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**SBC Executive Committee,
board nominees announced**

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Nominees to serve on the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee and the boards and agencies, commissions, committees and seminaries have been selected by the 1996 Committee on Nominations.

They will serve if elected by messengers to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 11-13 at the Superdome in New Orleans.

Several trustee vacancies will not appear in this report. These vacancies will be filled by the Committee on Nominations subcommittee when it meets in June prior to the SBC annual meeting. The final report will be printed in the SBC Bulletin, First Day, Part II.

The "Covenant for a New Century" restructuring of the SBC, approved by messengers during the 1995 annual meeting in Atlanta, will reduce the number of SBC agencies from 19 to 12. As a result, some of the trustees and terms in those agencies will be affected. Messengers at the New Orleans meeting will be asked to approve, in a second vote, changes to SBC Bylaw 15 which lists the agencies, institutions and boards.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (80 members): 22 nominations considered; 12 new members; 10 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 2000, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Preston Bailey, high school teacher and member of Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Ky., replacing David T. Gray, Radcliff, Ky.; Evodna R. Springer, homemaker and member of First Baptist Church, Slidell, La., replacing Gayden Jones, Baton Rouge, La.; James R. Futral, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., replacing L. Russell Bush Jr., Hattiesburg, Miss.; Keith Minty, layperson and member of Nellis Baptist Church, N. Las Vegas, Nev., replacing David C. Brown, Las Vegas; Jerry L. Vaughan, banker and member of First Baptist Church, Piedmont, Okla., replacing Jerry D. Brown, Edmond, Okla.; Harry S. Dent, layperson and member of First Baptist Church, Columbia, S.C., replacing Forrest M. Whittington, Florence, S.C.; William W. "Bill" Finley, engineer and member of Free Union Baptist Church, Free Union, Va., replacing T.C. Pinckney, Alexandria, Va.

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Also nominated for a term expiring in 2000: Paul L. Jones Sr., layperson and member of Big Sandy Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala., replacing Joy Dorsett, Birmingham, Ala., who moved out of state; Bruce O. Martin, pastor of Village Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N.C., replacing Julian M. Motley, Wake Forest, N.C., who resigned.

Nominated for terms expiring in 1999: Steven Douglas Boyd, pastor of Simpsonville Baptist Church, Simpsonville, Ky., replacing Jewel R. Pruitt, Glasgow, Ky., who resigned; Ted Kersh, pastor of Village Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, replacing Anthony L. Jordan, Oklahoma City, who resigned.

Fred E. Morgan Sr., layperson and member of Fairlawn Baptist Church, Parkersburg, W.Va., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1997 replacing Ronald L. Larson, Shepherdstown, W.Va., who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Clyde H. Freed Jr., Germantown, Md.; J.C. Mitchell, Winter Park, Fla.; John O. Yarbrough, Perry, Ga.; Michael L. Trammell, Mt. Airy, Md.; Blaine S. Barber, Petoskey, Mich.; David J. Tolliver, St. Louis; J.W. "Bill" Phillips, Portland, Ore.; Gary L. Frost, Youngstown, Ohio; John D. Wallace, Morristown, Tenn.; Emory C. Lussi, Alpine, Wy.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD (88 members): 22 nominations considered; 12 new members; 10 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 2000, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Stephan M. McKown, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Avondale, Ariz., replacing Alan J. Thompson, Phoenix; Daniel W. O'Reagan, pastor of Tioga First Baptist Church, Pineville, La., replacing Leon Hyatt Jr., Pineville, La.; Charles C. Holt, layperson and member of First Baptist Church, Washington, Mo., replacing Paul Lewis Brooks, Raytown, Mo.; Donald P. Smith, layperson and member of Greenwich Baptist Church, Greenwich, Conn., replacing Roger W. Knapton, Endicott, N.Y.; Pamela W. Blume, graphic artist and member of Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Boone, N.C., replacing Paul Steve Hardy, Burlington, N.C.; R.G. Wilson, CPA and member of First Baptist Church, Clinton, Okla., replacing Rod H. Masteller, Oklahoma City; Tommy W. Huddleston, pastor of Catawba Baptist Church, Rock Hill, S.C., replacing Donald C. Purvis, Hartsville, S.C.; A. Douglas Sager, pastor of First Baptist Church Concord, Knoxville, Tenn., replacing Jack C. Parrott, Kingsport, Tenn.; Jay D. Owens, pastor of Lynn Haven Baptist Church, Vinton, Va., replacing Phyllis Randall, Blacksburg, Va.

Also nominated for a term expiring in 2000: Francis William "Frank" W. Schaffer, pastor of Heritage Baptist Church, Elkvew, W.Va., replacing Olen T. Phillips, Moundsville, W.Va.

Paul K.S. Kim, pastor of Berkland Baptist Church, Cambridge, Mass., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1998 replacing Adrian Burk, Northboro, Mass., who resigned.

Diane B. Reeder, certified professional secretary and member of Trinity Heights Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1997 replacing Emil W. Turner, Lake Charles, La., who moved out of state.

Nominated for second terms are N. Rob Martin, Auburn, Ala.; O. David Taunton, Birmingham, Ala.; Larry R. Weaver, Jacksonville, Fla.; Phyllis E. Malcom, Camilla, Ga.; Glen D. Flowers, Evansville, Ind.; Roy S. Faulkner, London, Ky.; Robert M. Williamson Jr., Brandon, Miss.; Paul Pressler, Houston; Terry G. Fox, Corpus Christi, Texas; William B. "Bill" Sutton, McAllen, Texas.

HOME MISSION BOARD (86 members): 21 nominations considered; 7 new members; 14 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 2000, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

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David L. Czachurski, retired schoolteacher and member of Whitesburg Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala., replacing Edwin J. Hayes, Cullman, Ala.; David M. Sterley, civil engineer and member of Glacier Valley Baptist Church, Juneau, Alaska, replacing Marlin L. Starnes, Delta Junction, Alaska; Breeman Neal Ainsworth Jr., pastor of Ford Park Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., replacing Everett G. Geis Sr., Delhi, La.; Ronald G. Dillon, pastor of First Baptist Church, Georgetown, S.C., replacing Wendell R. Estep, Columbia, S.C.; David O. Dykes, senior pastor of Green Acres Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas, replacing Stephen Swoford, Rockwall, Texas; Gerald P. Scott, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, Mason, W.Va., replacing D. Wade Armstrong, Ceredo, W.Va.

Conley J. "C.J." Bordeaux, pastor of West Monroe Baptist Church, Monroe, N.C., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1997 replacing Carol R. Cearley, Clemmons, N.C., who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Randall L. Stoner, Alexander City, Ala.; Ed Harrison Jr., Pine Bluff, Ark.; Willie T. Gaines, San Jose, Calif.; Osal J. Evans, Sylvania, Ga.; Michael W. Everson, Warner Robins, Ga.; Stewart B. Simms Jr., Athens, Ga.; Ron C. Meyer, Machesney Park, Ill.; J. Mark Bond, LaCenter, Ky.; Gerald Davidson, Arnold, Mo.; Jaffus L. Haley Jr., Las Vegas, Nev.; Ronald L. Tucker, Charlotte, N.C.; A. Ray Newcomb, Millington, Tenn.; Charles G. Fuller, Roanoke, Va.; Jean L. Thompson, Ruther Glenn, Va.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD (73 members): 14 nominations considered; 6 new members; 8 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 2000, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Cheryl L. Robinson, church secretary and member of Calvary Baptist Church, Bel Air, Md., replacing Iris E. White, Columbia, Md.; William F. "Bill" Shook, layperson and member of Second Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo., replacing Robert W. Payne, Lee's Summit, Mo.; David G. Pope, pastor of One Heart Church, Holland Patent, N.Y., replacing H. Ondra Black, Flanders, N.J.; Darryl G. Crim, pastor of North Roanoke Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., replacing Tommy J. Taylor, Virginia Beach, Va.

Also nominated for a term expiring in 2000: Tony R. Dickerson, pastor of Pinehurst Baptist Church, Columbus, Ga., replacing Len B. Turner, Savannah, Ga., who moved out of state.

Fred Luter Jr., senior pastor of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans, will be nominated for a term expiring in 1998 replacing Jack L. Kreider, Alexandria, La., who moved out of state.

Nominated for second terms are Jerry M. Grandstaff, Dothan, Ala.; Lu Linda Tucker, Medfield, Mass.; Gary D. Chapman, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Barbara J. Finch, Bothell, Wash.; Philip R. Glisson, Memphis, Tenn.; Henry H. "Bud" Jones, Waco, Texas; Mary Margaret White, Humboldt, Tenn.; Jack Stewart, Morristown, Tenn.

ANNUITY BOARD (51 members): 14 nominations considered; 10 new members; 4 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 2000, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Rudolph W. Hudnell, layperson and member of First Baptist Church, University Park, Ill., replacing E. Lee Wyatt, O'Fallon, Ill.; Virgil V. Ayres, self-employed insurance agent and member of Trinity Baptist Church, Pineville, La., replacing Guy T. Williams, New Orleans; Frank Harmon, pastor of First Baptist Church, Newton, Miss., replacing S.A. Adkins, Forest, Miss.; George B. Walker, CPA and member of Oaklawn Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C., replacing Jack F. Coffey, Raleigh, N.C.; Norman E. "Norm" Jones, layperson and member of Riviera Baptist Church, Eugene, Ore., replacing Philip A. Bryant, Tacoma, Wash.; J.L. "Sonny" Williams, layperson and member of Casa View Baptist Church, Dallas, replacing B.J. Martin, Pasadena, Texas; Robert L. Whitten, business manager and member of Wayne Hills Baptist Church, Waynesboro, Va., replacing Robert B. Bass, Richmond, Va.

Also nominated for a term expiring in 2000: Frederick W. Pernell, layperson and member of Clinton Baptist Church, Clinton, Md., replacing James H. Shelton Jr., Washington, who declined to serve a second term.

Nominated for terms expiring in 1998: Albert Lee Smith Jr., layperson and member of First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., replacing James M. Cargle, Huntsville, Ala., who moved out of state; Ronald F. Sanders, senior pastor of Life Line Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark., replacing W. Mark Tolbert, Wynne, Ark., who moved out of state.

Nominated for second terms are Michael A. Moot, Lakewood, Colo.; S. Glenn Weekley, Hendersonville, Tenn.; James Ray Taylor, Fort Worth, Texas; Donald H. Wills, Dallas.

ANNUITY BOARD SELECT FUNDS TRUST/BLENDED FUNDS TRUST

During the February 1996 meeting of the SBC Executive Committee, the committee approved a request of the Annuity Board to proceed with consideration of the establishment of two business trusts required for a mutual funds structure which will be registered with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission.

Ten trustees will serve on each of the two business trusts, the Select Funds Trust and the Blended Funds Trust. Six trustees on each trust will be "interested" trustees who are Annuity Board trustees. Four trustees on each trust will be "disinterested" trustees who shall be elected by the Annuity Board trustees from a pool of 14 nominees. In summary, a total of eight trustees will be chosen by the Annuity Board from the following 14 nominees:

Terms to expire in 1997: Martin T. Kennedy Jr., business administrator and member of First Baptist Church, Willis, Texas; Eddie Lamar McClelland, director of investments, Florida Baptist Financial Services, Inc. and member of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.; Robert J. Rauch, attorney and member of First Baptist Church, Fairlea, W.Va.; Jan Loser, financial planner and member of Trinity Baptist Church, Aurora, Colo.; Bob G. Owsley, banker and member of Cecilia Baptist Church, Cecilia, Ky.; W. Roger Fitch, CPA and member of Woodland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Dennis Miller, banker and member of Immanuel Baptist Church, Benton, Ill.; James Hong Loui, technical consultant and member of First Chinese Baptist Church, Phoenix; Mark Lovvorn, mortgage banker and member of First Baptist Church, Dallas; James D. Cartin, pastor of Western Avenue Baptist Church, Statesville, N.C.; Chester L. Reid, broker/dealer, California Baptist Foundation and member of Trinity Southern Baptist Church, Fresno, Calif.; Donald W. Jones, American Red Cross disaster response coordinator and member of First Baptist Church, Springfield, Va.; Donald H. Jones, retired engineer and member of Lakeside Baptist Church, Hot Springs, Ark.; Louie A. Williams, retired mortgage banker and member of First Baptist Church, Pleasant Grove, Ala.

SOUTHERN SEMINARY (64 members): 16 nominations; 8 new members; 8 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 2001, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Sammy L. Gilbreath, pastor of Highland Baptist Church, Florence, Ala., replacing Neal Gresham, Wing, Ala.; Russell R. Cook, pastor of Clearview Baptist Church, Broken Arrow, Okla., replacing Larry L. Adams, Oklahoma City; William Jewell Davis Sr., anesthesiologist and member of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, replacing Dorothy Barker, Morton, Texas; John Rogers Jr., pastor of Eastlake Baptist Church, Crown Point, Ind., replacing James M. Bullock, Clarksville, Ind.

Nominated for terms expiring in 1998: Harold Howell, attorney and member of Glynwood Baptist Church, Prattville, Ala., replacing Don W. Graham, Birmingham, Ala., who moved out of state; Thomas M. Atwood, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oxford, Miss., replacing John S. Allen, Richton, Miss., who moved out of state; Gerald Scott Perry Jr., pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Sullivan, Mo., replacing Lindell Reed, Independence, Mo., who resigned.

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Chun W. Ro, retired professor and member of Olivet Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1997 replacing Wayne Gaunce, Glasgow, Ky., who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are William R. Hann, Westminster, Calif.; Freddy L. "Buddy" Crowder, Marietta, Ga.; J.D. Cutrer, Baldwin, Miss.; J.S. Bud Parrish, Pleasant Garden, N.C.; Warren D. Arthur, Hartsville, S.C.; Timothy L. Piland, Suffolk, Va.; E. Byron Boyer, Louisville, Ky.; Melvin L. Elam, Louisville, Ky.

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY (40 members): 7 nominations; 2 new members; 5 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 2001, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Philip A. Walker, pastor of Stevensburg Baptist Church, Stevensburg, Va., replacing John W. Patterson, Hampton, Va.; Matthew E. McKellar, pastor of Sylvania Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas, replacing T. Bob Davis, Dallas.

Nominated for second terms are Edward R. Saucier, Fort Smith, Ark.; John E. Babb, Ely, Nev.; Theodore E. Russell, Aztec, N.M.; William W. Wyrick, Princeton, W.Va.; William R. Cutrer, Mesquite, Texas.

NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY (40 members): 7 nominations; 2 new members; 5 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 2001, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Thomas G. Johnson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ellington, Mo., replacing W. Keith Huffman, Neosho, Mo.; Travis "Eddie" Brackett Jr., associate pastor of Old Town Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C., replacing James Stephen Sells, Glen Alpine, N.C.

Nominated for second terms are James K. Pierce, Lexington, Ky.; Fred L. Herring, Queenstown, Md.; Daniel L. Ferguson, Hinton, W.Va.; William A. Hanberry, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Albert H. McMullen, Stonewall, Miss.

SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY (30 members): 7 nominations considered; 4 new members; 3 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 2001, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Timothy D. Lewis, pastor of Bethel Southern Baptist Church, Troy, Ill., replacing Roger W. Ellsworth, Benton, Ill.; Roger L. Luther, pastor of North Prospect Baptist Church, Ypsilanti, Mich., replacing Kenneth L. Stevens, Brighton, Mich.; Jimmy R. Jacumin, layperson and member of First Baptist Church, Icard, N.C., replacing W. Dade Sherman Jr., Monroe, N.C.

Russell "Skip" C. Beal, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Indianapolis, will be nominated for a term expiring in 1998 replacing Clarence R. Brock, Fort Wayne, Ind., who moved out of state.

Nominated for second terms are Dwight L. Smith, Ellisville, Miss.; Hal Buckner Boone, Friendswood, Texas; Ned L. Mathews, Gastonia, N.C.

MIDWESTERN SEMINARY (35 members): 9 nominations considered; 4 new members; 5 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 2001, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Jack H. Hamilton, layperson and member of Western Hills Baptist Church, Topeka, Kan., replacing Lowell E. Socolofsky, Bellevue, Neb.; Robert A. Mowery, retired pastor of Park Avenue Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., replacing Roger S. Oldham, Martin, Tenn.

Mary Gwendolyn "Gwen" Newman, layperson and member of North Metro First Baptist Church, Lawrenceville, Ga., will be nominated for a term expiring in 2000 replacing Timothy D. Harvey, Byron, Ga., who resigned.

Jeffrey A. Brocaille, minister of music at Westside Church, Omaha; Neb., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1999 replacing Elaine Hardy, Overland Park, Kan., who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Dennis G. Wood, Tempe, Ariz.; Donald J. Stuckey, Medora, Ill.; Anthony T. Mattia, Wamego, Kan.; Jean Crady, Owensboro, Ky.; Kent W. Cochran, Raytown, Mo.

GOLDEN GATE SEMINARY (39 members): 9 nominations considered; 4 new member; 5 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 2001, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Marie H. Aldridge, layperson and member of Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, Washington, replacing Norman H. Taylor, Silver Springs, Md.; James L. Downey, senior pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Seymour, Ind., replacing Dennis E. Zeidler, Floyds Knobs, Ind.; Gary R. Gober, attorney and member of Judson Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., replacing Mary Katherine Burch, Knoxville, Tenn.

Joan T. Mimms, college professor and member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, West Chester, Pa., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1997 replacing Melvin Felts, Allison Park, Pa., who moved out of state.

Nominated for second terms are James A. McCullen, Mountain View, Mo.; Roetta B. Hudson, Artesia, N.M.; William Eugene Dodson, Vallejo, Calif.; Cactus J. Cagle, Houston; John C. Funk, Westlake Village, Calif.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION (35 members): 12 nominations considered; 6 new members; 6 renominations.

Replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Tom Madden, Tullahoma, Tenn., representing the Home Mission Board, term expiring in 1997, replacing Stephen Swofford, Rockwall, Texas; Daniel E. Johnston, Jonesville, S.C., representing Southeastern Seminary, term expiring in 1998, replacing W. Dade Sherman Jr., Monroe, N.C.; Thomas J. McCoy, Thompson Station, Tenn., representing the American Seminary Commission, term expiring in 1998, replacing Hoffman C. Harless, Nashville, Tenn.; Elizabeth C. Wells, Birmingham, Ala., representing the Historical Commission, term expiring in 1997, replacing Roy T. Myers, Meadville, Miss.

Nominated for second terms are John D. Wallace, Morristown, Tenn., representing the Executive Committee, term expiring in 2000; Donald H. Wills, Dallas, representing the Annuity Board, term expiring 2000; Edward A. Saucier, Fort Smith, Ark., representing Southwestern Seminary, term expiring 2001; Virginia M. Caughman, Winnsboro, S.C., representing the Woman's Missionary Union, term expiring 2000.

At-large members with terms to expire in 2000, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Ronnie L. Boling, banker and member of First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., replacing Betty Pettey, Donelson, Tenn.; Clorene Robertson, layperson and member of Park Avenue Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., replacing William C. Lovell Jr., Brentwood, Tenn.

At-large members being renominated for a second term are John Nanney, Jackson, Tenn.; Richard A. Stone, Winfield, Mo.

AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY (16 members): 4 nominations considered; 3 new members; 1 renomination.

Nominees with term to expire in 2000, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

James S. Phillips, pastor of North Greenwood Baptist Church, Greenwood, Miss., replacing Billy W. Murphy Sr., Saucier, Miss.; Horace Pennington, layperson and member of Stevens Street Baptist Church, Cookeville, Tenn., replacing Hoffman C. Harless, Nashville, Tenn.

Nominated for a second term is William M. Rorer, Bollingbrook, Ill.

EDUCATION COMMISSION (21 members): 4 nominations considered; 3 new members; 1 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 2000, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Wilbur H. Vaughan, high school administrator and member of Central Baptist Church, Darlington, S.C., replacing Betty Jo Cooley, Chesnee, S.C.; Susan D. Preston, layperson and member of New Testament Baptist Church, North Highlands, Calif., replacing Wilfred Chung, El Toro, Calif.

Also nominated for a term expiring in 2000: Terry E. Cothran, associate director of missions and member of Bethany Baptist Church, Snellville, Ga., replacing Charles Fred Donehoo, Columbus, Ga., who moved out of state.

Nominated for a second term is Thomas A. Kinchen, Graceville, Fla.

BROTHERHOOD COMMISSION (30 members): 8 nominations considered; 3 new members; 5 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 2000, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Carl D. Davis, layperson and member of First Baptist Church, Mannford, Okla., replacing L. Joe Herndon Jr., Duncan, Okla.

Also nominated for a term expiring in 2000: William A. Fields, layperson and member of Crusade Baptist Church, Hazelton, Pa., replacing Russ Linger, Vorhees, N.J., who moved out of state.

Richard L. "Ric" Herrera, layperson and member of Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1997 replacing Mark A. Lassiter, Germantown, Tenn., who moved out of state.

Nominated for second terms are George A. White, Greenbelt, Md.; Don Valentine, Trout, La.; Wayne Vann, Garden City, Mich.; Charles L. Wilson, Carlsbad, N.M.; Kelly J. Burris, Virginia Beach, Va.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION (35 members): 9 nominations; 5 new members; 4 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 2000, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Ronald L. Hart, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Tucson, Ariz., replacing Earnest J. Cook, Phoenix; Deborah J. "Debbie" Lewis, layperson and member of Immanuel Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich., replacing Donna J. Wester, St. Clair Shores, Mich.; Robert C. Wilson, pastor of Edgemont Baptist Church, Bluefield, W.Va., replacing Cledith V. Campbell Jr., Huntington, W.Va.; Robert Matthews, physician and member of First Baptist Church, Eastland, Texas, replacing Liz Minnick, Austin, Texas.

David Wood, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Floyds Knob, Ind., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1999 replacing Gary Ledbetter, Brownsburg, Ind., who moved out of state.

Nominated for second terms are Ken Ward, Baton Rouge, La.; Karen J. Cruikshank, Perry Hall, Md.; S. King Sanders, Santa Fe, N.M.; James A. Powell, Ellensburg, Wash.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (30 members): 8 nominations considered; 5 new members; 3 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 2000, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Robert M. Hanvey, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hazlehurst, Miss., replacing Roy T. Myers, Meadville, Miss.; Donald J. Sorensen, layperson and member of First Baptist Church, Beaverton, Ore., replacing H. Max Daley, McMinnville, Ore.; Roberta Byrd, layperson and member of Morrow Baptist Church, Morrow, Ohio, replacing Sarah Phillips, Middleton, Ohio.

Also nominated for a term expiring in 2000: Nancy J. Hatfield, layperson and member of Heritage Baptist Church, Annapolis, Md., replacing Kathleen Prince, Clarksville, Md., who moved out of state.

Jack W. Robbins, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Duncan, Okla., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1997 replacing Slayden, Yarbrough, Shawnee, Okla., who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Carel Norman, Heber Springs, Ark.; Ronald Martin, Garden Grove, Calif.; Emma P. Walker, Greencastle, Pa.

RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMISSION (30 members): 7 nominations considered; 1 new member; 6 renominations.

Nominee with term to expire in 2000, replacing member ineligible for re-election: O. Kendall Moore, attorney and member of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., replacing D.J. Benson, Laurel, Miss.

Nominated for second terms are Nancy C. Berlin, Denver; Anthony D. Clevenger, Pensacola, Fla.; Stephen W. Diehl, Vandalia, Ill.; Harold Curtis "Curt" Fry III, Germantown, Tenn.; Jack W. Dial, Huntington, W.Va.

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION (30 members): 7 nominations considered; 3 new members; 4 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 2000, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Delmar R. Hampton, pastor of Grand Mesa Southern Baptist Church, Cedaredge, Colo., replacing C. Gene Parrott, Lakewood, Colo.; Harold L. Conley, business division, Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists and member of First Southern Baptist Church, Topeka, Kan., replacing Roy D. Moody Jr., Topeka, Kan.; Bobby L. Eklund, stewardship director, Baptist General Convention of Texas and member of First Baptist Church, Euless, Texas, replacing William M. Pinson Jr., Oak Cliff, Texas.

Michael E. Cox, pastor of Georgia Avenue Baptist Church, Silver Spring, Md., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1997 replacing George M. Brilllos, Randallstown, Md., who is deceased.

Nominated for second terms are James S. Isom, Birmingham, Ala.; Harvey McClellan, Rogers, Ark.; Roy Sutherland, Reynoldsburg, Ohio; Stanley K. Smith, New Cumberland, Pa.

COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS (6 members): 3 nominations considered; 2 new members; 1 nomination for chairman.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1999, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Kenneth C. Whitten, senior pastor of Idlewild Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla., replacing Gary Ledbetter, Brownsburg, Ind.; Michael L. Green, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Republic, Mo., replacing L. Bert Miler, Springdale, Ark.

James W. "Jim" Richards, Bentonville, Ark., was nominated as chairman.

DENOMINATIONAL CALANDAR COMMITTEE (6 members): 3 nominations considered; 2 new members; 1 nomination for chairman.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1999, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Jo Ann Turner, layperson and member of Bryant Street Baptist Church, Yucaipa, Calif., replacing Wade Burleston, Enid, Okla.; John Philip "Phil" Largent, associate pastor of North Metro Southern Baptist Church, Eastlake, Colo., replacing Russell H. Lewis Jr., Grand Junction, Colo.

Edward I. Mattox Jr., Farmington Hills, Mich., was nominated as chairman.

**Committee on Committees
announced by Jim Henry**

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Appointments by the Southern Baptist Convention's Committee on Committees have been announced by SBC President Jim Henry.

Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla., announced the Committee on Committees April 25. The SBC bylaws require the president to announce the appointment of the Committee on Committees, along with the Resolutions Committee, "at least 45 days in advance of the meeting."

The credentials and tellers committees must be made public 30 days before the annual meeting, according to the bylaws.

The Committee on Committees has 70 members, two from each of the 35 state or regional conventions qualified for representation of SBC entities. The committee announced by Henry has 46 members from church- and denomination-related positions and 24 members who are not church or denominational staff members.

SBC Bylaw 21 says the Committee on Committees "shall nominate all special committees authorized during the sessions of the convention not otherwise provided for." The usual responsibility of the committee is to nominate members of the Committee on Nominations, which, in turn, nominates trustees to serve on the 19 national entities of the SBC.

Henry named Anthony Jordan, executive director-elect of the Oklahoma Baptist Convention, Oklahoma City, as the committee chairman.

Other Committee on Committee members are:

ALABAMA--Edwin Jenkins, minister, Hilldale Baptist Church, Birmingham; Ellie Ficken, layperson, Eastern Hills Baptist Church, Montgomery.

ALASKA--Marvin Owen, minister, First Baptist Church, Anchorage; Judy Zach, layperson, University Baptist Church, Fairbanks.

ARIZONA--Mitchell McDonald, minister, Foothills Southern Baptist Church, Yuma; Tom Allen, layperson, First Southern Baptist Church, Glendale.

ARKANSAS--Stan Parris, minister, First Baptist Church, Hope; Mike Pierce, layperson, Geyer Springs First Baptist Church, Little Rock.

CALIFORNIA--Ron Shepard, minister, First Baptist Church, Poway; A. Merrill Smoak Jr., minister, Trinity Baptist Church, Livermore.

COLORADO--Doug Lohrey, minister, Pikes Peak Park Baptist Church, Colorado Springs; Dennis Zaiger, layperson, First Southern Baptist Church, Colorado Springs.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA--Gerald DeOliveira, minister, Nations United Baptist Church, Silver Spring, Md.; Charla Holst, layperson, First Baptist Church, Laurel, Md.

FLORIDA--Stan Hannon, minister, First Baptist Church, Eustis; Byron Safstrom, layperson, First Baptist Church, Bonita Springs.

GEORGIA--Steve Johnson, minister, Mabel White Memorial Baptist Church, Macon; Mike Minnix, minister, First Baptist Church, Lilburn.

HAWAII--Itsuko "Sue" Nishikawa, layperson, Olivett Baptist Church, Honolulu; Terry Martin, layperson, Kailua Baptist Church, Kailua.

ILLINOIS--Marvin Scott, layperson, Belle Rive Missionary Baptist Church, Belle Rive; David Burleson, minister, Lakeland Baptist Church, Carbondale.

INDIANA--Stan Chaney, minister, Western Avenue Baptist Church, Connersville; John Jeter, layperson, Northside Baptist Church, Fishers.

KANSAS-NEBRASKA--Bill Melton, minister, Trinity Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Kan.; Louis Sloger, minister, First Baptist Church, Papillion, Neb.

KENTUCKY--Gary Frizzell, minister, Unity Baptist Church, Ashland; Mike Watts, minister, Edgewood Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.

LOUISIANA--Billy Pierce, minister, Cypress Baptist Church, Benton City; Waylon Bailey, minister, First Baptist Church, Covington.

MARYLAND-DELAWARE--William "Bill" Warren, minister, Allen Memorial Baptist Church, Salisbury, Md.; Helen Corrothers, layperson, Georgia Avenue Baptist Church, Silver Spring, Md.

MICHIGAN--Phyllis Harbaugh, layperson, Memorial Baptist Church, Sterling Heights; Carlos Quinones, minister, First Baptist Church Spanish America, Pontiac.

MISSISSIPPI--Barry Corbett, minister, First Baptist Church, Kosciusko; Paul Koonce, minister, Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

MISSOURI--Gary Longenecker, minister, First Baptist Church, Lebanon; Gene Loftis, layperson, Lynwood Baptist Church, Cape Girardeau.

NEVADA--Joe Taylor, minister, South Reno Baptist Church, Reno; Richard Johnson, minister, First Baptist Church, Las Vegas.

NEW ENGLAND--David Gilleland, minister, Southbury Baptist Church, Southbury, Conn.; Mary Beth Caffey, layperson, Trinity Baptist Church, Auburn, Maine.

NEW MEXICO--Gail Hawkins, layperson, Del Norte Baptist Church, Albuquerque; Mark Robinson, minister, West Main Baptist Church, Artesia.

NEW YORK--Steve Hollaway, minister, Madison Baptist Church, Madison; John Edwards, layperson, First Christian Church, Brushton.

NORTH CAROLINA--Leon Hawks, minister, North Kannapolis Baptist Church, Kannapolis; Chris Conner, minister, Faquay-Varina Baptist Church, Fuquay Varina.

NORTHWEST--Chang Moon, minister, Tacoma First Korean Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash.; Herb Konkle, layperson, Richland Baptist Church, Richland, Wash.

OHIO--Larry Allen, minister, New Life Baptist Church, Elyria; Ted Oatts, layperson, Sharon Woods Baptist Church, Worthington.

OKLAHOMA--Anthony Jordan; Dan Fisher, minister, Trinity Baptist Church, Yukon.

PENNSYLVANIA-S. JERSEY--Jimmie Knox, minister, Chambersburg Baptist Church, Chambersburg; Pa.; Ruth Fiore, layperson, Diney Baptist Mission, Philadelphia.

SOUTH CAROLINA--Tim Head, minister, Cooper River Baptist Church, North Charleston; Randy Cooper, layperson, First Baptist Church, North Augusta.

TENNESSEE--Thomas Vinson, minister, Leawood Baptist Church, Memphis; Lamar Moore, minister, Lookout Valley Baptist Church, Chattanooga.

TEXAS--Ernest Easley, minister, First Baptist Church, Odessa; Gilbert Lain, minister, Paramount Baptist Church, Amarillo.

UTAH-IDAHO--Mary McFarling, layperson, Calvary Baptist Church, Idaho Falls, Idaho; Lavoid Robertson, minister, First Baptist Church, Kearns, Utah.

VIRGINIA--Don Boone, layperson, London Bridge Baptist Church, Virginia Beach; Gene Fant, minister, Ivy Memorial Baptist Church, Hampton.

WEST VIRGINIA--Allen Shouse, minister, East Williamson Baptist Church, Williamson; Rick Sadler, minister, Immanuel Baptist Church, Princeton.

WYOMING--David Schroeder, minister, North Cheyenne Baptist Church, Cheyenne; Myrtie Peterson, layperson, College Heights Baptist Church, Casper.

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Nancy Victory to chair
SBC Resolutions Committee

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Members of the Resolutions Committee for the June 11-13 New Orleans meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention have been named by SBC President Jim Henry.

The committee will be chaired by Nancy Victory, a layperson from Shreveport, La., according to Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.

Other committee members are:

ALABAMA--Jay Wolf, minister, First Baptist Church, Montgomery.

ARKANSAS--Buddy Sutton, layperson, Little Rock; Jack Kwok, race relations director, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Little Rock.

CALIFORNIA--Harry Lewis, minister, Immanuel Baptist Church, Ridgecrest; Faith Kim, layperson, Santa Ana.

FLORIDA--Joe Coats, minister, Glendale Baptist Church, Miami.

KANSAS-NEBRASKA--John Click, minister, Immanuel Baptist Church, Wichita, Kan.

LOUISIANA--Nancy Victory; Ferris Jordan, professor, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans.

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MISSISSIPPI--Linda Donnell, layperson, Hattiesburg.

NEW ENGLAND--Mark Acuff, minister, Grace Baptist Church, Hudson, Mass.

TEXAS--Karen Bullock, professor, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

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Allan Blume to chair
Credentials Committee

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Members of the Credentials Committee for the June 11-13 New Orleans meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention have been named by SBC President Jim Henry.

The committee will be chaired by Allan Blume, minister, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Boone, N.C., according to Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.

Other committee members are:

ALABAMA--Billy Harris, minister, Parker Memorial Baptist Church, Anniston.

ARKANSAS--George O'Neel, minister, Bella Vista Baptist Church, Bella Vista.

FLORIDA--Lee Sheppard, minister, Arlington Baptist Church, Jacksonville; Jorge Acevedo, minister, Lakecrest Community Baptist Church, Melbourne.

GEORGIA--Ken Hartley, layperson, Lawrenceville; Mickey Henderson, layperson, Marietta; John Whaley, minister, Southside Baptist Church, Columbus.

INDIANA--Stephen Simko, layperson, Porter.

KENTUCKY--Ronny Sivells, minister, Southside Baptist Church, Princeton.

LOUISIANA--Doyle Cooper, minister, First Baptist Church, DeRidder.

MISSISSIPPI--Clark Stewart, minister, Harmony Baptist Church, Crystal Springs; Richard Powell, minister, Colonial Heights Baptist Church, Jackson.

MISSOURI--Mark Anderson, minister, Lynwood Baptist Church, Cape Girardeau.

NEVADA--David Eaton, minister, Nellis Baptist Church, Las Vegas.

NEW ENGLAND--Dale Morrell, minister, Main Street Baptist Church, Brunswick, Maine.

NORTH CAROLINA--Allan Blume; Conley "C.J." Bordeaux, minister, West Monroe Baptist Church, Monroe.

OKLAHOMA--Sam Hendry, minister, Immanuel Baptist Church, Shawnee.

SOUTH CAROLINA--Thomas Knotts, director of missions, Aiken Baptist Association, Graniteville; Chester H. Holmes Jr., minister, Hampton Heights Baptist Church, Greenville.

TENNESSEE--Buddy Boston, minister, First Baptist Church, Dyersburg.

TEXAS--Susan McGuire, layperson, Garrison; Merle Cross, layperson, Gilmer.

VIRGINIA--Gregory Pierce, director of missions, Powell River Baptist Association, Jonesville.

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Jimmy Epting to chair
Tellers Committee

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Members of the Tellers Committee for the June 11-13 New Orleans meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention have been named by SBC President Jim Henry.

The committee will be chaired by James "Jimmy" B. Epting, president, North Greenville College, Tigerville, S.C., according to Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.

Other committee members are:

ALABAMA--Timothy Lovett, minister, First Baptist Church, Scottsboro.

ARKANSAS--Bobby Dusek, minister, First Baptist Church, Benton.

FLORIDA--Othoniel Valdes, bivocational pastor, Tampa.

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GEORGIA--John S. Connell, minister, First Baptist Church, Brunswick; Scott Smith, layperson, Duluth.

KENTUCKY--Howard Lovell, layperson, Central City.

LOUISIANA--Bonnie Elliott, layperson, Glenmora.

MARYLAND-DELAWARE--John Faris, director of resource management and development, Baptist Convention of Maryland-Delaware, Columbia, Md.

MISSISSIPPI--B.J. Jenkins, layperson, Brandon.

MISSOURI--Clyde Elder, minister, Trenton First Baptist Church, Trenton.

NEVADA--Lavern Inzer, retired minister, Carlin.

NEW YORK--David Shackelford, professor, Mid America Seminary, Schenectady.

NORTH CAROLINA--Shannon Scott, minister, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Raleigh.

OHIO--Darrell Deer, minister, Brookside Baptist Church, Reynoldsburg.

OKLAHOMA--Bill Barnett, minister, Indian Nations Baptist Church, Seminole.

SOUTH CAROLINA--James "Jimmy" B. Epting.

TENNESSEE--Robert W. Campbell, director of missions, Fayette Association, Somerville; William Horner Jr., minister, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Orlinda; Fletcher Allen, editor, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood.

TEXAS--Bill Jones, minister, First Baptist Church, Newton; Floyd Petersen, minister, First Baptist Church, Elkhart.

VIRGINIA--Todd Estes, minister, First Baptist Church, Suffolk.

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**Georgia pastor reappointed
chief SBC parliamentarian**

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--A Georgia pastor who is a certified parliamentarian has been reappointed chief parliamentarian for the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting June 11-13 in New Orleans, according to SBC President Jim Henry.

Henry also has named the same parliamentarians who were part of a six-member team during the SBC annual meeting last year in Atlanta.

The chief parliamentarian, Lester L. Cooper Jr., is pastor of Valley Hill Baptist Church, Riverdale, Ga.

Cooper has served on the Georgia Baptist Convention executive committee in various capacities and has been a parliamentarian for the state convention. He is certified by the American Institute of Parliamentarians and has been president of the Georgia Association of Parliamentarians/Atlanta Unit as well as director of the Georgia Association of Parliamentarians' Educational Institute and chairman of the association's education committee. He is coauthor of "Parliamentary Procedure for the People."

The other parliamentarians reappointed by Henry are John Sullivan, Jacksonville, Fla., executive director of the Florida Baptist Convention; Sanford W. Peterson, Utica, N.Y., a corporate communications consultant firm owner; Jimmy E. Jackson, Huntsville, Ala., pastor of Whitesburg Baptist Church; David N. Matlock, Caddo Parish, La., juvenile court judge; and Joe Reynolds, a Houston attorney.

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**Churches need more awareness
of disabilities, parents say**

By Terri Lackey

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--Scott Nabi, 35, is severely mentally handicapped. Sara Ezell, 24, is intellectually gifted, but confined to a wheelchair because of a disease that causes her bones to easily snap. Kristin Blair, 24, is deaf, mentally handicapped, and eats from feeding tubes.

All three are handicapped, but their disabilities are as different as their backgrounds.

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"Disabilities and giftedness are incredibly different -- as different as hair color," Ezell, told a group of preschool/children's workers attending a seminar at the Baptist Sunday School Board, April 22-25. Ezell joined Gene Nabi, a retired BSSB consultant in special ministries, and Donna Blair, a Nashville, Tenn., resident who has a handicapped daughter, in speaking to the group about "Accepting Differing Abilities."

Ezell, a master's-degree student majoring in special needs at Peabody College of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, told the children's leaders the best action they could take for a handicapped child or adult in their church is to learn the specifics of that person's disability.

"Don't assume anything," said Ezell.

"Learn about the disabilities of the people who are in your church. There are issues involved with each one that you need to know," she said. "Thousands of organizations exist, local and national, that can help educate you on disabilities and prevent you from assuming things about people with handicaps."

For example, she said, many people speak loudly to her. "They think because I'm in a wheelchair, I'm also deaf."

Donna Blair, an investment advisor and a member of Nashville's Two Rivers Baptist Church, said churches can be insensitive to the needs of families with handicapped children.

Blair, whose first handicapped child lived only 13 months, was told by doctors the chances of having a second handicapped child were minuscule. The doctors were wrong, and her second child, Kristin, 24, is mentally handicapped, deaf and does not have an esophagus, which means she must be tube fed twice a day.

After Blair and her husband moved to Tennessee, she said members of the first Southern Baptist church they attended were insensitive to her family's needs. Her daughter required on-the-hour tube feeding, and she was in diapers.

"I taught a Sunday school class, and because Kristin's Sunday school teachers refused to tube feed her, I had to leave my class to do it. It really wasn't very hard; it was just scary to them, I guess," Blair said.

The same went for changing diapers. "She was in the 3-year-old class, but she was much older, and they wouldn't change her diapers. One Sunday after church, on my husband's birthday, we went to pick her up and she had had diarrhea all over herself. No one would change her diapers, and they didn't even come get me from church. We were going to go out to dinner for my husband's birthday, but we had to go home instead.

"I'm really not blaming these people," Blair said. "It's just that the church needs to educate itself about handicaps, and it needs to learn to not be afraid of them."

The church's education about handicaps should include what not to say to a parent of a child with disabilities, Blair said. "Don't tell me that if I have enough faith, my child will be healed. That's just not so."

She suggested church members who want to help a family with a handicapped member to ask specifically what they might do. "Most people ask if there is anything they can do. It's really best if they are specific. I have a difficult time saying, 'Well, yes, you can do such and such.'"

However, Blair said, she has become less timid about seeking help from others and the church. Her new motto is a blend of biblical admonition and a modern-day cliché -- "Ask, seek, knock and squeak."

Nabi, whose son Scott, 35, is severely mentally handicapped, told the group if he had to live his life over, he would refuse to go to church unless it offered a ministry to his son.

"We have 38,000 Southern Baptist churches, and only 2,000 of those have programs for people who are different," he said. "And the reason is, they are afraid of what they don't understand."

A lot of churches just hold bad theology when it comes to dealing with people with disabilities, he said.

Nabi said eight in 10 marriages break up following the birth of a mentally handicapped child, and seven in 10 dissolve when a physically handicapped child is involved.

"Now you tell me, is it God's will to break up families?"

Nabi suggested anyone interested in beginning a ministry to handicapped people at their church should just jump in and become involved.

"Become involved with a handicapped child yourself. Become involved with the parent of a handicapped child," he said. "Don't try to involve a committee, just become involved yourself."

The Advanced Training for Preschool/Children's Workers Seminar - X was sponsored by the BSSB discipleship and family development division.

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DC Talk, Point of Grace
among top Dove winners

By Tim Ellsworth

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--Christian rock group DC Talk earned artist of the year honors at the Gospel Music Association's 27th Annual Dove Awards, April 25 the Grand Ole Opry House, Nashville, Tenn.

The announcement came as a surprise to many people, including the members of DC (which stands for "decent Christian") Talk. One of the highest sellers in the Christian music industry, the group has been passed over for major awards in previous years in favor of more mainstream artists.

"For years the bulk of this industry has overlooked the music going out to our generation," said DC Talk front man Toby McKeehan. "It's nice that they've recognized it.

"We've forged our way kind of on fan support and not necessarily on the industry's support," McKeehan said. "If you can become industry-backed rather than just fan-supported, it becomes a bigger and better machine when it comes to reaching our generation."

"Jesus Freak," the title song from the group's latest album, also received recognition as song of the year. The song was written by McKeehan and Mark Heimermann.

"I'm shocked. I never thought people could palate something so aggressive," Heimermann said. "What a statement."

Female foursome Point of Grace captured group of the year honors, and show host Michael W. Smith took the Dove for songwriter of the year. Smith, who last won the award in 1985, ended Steven Curtis Chapman's seven-year monopoly in the category.

Gary Chapman received the award for male vocalist of the year, and CeCe Winans was named female vocalist of the year.

The new artist of the year award went to alternative/rock group Jars of Clay, whose debut album will be certified gold in a few days.

"I think we can see the wave of the future with groups like Jars of Clay, Audio Adrenaline and DC Talk," said DC Talk's Kevin Smith. "They're putting a foot into places it hasn't been before in Christian music."

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