

**BAPTIST PRESS**

News Service of the Southern Baptist Convention

460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37219
Telephone (615) 244-2355
W. C. Fields, Director
Jim Newton, Assistant Director

October 16, 1968

**SBC Counseling, Guidance
Conference Votes Disbanding****REGIONAL OFFICES**

ATLANTA Walker L. Knight, Editor, 1350 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30309, Telephone (404) 873-4041

DALLAS Billy Keith, Editor, 103 Baptist Building, Dallas, Texas 75201, Telephone (214) RI 1-1996

WASHINGTON W. Barry Garrett, Editor, 200 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002, Telephone (202) 544-4226

BUREAUBAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD Lynn M. Davis, Jr., Chief, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37203,
Telephone (615) 254-1631

NASHVILLE (BP)--The Southern Baptist Counseling and Guidance Conference voted here to disband "in view of the conference's achieved objectives and goals."

The motion cited as another reason for the action "the expanded programs of some of the component sections to establish their own professional conferences," and "the redirection of emphases of involvement on the part of other sections."

The Counseling and Guidance Conference has been an annual meeting of Baptist professionals in the areas of social work, pastoral care, vocational guidance, marriage and family counseling, and other similar fields. It has been backed financially by the Southern Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Boards, the Sunday School Board, and the Christian Life Commission.

Last year the Southern Baptist Association for Clinical Pastoral Education pulled out of the conference to join an inter-denominational Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. Another group which met last year dealing with vocational guidance did not meet this year.

In addition to the general conferences when several related groups met together, separate sessions were held for the Southern Baptist Social Service Association, the Southern Baptist Association for Pastoral Care, and the Southern Baptist Association for Marriage and Family Counseling, the three organizations which had this year comprised the conference.

In a separate meeting, the Southern Baptist Social Services Association voted to continue its existence even though the Counseling and Guidance Conference disbanded, and that it suspend its bylaws and constitution for the present.

The president of the Social Services Association, W. R. Wagoner, president of Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, was asked to appoint a study commission to study objectives, constitution, bylaws, date, place, time and program for a possible meeting next year.

The general sessions of the Counseling and Guidance Conference featured a series of addresses by Howard Clinebell, professor of Pastoral Counseling at Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, Calif., who told the group that mental health is a central and inescapable concern for any church that is doing its job today.

"Unfortunately," said Clinebell, "some within the churches take a 'ho-hum' attitude toward mental health, or a 'leave it to the psychiatrists' attitude, or even 'let's get back to religion and stop spending time on this psychology business.'"

Calling for more involvement of churches in the ministering to the mentally ill, Clinebell declared that "the churches collectively represent a kind of slumbering giant of positive potentialities in the mental health field."

In another major address, C. W. Brister, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth and president of the Counseling and Guidance Conference, said that the Southern Baptist Convention is facing an identity crisis caused by expansion into the north and other areas where Southern Baptists "are being forced to forego our provincialism."

The identity crisis is increased because ministers in these areas "are tied to one of the most reactionary institutions (the church) in society," Brister said. "There is a double bind in a pioneer of mission type-church: one, you have to create your flock, ...two, one must go about seeking people--helping, leading, teaching new members---during an era of social upheaval and racial crisis."

"To summarize," Brister concluded, "(1) many urban pastors (North and South) feel frustrated and unfulfilled, and their families feel trapped with them; (2) yet the metropolis is where most ministers wish to be. They believe...that the city is the frontier. There are liabilities and assets; problems and opportunities," which Brister said were both burdens and gifts.

Although the Counseling and Guidance Conference will not be held next year, some of the organizations which in the past met in connection with it may have separate meetings, but the times and places have not yet been set.

World's Fair Baptist
Pavilion Closes Doors

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (BP)--When the Baptist Pavilion closed its doors during the last hours of the World's Fair here, a total of 228,444 people had visited the exhibit.

During the six months of operation at HemisFair, 220 Choirs and singing groups performed at the pavilion, a citywide Spanish-speaking crusade was held with its cooperation, and controversy was sparked over the film "Tour 14" and "Man's Search for God," now showing in New York.

George E. Stewart, superintendent of missions for the San Antonio Baptist Association, evaluated the success of the pavilion by saying, "As a result of the joint effort of the San Antonio Association, the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and the Home and Foreign Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, thousands of people from various parts of the earth have learned about Southern Baptists and their work.

"They have been made aware that Southern Baptists care about people. They have learned something of the struggle by Baptists care about people. They have learned something of the struggle by Baptists to bring religious freedom to all peoples, about the missionary efforts that embrace the needs of man, and about the necessity for a consistent expression of faith in daily living," Stewart said.

He added that the fact that Southern Baptists were there must not be unnoticed. Other denominations commented upon this with commendation to us and disappointment that they were not likewise represented."

In summarizing the effect of the pavilion on people, Stewart said that thousands of friends were made for Baptists through the effort.

"I think it is important for Baptists to participate in fairs and expositions such as HemisFair. I am convinced that this Baptist pavilion was an investment of good stewardship and will reap dividends in the years ahead."

-30-

Arizona Baptists Elect
Associate Missions Head

(10-16-68)

PHOENIX (BP)--The Executive Board of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention has elected J. L. Canafax, Sunday School secretary for the convention for the past two years, to the position of associate missions director for the convention.

Canafax fills the post vacated by Dan C. Stringer Jr., who is now pastor of Coronado Baptist Church, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Canafax will work directly with the administration as associate to state missions director, Roy Sutton. He will work closely with the area superintendents of missions and will also assume a portion of the responsibility of administration in the area of language missions and in the promotion of stewardship in the convention.

The new associate missions director attended East Central Teachers' College at Ada, Okla., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He has served on various boards, agencies and committees in the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma as well as in the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention.

Prior to coming to the Arizona convention as Sunday School secretary, Canafax was pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of Glendale, Ariz.

-30-

C O R R E C T I O N

Story headlined, "Ministry To Ghettoes Urged At Evangelism Congress" mailed 10-14-68 (page 8), please change graph 17 to read, "A Canadian Baptist leader, Fred Bullen...instead of "A Cuban Baptist leader..." Bullen is from Canada. Thanks.

--Baptist Press

Florida Convention To
Consider Bylaw Changes

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP)--The State Board of Missions of the Florida Baptist Convention approved three bylaws changes for the convention, recommending that the full convention adopt the proposals in November.

The proposed bylaw amendments will provide for enlarged representation on the State Missions Board from larger associations within the convention, and will also set up a new committee structure for the board. A special study committee recommended the changes.

The board also voted to join with the Executive Committee of the Florida Baptist College trustees in recommending to the convention that the board of trustees for the proposed college be released.

In other action, the board voted to request two employes, Sunday School secretary C. F. Barry, and field secretary Luther W. Woodward, both who have passed optional retirement age, to continue their services until mandatory retirement age in about one year.

-30-

Chicago Baptist Association
Drops "Southern" From Name

(10-16-68)

CHICAGO (BP)--The Chicago Southern Baptist Association has changed its name to "Metropolitan Chicago Baptist Association, SBC," dropping the word "Southern" from its name.

The name was changed, according to association officials, because (1) "Southern" is a problem for some churches in reaching natives of the area, and (2) the former name was not considered descriptive of its geographic location.

"Metropolitan Chicago" actually includes 62 cities with populations from 5,000 to 83,000 with no Southern Baptist Church.

The association claims to have the largest population of any in the Southern Baptist Convnetion. It covers two counties--Cook and DuPage--with population of 6,269,000.

The association is made up of 70 churches and 14 missions. Preston M. Denton is superintendent of missions.

-30-

Baptist Executive Urges
Church-Sponsored Housing

(10-16-68)

WASHINGTON (BP)--An executive with the American Baptist Convention urged here that church groups borrow funds from their own well-established institutions to help provide critically-needed housing for low and moderate-income families.

James A. Christison, Jr., an associate executive secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies told a group of churchmen and community leaders concerned with private, nonprofit housing that it is not necessary to depend on government funding for their housing projects.

Christison addressed the National Conference on Nonprofit Housing and Community Development Corporations, sponsored by Urban America, Inc.

Urban America is an independent, nonprofit organization concerned with problems related to the quality of life in metropolitan areas. The national conference brought some 250 churchmen, community leaders and housing specialists together from across the nation to discuss different aspect of sponsoring nonprofit housing for poor families.

In an address to the plenary session, Christison said that there are well-established nonprofit insitutions that can provide funds for local nonprofit housing "if only they had the will to do it."

He pointed out the huge endowments of most private colleges and universities, hospitals and homes for the aged as potential sources for borrowing funds. These larger institutions could now help the small insitutions establish corporation to sponsor housing for the poor, he urged.

-more-

Christison said that in addition to the \$2 million put into the American Baptist Housing Corporation by the convention, some \$6 1/2 million has been obtained from American Baptist institutions. The first loan of \$50,000 came from a home for the aged in New York City, he said.

The American Baptist Convention, with a membership of 1 1/2 million is the largest non-profit sponsor of housing for low-income families in the United States. Through its home mission societies, it sponsors \$20 million in low and moderate-income housing in 10 locations across the country, from Boston, Mass., and Harlem in New York City, to the Watts Area of Los Angeles, Calif.

In addition to sponsoring the low-income housing projects, the ABHMS has added two corporations to work with local community and church organizations interested in housing.

A group of six experts is available to advise local churches and interfaith groups on the complexities of organizing a housing corporation. Also, an American Baptist management corporation provides training and expertise to local residents to manage their own facilities.

One purpose of the management corporation is to "build community as well as housing," the Baptist housing specialist said. He pointed out that one of the advantages the non-profit sponsor has over the commercial manager is that of knowing needs of individual families and making referrals to community service agencies.

James P. Twomey, the director of the Nonprofit Housing Center of Urban America said that 60 per cent of all nonprofit housing in the United States is now being produced by church groups.

In addition to American Baptists, other denominations involved in nonprofit housing, according to Twomey, are: the Lutheran Church in America, United Methodist Church, United Presbyterian Church, the United Church of Christ and the Episcopal Church.

Another spokesman for Urban America, Roger Miller, said that most of the nonprofit housing sponsored by churches and denominations is located in inner cities. He pointed out that housing is being sponsored by interfaith groups and individual churches as well as denominations.

In an interview with Baptist Press, Miller, a minister of the United Church of Christ, discussed the missionary motive behind efforts of church groups to provide better housing for the poor.

The participation of churches in low-income housing may not "save the institutional church," Miller said, "But it may verywell save the cities and the nation."

-30-

SBC Official's Father Dies

(10-16-68)

DALLAS (BP)--James Hardy Valentine, father of Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission Executive Secretary Foy D. Valentine, died here at a Baptist home for the aged after a lengthy illness (Oct. 14).

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church, Edgewood, Tex., about 50 miles east of Dallas, Oct. 16. Valentine had been a patient at the Mary E. Trew Home of Buckner Baptist Benevolences for several months.

401

-30-



BAPTIST PRESS

*460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37219*

RECEIVED
OCT 17 1968
HISTORICAL COMMISSION, SBC

DAVIS G. WOOLLEY HQ
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
127 NINTH AVE. N.
NASHVILLE, TENN. 37203