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PHOENIX BAPTIST PASTORS  
ALL FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER

PHOENIX, Ariz. --(BP)-- First steps toward fellowship among Arizona Baptist pastors of all groups were taken recently when nearly thirty Phoenix pastors of the American and Southern Baptist Conventions met together for a luncheon meeting.

Plans were started for a permanent Baptist pastors' fellowship with the presidents of the two pastors' groups represented named as a planning committee. Regular noon meetings are planned monthly.

Those invited to the next meeting will include pastors of the Arizona Baptist Convention, the independent Baptist pastors, pastors of colored churches and any other Baptist pastors in the state, according to Roland A. Smith, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Phoenix, who is president of the Southern Baptist group.

John Mack Trezise, pastor of the South Phoenix Baptist church, is president of the American Baptist Pastors' conference.

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SOUTHERN PASTOR SPENDING  
SIX MONTHS IN AUSTRALIA

SHREVEPORT, La. --(BP)-- A young Southern Baptist preacher and student, James W. McClendon, Jr., of Shreveport, is in Sydney, Australia, serving as interim pastor of the Central Baptist Church there.

McClendon will receive the Th.M. degree in June from Princeton Theological Seminary. He served as chaplain to the Baptist students in Princeton University while studying at the seminary. He is a graduate of the University of Texas and has the B.D. degree from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

His wife and young son accompanied him to the Australian field where he will serve until this September. He was formerly pastor at Keatchie, Louisiana.

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EDITOR OF LONDON WEEKLY  
TO VISIT HERE THIS SUMMER

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Dr. Charles T. Cook, editor of The Christian, London weekly, will be one of several prominent British Baptists to visit the states this summer, according to Dr. Donald F. Ackland, editorial associate of the Baptist Sunday School Board here.

Dr. Ackland, a leading London Baptist for many years, recommends Dr. Cook as a "highly acceptable" speaker and preacher. He will be available for engagements in the south June 15-21 and July 6-27. Any churches interested in securing Dr. Cook for a Sunday service or Bible study series should contact him directly at: 33 Ludgate Hill, London EC4, England.

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Registration Cards for Southern Baptist Convention

by Joe W. Burton, Secretary

Registration cards for messengers who will attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, May 14-18, are available from the office of the Baptist state secretary in your state.

It will greatly facilitate the enrolment of messengers in Miami if each messenger will bring his card to Miami properly prepared.

Pastors who have not received registration cards may secure them by writing directly to the Baptist state secretary.

The maximum number which any church may designate as messengers to the Convention is ten, as provided by the Convention by-laws. There is no provision for alternates.

The constitutional provision concerning messengers is as follows: "Membership: The Convention shall consist of messengers who are members of missionary Baptist churches co-operating with the Convention as follows:

1. One messenger for each regular Baptist church which is in friendly co-operation with this Convention and sympathetic with its purposes and work and has during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the Convention's work.
2. One additional messenger from each such church for every 250 members; or for each \$250 paid to the work of the Convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting.
3. The messengers shall be appointed and certified by the churches to the Convention, but no church may appoint more than ten (10)."

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OUTLINE:

~~Pictured above are six Southern Baptist Convention leaders now laying plans for the ninety-fifth session of the Convention meeting in Miami, Florida, May 14-18. Reading from upper left, they are: Dr. J.D. Grey, New Orleans, Louisiana, president of the Convention; Dr. Porter Routh, Nashville, Tennessee, executive secretary of the Executive Committee; Dr. C. Roy Angell, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Miami, host church for various convention meetings; Dr. Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, Tennessee, preacher of the convention sermon; Dr. R. Powell Tucker, Orlando, Florida, chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, and Dr. Loren R. Williams, Tulsa, Oklahoma, music director for the 1952 convention. --(Baptist Press)--~~