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C.C. Warren, Father of
SBC 30,000 Movement, Dies

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (BP)--Casper C. Warren, long-time Southern Baptist Convention leader best known as the father of the SBC 30,000 Movement, died at a Charlotte hospital after a lengthy illness. He would have been 77 on May 28.

Warren, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Charlotte for almost 15 years, had been president of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1956-57, and had held virtually every major post in denominational life.

Warren, during his presidential address to the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City in 1956, challenged the convention to establish 30,000 new churches and missions before the denomination's 150th anniversary in 1964 as part of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

Accepting Warren's challenge, the convention called Warren to lead the denomination in what is known as the 30,000 Movement.

Though the denomination did not reach the magic 30,000 figure, the movement has been termed a "practical" success, with almost 25,000 churches and missions established during the period from 1956-64.

In 1964 membership in the convention passed the 10 million mark, exceeding membership of the Methodist Church, and became the nation's largest Protestant-evangelical denomination.

After retirement, Warren served numerous churches as interim pastor. He was hospitalized five weeks ago, shortly after the congregation he was currently serving, Sharon Baptist Church of Charlotte, was constituted as a church. The Sharon church named their new building in honor of Warren.

Funeral services for the noted Baptist leader were scheduled at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 22, at the First Baptist Church, Charlotte.

Officiating were W. Perry Crouch, general secretary of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; Carl E. Bates, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Charlotte and immediate past president of the SBC; and Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

The family requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts be sent to the building fund at Sharon Baptist Church, Charlotte, where Warren had been serving as interim pastor.

Warren had a long record of service to his denomination. He had served in countless capacities, including the presidency of both the national convention and the Baptist state Convention of North Carolina, from 1946-47.

He also had been president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, was the first chairman of the board of trustees for Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., and had been president of the General Board of the North Carolina convention. He had served as a member of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, and as a trustee for numerous other SBC agencies and state institutions.

A native of Sampson County, N.C., he was a graduate of Wake Forest College, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He received honorary doctorates from Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., and Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Earning a law degree at Wake Forest College, he practiced law and was admitted to the North Carolina bar before entering the ministry. He was a second lieutenant in World War I.

Warren was pastor of Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, Ky., from 1928-38, and then moved to the pastorate of Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark. In 1943, he became pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, which he served until resigning to head the 30,000 Movement.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Sibyl Townsend Warren; two sons, Dr. C. Carl Warren Jr., a physician, and A. Eugene Warren, an architect, both of Charlotte; a daughter, Mrs. William Poe, also of Charlotte; and 17 grandchildren.

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Ministers' Wives to Hear
Seminary Theology Dean

5/21/73

PORTLAND (BP)--The 18th annual Conference of Ministers' Wives, meeting during the Southern Baptist Convention here on Tuesday, June 12, will hear an address by the dean of the School of Theology for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, William E. Hull of Louisville.

The Ministers' Wives will meet at the Cosmopolitan Motor Hotel at Lloyd Center, only a few blocks from the Memorial Coliseum where the SBC sessions are slated. The luncheon is scheduled at 12:45 on Tuesday, June 12.

Presiding will be Mrs. Claud Bowen of Greensboro, N.C., whose husband is pastor of First Baptist Church, Greensboro.

Mrs. Bowen said tickets for the luncheon could be purchased in advance at the coliseum on Monday and Tuesday, June 11-12, or could be ordered in advance from Mrs. Gilbert Skaar, vice president of the organization, at P.O. Box 787, Shelton, Wash. 98584.

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Superintendents of Missions
To Discuss "Building Bridges"

5/21/73

PORTLAND (BP)--Superintendents of missions for Baptist associations throughout the Southern Baptist Convention will meet here Monday, June 11, to discuss "building bridges of understanding" between the association and churches, the convention, and the community at large.

Three major speakers will address each area, with time for dialogue after each message, according to G. Allen West of Louisville, executive director of the Long Run Baptist Association and president of the Southern Baptist Association of Superintendents of Missions.

The meeting will be held at Temple Baptist Church, Portland, beginning at 11:00 a.m., Monday and concluding at 4:00 p.m.

Arthur Rutledge, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, will address the group during the opening session on the topic, "Building Bridges of Understanding Between the Association and the Convention."

W.C. Fields, public relations director and assistant to the executive secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville, will deliver an address on "Building Bridges between the Association and the Community at Large."

West, in the presidential address, will discuss "Building Bridges Between the Association and the Churches."

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