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**Pastors' Conference To Relate
Bible Preaching To Major Issues**

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, meeting here June 9-10 just prior to sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, will feature a program aimed at meeting major issues of the day with strong, positive, Biblical preaching, the Pastors' Conference president said in releasing the program

Theme for the two-day meeting will be "The Living Lord Confronting Today's World," said Pastors' Conference President Harper Shannon, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dothan, Ala.

Twenty major addresses, messages and program features will highlight the two-day program. Sessions will be held at the New Orleans Municipal Auditorium, corners of St. Ann and St. Peter, and St. Claude, beginning at 9:15 Monday, June 9, and ending Tuesday afternoon, June 10.

Shannon pointed out that one of the changes in the program format this year was "a tremendous reduction in the number of program personnel." Last year, there were 58 major addresses during the two-day meeting.

Another new feature this year is the introduction of a Sunday evening preconference dinner and colloquy, featuring a panel discussion and open floor dialogue beginning at 9:15 p.m. Sunday, June 8, at the Royal Orleans Hotel, and ending at 11:30. Cost of the full dinner served and the colloquy will be \$10, Shannon said.

The panel will discuss the theme, "Students, The Church and Today's Issues," and will include at least one college student along with Kenneth L. Chafin, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; B. Gray Allison, a Baptist evangelist from Rustin, La.; and Ron Willis, pastor in San Francisco and minister who works with the hippies of the Haight-Ashbury district.

The Pastors' Conference itself will feature both Biblical and doctrinal preaching, and messages and addresses on major issues of the day, Shannon said.

Major issues on the program, and the speaker dealing with that issue, will be:

---The population explosion: Wayne Ward, professor at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville;

---Separation of Church and State: Landrum P. Leavell, III, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex.;

---The problem of war: Jess Moody, pastor of First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla.;

---Situation ethics and the new morality: John Drakeford, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth;

---Ecumenical evangelism: Alastair Walker, pastor of First Baptist Church, Griffin, Ga.;

---Poverty: Vander Warner, pastor of Grove Avenue Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.;

---Drug addiction: Dr. Ira Myers, state health officer for Alabama and a Southern Baptist deacon;

---Biblical Preaching and social issues: Warren Hultgren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.;

---The gospel of a radical pulpit: Manuel L. Scott, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

Scott, a Negro, will also speak on "Redemption through the Blood." Another Negro, Jimmie McDonald of Colorado, will bring special music several times.

Doctrinal messages will be brought by H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, and immediate past president of the SBC; Ray Wood, evangelist, Birmingham, Ala.; John Bob Riddle, pastor of Central Park Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.; and

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Charles Carter, pastor of Whitesburg, Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala.; and Eddie Lieberman, evangelist from Greenville, S. C.

Other major addresses will be brought by Evangelist John Edmund Haggai of Atlanta, Governor Albert P. Brewer of Alabama, and an active Baptist layman; and R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, who brings the closing address on the second coming of Christ.

Personal testimonies will be brought by Miss Vonda Kay Van Kyke, the 1965 Miss America from Phoenix, Ariz., and by Hudson Baggett, editor of the Alabama Baptist, Birmingham.

Special music will be brought by McDonald, Mrs. Martha Branham, soloist for the First Baptist Church of Dallas; and by Mrs. Warren E. Hearnes, wife of the governor of Missouri and an active member of First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, Mo. Kurt Kaiser will be the organist and Baynard Fox, pianist.

Brief welcomes and greetings will be brought by J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans and former SBC President; Bob Harrington, the "Chaplain of Bourbon Street" and Baptist evangelist; William L. Self, pastor of Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta; and by SBC President W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas.

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Illinois Baptist Passes 50,000 In Circulation

CARBONDALE, Ill. (BP)--The Illinois Baptist, weekly tabloid publication of the Illinois Baptist State Association, has passed the 50,000 mark in circulation, an increase of 22,000 during the past year.

Major reason for the tremendous rate of increase was attributed to sending the paper to every Baptist family, financed through the state convention's Cooperative Program budget.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Program outline for the SBC Pastors' Conference will be mailed Thursday, March 13. Story and program on Church Music Conference will be mailed Friday, March 14. Information on Religious Education Conference will go out next week.

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Proposed Program

S O U T H E R N B A P T I S T P A S T O R S ' C O N F E R E N C E

June 9-10, 1969

New Orleans Municipal Auditorium
New Orleans, Louisiana

THEME: "The Living Word Confronting Today's World"

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 7:25

MONDAY MORNING, June 9

- 9:15 Scripture and prayer
Congregational singing
- 9:30 Welcome to New Orleans -- J. D. Grey, pastor, First Baptist Church, New Orleans,
and chairman, SBC Local Arrangements Committee
- 9:35 Welcome to New Orleans -- Bob Harrington, chaplain of Bourbon Street, New Orleans
- 9:55 Response -- William L. Self, pastor, Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia
- 10:05 Special Music
- 10:15 Message: "Born Free"--Landrum P. Leavell, III, pastor, First Baptist Church,
Wichita Falls, Texas
- 10:40 Congregational singing
- 10:45 Greeting -- W. A. Criswell, president, Southern Baptist Convention and pastor,
First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
- 10:55 Message: "The Bible and Birth Control" -- Wayne Ward, professor, Southern
Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky
- 11:20 Offering
Special music
- 11:35 Message: "Saved to the Uttermost Means Saved Completely" -- H. Franklin Paschall,
pastor, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee

MONDAY AFTERNOON, June 9

- 1:45 Scripture and prayer
Congregational singing
- 2:00 Message: "The Christian and War" -- Jess Moody, pastor, First Baptist Church,
West Palm Beach, Florida
- 2:25 Special music
- 2:35 Message: "Situation Ethics, the New Morality and Christian Faith" -- John
Drakeford, professor, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary,
Fort Worth, Texas
- 3:00 Congregational singing
- 3:10 Message: "What Is Jesus Doing Now?" -- Eddie Lieberman, evangelist, Greenville,
South Carolina
- 3:40 Offering
Special music
- 3:55 Message: "The Gospel of a Radical Pulpit" -- Manuel L. Scott, pastor, Calvary
Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California

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MONDAY EVENING, June 9

- 6:45 Scripture and prayer
Congregational singing
- 7:00 Message: "Ecumenical Evangelism" -- Alastair Walker, pastor, First Baptist Church, Griffin, Georgia
- 7:25 Special music
- 7:40 Address -- Governor Albert P. Brewer, Montgomery, Alabama
- 8:10 Congregational singing
- 8:20 Testimony -- Vonda Kay Van Dyke, 1965 Miss America, Phoenix, Arizona
- 8:50 Offering
Special Music
- 9:05 Message: "The Unlit Paths" -- John Edmund Haggai, evangelist, Atlanta, Georgia

TUESDAY MORNING, June 10

- 9:15 Scripture and prayer
Congregational singing
- 9:30 Message: "Saved to the Uttermost Means Saved Forever" -- H. Ray Wood, evangelist, Birmingham, Ala.
- 9:55 Special music
- 10:05 Message: "Jesus Is Able To Save" -- John Bob Riddle, pastor, Central Park Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama
- 10:30 Congregational singing
- 10:35 Message: "Biblical Preaching and Social Issues" -- Warren Hultgren, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- 11:00 Testimony of a Baptist Editor -- Hudson Baggett, editor, The Alabama Baptist, Birmingham, Alabama
- 11:10 Offering
Special music
- 11:25 Message: "Redemption Through the Blood" -- Manuel L. Scott, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, June 10

- 1:45 Scripture and prayer
Congregational singing
- 1:55 Message: "Jesus and the Poor" -- Vander Warner Jr., pastor, Grove Avenue Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia
- 2:20 Election of officers
- 2:35 Presentation to past president
- 2:40 Address: "Marijuana During the Week and LSD on Sundays" -- Dr. Ira Myers, Alabama state health officer
- 3:05 Congregational singing and special music
- 3:15 Message: "Christ, The Only Way To God" -- Charles T. Carter, pastor, Whitesburg Baptist Church, Huntsville, Alabama
- 3:40 Presentation of new officers
- 3:45 Offering
Special music
- 4:00 Message: "The Second Coming of Christ" -- R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee