

March 10, 1963

Freedom Theme Rings
For 1963 Convention

KANSAS CITY (BP)--Freedom will ring both as the main theme and the secondary themes at the 1963 session of the Southern Baptist Convention here.

"To Make Men Free," tied in with the Baptist Jubilee Advance emphasis, will be the general theme of the four-day convention opening May 7 in Municipal Auditorium.

The convention will meet three times a day with the exception of Tuesday, May 7, and Wednesday, May 8. The first meeting will be held Tuesday night, starting at 6:45, following the close that afternoon of several pre-Convention meetings.

There will be morning and night sessions on Wednesday, the afternoon being left free, as usual, for seminary alumni luncheons and other special outside events. Morning, afternoon and evening sessions will be held on Thursday and on Friday, the Convention's closing day.

Subthemes for the 1963 Convention include, "Freedom through Worship," and freedom through other means--cooperation, world missions, faith and fellowship, Christian living, Bible truth, soul liberty, responsibility, and shared witness.

Carl E. Bates, pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., will lead off the addresses when he preaches the Convention Sermon Tuesday night. The Convention at this same session will help its auxiliary, Woman's Missionary Union, celebrate its 75th birthday.

President Herschel H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City, serving the final of two one-year terms permitted by the constitution, delivers his address Wednesday morning.

Foreign missions night comes on Wednesday. Times for the election of officers, highlighted by the election of a president, are provided on Wednesday and Thursday.

At miscellaneous business periods scattered through the program (or order of business), messengers--elected by the 32,500 SBC churches to vote on its business--have a chance to bring matters to the attention of the Convention.

John R. Claypool, pastor, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, brings a sermon on the Christian home Thursday afternoon. Wayne Dehoney, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn., addresses the Convention Friday morning.

The pastor of Highland Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., Henry L. Lyon Jr., has the Friday afternoon message. The Convention closes with observance of home missions night on Friday.

Attendance of 15,000 is expected. Nightly crowds will be swelled by Kansas City area Baptists coming to witness the Convention in action, and to take part in the missionary services.

Agencies of the Convention have times allotted throughout the four days during which they present their annual reports to the SBC. A Book of Reports, sold for \$1, contains the printed versions of each report--the one which the Convention is asked by vote to receive.

The printed report is not necessarily read during the agency's floor time. Often, it is only spoken to or additional material is presented there through films, charts, and statements by guest speakers.

In addition to electing a new president, the major business of the Convention will include a report from a special Committee on Baptist Faith and Message. This committee, appointed last year, has drafted a 4500-word outline of Baptist beliefs, using as a guide a similar statement adopted by the 1925 Convention.

Convention President Hobbs was chairman of this special committee.

The Committee statement, which is presented for voting, covers basic doctrine and theology. It includes also a paragraph on academic freedom, one of the major points of debate among Baptists during the year.

**Southern Baptist Religious Education Association
Meeting at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Kansas City, Missouri, May 6-7, 1963**

**Allen W. Graves, Kentucky, president
Mark Short, Tennessee, church group vice-president
Howard Halsell, Tennessee, denomination field work vice-president
Clifford Ingle, Missouri, seminary-college group vice-president
Miss Gracie Knowlton, Texas, secretary-treasurer**

Theme: "Religious Education Assisting The Churches in Achieving Their Purposes"

Monday Afternoon, May 6

Allen W. Graves, Presiding

WORSHIP

**1:30 Registration
2:00 Worship
 Hymn
 The Bible Speaks
2:20 Announcements and Appointment of Committees
2:25 The Lost Chord of Worship, John R. Claypool, Kentucky
2:50 Music
3:00 Education for Worship, R. Hooper Dilday, Texas
3:25 Panel Discussion - What We can do to Improve Worship, Alva G. Parks, Alabama
 Convener
 1. Worship for children - Miss Mary C. Johnson, Oklahoma
 2. Worship Through Music
4:15 Adjourn**

Monday Night

Mark Short, Presiding

PROCLAMATION

**7:15 Worship
 Hymn
 The Bible Speaks
7:35 Religious Education, Hope of World Missions - G. S. Dobbins, California
8:00 American Cities, Our New Frontier - Arthur B. Rutledge, Georgia
8:25 Music
8:30 Laborers for the Harvest - Lloyd T. Householder, Tennessee
8:50 Personal Proclamation Through Religious Education - S. C. Ray, North Carolina
9:15 Discussion
9:30 Adjourn**

Tuesday Morning, May 7

Howard Halsell, Presiding

EDUCATION

**9:00 Worship
 Hymn
 The Bible Speaks
9:20 The Challenge of Religious Illiteracy, John T. Sisemore, Tennessee
9:45 Group Meetings - "Providing New Dynamics for Southern Baptist Growth"
 Church Education Workers, Mark Short, Chairman
 Denominational Field Workers, Howard Halsell, Chairman
 College and Seminary Teachers, Clifford Ingle, Chairman
10:45 Recess
11:00 Recommendations from Gr up Meetings and General Discussion
11:30 Educational Leadership for the Teaching Church - E. J. Loessner, Kentucky**

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Tuesday Afternoon
Clifford Ingle, Presiding
MINISTRY

2:00 Worship
 Hymn
 The Bible Speaks
2:20 The Ministry of the Man in the Pew - James M. Sapp, Tennessee
2:45 Ministering in the Home - Ellis M. Bush, Tennessee
3:10 Music
3:15 Business Session
3:30 "Equipping the Saints" (Ephesians 4:12) - John M. Tubbs, Maryland

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Religious Ed Group
Meets At Midwestern

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--The Southern Baptist Religious Education Association will hold its 1963 meeting May 6-7 at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

It is one of several conferences just ahead of the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

President Allen W. Graves announced the theme as "Religious Education Assisting the Churches in Achieving Their Purposes." Graves is dean of the school of religious education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Speakers include church directors of religious education, seminary and college teachers, Southern Baptist Convention field workers, and state Baptist workers in religious education.

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE

Music Hall

Kansas City, Missouri

May 6-7, 1963

W. Herschel Ford, Texas -- President
T. L. McSwain, Kentucky -- Vice-President
Robert N. Stapp, California -- Secretary-Treasurer
William G. Burkett, Alabama -- Music Director
Marlin Jones, Alabama -- Pianist
Lou Jones, Alabama -- Organist

Theme: "The Simple Gospel for Sinful Times"

Monday - May 6, 1963

Monday Morning Session

9:00 Music - "To God Be the Glory"
9:05 Scripture and Prayer - W. Rose Edwards, Missouri
9:10 Welcome Address - Thomas S. Field, Missouri
9:15 Response - T. L. McSwain, Kentucky
9:20 Message - Vance Havner, North Carolina
9:30 Music
9:55 "The Promised Messiah" - Isaiah 53:1-9 - E. S. James, Texas
10:25 Music
10:30 "Salvation by Grace" - Ephesians 2:8-9 - John W. Salzman, Arizona
11:00 Music - Mrs. Martha Branham, Texas
11:05 "The Precious Blood of Christ" - 1 Peter 1:18-19 - T. Earl Ogg, Louisiana
11:35 Special Music - Sam Allen, Oklahoma
11:40 "The Love of God" John 3:16 - Warren Hultgren, Oklahoma
12:10 Closing Prayer - Arthur H. Stainback, Missouri

Monday Afternoon Session

1:45 Concert - West End Baptist Chancel Choir, Birmingham, Ala.
2:00 Music - "Stand Up for Jesus"
2:05 Scripture and Prayer - Tilford L. Junkins, Alabama
2:10 Message - Vance Havner
2:40 Music
2:45 "The Holy Spirit" - John 16:7-11 - Brooks Ramsey, Georgia
3:15 Music - Mrs. Martha Branham
3:20 "Sunday School Witnessing Program" - Kenneth Chafin, Texas
3:40 "Hell" - Luke 16:19-31 - Ramsey Pollard, Tennessee
4:10 Closing Prayer - Forrest C. Garrard Jr., Georgia

Monday Evening Session

7:00 Music
7:10 Scripture and Prayer - Jared Y. Cartlidge, Texas
7:15 Message - Vance Havner
7:45 Music
7:50 "Our New Orientation Program" - Philip Harris, Tennessee
8:10 Election of Officers
8:20 Offering
8:30 "Bringing Men to Jesus" - John 1:42 - W. M. Jones, South Carolina
9:00 Special Music - Mrs. Martha Branham
9:05 "The Preacher and His Message" - 1 Corinthians 2:2, H. Leo Eddleman, Louisiana
9:35 Closing Prayer - Robert W. Clark, Florida

Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference - 2

Tuesday - May 7, 1963

Tuesday Morning Session

9:00 Music
9:10 Scripture and Prayer - Paul Denington, Tennessee
9:15 Message - Charles B. Howard, North Carolina
9:45 Music
9:50 "The Church That Jesus Built" - Matthew 16:13-18 - John E. Huss, South Carolina
10:20 Music - James Carraway, Louisiana
10:25 "The New Birth" - John 3:1-8 - K. Owen White, Texas
10:55 Offering
11:00 Music - Jack Day, Florida
11:05 "The Christian Home" - Joshua 24:14-15 - Jess Moody, Florida
11:35 Special Music - Mrs. Martha Branham
11:40 "The Cross of Christ" - Galatians 6:14 - W. A. Criswell, Texas
12:15 Closing Prayer - J. Ralph McIntyre, Tennessee

Tuesday Afternoon Session

2:00 Music
2:10 Scripture and Prayer - W. I. (Bill) Thomas, Texas
2:15 Message - Charles B. Howard
2:45 Music - James Carraway
2:50 "The Land of No Tears" - Revelation 7:13-17 - J. Conally Evans, Florida
3:20 Presentation of New Officers
3:25 Offering
3:30 Special Music - Mrs. Martha Branham
3:35 "The Second Coming of Christ" - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - Robert G. Lee,
Tennessee.
4:15 Closing Prayer - William B. Williams, Texas

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Baptist Press Photos

Picture A

DOWNTOWN LANDMARKS--The Hotel Muehlebach, extreme left, is the headquarters hotel for the 1963 Southern Baptist Convention in downtown Kansas City, Mo. Immediately next to the large Muehlebach is the smaller Aladdin Hotel. The Municipal Auditorium, background right, is only a block's walk. Convention sessions will be held here. The park, center, covers a large underground parking garage, with under-the-street passageways to the auditorium and both hotels. (BP) Photo.

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Picture B

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STATUE GUARDS CITY--The Statue of the Scout in Penn Valley Park overlooks Kansas City, Mo. The city is known for its parks, another of which is spacious Swope Park. Kansas City is scene of the 1963 Southern Baptist Convention session May 7-10. (BP) Photo

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Picture C

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FROM THE AIR--If you come to Kansas City by plane, this is what you'll see from your window as you descend. The airport, in background, is where you touch down. Notice its nearness to downtown. Kansas City is where 15,000 Southern Baptists will meet for their 1963 Convention May 7-10. (BP) Photo

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Picture D

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SPECIAL ISSUE--Cover for May, 1963 issue of Royal Service stresses the 75th anniversary year of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. Royal Service, published in Birmingham, is the union's monthly magazine for women. The 75th anniversary convention will be held in Kansas City May 6-7. The order for the May, 1963 issue is 516,000, first time it has passed 500,000 copies. (BP) Photo

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