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SBC Planning Committee

Will Show Messengers Results

By Bracey Campbell

ATLANTA (BP)--Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention will be shown what is being done for Jesus Christ through the combined resources of the SBC, according to the chairman of the planning committee for the three night sessions, June 13-15.

Lloyd Householder, director of the office of communications at the SBC Sunday School Board, said the six-member committee has worked since January to present a unified convention that "will not just talk about what is to be done... Our goal is for a presentation that is a total demonstration of what God has wrought through Baptists."

He said a number of exciting things are planned for the Atlanta meeting, including a challenge to the messengers to forego their Wednesday night meal. "We will ask that the money which would have been spent for dinner be brought and given to a world hunger fund to be dispensed by the Foreign Mission Board.

"This will be a definite action that the 18,000 Baptists who come to the June convention can take. And hopefully, it will lead to more action after the convention is over."

Householder said many Southern Baptists do not realize the things that agencies and churches in the SBC accomplish.

"But I hope that the messengers will get a vicarious experience of what is being done and what can be done if we put ourselves to the task of the Lord's work," he said.

The 1978 convention--with the theme of "Let the Church be Bold in Mission Thrust"--is the first to have been planned by a committee consisting of major event experts from the Baptist agencies.

Householder said the committee was formed by the convention's Order of Business Committee, chaired by Mrs. Marian Grant of Raleigh, N. C., to insure continuity between the three night sessions.

He said many of the major decisions had been made by Mrs. Grant and her committee when the planning group was formed, including the selection of the Sunday School Board's William Reynolds to plan the music.

"Our primary responsibility has been in selecting and securing personalities other than the major speakers who would most help the messengers get caught up in Bold Mission Thrust," Householder said.

"We want all who are in attendance to see and understand that they can be just as inspired to work in Bold Mission Thrust (the SBC's program designed to share the gospel with the entire world by the year 2000) as a career missionary."

The night sessions will feature a wide range of personalities, in person and on film. Some of these persons, such as Mrs. Billy Graham, artist-composer Ken Medema and lecturer and theologian Elton Trueblood, are well-known.

But many others, Householder said, are just hard-working Baptists who are having an impact on people all over the world through a life devoted to Jesus Christ.

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The planning committee, which met in Atlanta, saw filmclips taken by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission representative, Rosser McDonald, at locations in many parts of the country.

Committee member Ed Seabough of the Home Mission Board and Bob Thrift, college and single adult minister at First Baptist Church in Waco, Texas, wrote the scripts for the night sessions.

Others on the committee include Catherine Allen, who has helped stage numerous major meetings for the Woman's Missionary Union; Bill O'Brien, Foreign Mission Board; and Norman Godfrey, Brotherhood Commission.

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Bible Study Leaders
Explain New Series

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Southern Baptists' diverse nature, coupled with repeated requests for a content approach to Bible study, led to the development of the new Bible Book Series curriculum, according to two Bible teaching leaders at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Robert H. Fulbright, director of the Bible teaching division, and Harry M. Piland, Sunday School department director, said they expected the "Bible Book Series" to help people more clearly see the total picture of the biblical revelation.

Fulbright explained that the content approach began with the selection of a Scripture passage, followed by the application to human need determined from the book topic. The King James Version of the Bible will be used in the new series.

"The Bible Book Series will answer a need not presently filled," Fulbright said, "especially for people not familiar with the Bible. This will present the total picture of each book in the Bible."

"Each Bible book will be studied in its entirety," he explained. "Then, after nine years, every book in the Bible will have been studied."

Piland said he thought there was a "strong desire for book-by-book Bible study, because of the good reception other such studies have received in the Life and Work Series and the Convention Uniform Series Sunday School Bible study material.

"We're trying to be responsive to what we think churches want and need," Piland continued. "I believe there's a basic appeal to people here to stay with a study of a book until it's complete."

In reference to the content approach, Piland said he felt "The content of the Bible will speak to needs because it is applicable to 20th century man."

"All over America, there's a growing interest and concern for Bible study," Piland commented, "which is a good, healthy sign. Searching the Scriptures can only result in more people developing their faith in God."

By adding a third curriculum choice, Fulbright said he felt the Sunday School Board could "more adequately speak to needs of more churches."

"There's a hunger for Bible study now more than we have seen in a long time," Fulbright explained, "and by offering three curriculum lines, we are trying to give churches some alternatives to decide which best speaks to the needs of their youth and adults."

Although there are basic differences in characteristics of the three series, Fulbright and Piland emphasized that each series was "biblically based and doctrinally sound."

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The Bible Book Series will begin with a six month study of Genesis when the series is first available in October 1978, followed by one quarter each of Mark and Exodus to complete the 1978-79 year.

Study of the series will not move straight through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, but an attempt has been made to balance Old Testament and New Testament books in each year's cycle.

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3 New Faculty Members
Named by Southern Seminary

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)--William P. Tuck, Kathryn Chapman and R. Michael Harton, elected at a recent Southern Baptist Theological Seminary trustee meeting, will begin teaching duties this fall.

Tuck, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bristol, Va., was elected associate professor of Christian preaching in the seminary's School of Theology. A native of Virginia, he is a graduate of the University of Richmond and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., and earned a doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Miss Chapman, director of children's work at Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., will be assistant professor of childhood education and director of the Seminary Child Care Center. A native of Georgia, she is a graduate of Georgia College and received the master of religious education degree from Southern Seminary, and the doctor of education degree from St. Louis University.

Harton, minister of education at First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., will be an assistant professor of religious education. A native of Kentucky, he is a graduate of Murray State University and received the master of religious education degree from Southern Seminary.

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New Orleans Seminary
Picks Outstanding Alumni

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Two men have been chosen to receive outstanding alumni awards for 1978 from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Clarence C. Randall, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Jack Hanberry, warden of the United States Penitentiary in Atlanta, will receive the awards at the seminary's alumni luncheon, June 14 at the Omni International Hotel during the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting.

Randall, who will receive the Distinguished Service in a Local Church Ministry award, has been pastor of First Church, Tuscaloosa, since 1962. Prior to that, he served several churches in Mississippi during and after attending seminary.

He has been active in state convention work in Alabama and in Mississippi, serving as second vice president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and in a number of other positions in both state conventions.

Hanberry will receive the award for Distinguished Ministry for service as chaplain and warden of the U. S. penitentiary in Atlanta. He has served as warden at the institution since 1977 and was chaplain at the institution, 1966-72.

He also has served as chaplain at Federal prisons in Denver, Col., and Tallahassee, Fla., as well as warden of the Federal Correctional Institution in Milan, Mich., before returning to Atlanta, and as pastor of churches in Florida, Georgia, Kansas and Louisiana. He was "Chaplain of the Year" in 1971 and has been president of the American Protestant Correctional Chaplains' Association.

Missionary Couple Granted
New Work Permit for Uganda

JINJA, Uganda (BP)--Southern Baptist missionaries James L. and Linda Rice have been granted new entry permits by Uganda.

Their previous entry permit, which expired in February, had been issued on behalf of their missionary work with the Baptist Mission of Uganda. When Baptist churches were banned in September 1977, it appeared unlikely that a new entry permit would be granted, according to Berry (Mrs. G. Webster) Carroll, Southern Baptist Missionary press representative in Uganda.

The Bible Society of Uganda applied for the new permit for the couple because Rice is giving part of his time distributing Bibles throughout Uganda. The Rices, who see granting of the permits an answer to prayer, plan to go back to Uganda after a furlough in the United States.

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Mo. Parochial Aid,
Bingo Proposals Die

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)--Missouri legislators defeated parochial aid and Bingo gambling proposals that earlier looked as if they had some life when the 1978 legislative session closed.

A parochial aid bill that would have provided a \$500 state tax deduction for tuition paid to parochial and private schools had earlier cleared the state Senate 18-16.

Another parochial aid bill that would have paid parochial schools \$50 per child for evaluation services was dropped by a House and Senate conference committee.

Four senators threatened a filibuster to keep a Bingo gambling bill from coming to a vote before the constitutional adjournment time of midnight April 30. The bill's Senate sponsor, Democratic floor leader John Schneider, was not able to get it to a vote and it died.

Chute Managing Editor
At 'Word and Way' Paper

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)--Michael D. Chute, director of college relations at Southwest Baptist College, has been hired as managing editor of "Word and Way," the Missouri Baptist newspaper, effective June 5, according to Bob Terry, editor.

Chute, 27, was a public information specialist four years in the public relations office at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board before he went to Southwest Baptist College where he has been responsible for the news bureau, all college publications, photography services, community and media relations and director of alumni services. He also taught basic journalism courses.

A native of Waynesville, Mo., Chute earned the bachelor of arts degree in journalism from Oklahoma Baptist University. He is completing work on the master of arts degree in communications at Southwest Missouri State University. His wife, the former Kathy Benge, worked as an editorial assistant for Baptist Press when the couple lived in Nashville.

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CORRECTION

Please substitute the following two graphs for the first two graphs in the BP story mailed 5/2/78, entitled "Palau Rally Records Thousands of Decisions," to eliminate errors.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (BP)--More than 5,500 persons made decisions for Christ in a series of evangelistic rallies in Uruguay, which may result in doubling the size of some churches if follow-up efforts succeed.

The central crusade, conducted by evangelist Luis Palau, resulted in 2,786 decisions over nine nights at Palacio Penarol in Montevideo. Another 2,800 mad decisions in earlier "satellite" crusades in five interior cities.

Also, in last graph, change reference to Paraguay to Uruguay.

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