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"New Faces" Featured on SBC Pastors Conference Agenda

PHILADELPHIA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, scheduled to meet here for a one-day session Monday, June 5, will feature addresses in what the president of the organization calls a "Sugar Stick Conference," with the theme, "New Faces."

John R. Bisagno, pastor of First Baptist Church in Houston and president of the Pastors' Conference, said in announcing the agenda for the program that there will be no assigned topics for the messages, but instead each speaker will bring "his best sermon . . . , his favorite sugar stick."

To carry out the theme "New Faces," Bisagno said he had invited "several of Southern Baptists' outstanding new young men" to speak. Each session will close, he added, with a message "by one of Southern Baptists' long recognized great preachers."

The closing speakers for the three sessions are Jess Moody, pastor of First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla.; James Coggin, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth; and R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis.

Eight "new faces," or speakers who have not regularly addressed the Pastors' Conference, will also bring messages.

The opening Monday morning session will include messages by Carey Miller, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Aurora, Colo.; Frank Minton, pastor of Tower Grove Baptist Church in St. Louis; and Vander Warner, pastor of Grove Avenue Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

The afternoon session speakers include Adrian Rogers, pastor of First Baptist Church in Merritt Island, Fla.; Jarry Autrey of Friendswood, Tex.; and Charles Graves, pastor of Nichols Hills Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

Closing session speakers will be Lee, Doug Tipps of Conroe, Tex.; and Richard Hogue, evangelist from Houston.

Music during the conference will be brought by the youth choirs of Urban Park Baptist Church, Dallas; First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.; and First Baptist Church, Houston.

Soloists will be Wm. R. O'Brien, Southern Baptist music missionary to Indonesia; Miss Cynthia Clawson, former soloist for the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) television series, "The Newcomers," and Bettye Stalnecker, evangelistic singer from Lake Charles, La.

Sessions will meet at the Convention Hall in the Philadelphia Civic Center.

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Baptists Hold Architects' Meeting, Present 10 Awards

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Architects of Southern Baptist buildings from across the nation heard addresses by a Southern Baptist agency head and a noted architect of church buildings and paid tribute to 10 firms receiving awards during the Ninth Triennial Architects Workshop here.

Sponsored by the church architecture department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, the workshop attracted approximately 75 architects and their wives for a study of continuing creativity on the part of the church and the architect.

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James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Board told participants, ". . . I know of very few areas of assignment that call for more things from one person than the architect of a church building.

"It is there that the various things are brought together and are put in visible form to speak a message, to declare truth to the passersby, to arrest the attention of the fellow who might move nonchalantly along and to be a serviceable instrument in the hands of a congregation to the purpose of glorifying God," Sullivan said.

In discussing the qualities needed in a Southern Baptist church building, Sullivan noted several factors that should influence the design. Among them were the purpose of the church and the denomination, the atmosphere of the church, Baptist doctrine and tradition, opportunity for expansion, the transport of the masses from education sessions to worship periods, fellowship needs of the congregation, educational space geared to organization and program and an exterior design that considers the target group.

"You may never have thought of yourself as being engaged in a spiritual ministry," Sullivan told the participants, "but actually you are, though you deal with physical things.

"If we can see our work as relating to physical things but used in the same vein for the fulfillment of a divine purpose, it will call for our very best in workmanship and planning--but we will also have a sense of accomplishment and achievement which will be far beyond that of a mere construction of a building," Sullivan said.

Arland A. Dirlam of Marblehead, Mass., an architect who specializes in church and college architecture, addressed the workshop on "Communicating Christ through Creative Churches."

Dirlam told the group that church architecture is personal and "must possess that peculiar quality that will cause the individual church member to say 'this is my church home . . . within these walls I can find the God who has called me to be His child . . . this building is my witness. . . .'

"Boldly the church building must state the purpose for which it has been designed, constructed and set apart. Proudly it must say to the passerby, 'I am a house of God--here fellowship in Christ is to be found.'"

In setting forth the considerations involved in a church building, he listed the requirements for a church architect as being churchmanship, competence, creativity and cooperation.

"We who profess to be architects of churches must possess a faith in the nobleness of our task and faith in Him to whose honor and glory we endeavor to build," Dirlam said.

Following a discussion of the numerous factors and choices that affect the suitability of a building for a particular church family, Dirlam summed up by saying, "the structure must possess that intangible something that not only causes a man to take off his hat, but demands that a man be still and know that God is."

Concluding the week of group discussion workshops and tours of Nashville area churches, an exhibit and awards program recognized the work of several workshop participants.

Honor award winners were Grigg, Wood, Brown and Williams Architects of Alexandria and Charlottesville, Va., for the design of Heritage Baptist Church, Annapolis, Md.; Stiles and Jarrard Architects, Little Rock, Ark., for the Student Center at Arkansas Tech; and Ellis, Ingram and Parris Architects, Valdosta, Ga., for the Azalea City Baptist Church, Valdosta.

Merit award winners were J. E. Serrine Co. Associate Architects of Greenville, S.C., for the First Baptist Church, Greenville; McGehee, Nicholson, Associates Architects Inc., Memphis, for the Glen Park Baptist Church, Memphis; Gilleland-Wallace and Associates Inc., Nashville, for the Vestavia Hills Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.; Edward Reames Architect and Associates, Lake Charles, La., for a Christian life center for Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.; Betz, Carey and Wright Architects-Engineers, Cincinnati, Ohio, for Bellevue First Baptist Church, Bellevue, Ky.; L. Frank Caldwell Architect of Charlotte, N.C., for Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Newton, N.C.; and Albert O. Ordway Architect of Atlanta, Ga., for parish church for Church of the Holy Spirit, Atlanta.

Historical Marker Erected
At Southwestern Seminary

FORT WORTH (BP)--A Texas historical marker was dedicated here as part of the Founder's Day observance at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

The marker, which designates the seminary as an official Texas historical site, is located at the main entrance to the campus.

The placing of the marker was sponsored by the seminary Woman's Club, in cooperation with the Tarrant County Historical Society. Mrs. Richard Brown of the county historical society said in the dedication that the society had preserved facets of social, civic and economic history, and was adding religious history with official recognition of the seminary.

The ceremony marked the 64th anniversary of the seminary which was an outgrowth of the theological department of Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

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CORRECTION

In the story mailed 3/20/72, headlined "Former SBC Vice President Conducts White House Service," please change tgraph 2 to read, "Rhodes is one of six laymen who have . . ." instead of "Rhodes is one of three other laymen who have . . ." as sent. Thanks.

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CORRECTION

On BP story mailed 3/16/72, headlined "Home Mission Board Names Six Missionaries," (page 4 of mailing), please change graph 3 to read: "McGlamery, a Pickton, Tex., native, was named superintendent of missions in Las Vegas, Nevada" (rather than Tucson, Ariz., as sent). Thanks.

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Proposed Program
Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference
Convention Hall, Philadelphia Civic Center
Monday, June 5, 1972

Morning Session

- 9:30 Congregational singing--Gerald B. Ray, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Houston
9:35 Invocation--Ken Chamblin, pastor, Horseshoe Drive Baptist Church, Alexandria, La.
9:37 Message--Carey Miller, pastor, Central Baptist Church, Aurora, Colo.
10:05 Special music
10:10 Message--Frank Minton, pastor, Tower Grove Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.
10:35 Congregational singing
10:40 Solo--Wm. R. O'Brien, Southern Baptist music missionary to Indonesia
10:45 Message--Vander Warner, pastor, Grove Avenue Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.
11:10 Congregational Singing
11:15 Offertory Prayer--Eugene Phillips, pastor, University Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill.
Music--Youth Choir, First Baptist Church, Houston, Gerald Ray, director
11:30 Message--Jess Moody, pastor, First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla.
12:00 Benediction--C. Wade Freeman, director, Evangelism Division, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas

Afternoon Session

- 1:45 Music--Youth Choir, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., Aubie McSwain, director
2:00 Congregational singing
2:05 Invocation--W. T. Furr, pastor, Queensborough Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.
2:07 Special music
2:10 Message--Adrian Rogers, pastor, First Baptist Church, Merritt Island, Fla.
2:30 Congregational singing
2:35 Message--Jarry Autrey, Friendswood, Tex.
3:00 Mini-Concert--Miss Cynthia Clawson, Houston
3:10 Message--Charles Graves, pastor, Nichols Hills Baptist Church, Oklahoma City
3:30 Offertory Prayer--William Wallace, pastor, Flint Groves Baptist Church, Gastonia, N.C.
3:35 Election of Officers
3:45 Music--Youth Choir of Urban Park Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.; Ashley L. Huey, director
3:55 Message--James Coggin, pastor, Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth
4:15 Benediction--Joe Ingram, executive secretary, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City

Evening Session

- 7:00 Concert--Combined Youth Choirs of First Baptist Church, Houston; First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.; and Urban Park Baptist Church, Dallas
7:10 Congregational Singing
7:15 Invocation--Harvey Kneisel, director of ministries, First Baptist Church, Houston
7:17 Message--Doug Tipps, Conroe, Tex.
7:45 Presentation of New Officers
7:50 Congregational singing
7:55 Message--Richard Hogue, evangelist, Houston
8:20 Offertory Prayer--Felix Wagner, secretary of evangelism, Baptist Convention of New Mexico, Albuquerque
8:25 Combined Youth Choirs in Concert
8:40 Solo--Bettye Stalnecker, evangelistic singer, Lake Charles, La.
8:45 Message--R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis
9:30 Benediction--Roy McClung, president, Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex.



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