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Theologian Carl F.H. Henry
warns of democracy's decline

By Lee Hollaway

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WASHINGTON (BP)--As the United States prepares for its last presidential election in this century, a longtime observer has questioned the survival of American-style democracy.

"No nation and no culture can long survive in the absence of shared values -- indeed of transcendent values and absolutes," says Carl F.H. Henry, an evangelical theologian with more than 50 years' experience as a writer, editor and observer of America's religious and political landscape.

The nation's loss of its roots in the church and Judeo-Christian values is at the heart of Henry's concerns expressed in his latest book, "Has Democracy Had Its Day?" released at the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission's annual national seminar, March 4-6 in Washington.

"No nation can long preserve its own equilibrium -- let alone provide world leadership -- if it confuses ultimate distinctions of right and wrong and subjectivizes truth," says Henry.

He points to several factors which he feels "loosen democracy's life supports:" the privatization of God, the failure to harmonize racial animosities, the triumph of greed and sex over moral sense and a deliberately confrontational spirit.

Henry says he has not given up on democracy, but "ideal democracy remains a dream" the world has yet to see in practice. The United States is the "supreme world carrier of democratic principles. But America has far to go in fully actualizing democratic ideals of justice and compassion, equality and freedom."

Keeping the democratic ideal alive requires, he believes, both corporate and individual commitment.

"If democracy is to survive effectively, its champions need not only to pray but also to speak up, maintain links with elected officials, and support preferred candidates for office."

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Henry sees political participation as a moral imperative: "In an age when accepted standards of right and wrong are scorned, when doubt threatens to evaporate great national beliefs and political principles and weakens inherited guidelines, those who refuse to abandon history to the forces of decadence must speak out. Democracy can be forfeited if the people neglect intelligent participation in public affairs. Not to be personally engaged in this time of cultural indecision and moral confusion is to be unworthy not only of democratic political existence, but of significant human survival as well."

Christians, he feels, hold a special obligation. "Christians are citizens of two worlds, and the high price of neglect of cultural and political participation is that secular humanism or some other costly alternative will dominate the field. To the extent that Christians are able and competent they must actively participate in the political process."

Henry says he remains optimistic about grass-roots support for democracy, even though some of its strongest supporters rarely are heard. "An embattled multitude remains devoted to the biblical heritage despite secular society's routine underestimation of it. Most modern Christians view democracy favorably and believe it should be nurtured over against authoritarian governments. The surest way to lose it is to neglect its distinctives and to take it for granted."

While it is possible that "democracy may not be the wave of the future," Henry says he is convinced it is the best option available.

"A democratically chosen and constitutionally limited government seems to be the political structure most compatible with the Christian insistence on human worth and liberty and most likely to accommodate the promotion and protection of human freedoms, justice, and peace."

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SBC Cooperative Program gifts
dip in February; designated up

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program gifts for the month of February totaled \$12,103,599, down 2.68 percent from the previous year's month, according to Morris H. Chapman, president and chief executive officer of the SBC Executive Committee.

The \$12,103,599 for February 1996 compares to \$12,437,257 for February 1995, or a decrease of \$333,658.

For the five months of the SBC fiscal year, October through February, the CP total is \$60,319,676, compared to \$60,878,340 during the same period a year ago, a .92 percent decrease, or \$558,663.

However, the year-to-date CP total is above the SBC Cooperative Program Allocation budget requirement -- \$59,012,136 -- for that period, or 2.22 percent over the budget. The monthly budget requirement for the SBC is \$11,802,427, thus the February 1996 figure is 2.55 percent above the budget.

Designated gifts rose more than \$7.2 million in February over the previous year's February: \$43,986,895 compared to \$36,727,593, or a 19.77 percent increase. Year-to-date designated giving is up more than \$5.7 million compared to the same period the previous year: \$69,580,000 compared to \$63,866,420, or an 8.95 percent increase.

The SBC Cooperative Program total includes receipts from individuals, churches, state conventions and fellowships for distribution according to the 1995-96 Cooperative Program Allocation Budget.

The Cooperative Program is Southern Baptists' method of supporting missions and ministry efforts of state and regional conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention. Designated contributions include the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions, world hunger and other special gifts.

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State and regional conventions retain a percentage of Cooperative Program contributions they receive from the churches to support work in their areas and send the remaining funds to the Executive Committee for national and international ministries. The percentage of distribution is at the discretion of each state or regional convention.

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Coppenger: Bible evokes
preaching with an 'edge'

By James A. Smith Sr.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--The Bible is "a book with an edge," with the "power to offend and the power to distinguish," requiring ministers to take seriously their calling to preach the Word of God.

"If you preach the whole counsel of God, you're going to offend people," said Mark T. Coppenger, president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. "This is a powerful, edgy book."

Coppenger, in the Feb. 29 chapel service at the Kansas City, Mo., seminary, preached from the Acts 20:25-31 account of Paul's farewell message to the Ephesian elders.

Paul's message provides a three-fold model of ministry -- ministers should be dispassionate, compassionate and passionate, Coppenger said.

Urging the seminarians not to "shirk the whole counsel of God," Coppenger described Paul as dispassionate in his preaching to the Ephesians. Paul was not uninterested, but instead, objective about the Word of God, Coppenger said.

There is a tendency to use the opportunity of preaching to "stick it to people" or, conversely, to preach in a way to be a "man-pleaser," Coppenger said, warning against both extremes.

Coppenger also insisted preachers should not avoid the hard passages. Since the Bible "messes with" those difficult issues, ministers should study the text and preach those passages as well. Contrary to popular opinion, many people appreciate ministers who preach the difficult passages, he said.

Because Paul preached the "whole counsel of God" to the Ephesians, he could not be held accountable for their blood, Coppenger said, explaining compassionate preaching can literally spare bloodshed.

Coppenger illustrated the point by recounting a recent incident in his own preaching ministry. While preaching on Amos about "the day of the Lord," a man came during the invitation who admitted he was planning to murder gang members who had murdered his son. Because the man was convicted by the Word of God, he decided not to go through with his plans.

"Faithful preaching can save lives," Coppenger said. "This is life-and-death stuff."

Lynchings resulting from racism is one example of how bloodshed could have been spared if "the pulpits in the South had been faithful," Coppenger said.

"If the Southern Baptist preachers throughout the South had opened the Word of God" and proclaimed racism "an abomination before the Lord," lives would have been spared, Coppenger insisted.

Many types of bloodshed are spared by faithfully preaching the Bible, Coppenger said. Abortion, driving while intoxicated, spousal abuse, murder in the ghettos for basketball shoes, Dr. Kevorkian's brand of "assisted-suicide" and wars between Christians were examples cited by Coppenger.

"When you stand in the pulpit, you're not just talking about salvation of souls," Coppenger said. "You're talking about literal bloodshed in the land. The preacher who is not proclaiming the will of God may have that blood on his hands."

Coppenger also urged passionate preaching, citing the incessant warnings to the Ephesians Paul voiced "with tears."

"That's the passion of the gospel," Coppenger said.

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Noting only people who will surrender are the ones God can use, Coppenger expressed dismay at the rise of "careerism" in the ministry.

"If you're career-minded, you'll have a lousy career," Coppenger said. "The most wonderful, scintillating, gratifying careers are those that are not sought, but are discovered by God's leading in one's life."

Urging the seminarians not to fall for careerism, "dental plans" or "glory on the platform," Coppenger asserted, "This slick, self-protecting, professional, guarded, career-minded way of life stinks!"

Coppenger was also disdainful of preachers who are lax in their responsibilities. "If you need to be a golf pro or ne'er-do-well or who knows what, get on with it, but stop taking our churches' salary."

Rather, "Be people who will in fact burn out, instead of rust out," Coppenger said. "Only by losing yourself in a cause can you be happy."

"Have a holy passion that you are about the great, great work of God," Coppenger said.

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Her missions trips
number 36 since 1982

By Leigh Pritchett

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)--Martha Willis has climbed the Great Wall of China, traveled the Amazon River and battled mosquitoes in Alaska -- and done it all in the name of Jesus.

Since 1982, she has been on 19 home mission projects and 17 foreign ones. Thirteen trips were in the past five years, four of them in 1995.

The projects ranged from medical missions and lay renewal to Vacation Bible School and evangelism. They've taken her from her home in Crossville, Ala., to Montana, Alaska, Texas, Wyoming, Hawaii and Michigan, as well as sites in Alabama, and overseas to Korea, South America, Africa, Australia, England, Mexico, Spain, Russia and China.

Willis, a member of Kilpatrick Baptist Church for 48 years, said she has paid her expenses for each journey.

Her diligence in missions earned her the title of "1995 volunteer of the year," from the Alabama Baptist State Convention last November. Willis' commitment to spreading the gospel can be traced back to when she was 12 years old. In a one-room schoolhouse in Virginia, she asked Jesus to come into her heart and be her Savior.

That same year, she felt God wanted her to be a missionary.

By the age of 16, she was working in Vacation Bible School at her church. Subsequently, she became a youth leader and taught young people for 28 years. Yet she always felt like there was something else she needed to do.

In addition to her responsibilities at church, she was a licensed practical nurse at Boaz-Albertville Medical Center for 28 years. Plus, there were cattle to tend.

And she and her husband, John Lee Willis, reared two children -- John Michael Willis, now of Gadsden, Ala., and Dorothy Marie Brandenburg, of Marietta, Ga.

In 1982, two years after her husband's death, Willis embarked on her first mission project, ministering to migrant workers in Fyffe, Ala.

"The next summer, I took off two months (from work) and served there," she said.

The following year, Willis believes she received a special message from God, one that told her to lighten her load so she could be available for other work.

During her quiet time one morning, the Lord told her it was time to retire. Willis immediately called her supervisor and began to work out her retirement notice.

Now the grandmother of three talks of all the "wonderful experiences" she has had while doing the Lord's work.

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Among them are witnessing 16,000 people being baptized in Seoul, South Korea; delivering a "simple devotional" in a home in Brazil at which time five people accepted Christ as their Savior; and teaching in such a remote area of Alaska that the only way to get there was by plane.

Many times, Cora Osborne was Willis' mission partner. But since Osborne's death, Willis has acquired a new mission partner -- her daughter. The two went to Brazil last year, her daughter's first mission trip.

All along, Willis has maintained an array of responsibilities at her church. Currently she is discipleship training director and a children's Sunday school teacher as well as VBS director, a job she has held so many years she really can't remember the number.

Nonetheless, she always is looking ahead to her next mission trip. This summer, there may be two -- one to Brazil and one to Russia.

Although her husband can't be with her, "he provided the means," she said. "So wherever I go, I feel like he's a part of it."

Looking around her living room, Willis described her home as "adequate." She's comfortable there and needs no other material things, she said. "I don't want possessions to keep me home."

So she puts her financial resources into the Lord's work.

In addition to the funds, Willis also contributes "my best at sharing the love of Jesus," she said.

In return, she gets "the greatest joy and the greatest fulfillment of my life."

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Pritchett is a correspondent for The Alabama Baptist.

Special counseling skills key
to crises such as death, dying By Charles Willis

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LAS VEGAS (BP)--Pastoral counseling in crisis intervention or with people coping with death require special skills to deal both with immediate and ongoing needs, participants in a "Pastoral Care in the 90s" conference were told, Feb. 29-March 1 in Las Vegas.

Some crisis intervention counseling is immediate, said Neil Knierim, a pastoral care consultant with the Baptist Sunday School Board's pastor-staff leadership department, but others are ongoing. While accidents, deaths and fires might be considered immediate needs, others may qualify as both immediate and ongoing crises, such as dealing with suicidal people, depression, burnout, unemployment and church members in conflict.

In dealing with crises, Knierim said, a series of actions on the part of the pastoral caregiver can provide positive help to people in need.

"Make contact," he said, "being both physically and emotionally present. Reduce anxiety by listening, speaking in soft tones and affirming the person in crisis."

Focusing on facts rather than uncertain future outcomes is best, he continued. "Focus on what is, not what might happen."

Evaluate resources that can be offered personally, spiritually, professionally and in the community, he said, and plan simple, workable intervention steps.

Encourage action on the part of the person in crisis, Knierim said. "Let the client do the work, not the counselor. Let the client decide on appropriate action.

"Instill hope. Spiritual hope is a primary resource," he said.

Counseling people who are dying or whose loved ones are approaching death, he said, may be affected by one's early experiences with death.

"We have to deal with how we feel about death before we are able to help others," Knierim advised ministers.

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Emotionally, the stages of dying generally include shock and denial, anger, bargaining with God, depression and, finally, acceptance, he said.

But the dying person can have specific needs that may be met through pastoral care. Among those, he said, can be the need to express feelings, to overcome the loneliness of dying, to know that one's life has been meaningful, to find meaning in the present and to continue to feel useful.

Others may be to maintain some control over the remaining days of life, the need for consistent, honest communication, a desire for people who know the Lord to walk with them through the dying experience and the need to let go of life.

Pastoral care can help families of terminally ill people accept the reality of the person's approaching death, facilitate the family's grief and help them understand and anticipate what may happen in the death process, Knierim said.

"Churches would do well to teach people to prepare for a family death," he observed. "In many cases, this can require the person to admit that death is approaching."

"Pastoral Care in the 90s" was sponsored by the pastor-staff leadership department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

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(BP) photo (horizontal, color) from the Pastoral Care in the 90s conference is posted in the SBCNet News Room.

To meet demands, ministers
urged to care for themselves

By Charles Willis

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LAS VEGAS (BP)--AIDS, stress, burnout, hospital visits, death and grief, crisis intervention and a wide range of family counseling needs represent part of a burgeoning list of pastoral care demands that require ministers to have balanced lives in order to help others.

Participants in a "Pastoral Care in the 90s" conference at Spring Valley Baptist Church in Las Vegas heard the need for professional and personal preparation to deal with caregiving demands.

"Your psychological, social, emotional and spiritual health are the most important resources you bring to a counseling situation," said Neil Knierim, a consultant in the Baptist Sunday School Board's pastor-staff leadership department. "Because of the spiritual nature of your work and the personal health aspect of it, you need divine calling and self-esteem combined to be in a position to provide care."

A divine call to ministry, he said, includes the call to be witnesses for Christ, to use one's unique assets and talents to minister, to build the church and to meet one's own needs for fellowship with God.

Self-esteem results from personal competence, character, strength and a feeling of significance, Knierim said.

Competence in listening, caring, sympathy, spiritual gifts and the ability to understand others can make ministers feel they are able to handle situations and to accomplish what is needed, he said. Personal doubts about character or trusting oneself and strength, the ability to stand up for oneself, diminish self-esteem.

He said being loved and loving and feeling useful are anchored in self-acceptance, "because of who Jesus is. If you can't accept yourself, you can't be helpful to others. When you don't feel loved, you don't feel fulfilled.

"You have to have that balance in your life in order to help others," Knierim continued. "Mingled with God's call in your life, that enables you to have fulfillment. When you have fulfillment, stress doesn't get to you so much. When these things get out of balance, that is when you notice your uncomfortableness."

Sleep, diet and exercise play important roles in preparing oneself to help others, he said, as well as knowing when to back away from involvement with persons in need.

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"Jesus needed distance," Knierim observed. "He modeled that by pulling aside to rest."

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**Pastoral listening includes
observing, ministers told**

By Charles Willis

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LAS VEGAS (BP)--"The mouth lies; the body is pretty truthful," said Richard Dayringer.

A professor in the Southern Illinois School of Medicine, Dayringer said he believes observation is a form of listening to people who have caregiving needs, and body language sometimes can tell ministers more about people than their words do.

Speaking at a "Pastoral Care in the 90s" conference, Feb. 29-March 1 at Spring Valley Baptist Church in Las Vegas, Dayringer said a perceptive pastor can know which people need attention by just observing them as they talk to him on the way out of church on Sundays.

How one's hands move or one's arms are positioned during conversation may convey feelings different from the verbal conversation.

And, at the same time, he said, good counseling skills include how the counselor "attends" the person being counseled. Eye contact, posture and other nonverbal communication on the part of the minister are among counseling skills persons may not necessarily be aware of unless they are absent.

Being a good listener includes awareness of the body signals of others as well as your own, he said. The goal of listening is to understand people.

"You have to discipline yourself to put other things out of your mind for the few minutes or even an hour you may listen to someone else," he said.

And men may need to work harder at listening skills than women. "Women are better listeners and are more interested in people, while men tend to be more interested in things," he observed.

Paying attention to space is another facet of observation, Dayringer added. "Watch how people claim space as their own. That should be honored and respected."

The feelings from which words come motivate the choice of words used. People in a "parent ego state" will sound authoritative and use words like "must," "should," "always" and "never." The "child ego state" is used for expressions of hurt and feelings of inability. The "adult ego state" uses words like "who," "what," "when," "where" and "why," taking in information and processing it in an unbiased way.

Listening for words, nonverbal messages and emotions, he concluded, can enhance the effectiveness of pastoral care and counseling.

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A resource list related to active listening, Listen.txt, is posted in the SBCNet News Room. (BP) photo (horizontal, color) from the Pastoral Care in the 90s conference is posted in the SBCNet News Room.

Robert Reccord: ITF members

face challenges on their knees By Dwayne Hastings

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WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)--Given the responsibility to provide the framework for remolding the agencies of the nation's largest Protestant denomination, members of the Southern Baptist Convention's Implementation Task Force wasted no time in turning to God for wisdom, said ITF chairman Robert Reccord.

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"God laid on my heart to not start with the organizational stuff but to start with the heart first," Reccord said Feb. 28 in an interview at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

Reccord, pastor of First Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va., said the task force does not make a move unless it is bathed in prayer.

"We begin all our meetings in a season of prayer, not simply a perfunctory, 'Lord, bless this meeting,'" Reccord said. "We spend time in focused prayer. We pray not only for our work but for the agency heads with which we will be working and their employees. We pray for their spouses."

Following the assent messengers gave the Program and Structure Study Committee report, "Covenant for a New Century," at last year's SBC annual meeting in Atlanta, the SBC Executive Committee established the Implementation Task Force last September to begin laying the groundwork for the proposed SBC restructuring -- which awaits a second vote during this year's annual meeting in New Orleans to amend SBC bylaw 15 naming the convention's entities.

And while the task force has moved forward to "analyze, study and take actions necessary" to implement the proposed changes, Reccord said task force members spend nearly as much time in prayer as they do making plans around a conference table.

The task force is not keen on erecting an empty spiritual facade, Reccord said. "We pray because the members of the task force, while incredibly confident in their makeups, are wonderfully and spiritually sensitive in their hearts.

"They get on their knees because they felt that's where we ought to be with the magnitude of what we're dealing with and knowing that only God can go before us and behind us." This task is greater than any man, Reccord said. "God has gone ahead of us to prepare our hearts and the hearts of those with whom we deal."

Before task force members had their first meeting, Reccord recommended they read two books: "The Coming Revival" by Bill Bright and "Broken in the Right Place" by Alan Nelson.

Borrowing from the theme Nelson outlines in his book, Reccord said brokenness is key to spiritual leadership. "He talks about making sure your heart is right with God before you do anything on the leadership level."

Bill Bright's book details how, through prayer and fasting, the body of Christ is enabled as "a conduit through which God can work," Reccord said.

Reccord called together Southern Baptist agency heads, state executive directors, seminary presidents and members of the Executive Committee for a day of prayer and fasting Feb. 21, at the close of the Executive Committee's February meeting in Nashville. "It was one of the most amazing days I have ever been through," Reccord said.

He said songwriter Steve Green rearranged his schedule to open the assembly. "The rest of the day dealt with Bible study and prayer for a fresh leading from God in our lives and convictions." He said the need for brokenness was emphasized so the task force would remain focused on God's agenda and not man's desire.

Everyone does not agree with every detail of the planned restructuring, Reccord noted, but everybody has indicated a willingness to make it work.

"While some may express disappointment or preference for a different idea," he said, "when it all comes down, there has been a commitment to cooperate and get this done. I think only God could have done that when you're as diverse as the SBC and you're talking about as many people and as many perspectives as are involved -- God has gone before us and prevented major explosions."

Acknowledging the planned restructure will not be an easy task, Reccord compared the process to the anguish a family experiences in relocating from one community to another.

"There's a lot of turmoil that goes on when you move. The move may well be exactly the right thing to do. The move is likely the next step in the journey you're supposed to take, but the move is tough," he said.

It would not be surprising to find similar emotions during this process in the Southern Baptist Convention, Reccord said. "The same emotions that happen when a family moves will happen in the Southern Baptist Convention in this move. And that's not wrong, that's normal. But I really believe with all of my heart, if we can pray together and talk together during the move, I have no question that we can end up walking together in love."

Reccord denied the proposed restructure reflected dissatisfaction with what has gone on in the SBC in the past. Instead, he said Southern Baptists should be thankful for the work that has been done in the name of Christ during the convention's history.

"Change doesn't mean that everything we've done up to today is wrong. In the process, we may be finding ways to do things more improved, more effectively and ultimately, as a result, perhaps and likely somewhat more efficiently," Reccord said. "But it is standing on the shoulders of a lot of things to be thankful for in the past -- shoulders that are solid and good -- while stretching forward to a future that can be even better."

The aim of the Covenant for a New Century is not downsizing, Reccord insisted. "Downsizing is corporate America. That's about a profit line. This process is about effectiveness."

He said while the restructure will direct more money to missions work and evangelism, the bottom line is effectiveness.

"We're not doing anything that the convention hasn't said do," Reccord said of the task force's work.

"No one on this task force is doing this because they needed another opportunity or wanted another job, and they sure didn't do it because they thought they'd be popular. They did it because they love the SBC significantly and deeply."

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Fred Moseley dead at 78;
was Oregon-Washington exec

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EUGENE, Ore. (BP)--A former executive secretary of the Northwest Baptist Convention, Fred B. Moseley, died Feb. 27 following heart surgery. He was 78.

Moseley was executive secretary from 1962-64 of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington, which later became the Northwest Baptist Convention. He was living in Eugene, Ore., at the time of his death.

A native of Gloster, Miss., Moseley had a bachelor's degree from Mississippi College and master's and doctorate degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He was associate executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, 1956-59, and head of the department of city missions for the SBC Home Mission Board, 1959-61. He became assistant executive director/treasurer of the Home Mission Board in 1965 and then left in 1976 to become a professor at New Orleans Seminary.

Prior to his denominational service, he was pastor of churches in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana.

Moseley is survived by his wife, Gay, and two sons, John, of Eugene, and David, Ellensburg, Wash.

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