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Baptist Pastors To Take
Look At Selves in Denver

DENVER (BP)--Ministers attending the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference will take a hard look at themselves as they face the 1970's during their annual meeting slated May 31-June 1, prior to the Southern Baptist Convention here.

Theme for the conference, according to Pastors' Conference President Don Berry of Memorial Drive Baptist Church, Houston, will be "Minister, Christ-Man for the 70's."

The Pastors' Conference will open on Sunday evening, May 31 with a service called "A Celebration of Worship and Witness."

Evangelistic in tone, the opening session will feature messages by Bill Glass, who left the Cleveland Browns professional football team to enter full-time evangelism in 1968; James Robison, youthful evangelist from Hurst, Tex., who recently lead a church revival meeting in Irving, Tex., that resulted in 708 conversions; and William Lawson, Negro pastor of the Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Houston.

Meditations will be brought in the opening session by W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas and president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Glenn Braswell, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Colorado; and Mrs. Marie Mathis, of Waco, Tex., president of the Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the SBC.

Berry said that the Woman's Missionary Union would not hold a session on Sunday evening and would be "supporting" the Pastors' Conference meeting that night. In turn, said Berry, the Pastors' Conference will "support" the Woman's Missionary Union Sunday afternoon session, which will emphasize music and missions and feature a hymn festival.

Eight speakers each will address the Monday morning and Monday afternoon sessions on the role and task of the minister during the 1970's. There are a total of 22 speakers on the program.

Both the Monday morning and Monday afternoon session will carry out three sub-themes, with speakers on assigned topics under general headings.

Speaking on the "Minister as a Man" Monday morning will be John Claypool, pastor of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.; and James Middleton, pastor, First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.

Speaking on the section, "The Minister as a Man of Christ" Monday morning will be Richard Jackson, pastor, North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz.; Larry Rohrman, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.; and Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

Dealing with the minister "As a Man of Christ to Lead Others" on Monday morning, will be John Newport, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth; Wallace R. Rogers, professor at Baptist College of Charleston (S.C.); and Thomas Field, pastor, First Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo.

The Monday afternoon session will include addresses on the minister as an effector of change, as an equipper of saints, and as a channel of healing and hope.

Speakers for the first section are James L. Pleitz, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., and James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Others dealing with the second sub-theme will be John Nichol, pastor of Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.; Larry Walker, minister at large for Madison Baptist Church, Madison, N.J.; Freddie Gage, evangelist from Houston, Tex.; and Lawson who speaks a second time.

Closing addresses will be brought by Gerald Martin, pastor of Poplar Avenue Baptist Church and immediate past president of the conference; and Robert G. Lee, pastor emeritus of the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis.

Sessions will be held in the 5,000-seat Arena of the Denver Convention Center.

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Challenge, Crisis of Change
Set As Religious Ed Topic

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DENVER (BP)--The Southern Baptist Religious Education Association, scheduled here May 31-June 1, at the Brown Palace Hotel, will deal with the "Challenge of the Crisis of Change" as it relates to religious education in the church.

Detailed plans for the program here were released by Russell Noel, minister of education for the First Baptist Church of Tulsa, Okla., and president of the association, composed primarily of ministers of education for Southern Baptist churches.

As a departure from previous years, the Religious Education Association will begin its 15th annual sessions on Sunday afternoon and conclude them on Monday afternoon. The revised schedule was necessitated by plans to begin the Southern Baptist Convention's 125th anniversary sessions here on Monday evening rather than the traditional Tuesday night.

Major speakers for the Religious Education Association will be R. Lofton Hudson, director of the Midwest Christian Counseling center, Kansas City, Mo., and Campbell Wyckoff, professor of Christian Education at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J.

Noel said that Hudson would speak three times on the general subject of the dynamics of change, and Wyckoff, who is "perhaps the nation's outstanding authority on design and building of church curriculum," will address the group on "Understanding Your Church Curriculum."

Opening address will be delivered by Albert McClellan, program planning secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville, on "1970's Challenge As I See It." McClellan and Hudson will engage in dialogue following their speeches.

W. L. Howse, director of the Education Division for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will explain how the SBC's 1970 curriculum, which includes extensive changes, was developed. Howse and Wyckoff will engage in dialogue following their addresses.

A Southern Baptist layman from Tulsa, Okla., Architect Joseph R. Coleman, will give a Baptist layman's response to "the crisis of change." Hudson, who speaks again on psychological aspects of change, and Coleman will have open discussions with the conference participants.

Closing address for the conference is to be delivered by Gordon Clinard, pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Angelo, Tex.

All sessions will be held in Ballroom B of the Brown Palace Hotel, which is holding 150 rooms for conference participants until April 1.

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Southern Baptist Religious Education Association
May 31-June 1
Brown Palace Hotel--Ballroom B

THEME: "The Challenge of the Crisis of Change"

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, May 31

- 2:00 Call to Order, Appointment of Committees
2:15 Worship Through Singing--James D. Johnson, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Scripture and Prayer--Gary G. Foil, associate, Sunday School Department, South Carolina Baptist Convention, Columbia, South Carolina
2:30 1970's Challenge As I See It--Albert McClellan, program planning secretary, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee
3:00 Leadership Implications of Change--R. Lofton Hudson, director, Midwestern Christian Counseling Center, Kansas City, Missouri
3:30 Dialogue with Dr. McClellan and Dr. Hudson
4:00 Adjourn

SUNDAY EVENING, May 31

- 7:30 Sunday Evening Musical Vesper Service
8:00 How the 1970 Curriculum Was Developed--W. L. Howse, director, Education Division, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee
8:30 Understanding Your Church Curriculum--Campbell Wyckoff, professor of Christian Education, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey
9:15 Dialogue with Dr. Howse and Dr. Wyckoff
9:30 Adjourn

MONDAY MORNING, June 1

- 9:00 Worship Through Singing--James D. Johnson, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Scripture and Prayer--Melvin B. Anderson, minister of education, Green Street Baptist Church, High Point, North Carolina
Special Music--Harold Souther, director, Christian Education, Kansas City Baptist Association, Kansas City, Missouri
9:15 Understanding the Psychological Aspects of Change--R. Lofton Hudson, Kansas City, Missouri
9:45 A Layman's Response to the Crisis of Change--Joseph R. Coleman, architect, Tulsa, Oklahoma
10:15 Open Discussion with Dr. Hudson and Mr. Coleman
10:30 Business Session--Russell Noel, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma; president, Southern Baptist Religious Education Association
11:00 Presentation of New Officers
Recognition of Past Presidents
Adjourn

MONDAY AFTERNOON, June 1

- 2:30 Worship in Song--James D. Johnson, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Scripture and Prayer
Special Music
2:45 How to Update the Old Church Leader--R. Lofton Hudson, Kansas City, Missouri
3:15 Special Music
3:20 For Such A Time As This--Gordon Clinard, pastor, First Baptist Church, San Angelo, Texas
4:00 Adjourn



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SOUTHERN BAPTIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE

Denver Convention Center Arena
 May 31-June 1

THEME: "Minister, Christ-Man for the 70's"

SUNDAY EVENING, May 31, 7:00 o'clock
"A Celebration of Worship and Witness"

- "Minister in the 70's...for Christ's Sake"--A Visual-Choral Presentation
- "Christ's Witness"--Bill Glass, evangelist and former All-Pro defensive end, The Cleveland Browns
- "Christ's Church"--William Lawson, pastor, Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Houston, Texas
- "A Meditation for Missions"--Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president, Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, Waco, Texas
- "A Meditation for Churches"--Glenn Braswell, executive secretary, Colorado Baptist General Convention, Denver, Colorado
- "Christ's Presence"--James Robison, evangelist, Hurst, Texas
- "In Honor of Christ, The King"--W. A. Criswell, president, Southern Baptist Convention, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

MONDAY MORNING, June 1, 9:00 o'clock
THEME: "The Minister: Christ's Man for the 70's"

- The Minister as a Man**
 - "An Appraisal: A Man of All Seasons"--John Claypool, pastor, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky
 - "An Appeal: A Man's Finest Hour"--James Middleton, pastor, First Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana
- The Minister as a Man of Christ**
 - "Our Invitation from Christ"--Richard Jackson, pastor, North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, Arizona
 - "Our Fellowship with Christ"--Larry Rohrman, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi
 - "The Indispensable Lord"--Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- A Minister as a Man of Christ to Lead Others**
 - "The World: A Tangled Web and a Scarlet Thread"--John Newport, professor, philosophy of religion, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas
 - "The Word: Pastor, Prophet, Priest?"--Wallace R. Rogers, professor, Baptist College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina
 - "The Witness: Following Christ Into the World"--Thomas Field, pastor, First Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri

MONDAY AFTERNOON, June 1, 1:45 o'clock
THEME: "Minister, Christ-Man for the 70's"

- An Effector of Change**
 - "A Man for all Seasons"--James Pletiz, pastor, First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida
 - "A Changing Times: Chaos or Challenge?"--James L. Sullivan, executive secretary, Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee
- An Equipper of Saints**
 - "Who Shall We Be?--The Struggle for Integrity"--John Nichol, pastor, Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia

"Where Shall We Go?--The Church in the City"--Larry Walker, minister
at large, Madison Baptist Church, Madison, New Jersey

"What Shall We Do?--The Struggle for Identity"--William Lawson,
Houston, Texas

"Where Shall We Go?--The Church in the Streets"--Freddie Gage, evangelist,
Houston, Texas

A Channel of Healing and Hope

"Healing--A Balm in Gilead"--Gerald Martin, pastor, Poplar Avenue Baptist
Church, Memphis, Tennessee

"Hope--Evidence of the Unseen"--Robert G. Lee, pastor emeritus, Bellevue
Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee