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SBC Computer Users Study Master Mailing List

DALLAS (BP)--A study is being made on preparation of a master mailing list of addresses needed by churches and agencies at all levels of activity of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The master mailing list would pool and coordinate mailing lists now widely scattered among various Baptists institutions, eliminate needless duplication and save money, said Harvey H. Kennedy, president of the Southern Baptist Computer Users' Association (SBCUA).

A committee of the association is making the study.

"For about a decade, the Inter-Agency Council of the Southern Baptist Convention has been concerned about forming a conventionwide mailing list accessible to all within the denomination who have a legitimate need to use it. It asked the Computer Users' Association to investigate," continued Kennedy, vice president for management systems (data processing) at the SBC Annuity Board.

The Annuity Board hosted the annual meeting of the association, where the study was commissioned.

The study committee must recommend a site where the mailing list would be kept, Kennedy said. It must also determine how the cost of creating and maintaining a master mailing list will be borne, what types of addresses will be stored on the mailing list and what policies must be adopted to protect the privacy of it, Kennedy said.

Kennedy said all interested agencies, institutions and churches of the denomination may participate in the study. No time limit has been set for conclusion of the study.

Also, the SBCUA, in a move aimed at cutting expenses, will examine whether it can act as a central purchasing and rental agent for computer equipment and supplies needed by Baptist organizations, Kennedy said.

New officers of the Computer Users' Association are Bettie M. Stevens, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville, president; Lynn E. May, SBC Historical Commission, Nashville, program vice president; Paul A. Bickford, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, membership vice president; O. Max Burns, Atlanta, SBC Home Mission Board, secretary-treasurer.

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Administrators Told They Oversee "God's Business"

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DALLAS (BP)--Church business administrators are "managers or overseers of the biggest business in the world--God's business," the annual Conference of Southern Baptist Business Officers was told here.

C. W. Scudder, professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, reminded administrators to avoid two hazards. First, he said, they must not consider the denomination an end in itself, but rather realize its power comes from the church. Second, they must be aware the denomination is not in some way over the churches.

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"Avoid trying to standardize churches and pastors according to some pattern or image we have developed," he said.

Church business administrators, Scudder said, perform a ministry that supports all other ministries. The apostle Paul, he told some 150 participants, recognizes administration among the spiritual gifts cited in Chapters 12 and 13 of First Corinthians in the New Testament.

Theological grounds for the ministry of business administration, Scudder continued, are always "related to the mission of the church . . . and the lordship of Jesus Christ.

"The church is to be an efficient, functioning institution as well as a spiritual fellowship," he advised them.

The association, made up of business managers from churches and from state and national Southern Baptist boards and institutions, adopted a resolution which reaffirmed their commitment "to the highest efficient, effective and ethical administration of the fiscal affairs of Baptists."

The resolution also pledged them to "provide constant leadership among our colleagues, our members and constituents and society at large toward a moral and ethical sensitivity that will render virtually impossible the recurrence of certain isolated events of recent years."

The resolution was passed against the backdrop of "the revelation of occasional evidences of financial wrongdoings in a few Baptist churches, agencies and institutions, by one or several persons, (that) have reflected unfavorably upon Baptists and upon the cause of Christ."

It also mentioned "the revelation of events in our national government in recent years and a growing lack of candor and integrity in our national life (which) have shocked the moral and ethical conscience of America."

The conference, which is hosted each year by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, elected Wilson Beardsley of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., as its new presiding officer.

It also elected representatives of six institutional groups within the conference to serve as chairmen of their sections meeting during the annual conference.

They are Martha A. Grove, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood, for state conventions; Hettie P. Johnson, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, for SBC agencies; Charles Williams, Hillcrest Baptist Hospital, Waco, Tex., for hospitals and homes for the aging; Glenn A. Jenkins, Belmont College, Nashville, for educational institutions; Robert C. Noland, Jr., Arlington, Tex., for churches; and W. E. Young, South Texas (Baptist) Children's Home, Beeville, Tex., for child care institutions.

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N. O. Seminary Trustees
Adopt Record Budget

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Trustees of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, in annual session here, adopted a record budget, changed the titles of two administrators, approved faculty promotions and heard reports on \$1.2 million campus renovation and construction projects.

The new budget of \$2.4 million, the largest adopted in the institution's history, represents an increase of \$224,751 over fiscal year 1974-75. The seminary will use part of the additional funds to provide a five percent salary increase for faculty and administrative officers, said seminary president Landrum P. Leavell.

The board also voted to change the titles of Ray P. Rust, executive assistant to the president, and Russell M. McIntire, director of development, to executive vice-president and vice-president for development, respectively.

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In action relating to faculty members, the trustees approved the promotion of Fisher Humphreys and Paul Gericke from assistant professor to associate professor.

Leavell, in his president's report, informed the board that the seminary has experienced an approximate 10 percent increase in student enrollment for 1974-75. He also asked the trustees to consider the development of a more comprehensive program for diploma (non-degree) students. Pointing out that some 50 percent of all Southern Baptist pastors lack formal seminary training, he declared: "It is our responsibility to the denomination to respond to this need."

On the construction scene, Leavell reported that two projects, the renovation of the Frost Building and the 21,000 square-foot addition to the library, were nearing completion. The new library complex, which will house 300,000 volumes, will be ready for use next fall, he said.

Re-elected to head the board for 1975-76 were Robert S. Magee of Ruston, La., president; Floyd Lewis of New Orleans, vice-president; Hugh Brooks of New Orleans, secretary; and Dave Walker of Baton Rouge, treasurer.

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Seminary Votes Budget,
Library Renovation, Faculty

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WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP)--Trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, in their annual meeting here, let a contract for renovation and expansion of the seminary library, which will cost nearly \$1 million, approved a tentative 1975-76 operating budget, elected a new faculty member and accepted the resignation of another.

Cost of renovation of the seminary's Denny Library has been funded over the past five years by the capital needs budget of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The board approved a tentative operating budget for 1975-76 of \$1,655,609, based on proposed receipts through the SBC's national Cooperative Program unified budget and made provisions for an improved annuity program for seminary employees and a continued review of salaries.

Richard L. Hester, a faculty member of Phillips Seminary at Phillips University in Enid, Okla., was elected as professor of pastoral care and psychology of religion, effective August 1.

A native of Texas, Hester is a graduate of Baylor University and holds bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

The board received the resignation of E. Luther Copeland, distinguished professor of Christian missions and world religions, from the faculty, effective January 31, 1976.

Copeland will become chancellor for Seinan Gakuin, Fukuoka, Japan, an educational complex which includes middle school, high school and university. It is operated by the Japan Baptist Convention, a product in part of Southern Baptist foreign mission work. Copeland was a missionary to Japan before joining Southeastern in 1956, serving as Seinan Gakuin's chancellor, 1952-55.

In other action the board adopted a recommendation that the position of professor of evangelism be a matter of prime priority in the process of the orderly growth and development of the seminary faculty. Since 1967 the school has been engaged in an effort to endow a chair of evangelism.

The trustees also began preliminary steps for a dynamic long-range planning process and announced plans to inaugurate W. Randall Lolley as the third president of the school on March 11, 1976 in conjunction with the 25th anniversary of the school and the Founder's Day program.

Carl Hudson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bunkie, La., was re-elected chairman of the board; and Frank Campbell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Statesville, N. C.,

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vice-chairman. Other officers are Henry Bridges, state auditor of North Carolina, secretary; and David M. Britt, judge of the N. C. court of appeals, treasurer.

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Foundation Execs. Elect
Carey Cox As President

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MOBILE, Ala. (BP)--Carey Cox, executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, was elected president of the Association of Southern Baptist Foundation Executives at the association's annual meeting here.

Representatives from 16 states focused on self improvement and inspiration as they confronted "the growing awareness of the important roles foundations play amidst rising inflation and exploding needs which have placed a strain on Baptist mission causes and agencies," an association spokesperson said.

Sessions included presentations on management skills, the country's economic climate and the work of the Southern Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Boards and the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission.

Other officers elected were vice president, Glenn Bryant, associate secretary, Louisiana Baptist Foundation; and secretary-treasurer, Harry D. Trulove, executive director, Arkansas Baptist Foundation.

The 1976 meeting is scheduled Feb. 10-12 in Tucson, Ariz.

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Missions Superintendents
Set Meeting on June 9

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MIAMI BEACH (BP)--The 14th annual Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Superintendents of Missions will meet at the diLido Hotel here Monday, June 9, according to the association's president S. Lawrence Childs, Jr., director of missions for Mecklenburg Baptist Association, North Carolina.

The conference, which will focus on the theme, "Toward a National Mission Identity," will begin at 9:25 a.m. and adjourn at 1:25 p.m. It precedes the annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 10-12, in Miami Beach.

Program personnel include Carolyn Weatherford, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary, Birmingham; Larry McSwain, a faculty member of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; Richard G. Bryant, association vice president and director of missions for Metropolitan Miami; Tony and Peggy Brewington, who will provide special music; Kenneth Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston Tex., and Childs.

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RE Association to Meet
In Miami Beach, June 8-9

MIAMI BEACH (BP)--Religious educators from across the Southern Baptist Convention will gather at the Hotel Seville here, June 8-9, for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association.

Sessions, which precede the annual Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) meeting in Miami Beach, will begin at 6:45 p.m., Sunday, June 8, and conclude on June 9, after an 8:45 a.m. morning session, a 12:30 p.m. luncheon and a 6:45 p.m. evening session.

A series of program personnel will address themselves to the theme: "Religious Education: Our Profession."

Sunday night, Cliff Elkins, minister of education-administration for University Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Tex., will speak on "Women in Religious Education," and Ralph C. Atkinson Jr., dean of the school of religious education at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, will dissect "The Anatomy of a Professional Association."

Monday morning will feature a president's address by Charles A. Tidwell, professor of church administration at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. Also featured will be presentations by Morton Rose and Wayne Summers, both of the church services and materials division of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Robert A. Dowdy of the Sunday School Board's Broadman trade sales; Robert E. Bingham, director of the program services section, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta; and William G. Caldwell of the Sunday School Board Church Training department; Bryant Cummings, secretary, Sunday School department, Mississippi Baptist Convention, Jackson; Robert Woolley, secretary, church music department, Missouri Baptist Convention, Jefferson City; and Weston Hook, minister of music and education for Emmanuel Baptist Church, Tucson, Ariz.

W. L. Howse II, retired education division director for the Baptist Sunday School Board and presently working with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and Keener Pharr, director of the education division, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville, will present "Reflections About Our Profession," at the 12:30 p.m. luncheon in the Sans Souci Hotel in Miami Beach.

Monday night will feature James G. Harris, the pastor of University Baptist Church in Fort Worth; Jerry C. Wolverton, supervisor of the promotion section, Sunday School Board; Jack D. Terry, dean of the school of religious education at Southwestern Seminary; and Russell Noel, minister of administration for First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.

Jay Durham, director of the department of audiovisuals at the Home Mission Board, will deliver a presentation on "Moods in Multiple Media" at each of the sessions.

Program personnel for the conference will be available for discussion during "Explo '75-'76," a time of consultation and interpretation of the various programs and services provided the local church. It will be held 2-5 p.m., Sunday, June 8, in the Alhambra West Room of the Seville Hotel.



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Twentieth Anniversary Session
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June 8-9, 1975
Miami Beach, Florida
Theme: "Religious Education: Our Profession"

Sunday Afternoon

2:00-5:00 Registration--(Alhambra West Room) William E. Young, Nashville, Tenn., Neta Stewart, Fort Worth, Tex.; "Explo '75-'76"--Neta Stewart, coordinating, featuring; Church Training, Church Music, Woman's Missionary Union, Foreign Mission Board, Church Services and Materials Division, Sunday School, Brotherhood; Church Administration, Home Mission Board, Broadman Press

Sunday Evening

Charles A. Tidwell, Fort Worth, Tex., presiding

6:45 "Moods in Multiple Media"--Jay Durham, Atlanta, Ga.
7:00 Call to Order; Appointment of Committees; Program Preview
7:15 Praise in Song--Mr. and Mrs. J. William Thompson, Nashville, Tenn.
7:30 "Called to Minister through the Profession of Education"
7:55 Testimonies--Reggie McDonough, Nashville, Tenn.; Joe Burnette, Charlotte, N. C.; Bill Black, Atlanta, Ga.
8:25 Music--Mr. and Mrs. J. William Thompson
8:30 "Women in Religious Education"--Cliff Elkins, Ft. Worth, Tex.
8:50 "The Anatomy of a Professional Association"--Ralph C. Atkinson, Jr., Louisville, Ky.
9:15 Benediction--Elaine Dickson, Nashville, Tenn.

Monday Morning

Robert E. Bingham, Atlanta, Ga., Presiding

8:45 "Moods in Multiple Media"--Jay Durham
9:00 "R. E. new '75 and R. E. Professionalism"--Morton Rose, Nashville, Tenn., Wayne Summers, Nashville, Tenn.
10:00 Break
10:15 "Broadman Review"--Robert A. Dowdy, Nashville, Tenn.
10:30 "The Professional Religious Education Association in the Future"--William G. Caldwell, Nashville, Tenn., Bryant Cummings, Jackson, Miss., Weston Hook, Tucson, Ariz., Bob Woolley, Jefferson City, Mo.
10:50 President's Address--Charles A. Tidwell
11:05 Neighbor Talk--Robert E. Bingham
11:45 Benediction--Gerald Dunlap, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Monday Afternoon Luncheon (Sans Souci Hotel)

Robert Feather, Dallas, Tex., Presiding

12:30 Invocation--Lloyd T. Householder, Nashville, Tenn.
Lunch
Music--Ron and Pat Owen, Houston, Tex.
"Reflections About Our Profession"--W. L. Howse, II, El Paso, Tex.; Keener Pharr, Jacksonville, Fla.
2:30 Adjourn

Monday Evening

Charles A. Tidwell, Presiding

- 6:45 "Moods in Multiple Media"--Jay Durham
6:55 "In the Word"--James G. Harris, Fort Worth, Tex.
7:05 Praise in Song--Mr. and Mrs. J. William Thompson
7:10 Business Session: Committee Reports and Miscellaneous Business; Recognition of Past Presidents; Presentation of New Officers
7:45 "Resources for Educating"--Jerry Wolverton, Nashville, Tenn.
8:00 "Committed to Educating the Educators"--Jack D. Terry, Fort Worth, Tex.
8:30 "The Ministry of Education in Our Time"--Russell Noel, Tulsa, Okla.
9:00 Benediction--Robert O. Feather, Dallas, Tex.

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