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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Kiel Auditorium
St. Louis, Missouri
June 1-4, 1971

3/9/71

THEME: "In the Spirit of Christ"

OFFICERS: Carl Bates, president; pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.
Fred B. Rhodes, first vice president; deputy administrator, Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C.
Russell H. Dilday Jr., second vice president; pastor, Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.
Clifton J. Allen, recording secretary; retired editorial secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.
W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary; executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.
Porter W. Routh, treasurer; executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn.
W. C. Fields, press representative; public relations secretary, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn.
Robert Scales, chairman, committee on order of business; pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.
William E. Jarvis, music director; minister of music, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 1

THEME: "In the Spirit of Christ -- Consider Our Work"

9:15 Music for inspiration
9:30 Call to order
Congregational Singing
Scripture and prayer--Harold Zwald, pastor, Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.
9:40 Report of registration and constituting of the convention--W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary; executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.
9:45 Committee on order of business--Robert S. Scales, chairman; pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.
9:50 Welcome
10:05 Introduction
10:25 Announcement of committee on committees, committee on resolutions, and and tellers
10:30 Congregational singing
Special Music
10:40 Executive Committee report--Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.
12:00 Election of officers
Introduction of miscellaneous business and resolutions
12:45 Benediction--Jack Harwell, editor, Christian Index, Atlanta, Ga.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 1

THEME: "In the Spirit of Christ -- Consider Our Common Task"

2:15 Music for inspiration
2:30 Call to order
Music
Scripture and prayer--James A. Langley, executive secretary, District of Columbia Baptist Convention, Washington, D.C.
2:45 Recognition of fraternal messengers

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION PROGRAM, June 1-4, St. Louis Mo.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON (continued)

- 2:50 Election of officers
- Receiving of agency reports as printed in the Book of Reports and
- Consideration of agency recommendations
- General Boards:
 - Foreign Mission Board
 - Home Mission Board
 - Sunday School Board
 - Annuity Board
- Institutions:
 - Golden Gate Seminary
 - Midwestern Seminary
 - New Orleans Seminary
 - Southeastern Seminary
 - Southern Seminary
 - Southwestern Seminary
 - Seminary Extension Department
 - Southern Baptist Foundation
 - Hospital Agency of the SBC
- Commissions:
 - American Baptist Seminary Commission
 - Brotherhood Commission
 - Christian Life Commission
 - Education Commission
 - Historical Commission
 - Radio and Television Commission
 - Stewardship Commission
- Standing Committees:
 - Denominational Calendar
 - Public Affairs Committee
- Associated Organizations:
 - Woman's Missionary Union
- Miscellaneous:
 - American Bible Society
 - Joint Committee on Public Affairs
 - American Baptist Theological Seminary
 - Baptist World Alliance
- 4:00 Election of officers
- Introduction of miscellaneous business and resolutions
- 4:30 Benediction--James A. Walker, pastor, First Baptist Church, Warren, Ark.

TUESDAY EVENING, June 1

THEME: "In the Spirit of Christ -- Consider The Gospel"

- 7:00 Home Mission Board
- 8:00 Worship service
- Music
- Scripture reading and prayer--Milo B. Arbuckle, pastor, Denver Temple Baptist Church, Denver, Colo.
- Special music
- Convention sermon--John Claypool, pastor, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

THEME: "In the Spirit of Christ -- Consider Our Co-laborers"

- 9:15 Music for inspiration
- 9:30 Call to order
- Congregational singing
- Scripture and prayer--Willis Bennett, professor of church and community, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING (continued)

- 9:40 Committee on resolutions - first report
- 10:00 Committee on committees
- 10:05 Committee on boards
- 10:10 Youth Speaks Up
- 10:30 Congregational singing
- 10:35 "The Thrust of Theological Education"--Duke McCall, president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.
- 10:55 Address--V. Carney Hargroves, president, Baptist World Alliance; pastor, Second Baptist Church of Germantown, Pa.
- 11:20 Miscellaneous business
- 12:45 Benediction--Terry Young, editor, California Southern Baptist, Fresno, Calif.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, June 2
(no convention session scheduled)

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 2
THEME: "In the Spirit of Christ -- Consider Our Mission"

- 7:00 Music
President's Address--Carl E. Bates, pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.
- 8:00 Foreign Mission Board
- 9:00 Joint Commissioning service for missionaries of Home and Foreign Mission Boards
- 9:30 Adjourn

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 3
THEME: "In the Spirit of Christ -- Consider Our Challenge"

- 9:15 Music for inspiration
- 9:30 Call to order
Congregation singing
Scripture and prayer, William G. Tanner, president, Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Tex.
- 9:40 Committee on resolutions --final report
- 10:00 Miscellaneous business
- 10:30 "Meeting the Challenge of the Cities of the World"--A presentation by all agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention, coordinated by the leadership of the Sunday School Board
- 12:00 Adjourn

Southern Baptist Convention
To Emphasize Needs of Cities

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (BP)--The proposed program for the Southern Baptist Convention, scheduled June 1-3 at Kiel Auditorium here, will close with an emphasis on the challenge of the cities to the nation's largest Protestant-Evangelical denomination.

The proposed program outline for the convention here was released by the convention's committee on order of business, headed by Robert S. Scales, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

Scales, who was chairman of the committee for the 1970 convention in Denver, was elected chairman of the 1971 committee after Robert E. Mills, former chairman and president of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., resigned.

The convention will begin at 9:15 a.m., Tuesday, June 1, and conclude at noon on Thursday, June 3. Scales pointed out that the 1970 convention voted for the 1971 sessions to start on Tuesday morning and close on Thursday, leaving the number of sessions to the discretion of the committee.

Scales said that one of the main features of the program will be the closing hour when all agencies of the convention will make a cooperative presentation on "Meeting the Challenge of the Cities of the World."

James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Sunday School Board, has agreed to serve as chairman for the coordination of this emphasis on the needs of the cities, Scales said.

For the first time this year, Baptist students will have a spot on the program, with a multi-media presentation on what youth are trying to do through the church. The students, led by a group of state Baptist Student Union Presidents, requested, and were granted, 20 minutes on the Wednesday morning program.

The two major addresses scheduled each year during the convention--the president's address and the convention sermon--will be featured during the two evening programs, which will also emphasize home and foreign missions.

John Claypool, pastor of Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville and president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, will deliver the convention sermon on Tuesday night following an hour-long presentation on home missions.

Carl E. Bates, president of the 11.6 million-member convention and pastor of the First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C., will speak Wednesday evening, just before an hour-long presentation on foreign missions.

Climax of the Wednesday night session will be a joint commissioning service for home and foreign missionaries of the SBC Scales said.

A total of nearly five hours will be devoted to conducting the business of the denomination, compared to 1970's six hours and 1969's 3 1/2 hours.

Most of the Tuesday morning and afternoon sessions will be devoted to business, including actions on recommendations from the SBC Executive Committee, election of officers, introduction of miscellaneous business and resolutions, and receiving and acting upon reports and recommendations from SBC agencies and related organizations.

An hour on Tuesday afternoon, compared to only 10 minutes last year, will be devoted to agency reports and recommendations.

Following the pattern of the 1970 convention, the committee on resolutions will make two reports on recommended resolutions to the convention--one Wednesday morning and another Thursday morning.

The Thursday afternoon session will feature an address on theological education by Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; and an address by the president of the Baptist World Alliance, V. Carney Hargroves, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Germantown, Pa.

There will be no convention session on Wednesday afternoon, providing time for seminary alumni luncheons and other related meetings.

Music for the convention will be directed by William E. Jarvis, minister of music for First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C. Organist will be Albert Travis, assistant professor of music, Dallas Baptist College, Dallas; and pianist will be David Gibson, associate professor of music, Furman University, Greenville, S.C.

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Illinois Board Proposes
Statewide Fund Campaign

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (BP)--The 72-member Board of Directors for the Illinois Baptist State Association here voted to recommend a year-long statewide stewardship emphasis among Southern Baptist churches in Illinois during 1972-73.

Under the plan approved by the board, the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission would be requested to help lead the campaign, which would be the first of its kind.

"We did a similar project in Kansas," said Ben Gill of the SBC Stewardship Commission in a presentation to the board here, "but that was an emergency-type effort to retire indebtedness.

"We have had statewide and nationwide simultaneous revivals, but nothing of a similar nature in the field of stewardship," Gill told the board.

Under the proposed plan, the SBC Stewardship Commission and the state convention's stewardship department, headed by H. C. Croslin, would coordinate a statewide effort aimed toward helping local churches and associations set increased stewardship goals in keeping with their objectives for 1972-73.

Teams from the campaign office would visit each of the 31 area association and 933 churches in the state, assisting the local groups to set stewardship goals.

The combined total of the local goals would become the statewide goal, Gill explained.

Next step in the proposal is for a presentation in April to the missionary-moderators of local associations in the state, and then to the statewide Baptist body in Springfield, Nov. 9-11. If approval is given at these levels, the campaign would begin in January, 1972.

In other actions, the board approved a 1971 state mission offering goal of \$100,000 for use in purchase of sites for new churches and missions; approved of the creation of two new division manager positions; heard a progress report on the future of Baptist student centers at Carbondale, Ill., and adopted a pay grade plan for state Baptist employees.

Though no persons were named to fill the positions, the board authorized the employment of a manager for the association's church development division, and a manager for the special ministries division, and committees were instructed to outline qualifications needed for the jobs.

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Graham Cancels, Bisagno Named
Substitute At Bible Conference

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DALLAS (BP)--John Bisagno, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Houston, has been selected to replace Evangelist Billy Graham as closing speaker at Southern Baptists' first Nationwide Bible Conference here March 15-18.

Graham was ordered by his doctors to take an extended rest to complete recovery from throat surgery. He cancelled all but one engagement through April 16.

Under Bisagno's leadership, First Baptist Church of Houston, has baptized 1,069 people during the past five months, a probable record according to Baptist evangelism leaders.

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Baptists from throughout the nation have registered for the four-day Bible conference to be led by Bible scholars from the United States and England, said A. V. Washburn of Nashville, secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board's Sunday School department.

Anyone may attend the conference in Dallas' Memorial Auditorium, Washburn added.

The conference is designed to help people discover the relevance of the Bible to life through Bible exposition and interpretation, he said.

Participants have a choice of 45 expositions on portions of the Bible during morning sessions and 40 Bible-oriented explorations of contemporary concerns during the afternoons.

Other Bible scholars who will speak at the conference include Culbert Rutenber, professor at the American Baptist Seminary, Covina, Calif.; W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas; and Dale Moody, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

George Beasley-Murray of Spurgeon's College, London, England, will lead a Bible exposition each morning on the conference theme, "Christian Hope in a Time of Crisis."

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Mrs. O'Hair Loses Second Round In Bid To Ban 'Space Religion'

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WASHINGTON (BP)--For the second time in less than a year the U.S. Supreme Court has refused to hear a plea from Madalyn Murray O'Hair to restrain the religious practices of astronauts in space.

Mrs. O'Hair, an avowed atheist, contended that National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) was using federal funds for religious activities in the space flights. She charged the use of these funds as "unconstitutional" and that it violated here constitutional right of freedom from religion.

The complaint from Mrs. O'Hair opposed the "official planning, producing and staging of a religious exercise...and the transport of artifacts and the broadcast of religious doctrine which is not personal or spontaneous, but calculated to promote one religion over another."

Mrs. O'Hair's second appeal was based on what she described as "failure" of the lower courts to hear her argument "without independent examination." She complained that too much attention was given to the government's position and that the lower courts "erred in the abdication of their judicial responsibility as the sole determiner of the law."

In April, 1970, the U.S. Supreme Court denied Mrs. O'Hair's appeal from the Fifth District Court in Texas. That court had dismissed her complaint for the lack of a federal question. In the second denial of appeal, the Supreme Court refused, again without comment, to hear the case.

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