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**Jones Named General Chairman  
For St. Louis SBC Arrangements**

ST. LOUIS (BP)--Eleven different committees, coordinated by Wallace E. Jones as general chairman, have been appointed to handle local arrangements for the Southern Baptist Convention when it meets here, June 1-4, 1971.

Jones, the general chairman, is pastor of the Fee Fee Baptist Church in Bridgeton, Mo., a suburb of St. Louis. The church is the oldest Southern Baptist congregation west of the Mississippi River.

Jones said that all of the committees were already hard at work seeking to make preparations for the convention.

Listed as chairmen in charge of the 11 committees coordinated by Jones were the following:

Information: O. A. Winscott, a retired pastor who for many years was minister for the Rock Hill Baptist Church here;

Ushers: E. E. Scott, St. Louis businessman in the field of radio and electronics who is also president of the association's Baptist men's organization;

First Aid: Robert Guy, administrator of the Missouri Baptist Hospital here;

Housing: C. D. Butler, pastor of Hanley Hills Baptist Church, St. Louis;

Decorations: J. Edwin Hewlett, pastor of Southwest Baptist Church, St. Louis;

Dinners: Virgil Vaughn, vice president for development of Missouri Baptist College with campuses in St. Louis and Hannibal-LaGrange, Mo.

Nursery: Earl Pounds, pastor, Butler Hill Baptist Church, St. Louis.

Registration: Wilbur Thorlakson, pastor of Florissant Valley Baptist Church;

Transportation: Bob Whitehead, pastor of West Page Baptist Church;

Post Office: James E. Johnson, retired postal worker and Baptist layman;

Publicity: Woodrow Moore, director of public relations for the Missouri Baptist Children's Home, Bridgeton, Mo.

In addition to serving as chairman of the committee in charge of arranging for dinner and luncheon meetings during the convention, Vaughn is vice chairman of the steering committee headed by Jones.

Homer DeLozier, executive secretary of the St. Louis Baptist Mission Board, is assisting each of the committees and the general chairman.

Two Sentenced For Selling  
"Fraudulent" Church Bonds

HOUSTON (BP)--Within a four-day period, a Baptist evangelist here and a church bond salesman were sentenced to imprisonment for separate, unconnected sales of church bonds which state and federal securities officials had charged were fraudulent.

Paul M. Carlin, 36, president of the Paul Carlin Evangelistic Association here, was sentenced to six years imprisonment by U.S. District Judge Allen B. Hannay for using false and fraudulent statements to sell church bonds.

Carlin, who identified himself as a Southern Baptist evangelist, pled guilty to the charges, which accused him of falsely stating the bonds were to be used to finance construction of Southern Baptist offices in Houston, while the funds actually were used to finance his business costs.

Clyde L. Rabun, a church bond firm and building contractor from Houston, was sentenced by Judge Carl C. Anderson on two separate charges of selling securities without being licensed as a securities dealer or salesman under provisions of the Texas Securities Act.

Judge Anderson sentenced Rabun to 10 years in the penitentiary for selling securities of the Sun Valley Baptist Temple of El Paso, Tex., and fined him \$1,000 for selling securities of Temple Baptist Church of Houston, without being licensed. Neither church is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Judge Anderson probated the jail sentence for Rabun on the condition that he would pay \$21,466 in restitution to the investor, but there was no immediate indication that Rabun had paid the fine instead of accepting the jail sentence.

Rabun had previously been indicted by the New Orleans grand jury along with five others on 13 counts of conspiracy, fraud in the sale of securities, and mail fraud involved in the case of Mid-City Baptist Church of New Orleans.

Rabun was listed in that indictment as the president of Southland Church Contractors, Inc., and Southland Building and Lumber Co., which had reportedly been awarded a contract for construction of a high-rise apartment financed by Mid-City bonds, but which was never built.

In the Carlin case, Judge Hannay gave the former evangelist time to spend with his family before reporting on Dec. 28 to start the two consecutive three-year prison sentences (six years total).

The indictment against Carlin charged that investors in his bond sales lost nearly \$300,000 that the bonds were sold while Carlin knew that his association was operating at a loss; that he claimed official affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention when he had none; that he falsely stated that "there has never been a known defaulted church bond; and that all proceeds from the bond sale were to be used for building construction when portions of the proceeds were used to pay operating expenses and debts of the association.

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Church In Revolution Will Emerge  
Led by Laity, Baptist Pastor Says

12/15/70

FORT WORTH (BP)--Observing that "we are seeing a revolution in the church today," a Kansas City Baptist pastor predicted here that the church would emerge with a great spiritual awakening that will make the laymen the main thrust of christianity.

Olan Runnels, pastor of Swope Park Baptist Church in Kansas City and president of the alumni association of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here, made the statements in a chapel address during the seminary's full board of trustees meeting.

"The world is going to see the greatest spiritual awakening since Pentecost; there are signs of it all around," Runnels told the seminary audience.

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Citing the revolutionary nature of the church "written across the pages of the New Testament," Runnels observed that we are seeing a revolution in the church today.

He added he did not know if the emerging church would be a hybrid or a mutation, "but it is coming," he affirmed.

He claimed there are signs of "an emerging church among Baptists and others throughout America which is going to change our whole world.

"The answer to our spiritual need," he continued, "is not going back to something in the good old days, but rather going ahead to something better."

Runnels pointed out characteristics of the emerging church and told how it had already affected his own local congregation.

The emerging church, he observed, is making yesterday's byproduct--the layman--today's main thrust. He added that laymen in his church in Kansas City are more active than ever before.

Runnels said he believed the new church would have a different center of authority, and that the layman would be at this center.

"In the beginning the church itself was the center; in later days, the Bible became the center; and for the past few decades the preacher has been the center," he said. "Now it is time for the layman to be the center of authority."

"The commercial world has learned this," he observed. "Some of the best advertising is the commercial message which has the average man-in-the-street saying, 'I tried this product and it really works. We need men and women--outside the pulpit--saying, 'I have tried Jesus Christ.'"

The Kansas City pastor said that the emerging church would also be characterized by mobility. "We need to take God outside the walls of the church.

"But we must also take advantage of a new strategy," he proposed. "We must abandon the old frontal assault and begin a program of infiltration, going into offices, stores, factories, telling people on the job with us about Jesus Christ."

He compared the church in the world to the Trojan horse used by the Greeks to carry their soldiers into the city of Troy. Just as the soldiers emerged from the hollow horse to conquer the city, so must Christians go out of the church building to reach people, Runnels said.

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### CORRECTION

A typographical error in the Baptist VIEWpoll Report mailed by Baptist Press 12/8/70 reversed the intended meaning of the first sentence of graph 6. Change the first sentence of graph 6 to read: Of the 13.5 per cent of the teachers who feel that air and water pollution "is none of the church's business...." changing the word "one" as sent to read "none." Headline on the VIEWpoll report read: "Baptist Leaders Speak Out on Pollution Problems."

--Baptist Press

Swedish Baptist Professor  
To Head Ecumenical Council

12/15/70

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (BP)--A professor at Bethel Seminary, sponsored by the Baptist Union of Sweden, has been appointed general secretary of the Swedish Ecumenical Council.

The professor, Nils Sundholm, has been teaching modern languages at the seminary located in Bromma, a suburb of Stockholm. He will assume the three-year office effective Jan. 1, 1971.

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He will be responsible for coordinating the council's efforts at (1) forming a faith and order committee, (2) founding local ecumenical councils throughout Sweden, and (3) preparing for a nationwide church meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden, in August of 1972 for all Christians in Sweden, according to a report in European Baptist Press Service.

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Churches, Others Seek to Help  
12-Year-Old Get Kidney Machine

12/15/70

RICHMOND, Calif(BP)--A Baptist church here is leading a drive to obtain 800,000 Betty Crocker coupons to obtain a kidney machine for a 12-year-old member of the church, Eben (Buddy) Giese whose kidneys were destroyed four years ago by nephritis.

The Balboa Park Baptist Church here was almost immediately joined in the campaign by the Cub Scouts, the Camp Fire Girls and the St. Jerome's Catholic Church which contributed 10,000 coupons they had been saving for a new set of silverware.

In two weeks time, the number of coupons the church had received doubled from 60,000 to 150,000 and the pastor, Jan D. Thomas, reported that "the mail is coming in at a fantastic rate."

Meanwhile, the 12-year-old boy makes three trips each week to the San Francisco General Hospital for a five to seven-hour appointment with an kidney machine to clean his blood.

A kidney transplant of one of his mother's kidneys worked for about three years before Buddy's body rejected it.

According to a report in the Oakland (Calif.) Tribune, Buddy's mother and father carefully record "every morsel he places into his mouth plus a half ounce of water a day," so that physicians can keep exact tabs on what may go wrong with his system at any time.

"Two tubes are permanently inserted in his left arm for instant hookup up to the kidney machine, and he can't be too active or complications may set it. Buddy carries special clamps for his arteries in case some mishap dislodges one of the tubes and his life's blood starts to ebb away."

In response to interest in efforts to obtain a kidney machine for the boy, the mayor of the city of Hayward, Calif., nearby proclaimed Dec. 15 as "Buddy Giese Day."

Thomas, the pastor of the Balboa Park church, said that Buddy and the Giese family have been active in the church for several years, serving on committee and other church responsibilities. Mrs. Giese has been principal of the church's Vacation Bible School for two years.

Thomas asked that individuals interested in helping Buddy to send coupons to the church at 5711 Jefferson Ave., Richmond, Calif. 94804.

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