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**Bates Suggests Sending SBC Resolutions To Committee**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (BP)--Southern Baptist Convention President Carl E. Bates here has requested that persons planning to present resolutions to the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, June 1-3, submit their resolutions in advance to the resolutions committee to give the committee more time for serious consideration.

Bates also outlined several suggestions for persons planning to submit resolutions to the convention, saying they would help the committee better discharge its responsibility.

He specifically requested persons planning to submit resolutions to write them out in advance of the convention, to type the resolutions on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, and to mail them one month in advance to the chairman of the committee.

Warren Hultgren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., has been appointed chairman of the resolutions committee.

Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church here, pointed out that the purpose of his request was only to help the committee do a better job of presenting significant resolutions to the convention. He observed that in the past, the committee did not have enough time to do its work during the convention itself.

Often the resolutions that were submitted in the past were hand-written on scraps of paper, and were frequently very difficult to read, he added.

Bates said he did not want to stifle or discourage anyone from presenting spontaneous resolutions of concern, and that messengers could still present resolutions from the floor without having submitted them in advance. Bates said his suggestion, however, would help the committee and the convention greatly.

The SBC president gave several other suggestions to those wishing to submit resolutions.

He asked that each persons submitting a resolution type on the resolution his name, identifying title, and name of the church of which he is a messenger, and also to sign the resolution.

Such resolutions should have a brief title, should follow the generally recognized pattern for formal resolutions to a convention, and should be clearly and concisely written, Bates suggested.

Although the resolution should be mailed in advance to the resolutions committee, it should be presented to the convention with a brief statement of about 50 words stating the central concern without reading the full resolution, Bates said.

Bates added that his suggestions applied only to resolutions, and did not cover motions which might call for specific actions by the convention.

Under SBC procedure, Bates said, resolutions are automatically referred to the resolutions committee which has the responsibility for bringing the final drafts to the convention; while motions are scheduled for direct discussion and action by the full convention without referral to committee.

Yearby Elected To Head  
Foundation Executives

ATLANTA (BP)--Vernon Yearby of Montgomery, Ala., executive secretary of the Baptist Foundation of Alabama, was elected president of the Association of Baptist Foundation Executives during the organization's annual meeting here.

He succeeds Glenn Crofts, executive secretary of the Arizona Baptist Foundation, as head of the organization, composed of the chief executives for state Baptist foundations.

Elected vice president was Thomas E. Carter of the Oklahoma Baptist Foundation and named secretary-treasurer was Jim M. Cherry of the South Carolina Baptist Foundation.

Yearby has been vice president of the association for the past year, and has headed the Alabama foundation for five years.

Previously, Yearby was associate in the Evangelism Division for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. He has also been evangelism secretary for the Alabama Baptist State Convention, and pastor of churches in Texas and Alabama.

The Association of Baptist Foundation Executives is an organization of executives for 27 Baptist Foundations whose major job is managing trusts, endowments, and certain assets of SBC and state Baptist conventions and their institutions.

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Evangelists' Conference Slates  
Four Speakers, Gospel Music

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ST. LOUIS (BP)--Messages by four Baptist evangelists and an hour-long gospel music concert will be featured during the 16th annual Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists here, Wednesday, June 2, during the Southern Baptist Convention.

Sessions will be held at the 2,400-seat Third Baptist Church, and conference president Charles Massegee, an evangelist from Dallas, said he expects the auditorium to be filled.

Major speakers will be Bob Harrington, the "chaplain of Bourbon Street" in New Orleans; Evangelist Bill Glass of Dallas, a former Cleveland Browns all-pro football star; Evangelist Clyde Chiles of St. Louis, director of the "Turning Point Evangelistic Service" here; and Evangelist Sam Cathey of Tulsa, Okla., who specializes in pioneer mission evangelism.

Massegee said an hour-long concert of gospel music would begin at 1:00 p.m., with as many as 25 of "America's finest evangelistic singers" presenting special music before the preaching gets underway at 2:00 p.m.

Massegee said the program "will be highly inspirational and designed to motivate God's people to compassionate soul-winning action."

In addition, the conference will sponsor an "Open House Showcase" after hours at the convention each evening beginning at 10:00 o'clock in the Ballroom of the St. Louis Gateway Hotel, Monday, May 31 through Wednesday, June 2.

The "Open House Showcase" will feature gospel music, refreshments, fellowships, and inspiration, Massegee said. Master of ceremonies for the occasions will be Ed Stalnecker, music evangelist from Ripley, Tenn. Massegee said the open house sessions would be "come and go" affairs.

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