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Ford Tentatively Accepts
Spot on SBC Program

NORFOLK (BP)--President Gerald R. Ford has tentatively accepted an invitation to speak at the afternoon session on the opening day of the 119th annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) here, Tuesday, June 15.

"The Committee on Order of Business regards the invitation to President Ford as highly appropriate in the Bicentennial year," said R. G. Puckett of Lutherville, Md., committee chairman. "His address will be non-partisan and in keeping with the theme of our convention," added the editor of the Maryland Baptist, who noted that Ford's acceptance is subject to cancellation depending on national priorities.

The agenda for the annual meeting of the nation's largest Protestant body, June 15-17 at the Norfolk Scope Convention Center, will center around a theme of "Let the Church Stand Up."

More than 16,000 persons from across the nation are expected to register for the convention, which has more than 12.6 million members in 34,734 churches in 50 states. In Miami Beach last June, 16,421 registered.

Spots have been reserved on the program for interpretation of the theme. James L. Sullivan, retired head of the SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville, will speak on "The Church and Biblical Authority;" Bailey Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dell City, Okla., "Let the Church Stand Up in Today's World;" Charles G. Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., "The Church and Religious Liberty;" Alton McEachern, pastor, First Baptist Church, Greensboro, N. C., "The Church and the Redemption of the Family;" Foy Valentine, executive secretary, SBC Christian Life Commission, Nashville, "The Church and National Righteousness;" H. Edwin Young, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C., "The Church and a Clean America;" Chester E. Swor, retired Baptist student worker of Jackson, Miss., "Let the Church Stand Up with a Clear Voice to Its Youth;" and Walter P. Shurden, professor of church history, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., "The Church and Personal Integrity."

Other speakers include Virginia Governor Mills E. Godwin Jr., who will welcome registered SBC "messengers;" Jaroy Weber, SBC president and Lubbock pastor, president's address; Warren Hultgren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., convention sermon; Harold A. Carter, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md.; and Carl E. Bates, former SBC president, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

Besides conducting regular business and hearing agency reports, messengers will elect a new president to succeed Weber, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, who is completing his second one-year term, mandatory limit under the SBC constitution.

Among committee reports to messengers will be reports from a committee named to study the function of the SBC Executive Committee, C. R. Daley, Middletown, Ky., chairman; a missions challenge committee studying SBC mission outreach during the last 25 years of the century, Hultgren, chairman; and the committee on state Baptist papers, H. Franklin Paschall of Nashville, former SBC president, chairman.

The Thursday evening program, the closing session, "will emphasize recommitment to Southern Baptist ministry and witness in America during the nation's Bicentennial year," Puckett said. "The session will be geared to missionary understanding, motivation and inspiration."

It will begin with "Stearns & Co.," a historical musical drama presented by Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, Tex. After a look back at history of Baptists in America, participants will hear reports from SBC missions organizations at work in the United States and an address by Bates, "And the March Goes On;" a title based on closing lines from "Stearns & Co."

Special music will appear throughout the program, according to William J. Reynolds, director of the SBC Sunday School Board's church music department, who will direct convention music. Allen R. Brown, church music secretary for Virginia Baptists, is assistant music director. Music includes the Virginia Baptist Male Chorale; Nettie Beth Weber of Flat Rock, N. C.; singing groups from First Church, Lubbock, and University Church, Charlottesville, Va.; "The Centuryman," 100 Southern Baptist ministers of music James R. Davis, Tulsa, Okla.; and Debbie and Otis Stroup of Glen



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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Norfolk Scope Convention Center

June 15-17, 1976

Norfolk, Virginia

Theme: "Let The Church Stand Up"

Tuesday Morning, June 15

- 8:45 Music For Inspiration--Virginia Baptist Male Chorale, Allen R. Brown, director, Richmond, Virginia
- 9:15 Call to Order
- 9:20 Congregational Singing--William J. Reynolds, director, Nashville, Tennessee
- 9:25 Report of Registration and Constituting of Convention--W. Fred Kendall, Nashville, Tennessee
- 9:30 Report of Committee on Order of Business--R. G. Puckett, chairman, Baltimore, Maryland
- 9:40 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers
Recognition of Local Committees
- 9:50 Introduction of Virginia Governor--William J. Cumbie of Fairfax, Virginia, president, Baptist General Association of Virginia
Welcome Address--Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Richmond, Virginia
- 10:10 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Tellers
- 10:15 Solo--Nettie Beth Weber, Flat Rock, North Carolina
- 10:20 President's Address--Jaroy Weber, Lubbock, Texas
- 11:00 Congregational Singing--William J. Reynolds
- 11:05 Executive Committee Report (First Section)--Porter Routh, Nashville, Tennessee
- 11:45 Miscellaneous Business
- 12:10 Introduction of Resolutions
- 12:35 Benediction--Bruce M. Morgan, pastor, First Baptist Church, Griffin, Georgia

Tuesday Afternoon, June 15

- 2:00 Music For Inspiration--"Freedom 76," First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, Ron Lowry, minister of music
- 2:30 Congregational Singing--Allen R. Brown, Richmond, Virginia
- 2:35 "The Church and Biblical Authority"--James L. Sullivan, Nashville, Tennessee
- 2:55 Election of Officers
- 3:20 Address--Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States
- 3:50 Executive Committee Report (Final Section)--Porter Routh, Nashville, Tennessee
- 4:00 "Looking To The Third Century With Confidence"--Ben C. Fisher, executive director, Education Commission, Nashville, Tennessee
- 4:15 Election of Officers
- 4:25 Miscellaneous Business
Introduction of Resolutions
- 4:45 Benediction--Joe Whitt, pastor, First Baptist Church, Aliceville, Alabama

Tuesday Evening, June 15

- 6:30 Music For Inspiration--The Centurymen, Buryl Red, New York City, musical director
- 7:00 Congregational Singing--Ron Lowry, Lubbock, Texas
- 7:05 "Let The Church Stand Up In Today's World"--Bailey Smith, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dell City, Oklahoma
- 7:25 "Christ's Freedom: Past, Present, Future"--Lynn E. May, executive secretary, Historical Commission, Nashville, Tennessee
- 7:45 Miscellaneous Business
- 8:10 Congregational Singing--Ron Lowry
- 8:15 Southern Baptist Seminaries
- 8:45 "Born To Serve": The Cooperative Program Forum--Conrad Johnston, chairman, Salem, Virginia
- 9:30 Benediction--Earl H. Wilson, pastor, City View Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee

Wednesday Morning, June 16

- 8:45 Music For Inspiration
 9:15 Congregational Singing--Gary M. Horton, Alexandria, Virginia
 9:20 "The Church In The Redemption of The Family"--Alton McEachern, pastor, First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina
 9:40 Election of Officers
 9:50 Committee on Resolutions (First Report)
 10:20 Committee on Committees Report
 Committee on Boards Report
 10:30 Report of Committee to Study the SBC
 Executive Committee--C. R. Daley, Middletown, Kentucky, chairman
 11:00 Congregational Singing--Gary M. Horton
 11:05 Special Music--James R. Davis, Tulsa, Oklahoma
 11:10 Convention Sermon--Warren Hultgren, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma
 Alternate: Charles G. Fuller, pastor, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia
 11:40 Miscellaneous Business
 (Consideration of constitutional changes and other matters.)
 Election of Officers
 12:30 Benediction--Dan Rainbolt, pastor, Susquehanna Baptist Church, Independence, Missouri

(No Afternoon Session)

Wednesday Evening, June 16

- 6:30 Music For Inspiration--Tidewater Area Baptist Choir, Jerry P. Huling, Norfolk, Virginia, director
 7:00 Congregational Singing--Clinton Nichols, New Orleans, Louisiana
 7:05 "The Church And Religious Liberty"--Charles G. Fuller, pastor, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia
 7:25 Recognition Of Past Presidents
 7:35 "Applying The Gospel"--Foy Valentine, executive secretary, Christian Life Commission, Nashville, Tennessee
 7:45 "Publish and Conceal Not"--Committee on State Baptist Papers, H. Franklin Paschal, Nashville, Tennessee, chairman
 7:55 Missions Challenge Committee Report--Warren Hultgren, Tulsa, Oklahoma, chairman
 8:40 Congregational Singing--Clinton Nichols
 8:45 "Total Mission Thrust, Now!"--Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia
 9:30 Benediction--Morris Chapman, pastor, First Baptist Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Thursday Morning, June 17

- 8:45 Music For Inspiration--"Jubilate", University Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Virginia, Carl Beard, minister of music
 9:15 Congregational Singing--Paul Bobbitt, Jacksonville, Florida
 9:20 "The Church and National Righteousness"--Foy Valentine, executive secretary, Christian Life Commission, Nashville, Tennessee
 9:40 Sunday School Board--Grady C. Cothen, president, Nashville, Tennessee
 10:10 Committee on Resolutions (Final Report)
 10:30 Baptist World Alliance--Robert Denny, executive director, Washington, D. C.
 10:40 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs--James Wood, executive director, Washington, D. C.
 10:50 Southern Baptist Foundation--Kendall Berry, executive secretary, Nashville, Tennessee
 11:00 Miscellaneous Business
 11:15 Congregational Singing--Paul Bobbitt
 11:20 "Magnificent Obsession"--Harold A. Carter, pastor, New Shiloh Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland
 12:00 Benediction--Charles Jolly, pastor, Madison Baptist Church, Madison, New Jersey

Thursday Afternoon, June 17

- 1:30 Music For Inspiration--Evangelistic Singers
- 2:30 Congregational Singing--Lowell Leistner, Orlando, Florida
- 2:35 "The Church and A Clean America"--H. Edwin Young, pastor, First Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina
- 2:55 Annuity Board--Darold H. Morgan, president, Dallas, Texas
- 3:15 American Bible Society
- 3:20 Radio-TV Commission Report--Paul M. Stevens, president, Fort Worth, Texas
- 3:35 Stewardship Commission--A. R. Fagan, executive director, Nashville, Tennessee
- 3:45 Denominational Calendar
- 3:50 Commission on American Baptist Theological Seminary
- 3:55 Congregational Singing--Lowell Leistner
- 4:00 Special Music--Debbie and Otis Stroup, Glen Burnie, Maryland
- 4:05 "Let The Church Stand Up With A Clear Voice To Its Youth"--Chester E. Swor, Jackson, Mississippi
- 4:40 Benediction--Laverne Inzer, missionary, Carlin, Nevada

Thursday Evening, June 17

- 6:30 "Stearns & Co." Historical Musical drama by Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, Joe Carrell, director
- 7:30 Congregational Singing--William J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tennessee
- 7:35 "The Church and Personal Integrity"--Walter P. Shurden, professor church history, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee
- 7:55 "Teach Missions: To Know, To Grow"--Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Alabama
- 8:10 Congregational Singing--William J. Reynolds
- 8:15 "Men and Boys in Missions"--Glendon McCullough, executive director, Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tennessee
- 8:30 Congregational Singing--William J. Reynolds
Presentation of Officers
- 8:40 Home Mission Board--Arthur Rutledge, executive director, Atlanta, Georgia
- 9:30 "And The March Goes On"--Carl E. Bates, pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina
- 10:00 Ringing of The Liberty Bell
Passing of President's Gavel
- 10:15 Benediction--New President, Southern Baptist Convention

Convention Officers

- Jaroy Weber, president, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas
- M. Hunter Riggins, first vice president, businessman, Poquoson, Virginia
- James L. Monroe, second vice president, pastor, First Baptist Church, Fort Walton Beach, Florida
- Clifton J. Allen, recording secretary, retired, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
- W. Frederick Kendall, registration secretary, retired, Nashville, Tennessee
- Porter W. Routh, treasurer, executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee
- W. C. Fields, press representative, public relations director and assistant to the executive secretary, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee
- William J. Reynolds, music director, church music department director, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee