

**DENVER CONVENTION CENTER  
DENVER, COLORADO JUNE 1-4, 1970  
THEME: "LIVING THE CHRIST LIFE"  
125th ANNIVERSARY SESSION**

**News FROM THE Southern Baptist Convention**

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Church Music Conference Roundup

Hold for Release Saturday June 6

DENVER, June 6--The Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, held following the Southern Baptist Convention on Friday and Saturday at Denver's First American Baptist Church, featured conferences, dialogue, and speeches along with a variety of musical presentation.

Bob Burroughs, minister of music of First Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex., president of the conference, challenged his fellow musicians to "get out of our buildings and take the church out into the world where the people are instead of waiting for the people to come to us."

In another major address, Austin C. Lovelace, of Montview Presbyterian Church, Denver, turned from parody to challenge as he encouraged the music leaders to allow worship to "spill over into everything we do and all that we are."

Burroughs said he was encouraged with the growth in the church music group. "We have more than 950 on our membership rolls now, whereas a year ago we were close to 400." About 300 attended the Denver meeting.

For the first time, a special conference was planned for the wives of the musicians while husbands were discussing local church, educational, and denominational matters.

The world premiere of an anthem commissioned for the occasion took place Saturday morning. Claude L. Bass of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, wrote "Come Down O Love Divine." It was performed by the Southwest Baptist College Choir, directed by Don Sears.

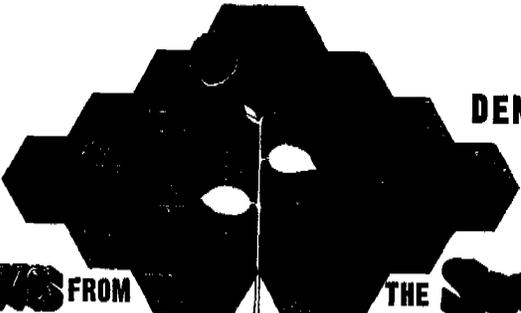
Other musical highlights of the program included an evening with Jester Hairston, 80-year-old Negro composer and actor of Los Angeles; a concert by the Wesleyan Bell Choir of First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, La.; and a long list of choral, instrumental, and voice presentations.

Burroughs, whose term as president continues for another year, said broader participation in the affairs of the organization will be possible through a procedural change which will call for the president and vice-presidents to be elected by the conference at large by mail beginning in 1971.

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4:40 p. m. Wednesday

Gomer Lesch



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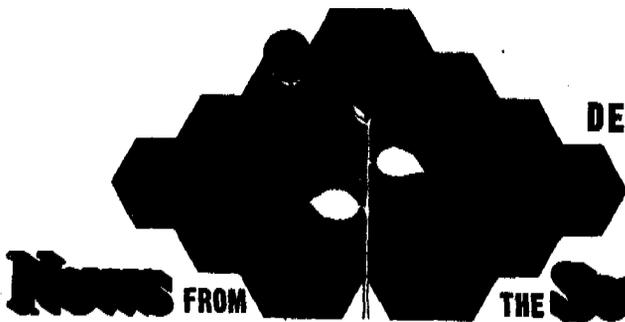
**PHOTO INFORMATION**

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**SBC MUSIC:** The New Hope Baptist Church choir of Denver, Colorado sings during the Tuesday night session of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Denver June 1-4.

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**ANNUAL SERMON:** Grady C. Cothen, president, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, preached the annual sermon for the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Denver June 1-4.



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C O R R E C T I O N and Addition

In ministers' wives story, new vice president is Mrs. Brooks Ramsey, St. Louis, Mo., not Mrs. Sterling Price.

Addition: New officers elected for 1972 are Mrs. Charles A. Watkins, Salem, Va., president; Mrs. D. B. Martin, McMurray, Pa., vice-president; Mrs. T. Earl Ogg, Monroe, La., recording secretary; Mrs. Billy Mobley, Ahsokie, N. C., corresponding secretary.

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4:45 p.m. Wednesday

Catherine Allen

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**NEW MOTIONS - RESOLUTIONS  
INTRODUCED WEDNESDAY**

**1 - Motion to Delete on Resolution 6**

I move that paragraph four which reads, "Whereas some private church-related schools are being formed simply as a strategy to avoid racial integration," and be deleted from Resolution 6.

Joe T. Odle  
Jackson, Miss.

**2 - Motion Approved**

I move that this Convention, gathered in the historical 125th annual session, call all our people to an unceasing season of prayer throughout the year 1971, claiming God's promises in II Chronicles 7:14 and Luke 11:13; and that a small committee be appointed to help implement this call, together with the assistance of all Convention Boards and Commissions, and with the counsel and approval of the Executive Committee in all procedures, and that, to this end, we the messengers here assembled do covenant with God and our fellow Christians to engage in honest soul-searching self-examination; to give of self to our Lord in fresh and all-out dedication and trust; and to endeavor to enter upon every thought and act of life praying that the Holy Spirit might help us to do what is right, and to be effective and fruitful witnesses to all men of every race and nation in the name of the Saviour.

R. Paul Caudill  
Memphis, Tenn.

**3 - Motion**

I move the following sentence be inserted in Section 1, "The Scriptures", following sentence three, of the Baptist Faith and Message adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Kansas City in 1963.

"The entire Bible is the inspired, authentic, and authoritative Word of God and is both doctrinally and historically reliable."

With the adoption of this sentence the statement of faith will read:

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. The entire Bible is the inspired, authentic, and authoritative Word of God and is both doctrinally and historically reliable. It reveals the principles by which God judges us; and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ.

(Referred for action Thursday)

**4 - Resolution**

I am here to build, not burn  
help, not hurt  
compassion, not to criticize.

I move that the Southern Baptist Convention

1. Lead the nation and the world back to God and the Bible
2. to lead this nation in a moral and spiritual awakening
3. to double our membership in the next 10 years to 25 million
4. to triple our giving

#### 5 - Resolution

Whereas the use of alcohol as a beverage is becoming more prevalent each year,

And whereas the break down of morality, the destruction of the home, the increase in juvenile delinquency, and the increase in lawless is related directly to consumption of beverage alcohol,

And whereas the efforts of the ruinous alcohol industry are being increased through political action and public advertisement,

And whereas Baptist have in the past taken a stand against this evil through the church covenant, literature and in several pulpits across the land,

Be it resolved that we affirm our historic Baptist stand against the sale - use of beverage alcohol in any form and that we go on record as opposed to the beverage alcohol industry, its distributors, sellers and promoters.

T. Milton Duke, pastor  
 Messenger Louisiana  
 Janet Lane Baptist Church

(Referred to Resolution Committee)

#### 6 - Motion

That any precedent set by yesterday's 10 minute recognition in the afternoon of militant black dissidents be publicly annuled, and THAT BY PROHIBITING in any future meeting of the S. B. C. any floor recognition to any unregistered and uninvited persons except that ...

1. Any such presentation be first cleared with the ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE by the clear statement of the nature and purpose of the complete contents of said presentation.

2. That all dissident groups - irrespective of color or persuasion - be here-by informed that at no time will the platform of the S. B. C. be manipulated as a Bounding Board for their clenched-fist venom of verbage.

Jim Williams, Bethany Baptist Church

(Referred to Order of Business Committee)

#### 7 - Motion

Because the Brazilian Baptist Convention developed the idea of the Crusade of the Americas,

Because the Brazilian Baptist Convention challenged Baptists in South, Central, and North Americas to participate in this evangelistic effort,

Because thousands found Christ during the Crusade of the Americas,

Whereas Brazil is the greatest missionary field of SBC

I move that the SBC send a letter to the Brazilian Baptist Convention in appreciation for their missionary efforts and their evangelistic endeavors.

Havdemino F. Mariottini  
 San Francisco, Calif.

(Referred to Order of Business Committee)

8-Resolution

WHEREAS, the Survey and Statistic department operate a booth asking for opinions on pertinent questions on Baptist life and,

WHEREAS, these opinions are published as the implied opinions of this convention.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Survey and Statistic department be asked to refrain from using this type of opinion surveys and that if such opinions are deemed important by the Executive Committee of the SBC that a ballot card be used to get an official ballot.

By Amos Greer, First Baptist Church, Mt. View, Arkansas  
(Referred to Resolution Committee)

9-Motion

That this convention re-affirm that all may know that agencies and commissions of the SBC do not necessarily speak for the local churches as individual believers.

By Bill H. Lewis, Temple Baptist Church, Santa Barbara, Calif.  
(Referred to Order of Business Committee)

10-Motion

That our presently printed church covenant as it appears in The Baptist Hymnal is restrictive, I move that the Sunday School Board study for revision the church covenant as it appears in The Baptist Hymnal and elsewhere, to include a statement of abstinence of illegally dispensed drugs, pornography, and other evil products which can be bought and used.

By Nevi Townsend, First Baptist Church, Tantan, Florida,  
(Referred to Order of Business Committee)

11-Resolution

That, WHEREAS our nation is now engaged in militant conflict with atheistic communism both at home and abroad and,

WHEREAS, the established democratic process and the constituted government of the United States of America is now seriously threatened by anarchy and deviousness ; and,

WHEREAS, thousands of the finest men of America have given and are now giving their lives in defense of human freedom in Indochina;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this convention express its prayerful and sympathetic support for the President of the United States, the duly constituted government of our nation, and our fighting men in Indochina.

By B. J. Chitwood, Nashville, Tennessee  
(Referred to Resolution Committee)

## 12 - Motion

I move that the president of the convention appoint a committee to

study the feasibility of  
and bring a recommendation to the convention whereby

some type of pocket size card of identification may be issued to SB pastors.

Jon Allen  
Crockett, Calif.

(Referred to Committee on Order of Business)

## 13 - Resolution

That the messengers to this convention commend the faculties and administrations of our six seminaries as well as the writers, administration, and other employees of the Sunday School Board for their faithfulness in the diligent study, teaching, and proclamation of the Bible and that we urge them to continue and intensify this study and presentation in the full assurance of the backing of the messengers to the 1970 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Ray H. Kesner  
Independence, Mo.

(Referred to Resolutions Committee)