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**SBC Program To Feature
Evangelism, Social Aspects**

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--The 1969 session of the Southern Baptist Convention scheduled here June 10-13 will emphasize both evangelism and social ethics, the committee which planned the convention program has announced.

The proposed agenda for the annual meeting of the 11-million member convention was released by the convention's committee on order of business, headed by Richard Kay, director of the church services division of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California in Fresno, Calif.

Citing an effort to obtain a balanced program for the four-day session, the committee pointed out that the Friday afternoon and Friday evening closing sessions of the convention will feature an evangelistic emphasis being planned and conducted by Convention President W. A. Criswell of Dallas and the SBC Home Mission Board.

The Friday morning session will emphasize "the much discussed area of social ethics and related areas" with both the reports of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, and the SBC Christian Life Commission, in addition to the report of the resolutions committee.

The committee's statement also pointed out that they believed Southern Baptists "should not always just 'hear from ourselves' but should periodically hear from those outside our own convention constituency."

The two "outside" speakers, both Baptists from other conventions, enlisted by the committee were S. M. Lockridge, Negro pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in San Diego, Calif.; and Gilbert Rutenber, president of the American Baptist Convention and professor at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Centre, Mass.

In announcing the two "outside" speakers, the committee said: "There are no hidden meanings or motives, just a desire to be exposed to what is around us so we can more effectively relate in our total work."

The committee on order of business also pointed out that special emphasis will be made on Wednesday evening to a "Shaping the Seventies Presentation" by the SBC Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood Commission, in an effort to explain and interpret "forthcoming major developments which will relate to all churches."

Committee members said they made a serious attempt this year to begin to rotate the report time of the boards and agencies of the convention, "since some reporting times are more desirable than others."

Other major addresses at the convention will be delivered by Southern Baptist ministers.

The four-day convention will open Tuesday evening, June 10, with the annual convention sermon by Scott L. Tatum, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church in Shreveport, La., and the annual president's message by Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas.

Other major addresses are slated by John Bob Riddle, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Birmingham, and W. R. White, retired president of Baylor University in Waco, Tex.

John R. Bisagno, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church in Del City, Okla., a suburb of Oklahoma City, will be the speaker at the Friday night evangelistic service. The church where Bisagno is pastor led the SBC in the number of baptisms (conversions) last year.

A total of three hours, 35 minutes is slated for miscellaneous business and election of officers, not including the reports of committees, boards, and agencies. The bylaws require that at least one-third of the time for consideration of all reports before the convention shall be reserved for discussion from the floor.

The committee recommending the agenda was comprised of Kay, chairman; J. William Angell of Winston-Salem, N. C.; Horace Chapman of Columbia, S. C.; J. Norris Palmer of Baton Rouge, La.; Elmer Ruark of Salisbury, Md.; Robert S. Scales of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Criswell.

Joan Harvison, Oklahoma PR
Director, Joins Paper Staff

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)--Miss Joan Harvison, director of communications for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma for the past two years, has resigned to accept a position as associate editor of Orbit, the rotogravure section of the Sunday Oklahoman newspaper.

Miss Harvison, a member of the public relations staff for Oklahoma Baptists since 1964, has written numerous feature articles for the Sunday supplement section of the Oklahoma newspaper which she will help edit.

A native of Mobile, Ala., Miss Harvison is a graduate of Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, where she worked in the seminary public relations office and was associate editor of Southwestern News, alumni publication.

She is former membership vice president of the Baptist Public Relations Association, winner of numerous awards in that organization's news and feature writing competition, and is the Religious News Service correspondent for Oklahoma City.

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Baptist Hospital Chaplains
Change Name, Expand Group

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--The Southern Baptist Association of Hospital Chaplains, meeting here, voted to change its name and expand its organization to include any Baptist minister who serves as a health care, panal, industrial, correctional or governmental chaplain.

New name for the organization is the Association of Baptist Chaplains.

The group met here in connection with a related session of the American Protestant Hospital Association Convention. John B. Cheshire Jr., of the Baptist Hospital in Pensacola, Fla., is president of the newly-named Association of Baptist Chaplains.

Cheshire explained that government chaplaincy was added to cover men serving police, fire, or governmental agencies as chaplains.

The organization is also now open to any Southern Baptist minister who serves as a denominational employee with direct interest in, or responsibility for a chaplaincy ministry.

Cheshire said that chaplains who qualify for membership under the expanded organization who have not in the past been members could contact him, or Walter Jackson, secretary-treasurer of the association, at Kentucky Baptist Hospital in Louisville, concerning membership information.

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S O U T H E R N B A P T I S T C O N V E N T I O N

June 10-13, 1969

The Rivergate Exhibition Center
New Orleans, Louisiana

THEME: "Christ in Faith and Work"

- OFFICERS: W. A. Criswell, president (pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas)
- Owen Cooper, first vice president (president, Mississippi and Coastal Chemical Corporations, Yazoo City, Mississippi)
- Lee Porter, second vice president (pastor, First Baptist Church, Bellaire, Texas)
- Clifton J. Allen, recording secretary (retired editorial secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee)
- W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary (executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee)
- Porter W. Routh, treasurer (executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee)
- Lee Roy Till, music director (minister of music, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas)
- W. C. Fields, press representative (public relations secretary, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee)
- Richard Kay, chairman, committee on order of business (director, church services division, Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Fresno, California)

PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS

TUESDAY EVENING, June 10

- Theme: "Faith and Work Proclaimed"
- 6:45 Music for inspiration
- 7:00 Call to order
- Music
- Scripture -- John S. Farrar, pastor, First Baptist Church, Culpeper, Virginia
- Invocation -- James Gantenbein, pastor, Suburban Heights Baptist Church, Klamath Falls, Oregon
- 7:10 Report of registration, and constituting of the convention -- W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary, executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee
- 7:15 Committee on order of business -- Richard Kay, chairman, director, Church Services Division, Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Fresno, California

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TUESDAY EVENING, June 10, Continued

- 7:20 Welcome -- The Honorable John McKeithen, governor of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- 7:25 Worship
- Music
- Scripture -- James M. Baldwin, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and convention sermon alternate
- 7:35 CONVENTION SERMON -- Scott L. Tatum, pastor, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana
- 8:10 Music
- 8:15 Announcement of Committee on Committees
 Committee on Resolutions
 Tellers
- 8:20 Music
- 8:35 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
- Benediction

WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 11

Theme: "Faith and Work at Home"

- 9:15 Music for inspiration
- 9:30 Invocation -- J. L. Canafax, associate director, division of missions, Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, Phoenix, Arizona
- Memorial Service -- Searcy S. Garrison, executive secretary, Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia
- 9:45 Executive Committee -- Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tennessee
- 10:30 Worship
- Music
- Scripture -- Katsuro Taura, director, cooperative church development division, Hawaii Baptist Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii
- 10:40 Introduction of miscellaneous business and resolutions
- 11:25 Music
- 11:30 Home Mission Board -- Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer, Atlanta, Georgia
- 12:45 Benediction -- William Carter, pastor, Oakhill Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, June 11

Theme: "Faith and Work in Citizenship"

- 2:15 Music for inspiration
- 2:30 Invocation -- Noland Phillips, pastor, University Baptist Church, Middletown, Ohio
- Election of officers
- Introduction of miscellaneous business and resolutions
- 3:15 Historical Commission -- Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary, Nashville, Tennessee
- 3:25 Stewardship Commission -- Merrill D. Moore, executive director-treasurer, Nashville
- 3:40 Southern Baptist Foundation -- Kendall Berry, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville
- 3:45 Worship
- Music
- Scripture -- Trenton Bruce, pastor, St. Andrews Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina
- 3:50 Annuity Board -- R. Alton Reed, executive secretary, Dallas, Texas
- 4:10 MESSAGE -- John Bob Riddle, pastor, Central Park Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama
- 4:35 Benediction -- Edward Wolfe, pastor, Faith Baptist Church, Spenard, Alaska

WEDNESDAY EVENING, June 11

- 7:15 Music for inspiration
 7:30 Invocation -- G. A. Ratterree, Brotherhood secretary, Florida Baptist Convention
 Jacksonville, Florida
 Woman's Missionary Union -- Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary, Birmingham, Alabama
 7:45 Brotherhood Commission -- George W. Schroeder, executive secretary-treasurer, Memphis,
 Tennessee
 7:55 Southern Baptist Hospitals -- Hardy M. Harrell, executive secretary-treasurer,
 New Orleans, Louisiana, and Jacksonville, Florida
 8:05 Sunday School Board -- James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville
 8:35 Worship
 Music
 Scripture -- Fred Hollomon, pastor, First Baptist Church, Manhattan, Kansas
 8:45 "Shaping the Seventies Presentation"
 9:45 Benediction -- Herbert Hughes, pastor, First Baptist Church, Cedar City, Utah

THURSDAY MORNING, June 12

Theme: "Faith and Work With Others"

- 9:15 Music for inspiration
 9:30 Invocation -- W. R. Buchanan, superintendent of missions, Central Baptist Association,
 Albuquerque, New Mexico
 Committee on resolutions (first report)
 10:00 Committee on committees
 10:05 Committee on Baptist state papers -- Herschel H. Hobbs, chairman, pastor, First
 Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 10:10 Radio and Television Commission -- Paul M. Stevens, executive secretary-treasurer,
 Fort Worth, Texas
 10:30 Elections of officers
 Miscellaneous business
 11:35 Baptist World Alliance -- Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary, Washington, D. C.
 11:45 Worship
 Music
 Scripture -- Bobby Belcher, pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Salisbury, Maryland
 11:50 Recognition of fraternal messengers
 12:10 Music
 12:15 MESSAGE -- S. M. Lockridge, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, San Diego, California
 12:45 Benediction -- Garrett Graham, pastor, Jackson Heights Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, June 12
 No Convention Session

THURSDAY EVENING, June 12

Theme: "Faith and Work Throughout the World"

- 7:15 Music for inspiration
 7:30 Invocation -- Fred D. Barnes, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lenoir, North Carolina
 Education Commission -- Rabun L. Brantley, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville
 7:45 American Baptist Seminary Commission -- Herman Burns, managing art director, Baptist
 Sunday School Board, Nashville, and chairman
 7:50 Report of the seminaries and presentation of the seminary presidents -- Olin T. Binkley,
 president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and chairman
 of the seminary presidents' group
 8:05 Message on Christian education -- W. R. White, president emeritus, Baylor University,
 Waco, Texas
 8:35 Worship
 Music
 Scripture -- Hoyle Haire, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bonnevill, Arkansas
 8:45 Foreign Mission Board -- Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Richmond, Virginia
 9:55 Benediction -- Milo Arbuckle, pastor, Denver Temple Baptist Church, Denver, Colorado

FRIDAY MORNING, June 13

Theme: "Faith and Work for Humanity"

- 9:15 Music for inspiration
 9:30 Invocation -- John E. Barnes Jr., pastor, Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
 10:00 American Bible Society -- Roy J. Madsen, director of church relations, New York City
 10:05 Committee on boards (final report) -- John C. Huffman, pastor, First Baptist Church, Mayfield, Kentucky, chairman
 10:10 Committee on denominational calendar -- Dan D. Bryson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Joplin, Missouri, chairman
 10:15 Christian Life Commission -- Foy Valentine, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville
 10:35 Worship
 Music
 Scripture -- Robert Hastings, editor, The Illinois Baptist, Carbondale, Illinois
 10:40 Miscellaneous business
 11:40 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs -- C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director, Washington, D. C.
 12:10 Music
 12:15 MESSAGE -- Culbert Rutenber, president, American Baptist Convention, and professor, Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Centre, Massachusetts
 12:45 Benediction -- Roy Gresham, executive secretary-treasurer, Baptist Convention of Maryland, Lutherville, Maryland

FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING SESSIONS
 June 13

An evangelistic emphasis is being planned and conducted by the convention president and the Home Mission Board for these two sessions. At the Friday night evangelistic service, John R. Bisagno, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Oklahoma, will speak.

NOTE:

1. Convention By-Law 21 states that one-third of the time for consideration of all reports before the convention shall be reserved for discussion from the floor.
2. Items in capital letters will be called for at the time indicated and are not to be shifted, altered or abbreviated.
3. The Executive Committee and the committee on boards will make their reports in sections. The portion of their report dealing with a board or agency will be presented at the time the report of that board or agency is presented to the convention.

STATEMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

After very careful and deliberate planning, the committee on order of business is releasing the program for the Southern Baptist Convention, June 10-13. The committee desires to share its basic thinking and the background for the recommended program.

Messenger interest was of prime concern in the development of the program. The committee made a concerted effort to balance business (the basic purpose of the convention) and inspiration. There are three specific considerations that are vital:

1. This year a serious attempt was made to begin to rotate the report time of the boards and agencies. The committee studied in detail the reporting times of all boards and agencies for the last ten years. Since some reporting times are more desirable than others, the committee believes it is only fair to rotate these report times over the years. The concept of rotation is not a de-emphasizing of a board or agency, but simply a matter of fairness to all aspects of the work of our convention.
2. The amount of time allocated to a board or agency in any one year does not necessarily indicate the committee's appraisal or evaluation of that board or agency in comparison to others. Time allocation priority is given periodically for a special observance, such as an anniversary or a special emphasis being projected. For example, additional time this year is allocated to the Sunday School Board, the Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood Commission for a "Shaping the Seventies Presentation" which represents several forthcoming major developments which will relate to all our churches.

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3. The committee also believes we should not always just "hear from ourselves" but should periodically hear from those who are outside our own convention constituency. This year the convention will hear from two such persons who will bring principal messages. There are no hidden meanings or motives, just a desire to be exposed to what is around us so we can more effectively relate in our total work. The speakers are: Dr. S. M. Lockridge, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, San Diego, California; and Dr. Culbert Rutenber, president of the American Baptist Convention, and professor at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Centre, Massachusetts.

A sincere effort was made by the committee to have a desirable distribution of music, worship, miscellaneous and convention business, messenger participation, inspiration and a balanced program through the entire week. For example, on Friday morning, in addition to the final report by the committee on resolutions, there will be an emphasis on the much discussed area of social ethics and related areas with the reports of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and the Christian Life Commission, plus the message by Dr. Culbert Rutenber.

Friday afternoon and evening will be given to an evangelistic emphasis, which speaks to the continued concern of Southern Baptists for the souls and spiritual welfare of all men.

With these considerations in mind, the committee on order of business heartily recommends to the convention this program for the 1969 sessions in New Orleans, June 10-13.

Committee on Order of Business

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