Stan McFall led revival April 1-6 at First Church, LaFollette. Wendell

land Church minister of music, led music. Nine people joined the church by baptism and four joined by letter. In addition, two people made other decisions of faith.

Jack Smothers, Bells, led revival April 8-11 at Gum Springs Church, Lawrenceburg. James Springer, Lawrenceburg, led music. Two people joined the church by baptism, one by letter, and three by statement. In addition 48 people made other decisions.

Three former pastors of First Church, Shelbyville, Homer Cate of Knoxville, Alfred Royer of Knoxville, and Carl Duck, Nashville Association director of missions, led revival services April 8-13 at their former church. Music during the week was led by Bill Leach and Jerry Brown, both of the Baptist Sunday School Board; Steve Parks of Bedford County; and John McCall, First Church, Tullahoma.

Revival held April 8-13 at First Church, Cookeville, resulted in 18 professions of faith, 13 additions to the church by letter or statement, and one commitment to full-time Christian service. Vincent Cervera was guest evangelist, and Dennis McIntire led music.

Cochran accepts Covington pastorate

Mount Lebanon Church, Covington, recently called David Cochran Sr. as pastor, effective April 1.

Cochran has served as pastor of churches in Illinois and Ohio, and was pastor of Pleasant Hill Church, Jackson, for more than 11 years.

He attended Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, and graduated from Union University, Jackson.



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Revival provides hope for deaf

By Connie Davis, assistant editor
Because of a "Here's Hope" revival, a Tennessee deaf congregation grew from 25 to 38 members.

Communicating through sign language, Greg Johannsen, bivocational pastor of Holston Deaf Mission, Johnson City, reported, "I've been to a lot of revivals, but this one was exhilarating and a lot more emotional than others I've attended."

Of the 151 who attended the three-night revival ending April 1, five people became Christians and joined the church in addition to eight others who became new members. Six rededicated their lives, noted Johannsen.

Ben Cox, deaf retired layman from Memphis, led the services. The Tennessee Baptist Convention Missions Department provided expenses for language congregations hosting "Here's Hope" evangelists.

The revival is also a milestone for Johannsen's personal journey. Now

he can hold his first baptism. He was ordained as a minister in February.

He and his wife, Donna, have traveled from their home in Seymour to Johnson City for a year twice a month and since February every week to serve the mission. On Saturdays Johannsen often travels 150 miles to visit people.

An employee of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Johannsen had attended First Deaf Congregation, Knoxville, before learning about the needs of the beginning mission in Johnson City.

The mission, just a year and a half old, was begun by deaf Baptists. It meets at Holston Association's office and is jointly sponsored by the association and Central Church, Johnson City.

"In East Tennessee there are many that need to hear," signed Johannsen. And deaf people involved in his ministry "hear" because they hear the Gospel.



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Boertje, minister of music at Central Church, Bearden, Knoxville, led music. There were four additions to the church by baptism and two by letter.

One other person made a profession of faith.

Providence Church, Ooltewah, held revival April 8-11. Paul Forgey, Signal Mountain, led the services, and Larry Wilson, Ooltewah, led music. Three people joined the church by baptism.

Eighty people made decisions of faith during revival April 8-11 at First Church, Old Hickory. Henry Linginfelter, Alcoa, led the services, and Dick Barrett, Bremen, Ga., led music. There were 21 additions to the church by baptism, one by letter, and one by statement. In addition, four people made professions of faith, and 53 made rededications.

Valley View Church, Nashville, held revival April 8-13 with evangelist Terry Wilkerson, pastor of Rayon City Church, Nashville, Mike Drewry led music. Ten people united with the church — nine by baptism, and one by letter.

Lockeland Church, Nashville, held revival April 8-11 with D. L. Lowrie leading services. Mark Caruth, Locke-

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In Clinton Association

'Here's Hope' revival renews friendships

By **Connie Davis**, assistant editor
A "Here's Hope" revival last week in Clinton Association renewed friendships between Tennesseans and South Dakotans begun 13 years ago.

The pastor and former pastor of a church in South Dakota led revival services at Clinton Association's Clinch River Church because "we appreciate what the people from this church and this association have done for Piedmont Church," said Glenn Field, retired pastor of Piedmont Church, Piedmont, S.D.

Field refers to the association's investment of volunteer labor and about \$97,000 in the church over the past 13 years.

Although the church became debt-free last year, Tom Byrge, pastor of Clinch River Church, wanted to assure the church of "a continued working relationship with the people of Piedmont," he explained.

Piedmont Church Pastor John Peck,

who has served the church for nine months, appreciates the support. Less than one percent of the area's population is Southern Baptist, added Field, who also served as director of missions, Northern Plains Baptist Convention.

Peck is also glad to meet some of the Baptists who invested in the church. After one of the services, he said, he met the man who built much of the church's nursery furniture.

Director of Missions Michael Pearson observed Clinton Association's relationship with Piedmont Church is unique.

Led by the zeal of several Clinton Association pastors who assisted in revivals in the church-starved state during 1977, the association could boast by 1989 a debt-free facility for a growing congregation. But the relationship has required commitment.

Several years ago after most of the building was completed with help from

Tennessee construction teams, fewer Clinton Association Baptists were giving and going. But the congregation, averaging about 20 in attendance, couldn't meet its building payments, recalled Byrge last week.

The missions development committee, of which Byrge was a member, met and held a prayer meeting for Piedmont Church. The "spirit of awe" enveloping that meeting was as indescribable as "homemade ice cream," described Byrge. Things began to change.

Teams began to return to the area to lead Vacation Bible Schools and revivals, and complete construction on the building. Returning Baptists visited the association's 50 or so churches to report on the work.

"Piedmont Dollar Days" was begun to retire the debt. Churches were encouraged to contribute each quarter's fifth Sunday offering. About \$75,000 was given during a two-year period to

retire the debt, noted Byrge.

And Piedmont Church also participated by contributing their fifth Sunday offerings.

Today, the congregation is growing, averaging 60 in Sunday School, reported Peck. The area is home to about 10,000 young adults with access to only one other Baptist church and one additional evangelical church. And the people are very receptive to the Gospel, he said.

Peck suggested the church facility, with a capacity for 250 members, is a witness to the community. The members recently finished construction of the church's basement area.

But Baptist helpers are still needed, he said. Churches in the northern U.S. "aren't established in two years and aren't established in 20 areas maybe," said Peck. He challenged Baptists, especially "the greatest untapped resource," retired Baptists, to help.

Such volunteers "could shake this nation up," noted Peck.

Ball Camp members answer 'Macedonian call'

By **Lonnie Wilkey**, associate editor
KNOXVILLE — The interstate highways from the Volunteer State to South Carolina continue to be familiar roads to Tennessee Baptists.

Since Hurricane Hugo struck the coast of Charleston, S.C., and areas further inland last September, hundreds of Tennessee Baptists have responded to the devastation caused by the massive storm.

And although almost eight months have passed since Hugo hit, many needs remain. Fortunately, however, Tennessee Baptists are still responding.

One of the latest Tennessee groups to journey to South Carolina was a 92-member team from Ball Camp Church, Knoxville, who spent April 9-14 at Providence Church in Macedonia.

Prayer leaders meet

ATLANTA (BP) — Prayer leaders from six denominations and two parachurch groups met in Atlanta April 12 to compare notes on prayer movements that are gaining momentum across America.

The meeting, thought to be the first of its kind in the United States, was convened by Henry Blackaby of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Charles Crabtree of the Assemblies of God, and Al Vander Griend of the Christian Reformed Church.

A larger group of prayer leaders is scheduled to meet in Atlanta Nov. 29-Dec. 1. Attendance at this initial meeting was hindered due to scheduling conflicts, Blackaby said.

"We saw that God is doing some tremendous things in each of the denominations that none of us was aware of," Blackaby said. "I think when we have the opportunity to hear from other denominations, we'll see that prayer also has a priority for them."

No controversy surfaced during the meeting, he said: "There was not even one hint of discord. When we began to talk, we discovered it was almost as if God had issued a simultaneous call to His people to pray. There was a deep oneness of heart and mind."

Tennessee Baptists developed close ties with the Macedonia community soon after the hurricane struck. Mickey Caison, pastor of Providence Church, called the South Carolina Baptist Convention to ask for help.

The South Carolina convention then directed the Tennessee Baptist Convention's disaster relief units to the area where volunteers served 54,063 meals in a two-week span. The relationship has continued since then through various building projects.

"We're just one link in the chain," said Ball Camp Pastor William Hild Jr. "A lot of groups have gone before us and a lot will go after us," he added.

Hild and other church leaders agreed, however, the trip has provided lasting benefits.

One of the more positive aspects of the trip, church leaders agreed, was the tremendous response of the church. The 92 people who went represented almost one-fourth of the church's regular Sunday School attendance.

"Our folks caught a spirit of desire to help some people and to meet needs beyond the walls of this church," said Jeff Lane, minister of youth, who along

with church member Roscoe England, helped plan and coordinate the trip. England, a TBC disaster relief volunteer, already had made three trips to Macedonia on various projects.

Lane noted the mission trip was only the second in the church's history and the first in ten years. The idea was taken last year to the church council where someone suggested that instead of waiting until summer, they should do a project during spring break.

Lane recalled they initially hoped for 30 volunteers. But, with little promotion, the concept spread among church members.

During a Sunday night service, members were shown a 15-minute video depicting the needs in Macedonia and England gave a personal testimony, Hild said.

Hild also gave a ten-minute devotional based on Acts 16:9 which describes the "Macedonian call."

More than 100 people, ranging in age from four to 76, signed up for the trip. Ninety-two actually made the trek to Macedonia.

Once in Macedonia church members worked on eight homes, all in various stages of development. One home was

finished and a family moved into it shortly after the volunteers left.

The church's youth and some of the ladies helped relocate food and supplies from a warehouse to a new building which had been constructed on Providence Church's property.

Shelves were built to store the items. As food and material were brought into the new warehouse, the items were inventoried and put on a computer program supplied by Ball Camp Church.

Hild taught the secretary at Providence Church how to use the new program.

England, recalling Macedonia after Hugo hit, said words or photos simply could not adequately describe the devastation he witnessed.

"But now we have 92 people who have a feel of what the people in Macedonia experienced," he said.

The trip definitely made an impact upon the church, all three men agreed.

"It has opened some new sensitivities for ministry in this church," Hild said, adding that the trip gave us "a first-hand idea of what missions is about."



AT WORK — Gene Carr, member of Ball Camp Church, Knoxville, works on a building project in Macedonia, S. C. He was one of 92 church members who made the trip in mid-April. — Photos by William Hild Jr.



IN WAREHOUSE — Shirley Coker of Ball Camp Church helps stock items in the new warehouse at Providence Church.

Jesus' superior ministry

By W. Elzie Danley, pastor; Malesus Church, Jackson

The eighth chapter of Hebrews begins with a summary of the arguments presented so far. We who are Christians have a superior high priest, Jesus. He is in heaven performing His ministry for us who are here on earth. The Jewish-Christians were encouraged to remain faithful to Christ's church and to realize that Jesus, the superior High Priest, sits on the right hand of the Father in the true tabernacle of heaven. It was that divinely created tabernacle that God used as a pattern when He commanded the ancient Israelites to construct an earthly one.



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God's new and better covenant (8:7-13)

Based upon his arguments to this point and upon a citation from Jeremiah, chapter 34, the writer drew a conclusion that should have been obvious to his Jewish-Christian readers. It was that the new covenant under Christ was superior to the transitional and imperfect covenant given to the Israelites after they left the bondage of

Egypt. Under this new covenant commandments were to become an integral part of Christians' motivation and purposes in life. That is they would be "put in their minds and written on their hearts."

Place of the first tabernacle (9:1-18) Knowing the high regard the Jewish-Christian readers had for worship begun in the tabernacle and then in the temple, the author reminded them of the purpose of the tabernacle, and the practices that took place there. He noted that the gifts and sacrifices of the temple were imperfect in their ability to penetrate and perfect the conscience of man. At best they served in a superficial way to remove the guilt for the violation of His law. These gifts and sacrifices made no basic change in the hearts of the people.

Jesus' sacrificial ministry (9:11-28) The author has made his argument for the superiority of Christ as the High Priest who is ministering in the original and superior tabernacle of heaven. Some of the early manuscripts used a word to indicate that Jesus is the high priest "of good things to come." Other manuscripts indicate that He is the high priest "of the good things that have come." Both have

good manuscripts backing the different interpretations and both make good sense in slightly different contexts. In the context of Hebrews the translation, "the good things that have come," is preferable. The author is not focusing on "the good things to come" such as sanctification. Rather he called attention to "the good things that have come" as a result of a superior covenant.

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Basic Passage: Hebrews 8:1-10:18
Focal Passages: Hebrews 8:1-2, 9:11-15, 24-28

Jesus is presented as the superior sacrifice. No longer is the blood of animals necessary. For Christ's blood has been shed for us. His sacrifice is superior in that it provides redemption for sins for all time, not just on one day and for one occasion (v. 13).

Under the old sacrificial covenant, the blood-sacrifice of animals was the means of cleansing sins of the flesh. However it left man with a brooding and guilty conscience. The superior sacrifices of Jesus' blood resolved this; it cleanses the conscience as well (v. 14).

The writer of Hebrews used the word, covenant, such as we might use the "Last Will and Testament." Since the

Maker of that covenant or will died a sacrificial death, provisions of that covenant are available to His heirs. The choice to accept the call belongs to the individual.

We are reminded (v. 24) that the sanctuary in the tabernacle of Moses was only a copy of the true one in heaven where Christ serves as High Priest. Under the old covenant the High Priest entered the "Holy Place" of the tabernacle or temple once a year to offer sacrifices. Jesus, the Superior High Priest, offered Himself only once and that great sacrifice was sufficient for all ages.

The author of Hebrews made it clear that judgment follows death, a judgment where those who do not know Christ will tremble and those who do will face it with hope. The author intertwined the return of Christ with these events. The writer certainly believed that Christ would come a second time and he apparently assumed that other Christians believed so too.

The superior ministry of Jesus is one of forgiveness. His sacrificial death was presented once and it is sufficient for all time. Those who accept His great sacrifice will have their heart cleansed from all sin. Then they can look forward with great hope to Christ's return.

Love and hate

By Liz Thompson, layperson; First Church, Blountville

"See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God, and such we are" (1 John 3:1-3). "As He is, so are we in this world" (4:17).

John presses this truth throughout his letter. That which is born of God bears His likeness. He is not teaching sinless perfection (3:4-9), but rather that the indwelling seed has changed the wellspring of our life from lawlessness and self-centeredness to willing obedience to His Lordship. This practice of righteousness fleshed out in the children of God will cause both negative and positive responses. Cain was filled with jealousy and hatred toward Able because of God's favor, but he refused to yield to His authority (3:13). Others are amazed at the supernatural quality of life expressing itself through Christians and they are drawn into the circle of love that will transform them.



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We are to love all people, but primarily those in the family of God. This is not such a threatening command when viewed as a doctrinal truth. John must have known how difficult it is to get past our emotional response when dealing one on one, because he reminded that love must be demonstrated, not just talked about (3:18). Giving mental agreement to love in theory causes no one to lay down his life — it costs us nothing. But God has put us in community with other imperfect Christians who have the potential to wound us, irritate us, and become a drag on our freedom. He tells us to bear one another's burdens and weaknesses, and to encourage

others with His promises, as well as share our material possessions.

"See what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us . . ." that He would command us to do something we cannot possibly do in our own strength. By this He has made an opportunity for Himself, to prove Himself to be alive and adequate in us. As Jesus knelt before the disciples and washed their feet He instructed them to do likewise to one another. This position, taken by the one washing feet is one of humility and service. The act shouts of vulnerability. Think about it! Isn't that the meaning of agape? Is it not a manipulative love that expects a positive response? You may experience a kick from the foot you lovingly minister to, or you may find no measurable response. The act of loving is its own reward and the Christian is constrained to love by the abiding seed (3:9).

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Basic Passage: 1 John 3:11-24
Focal Passage: 1 John 3:11-24

"See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us." Look at Jesus who sacrificed the glories of Heaven for 33 years of earth time, willingly exposed His holy sensitivities to our sinful environment, suffering the rawness of our depravity and unashamed apathy toward that which is holy. Even when we have been brought to see how desperately we need a Savior, He must still continue to bear our burdens, forgive our sins, and speak encouragement and acceptance to our soul. We are never, in our best moments, deservingly; therefore God's love is unconditional, eternal grace. If I experience this kind of love, I should be at least willing to stand with God as He loves

another through me. "We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our life for another" (3:16).

What kind of love gives evidence we are born of God and assures our hearts before Him? (3:19) It is not the "milk of human kindness" common to all men. It is God's nature released in us when we yield to His promptings and allow God to be Himself through us. This most surely will call for laying down one's life — sacrificing feelings, denying self in favor of making Christ visible and available to others. Perhaps God would make you aware of His desire to be more visible to your mate and children through sacrificial acts of love. Perhaps there are those in your church family God would make aware of His accessibility by your availability to them. Is there a leader you must work under who assaults your sensitivities, or with whom you sharply disagree? Your bitterness and self pity threaten to defile many (Hebrews 12:13). Lay it down! It isn't worth the disharmony in the fellowship. Would you be willing to give up some activity you feel at liberty about, but are now aware that it adversely influences the weaker brothers in your fellowship? This is the practice of agape (1 Corinthians 8:9; Romans 14:15). God's grace can lift you above the disgust you feel toward pastor, church staff, or fellow worker whose blind spot or weakness of the flesh troubles the waters. The One who commands us to wash one another's feet provides the promptings for who, how, when, and where. He then gets the glory because we can not love like that.

Agape is a natural motion in the redeemed heart where Christ reigns. It is not a natural response in the mind or emotions (Galatians 5:17). One of the best illustrations of this reality comes from Corrie Ten Boon. After surviving the horrors of a Nazi concentration camp, Corrie was sharing about the love of Christ to forgive and cleanse us from all sins. A man she

recognized as a guard reached out to shake her hand, responding to the message. Revenge, hate, and bitterness flooded her soul along with the memories, and threatened to discredit her message of God's love. She felt the promptings in her heart as the Lord said, "I love this man. I died for this one too." Corrie could not love this man, nor did she want to. But she yielded to the Lord. Immediately her soul was flooded with love and acceptance and her hand met his in warm genuine affection and joy. This is the life and great love that the Father has bestowed upon us, that assures our hearts before Him and gives the name "Christian" credibility.

Allen Church calls Robbins as pastor

Allen Church, Brownsville, called Bill Robbins as pastor, effective March 4.

Robbins most recently served as pastor of Forest Park Church, Farmington Hills, Mich., where he served for more than six years. He also served as pastor of Calvary Church, Brownsville; West Paris Church, Paris; and Southside Church, Jackson. He was a member of the Michigan Baptist Convention executive board while he served in that state.

He was ordained in 1962 at Lakeview Church, Selmer.

He and his wife, Ann, have two daughters and one son.

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Honesty in prayer

By Kenny Cooper, pastor; Bellevue Church, Nashville

The "confessions" of Jeremiah, as they are called, give great insight into the personality of the prophet. Chapters 11-12 and 20 give us the first and last of these confessions or laments. There are a total of five or six, depending on whether the last one is divided (11:18-12:6; 15:10-21; 17:14-18; 18:18-23; 20:7-13[14-18]). In these agonizing discourses, we encounter honest prayer.

First confession (11:18-12:6)

This confession follows Jeremiah's discovery of a plot against his life. He had lent his support to Josiah's reform which sought to re-establish worship in the temple at Jerusalem. Part of this reform was to shut down other centers of worship such as the one in Jeremiah's home village of Anathoth. He appeared to be a traitor to his kinsmen and their religious tradition. While Jeremiah was speaking the word he received from God, his enemies were devising their scheme.

We sense a naivete on the part of the prophet. Such evil against one who is doing right is unthinkable to Jeremiah. Like another prophet, he likened himself to a lamb being led to the slaughter. He had called the priests an olive tree to be cut down (11:16); then his enemies said they would cut down the tree (Jeremiah) with its fruit (his

message). Jeremiah lamented his unimaginable situation, yet his faith was in God who judges righteously. These men of Anathoth would be dealt with.

The second half of this first confession raises the question of God's integrity. It is a question voiced by Job and others: "Why do the wicked prosper?" The standard theology of Jeremiah's day is one still shared by many today — the righteous prosper and the wicked perish. Jeremiah's experience did not agree with this theology. He saw false prophets and priests flourishing and himself barely escaping an assassination plot. Worst of all, it seemed as if God assisted them — "thou plantest them." These false representatives talked of God, but their hearts betrayed them.

Even in raising such a complaint about God's own integrity, Jeremiah reaffirmed his faith: "But thou, O Lord, knowest me" (12:3). He called on God to deal with the ruthless imposters. The response Jeremiah received to his honest prayer was unexpected: "Jeremiah, you haven't seen anything yet!"

Last confession (20:7-13)

Some have rated this last confession as the high point in Old Testament prophetic literature. Here one finds insight into the prophet's soul and the nature of the prophetic call.

Coming after the record of being placed in the stocks by the priest Passhur, this lament of Jeremiah may be associated with that event. Or, as



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some scholars feel, the lament may represent Jeremiah's outburst after a series of distressing events. In either case, Jeremiah raised his most serious complaint against God. In rather crude terms Jeremiah accused God of taking advantage of him as a man might a young woman ("deceive" means literally "seduce"). God called him to this burdensome task, but did not prepare him for the treatment he was to face. In the stocks he was a laughingstock!

escape. If he didn't preach, the message would consume him like fire inside.

To add to his difficulty, he was betrayed by his "familiar friends." They were, according to the Hebrew, people of his peace (shalom), i.e. those who should have had his well-being at heart. So, in addition to feeling deceived by God, Jeremiah had also lost his support group. They joined the others in turning his message "terror is on every side" into a nickname. Jeremiah had come to be known as Mr. Terror Everywhere.

Even in these depths, the still deeper resources of his faith came into play. He again raised the conjunction of condition — "But the Lord is with me ..." (v. 11). Jeremiah seemed to have crossed a threshold. He rose from this encounter (confrontation) with God having won a victory on his knees. Hereafter we do not find the prophet so susceptible to the whim and venom of his adversaries. He could then "sing to the Lord" (v. 13). Such can be the result of prayer which is honest with self and honest with God.

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Basic Passage: Jeremiah 11:18 to 12:6; 20:7-18
Focal Passages: Jeremiah 12:1, 5; 20:7-11

The natural inclination we all have in difficult circumstances is to give up and quit. Jeremiah is honest enough to verbalize it. He, too, would have liked to quit, but he couldn't! So his predicament was doubly difficult — the task was impossible, but one he could not

P & G to sue rumormongers

CINCINNATI — The Procter & Gamble Company has announced it is intensifying efforts to identify and to bring lawsuits against individuals who continue to spread false and malicious statements and printed flyers wrongfully associating P & G with satanism.

These rumors have been circulating for about ten years, and recently have resurfaced primarily in southern and southeastern states including Tennessee.

Procter & Gamble is tracking leads with intent to file suit against persons identified as spreading these rumors.

The company has established a toll-free security hot line number (1-800-331-3774) for use by anyone who can provide specific leads on persons spreading the false information.

P & G Executive Vice President Gerald V. Dirvin said, "This is a serious insult to our company's good reputation and we will take appropriate steps, including legal remedies, to bring an end to these vicious lies."

Commenting on the falsehoods wrongfully associating P & G with satanism, Jerry Vines, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said, "I do not believe it is proper for those who claim to be Christians to participate in unwarranted and reckless accusations. Such does great harm to the Christian faith and also to The Procter & Gamble Company."

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Tennessee businessman offers employees more than a job

By Jim Burton

MEMPHIS (BP) — When industrialist Bill Gurley arrives at his clay-processing plant in Middleton, he has to like what he sees. Workers take the earth's clay and transform it into consumer products — cat litter, oil absorbents, and grease absorbents.

The earth's clay has been good to Gurley. His company holds an estimated 13 percent of the U.S. market share of cat litter. But despite his business success, the 67-year-old Gurley is a modern-day potter who is more interested in molding and transforming the hearts of men and women.

At least once a month, Gurley drives from his Memphis corporate headquarters to Middleton and meets one-on-one with new employees. It is the new employee's opportunity to ask the boss any questions. And Gurley gets to ask some important questions, too.

"I want to spend some time with you talking about where you are going to spend eternity," Gurley tells each employee.

Casually dressed so as not to intimidate employees, he clearly notes that their conversation will have no effect upon employment. Employees are not to respond because of who he is.

During a simple presentation of the Gospel, he asks employees if they know why Jesus Christ died on the cross.

Gurley finds that most people don't understand the significance of Christ's death and resurrection because no one has ever taken the time to explain it to them.

"I try to take advantage of any opportunities that are available to bring as many people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ in as short a period of time as possible," said Gurley. "That's my desire."

During one recent afternoon visit with ten employees, eight men made professions of faith in Christ.

Gurley prays with each one after giving the employee a Bible and a tract of his personal testimony. He asks each new Christian to make a commitment to begin reading the Bible

that day and to tell someone about their decision.

Gurley's commitment to marketplace evangelism stems from his own conversion experience. He is quick to share his testimony of how a Mississippi dentist led an 18-year-old farm boy and budding entrepreneur to Christ during an office visit.

"The question is, if he hadn't cared enough to share Christ with me, where would I be today?" asked Gurley. "No one knows."

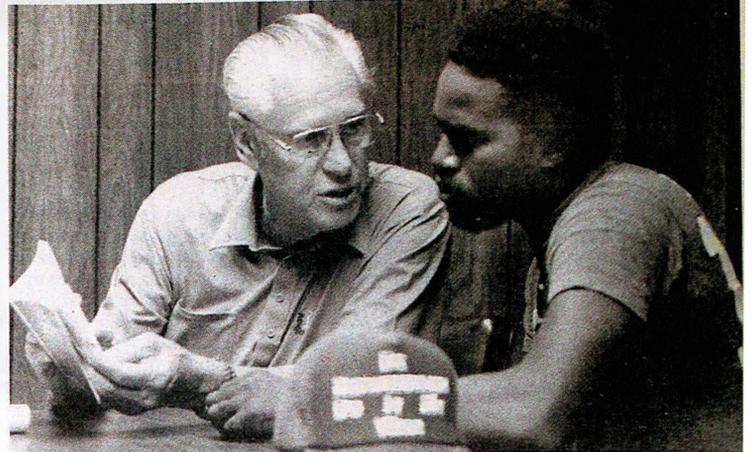
He didn't get serious about his faith until he was 25. Since then Gurley's personal ministry has centered around starting churches and leading people to faith in Christ.

For years he helped start new churches. The burden for new churches grew to the point that he initiated an interest-free loan program to finance new church buildings. Gurley now employs one person full time to administer the church loans and assist in marketplace evangelism.

But it wasn't until the last ten years that Gurley realized he had "a place of evangelism right here in my own organization" and began witnessing to employees.

He was anxious to expand his marketplace evangelism strategy for two reasons: to reach more people and measure the response of people who didn't work for him.

Gurley visits other businesses at the invitation of the owners and meets



CARING BOSS — Bill Gurley, left, shares the plan of salvation with an employee at his clay-processing plant in Middleton. Gurley meets with each new employee to talk with them about their relationship to God.

with each employee. Through the years, he has found that the percentage of those who pray to receive Christ is the same whether he is witnessing to his own employees or in another company. In one year, he led 130 people to Christ.

The key to his success is asking people for a decision, said Gurley. Other Christian businessmen sponsor Bible studies or bring speakers to their business, but they fail to ask for decisions. Others fear rejection.

"I can sit down and talk with a person, and I understand that if he does not accept Christ as his Savior he has not rejected me," said Gurley. "He has rejected Christ. I can go just as fresh to that next person and talk to him as if the other person had prayed to receive Christ."

Gurley attends Bellevue Church, Memphis, when he's in the state. He also has a residence in Florida and is a member of First Church, Leesburg.

Romania: 'From tyranny to liberty'

BUCHAREST, Romania — "From tyranny to liberty" is how a new Romanian government minister described the hope for Romania.

Nicolae Ceausescu was appointed as minister for religious affairs in the new interim government, following the fall of the Ceausescu regime. Contrary to some reports, this past unpopular and oppressive ministry still exists, but at least there is a glimmer of hope for the future and a clear striving for religious liberty in the future.

"The minister told us that there might not be a ministry after May 20," said Baptist World Aid director designate, Paul Montacute. "It is possible that the state would no longer interfere in church affairs after the election of a new government."

Stoicescu explained that under the interim government the already existing laws still remain in force. It would be up to the newly elected government to determine future legal framework. In the past this has led to tight controls for churches regarding legal recognition of churches, pastors and leaders, and government approval for new buildings.

Pleading for goodwill and understanding, Stoicescu expressed the hope that past problems will be resolved. "We are not yet a democracy," he said. "It is like being in a cave, going towards the light."

Romanian Baptist president Traian Grecu asked the minister "not to apply those aspects of the law that have discriminated against Baptists." In reply, the minister asked for comments from Baptists on the proposed new laws. In addition, the Baptist Union has been given permission to open a bank account for convertible currency.

Many problems have occurred at the regional and local level, and the minister promised to intervene where necessary. He did, however, point out that "goodwill, understanding, and a new attitude will develop."

For years the major problem for Baptist churches in Romania has been interference from the state. Now, however, with a resurgence of the Or-

thodox Church and with the recent re-election of a patriarch who was supportive of Ceausescu, other problems could arise.

Baptist leaders are hoping that Stoicescu's prediction of the end of the ministry of religious affairs will not lead to fear of oppression from Orthodoxy.

Associational leadership conferences scheduled

The Convention Ministries Division of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will again sponsor four associational leadership conferences in May.

The associational leadership conferences are held to train directors of missions; missions development directors; associational secretaries, treasurers, and financial secretaries; and directors of Brotherhood, Church Media Library, Church Music, Discipleship Training, Evangelism, Stewardship, Sunday School, and Woman's Missionary Union.

For the first time, this year, age-group associational leaders will be included. Sessions have been added in Discipleship Training for adults, youth, and preschool/children; and for Baptist Women, Baptist Young Women, Acteens, GA's, and Mission Friends.

A conference will be held May 21 for upper east Tennessee at First Church, Jefferson City. Central Church, Hixson, will host the lower east Tennessee conference May 22, and Brownsville Church, Brownsville, will host the west Tennessee conference May 24. The middle Tennessee conference will be held May 25 at the Tennessee Baptist Center in Brentwood.

Vern Powers, director of Protection Plans at the TBC, will lead a session on Annuity Board Benefit Plans. Ef-

forts will be made to enlist one pastor, one bivocational pastor, and two lay people from each association.

In addition, T. W. Hunt of the Baptist Sunday School Board will lead a Bold Mission Prayer Thrust session. Directors of missions are urged to bring a representative from each association to attend this session.

Directors from other TBC departments will lead other sessions.

Reservations should be made through the association's director of missions. Registration will begin at 2:45 p.m. the day of the conference. Sessions will begin at 3:15 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.

Sellers hosts reunion

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — Sellers Baptist Home in New Orleans will host a reunion for its adoptive parents and children during the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting June 13.

Mary Dan Kuhnle, director of the maternity home and adoption center, said the reunion is planned for children and parents who have been brought together through the service but is open to all Southern Baptists attending the convention.

The reunion will take place 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, during the free afternoon of the convention program.

Baptist Beliefs

By Herschel H. Hobbs

Consistent Christians

"As ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness."
Romans 6:19

Paul is comparing the Christian life to the pre-Christian life. "Members" may be seen as a person's body and abilities. "Servants" (doula) means slaves.

Before his readers became Christians they were slaves to evil and Satan. Their total selves were committed to serve in sinful ways. Now that they are Christians they should become slaves to Christ to pursue righteousness and holiness.

Our total beings should be dedicated to the Lord. If we would serve Christ with the same devotion that we once served Satan, we would turn the whole world to Christ. But unfortunately consistency is a rare jewel.