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Church Musicians Schedule
Array of Program Features

ATLANTA (BP)--An imposing array of musicians and speakers will be featured at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, June 11-12, at Atlanta's Wieuca Road Baptist Church.

The conference is one of a series of meetings surrounding the Southern Baptist Convention sessions, June 13-15, at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

Speakers include John Claypool, pastor of Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., who will speak on "The Role of Women in the Ministry," and Mrs. Gladys Lewis of Midwest City, Okla., a writer and speaker and former Southern Baptist missionary, who will speak on "The Problems of Women in Church Leadership Positions."

The opening session, which begins at 7:30 p.m., June 11, features an array of mini-concerts by vocal and handbell choirs and orchestras and culminates in the premiere of an anthem commissioned by the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference for the 1978 meeting.

The anthem, "Psalm 8," was written by Robert H. Young of the school of music at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and will be performed by the church choir of Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Jack Gantt, director.

Other speakers and business will be interspersed between mini-concerts and mini-recitals by a number of artists and musical groups, including the famed Atlanta Boys' Choir.

James C. McKinney, music conference president and dean of the school of church music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, will speak on "The Church Musician's Dilemma" during his president's address. J. Dan Cooper, pastor, First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla., will speak on "The Primacy of Worship."

Monday morning, June 12, will include special sessions for members of the Church Music Conference's local church, denominational and education divisions. Special interest sessions that afternoon include a variety of program personnel leading conferences on what is new in music education of children, missions, music drama and multi-media, service materials for organists, service materials for pianists, sound systems and auditorium acoustics, and techniques for teaching avant garde choral music to choirs.

A special feature of the conference will be a concert honoring Southern Baptist composers living east of the Mississippi River, performed by The Sons of Jubal, directed by Paul McCommon of Atlanta, and The Jubalheirs, directed by Wade Davis of Atlanta.

Other musical groups and artists include The Centurymen, directed by Buryl Red of New York, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Martin, minister of music and organist at Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta; The Mississippi Singing Churchmen, Dan C. Hall, director; Albert L. Travis, associate professor of organ, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth; Mona Goff Bond, contralto, artist in residence, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; the Brewton-Parker College Choir, Mt. Vernon, Ga., Hildegard Stanley, director, and a number of church vocal and handbell choirs. Church groups include Central Baptist Church, Waycross, Ga.; Briarlake Church, Decatur, Ga.; First Church, Valdosta, Ga.; Oakhurst Church, Decatur; First Church, Atlanta; Wieuca Road Church, Atlanta; Peachtree City Church, Peachtree City, Ga.; Bethlehem Church, Clarkesville, Ga.; and Green Acres Church, Athens, Ga.



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Southern Baptist Church Music Conference

Wieuca Road Baptist Church

Atlanta, Georgia

June 11-12, 1978

Sunday Evening, June 11

- 7:30 p.m. Presiding--James McKinney, dean, school of church music, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and president, Southern Baptist Church Music Conference
Coordinator--Wade Davis, associate, department of church music, Georgia Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga.
Call to Order
Welcome--Jack Gantt, minister of music, Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta
- Congregational Worship
Worship Leaders--Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Martin, minister of music and organist, Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta
Mini-Concert--Older Children's Choir, Central Baptist Church, Waycross, Ga., Mary Ann Tyler, graded choir coordinator-organist, director, accompanist--Lugene Smith
Mini-Concert--Youth Choirs, Briarlake Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., Jon Blouin, minister of music, director
Mini-Concert--Senior High Handbell Choir, First Baptist Church, Valdosta, Ga., Herman May, minister of music, director
Mini-Concert--Church Choir, Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., Mike Weaver, music director, director
- Congregational Worship
Mini-Concert--Church Orchestra, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, John Glover, minister of music, director
Mini-Concert--Church Choir, Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, Jack Gantt, minister of music, director
- Premiere of anthem commissioned by The Southern Baptist Church Music Conference for the 1978 Meeting of the Conference: Psalm 8, written by Robert H. Young, school of music, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and performed by church choir, Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Jack Gantt, director.
- 9:30 p.m. Reception for the conference, hosted by The Georgia Baptist Church Music Conference

Monday Morning, June 12

- 8:45 a.m. Presiding--A. L. "Pete" Butler, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Ada, Okla.
Coordinator--Neil Darnell, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas
Welcome--James Davidson, president, Georgia Baptist Church Music Conference
Congregational Worship
Worship Leaders--Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Martin, Atlanta

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- 9:00 a.m. Mini-Concert--Youth Handbell Choirs, Briarlake Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., Nancy Jane Blair, director, assistant minister of music/organist
- 9:15 a.m. President's Address--James McKinney, Fort Worth, Texas, "The Church Musician's Dilemma"
- 9:25 a.m. Mini-Concert--The Mississippi Singing Churchmen, directed by Dan C. Hall, church music department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, Miss.
- 9:45 a.m. Business Session
Introduction of New Vice-Presidents
Presentation of Honorary Life Memberships
- 10:00 a.m. Exhibit Break
- 10:30 a.m. Presiding--Max Lyall, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.
Coordinator--Ronnie Smith, Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, Ky.
Mini-Concert--Church Choir, Peachtree City Baptist Church, Peachtree City, Ga., Rocky Davis, minister of music and youth, director
- 10:50 a.m. Address--"The Primacy of Worship," J. Dan Cooper, pastor, First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla.
- 11:00 a.m. Divisional Meetings
- Local Church Division--A. L. Butler, vice-president, presiding
Election of Council Members
Program--Panel Discussion on "The Minister of Music--His Professional and Personal Priorities, Today and Tomorrow," Thad Roberts, moderator
- Denominational Division--Allen Brown, vice-president, presiding
Election of Council Members
Program--Symposium on "How Denominational Members Can Be More Effectively Involved in the SBCMC," Allen Brown, convenor
- Education Division--Max Lyall, vice-president, presiding
Election of Council Members
Program--"Rhythmic Style in Renaissance and Baroque Choral Music," John Haberlen, Georgia State University, Atlanta
- 12:00 noon Lunch

Monday Afternoon, June 12

- 1:30 p.m. Presiding--Allen Brown, department of church music, Baptist General Association of Virginia, Richmond, Va.
Coordinator--Jack Carter, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va.
- Composers Concert--honoring Southern Baptist Convention Composers residing east of the Mississippi River
- The Sons of Jubal, directed by Paul McCommon, secretary, department of church music, Georgia Baptist Convention, Atlanta
- The Jubalheirs, directed by Wade Davis, associate department of church music, Georgia Baptist Convention, Atlanta
- 2:00 p.m. Congregational Worship
Worship Leaders--Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Martin, Atlanta

- 2:10 p.m. Address--"The Role of Women in the Ministry," John Claypool, pastor, Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.
- Address--"The Problems of Women in Church Leadership Positions," Gladys Lewis, writer and speaker, Midwest City, Okla.
- 2:40 p.m. Mini-Concert--Church Choir, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Clarkesville, Ga., Catherine Logan, director
- 3:00 p.m. Exhibit Break
- 3:30 p.m. Mini-Concert--Youth Choir, Green Acres Baptist Church, Athens, Ga., Sam Stephens, minister of music, director
- 4:00 p.m. Interest Sessions--General Theme: "What's New?"
- (1) "What's New in the Music Education of Children?"--Terry Kirkland, children's music editor and recording specialist, church music department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.
 - (2) "What's New in Missions?"--Ralph West, process coordinator, Mission Service Corps, Atlanta; William R. O'Brien, secretary, department of denominational coordination, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.
 - (3) "What's New in Music Drama and Multi-Media?"--Everett Robertson, church recreation department, Sunday School Board, Nashville
 - (4) "What's New in Service Materials for Organists?"--Mrs. Eugene Martin, organist; Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta
 - (5) "What's New in Service Materials for Pianists?"--Ron Boud, assistant professor of piano, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.
 - (6) "What's New in Sound Systems and Auditorium Acoustics?"--Elton Sparrow, vice-president, broadcast engineering, Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth
 - (7) "What's New in Techniques for Teaching Avant Garde Choral Music to Your Choir?"--A. Joseph King, associate professor of church music education, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth

Monday Evening, June 12

- 7:30 p.m. Presiding--James McKinney, president, Southern Baptist Church Music Conference
Coordinator--Jack Gantt, minister of music, Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta
- Presentation of New Council Members
Congregational Worship
Worship Leaders--Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Martin, Atlanta
- Mini-Concert--Brewton-Parker College Choir, Mt. Vernon, Ga., Hildegard Stanley, director
- Mini-Recital--Albert L. Travis, organ, associate professor of organ, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth
- Mini-Recital--Mona Goff Bond, contralto, artist in residence, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
- Congregational Worship
Mini-Concert--The Centurymen, Buryl Red, N. Y. City, musical director and conductor
- Mini-Concert--The Atlanta Boys Choir, Fletcher Wolfe, director
- Benediction--Thad Roberts, president-elect, Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, and minister of music, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas

Baptists Focus On
1980 Winter Olympics

By Celeste Loucks

LAKE PLACID, N. Y. (BP)--The milling throngs of thousands that will migrate to the upstate New York resort community of Lake Placid for the 1980 Olympic winter games are the focus of enthusiasm among Southern Baptist missions leaders.

Task forces from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Baptist Convention of New York, and Adirondack Association, are working together to establish a permanent church in Lake Placid as part of Bold Mission Thrust, the Southern Baptist dream to present the gospel to every person in the world by the year 2000.

"It is one of the few really 'bold' things we are doing" that's evident to those outside the denomination, says Ken Prickett, who is helping launch the ministry.

The Home Mission Board's first move is to secure key property to house Southern Baptist personnel and provide a place for worship and a coffee shop. In April, Prickett, field consultant for special mission ministries, hopes to move to the Lake Placid site. In June, a special team of students from Kentucky will begin Bible studies, take census, and help in other resort mission work.

By fall, Wayne Fagala and his fiancée, Kathy Nan Manley, who have volunteered for two years of missions service in the U. S., will arrive for follow-up and to coordinate new work and help organize for an influx of Southern Baptist volunteers.

"I believe we have much to offer," said Prickett, "because we are concerned with ministry and sharing the gospel. In all of our preparation and study of this area we will discover many vacuums and needs that Southern Baptists can fill." But, Prickett emphasized, "We have to earn the right to be part of the Olympic scene."

Southern Baptists have had no ministry in Lake Placid, a small (population of several thousand), usually relaxed resort town in upstate New York that's already blitzed with Olympic souvenirs, from T-shirts to bumper stickers. Businesses are changing their names to capitalize on the Olympic image. Real estate has skyrocketed.

In early February, Prickett and members of two task forces met with the Olympic religious affairs committee. Formation of the committee is a "historical first" for the Olympics, according to Jon Meek, New York's director of missions.

At the meeting, about 50 persons from various denominations and sects (including Word of Life and Baha'i) grappled with ground rules for ministry. While Southern Baptists comprise the "new kid on the block" here, Prickett spoke positively about development of the work.

"All the other denominations talked about being limited by budgets," he said. And while limited monetarily, Southern Baptists have a large volunteer force "ready to do whatever--waiting and ready to get with it."

Danny Sanchez, director of evangelism for the Southern Baptist Convention of New York, said, "We plan to use evangelists, entertainers, young people to share around the Olympic complex with athletes and support personnel, as well as in hotels, in lobbies, in restaurants, outdoors--wherever we can get a foothold."

Yet, beyond the two-week period of the Olympic games, there is a more permanent interest in the town. The great majority of residents are unchurched. Prickett estimates a total of only 600 persons are members of churches.

Reminded Meek of New York, "Our bottom line concern is starting a new congregation at Lake Placid."

President Visits With MKs
During Stopover in Liberia

By Pat Bellinger

MONROVIA, Liberia (BP)--President Jimmy Carter's five-hour visit to Liberia included an unscheduled stop at the Southern Baptist MK (missionary kids) Hostel in Congotown.

Six Southern Baptist missionaries had been part of the greeting party at the airport as the Carters arrived April 3. As the Carters and William R. Tolbert Jr., president of Liberia, proceeded down the receiving line, the missionaries chatted with them and mentioned the Mission Service Corps, a project for volunteers overseas suggested last year by Carter.

Tolbert, a Baptist, pointed out that the Liberia Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries), has a woman as chairman, Pat (Mrs. Robert N.) Bellinger. The missionaries asked the two presidents to look for a banner the MKs had prepared as the motorcade passed the hostel on its way to the executive mansion.

The MKs were waiting with a huge sign on a van parked in front of the MK hostel, or dormitory. Seeing the sign which read, "Your Southern Baptist Missionary Kids Say Hi, Y'all," the presidents and their wives all waved.

In the glow of recognition, the MKs changed the banner to read "Bye" instead of "Hi" as the motorcade returned to the airport. They were surprised when the pilot car stopped just past the hostel. Then the press bus and security cars stopped, and, almost unbelievably, the presidential limousine stopped in front of the MKs. Jimmy, Rosalynn and Amy Carter and William and Victoria Tolbert got out.

They exchanged greetings, handshakes, hugs and a kiss or two. The press took pictures. After about five minutes they said goodbye, and the motorcade proceeded to the airport.

The MKs spent the rest of the day saying, "I don't believe it."

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Mrs. Bellinger is missionary press representative for Liberia.

Missouri Moves Toward
Parochial Aid Passage

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)--A form of a tuition tax relief bill that is struggling at the national level and that has been called "unconstitutional" by Attorney General Griffin Bell, has been passed by the Missouri State Senate.

The Missouri Senate version of a parochial aid bill would allow up to a \$500 tax deduction to parents of parochial and private school children for tuition and other expenses. The national version, introduced by U. S. Senators Bob Packwood, R.-Ore., and Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D.-N.Y., would allow up to a \$500 tax credit.

The bill, which got only the 18 votes it needed to pass, has been sent to the Missouri House of Representatives for consideration.

The bill's sponsor, Democratic majority leader John Schneider of St. Louis, said, "What we are debating here is a concept. If families choose to send the children to private schools, which may be religious, this bill says we are not going to tax them for it."

Senator John Russell, of Lebanon, strongly opposed the bill. He said that Missouri's Governor Teasdale, a Roman Catholic, would be "suspect" because of his religious views if he signed the bill.



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Strike, Violence, Not Over
For Stearns, Ky., Miners

By Jim Newton

STEARNS, Ky. (BP)--Easter morning newspapers across the nation were dominated by the news that the nationwide soft coal strike had finally come to an end.

But in Stearns, Ky., the news offered little encouragement. For the people of McCreary County, the strike that had been going on for 20 months at the Justus Mine in Stearns was continuing, unsettled by national negotiations.

At a sunrise service at the golf course, not a word was mentioned about the strike that had pitted brother against brother, dividing the community with violence, fear, intimidation and ugly rumors. Sincere Christians had lined up on both sides of the issue and polarization had intensified.

"The whole county is filled with fear," observed Billy J. Turner, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Stearns. "You just don't talk about the strike unless you know who you are talking to. Houses and cars have been dynamited. Cars have been shot at, and people have been threatened."

The coal strike at the Justus Mine in Stearns is the longest strike in the nation, lasting almost six times as long as the 110-day national strike. On Easter Sunday, the Stearns strike had gone on for 618 days.

Miners claim the major issue is safety in the mines, not wages and benefits. Blue Diamond Coal Co., which bought the Justus Mine Dec. 31, 1975, also owns the infamous Scotia Mines near Whitesburg, Ky., where two methane gas explosions in March, 1975 killed 26 persons.

William Smith, retired coal miner who now serves as pastor of Hill Top Missionary (Southern) Baptist Church, says the Justus Mine is one of the "safest" in the nation, but is very high in potentially-explosive methane gas.

"If the fan is down and the mine has poor circulation," he says, "it's just like standing in front of a shotgun. You risk your life every time you go in the mine, hoping and praying that you'll be able to come out at the end of the day."

Blue Diamond officials contend the issue is not safety at all, but rather is the right to strike and conditions for "legal" strikes.

It has been a violent, bloody stand off. Thousands of bullet holes riddled the Justus Mine offices, warehouse, and elevator. About eight or 10 bombs have exploded on the mine property. Seven security guards and one striking miner have been injured by gunfire.

The most violent confrontation occurred Oct. 17 when about 150 strikers and their supporters clashed outside the mine in a bloody melee with 80 riot-equipped Kentucky State Police troopers. Fifteen persons were injured and 117 were arrested.

The miners blame the violence on the state troopers, who they claim kicked a pregnant woman in the stomach and dragged a 62-year-old miner's mother off her front porch by her hair. They also blame the violence on the hired guards with a security firm employed by Blue Diamond in March of 1977 to protect the mine property.

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"We never had any trouble until they brought in them 'gun thugs,' (the guards employed by Storm Security Co.)" said Harold Coffey, one of the striking miners.

Clifford Keith, the purchasing agent for Justus Mine and a deacon and Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church of Stearns, countered the argument that the violence started after the security guards were hired, saying he had been the victim of violence even before then.

Keith recalled an incident in February of 1976 when he was going home from the mines at 11:00 p.m. A burning log blocked the road out of the mines. As striking miners tried to surround his car, he gunned it over the burning log, barely escaping. Keith said that same week, the strikers were firing 15 to 20 shots a night (mostly small-arm fire) toward the mine complex.

Coffey, the mine superintendent, who grew up in Stearns, said past friends he had hunted, fished and played with as a boy now hate him as a bitter enemy.

He's been beaten up, suffering several broken ribs, and has been the target of snipers who shot out the tires on his truck.

Mahan Vanover, UMW picket captain, said he believes that since the national strike is now settled, UMW may take the initiative in urging Blue Diamond to return to the bargaining table to settle the Stearns strike. He said the UMW broke off the negotiations several months ago because they felt the company was not bargaining in good faith.

Frank Thomas, an executive vice-president of Blue Diamond until he resigned two weeks before Easter to return to his previous position as president of the Stearns Coal and Lumber Co. (previous owners of Justus Mine), said the negotiations were not getting anywhere. "The Union wanted more than the national contract," he said.

Thomas called the safety issue a "smokescreen" that sounds good. Coffey, the mine superintendent, agreed, saying the debate over safety "is a bunch of junk. For people to say the company is against safety is just stupid," Coffey said.

But Blue Diamond, union officials say, has one of the worst safety records in the mining business. The Justus Mine, during 1976 when it was owned by Stearns Coal and Lumber, was cited for 101 violations of safety rules by the Mining Enforcement and Safety Association (MESA). During the first six months of 1977, under Blue Diamond ownership, MESA cited Justus Mine with 98 violations, almost as many in six months as during an entire year under the previous ownership.

UMW has argued for a contract allowing union safety committees to order all workers in a particular section of the mine to move out of that area if they find imminent danger, and to shut down that section until the problem is corrected.

Almost everyone, regardless of their support or opposition to the strike, agrees that they're ready for it to be over.

"The strike has totally destroyed us," said Judge Jimmie Greene, a Baptist Sunday School teacher who grew up in the county, and has friends on both sides. "Somehow, we've got to get people back together again. It may take two or three generations to heal all the wounds."



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