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Kammerling Will Edit  
Southern Baptist Journal

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COLUMBIA, S.C. (BP)--The "Southern Baptist Journal," a private publication formed in 1973 to expose Southern Baptist "liberals," has moved to South Carolina under the direction of a new editor.

Russell Kammerling, 31, pastor of First Baptist Church, West Columbia, S.C., has replaced William Powell as editor. Powell will continue to live in Buchanan, Ga., and serve as publisher of the 10,000 circulation paper. He will also continue as executive vice president of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship.

Powell said his main role will be fund raising. He told Baptist Press the BFMF has "achieved its first major goal," to alert Southern Baptist leadership of "liberals" in SBC life. Phase two, he said, will be a concerted effort to raise funds to get the Southern Baptist Journal in the hands first of every Southern Baptist pastor and then every deacon chairman and WMU director.

The Journal, begun as a monthly, has been published less often than that because of financial problems. Kammerling said it will publish monthly effective April 1. He said that he, as editor, will have complete editorial control.

He said the paper will continue as a voice for exposing liberalism but, "We won't be after liberal people as much as dealing with trends and issues."

Asked if this was a change in policy, he said, "This is not a change in direction as much as methodology. In the past we haven't been as careful to state the cause as we should. We can't separate people from issues but will focus on the issues and not name names of individuals without documented evidence. We won't be in the business of character assassination."

Kammerling is a brother-in-law of Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, Dallas, Texas, who was one of the principals in efforts last year in Houston to elect an SBC president committed to biblical inerrancy.

Asked if there was a direct connection between the Criswell Center and the Southern Baptist Journal, Kammerling said, "We may deal with similar issues but there will be no direct relationship. We're not a news arm for them."

Kammerling has been pastor of the West Columbia church for almost three years. A native of Beaumont, Texas, he is a graduate of Lamar University, Beaumont. He earned a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and is studying in the doctor of ministries program of Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla.



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## THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE

Third Baptist Church

St. Louis, MO

June 8-9, 1980

### Sunday Afternoon, June 8

- 1:00 Past President's Luncheon, Chase-Park Plaza Hotel  
3:00 Registration Desk and Music Exhibits Open, Third Baptist Church

### Sunday Evening, June 8

- 6:45 Opening Session of Conference  
Presiding--Thad Roberts Jr., minister of music, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, and president, Southern Baptist Church Music Conference  
Coordinator--Ervin Keathley, director of church music, Arkansas Baptist State Convention  
Instrumental Ensemble, Illinois Church Musicians, Carl Sheppard, director of music, Illinois Baptist State Association, director  
7:00 Call to Order  
Welcome and Invocation--Ian M. Chapman, pastor, Third Baptist Church  
Mini-Organ Recital--Jo Deen Blaine, organist and music associate, Westbury Baptist Church, Houston, TX  
Creative Worship--William J. Reynolds, School of Sacred Music, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX  
Words of Inspiration--Kenneth Chafin, pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, TX  
Mini-Concert--Adult Choir, First Baptist Church, Memphis, TN, Earl Holloway, minister of music, director  
Premiere of anthem commissioned by the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference for the 1980 meeting of the conference: "He is God--the King of Glory" written by Warren M. Angell, music dean emeritus, Oklahoma Baptist University; performed by the adult choir of First Baptist Church, Memphis, TN; assisted by the Missouri Baptist College Choir, Marjorie Psalmonds, director; with brass ensemble, Earl Holloway, director  
Offertory  
Mini-Concert--The Singing Illinoisians, Carl Sheppard, director of church music, Illinois Baptist State Association, director  
9:00 Reception for the conference honoring Mr. and Mrs. William J. Reynolds, in Fellowship Hall

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Monday Morning, June 9

- 9:00 Presiding--Ronny Barner, minister of music, West University Baptist Church, Houston, TX  
Coordinator--Ron Bostic, chairman, division of fine arts, Wingate College, Wingate, NC  
Mini-Organ Recital--Jo Deen Blaine, organist
- 9:15 Words of Inspiration--Kenneth Chafin, pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, TX  
Mini-Concert--Older Children's Choir, First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, MO, Linda Boyd, director. Includes the premiere performance of a commissioned anthem for older children, "My Heart is Ready, O God," by Roberta Bltgood, president of American Guild of Organists
- 10:00 Fanny Crosby - A Great American Writer/Speaker: C. Bernard Ruffin, Alexandria, VA
- 10:30 Exhibit Break
- 11:00 Business Session  
Presentation of Honorary Life Memberships to William J. Reynolds, staff of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Gene Bartlett, retired music secretary, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma; Ira Prosser, retired music secretary, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma
- 11:15 Divisional Meetings  
Local Church Division--Bill Pearson, vice president, minister of music, Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, TX, presiding  
Denominational Division--Charles Gatwood, vice president, director of church music, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, presiding  
Music Educators Division--Polly Riddle, vice president, assistant professor of music, William Jewell College, Liberty, MO, presiding
- 12 Noon Lunch Break

Monday Afternoon, June 9

- 1:30 Presiding--Posey Starkey, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Marietta, GA  
Coordinator--James Davidson, minister of music, Grace Baptist Church, High Point, NC  
Mini-Concert--Missouri Baptist College Choir, St. Louis, MO, Marjorie Psalmonds, director
- 1:50 President's Address--Thad Roberts Jr.  
Mini-Concert--The Heart Throbs, Senior Adult Choir of Immanuel Baptist Church, Tulsa, OK, John C. Sawyer, director  
Hines Sims Award--Bill Ichter, music missionary to Brazil since 1955  
Trumpet Solos and Christian Testimony--Susan Slaughter, principal trumpet, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra
- 3:00 Understanding and Working with the Boy's Changing Voice--Wesley Coffman, chairman, department of the arts, Dallas Baptist College, Dallas, TX. Includes a demonstration period with a boys' choir.  
Exhibit Break  
Special Interest Sessions:  
(1) More on the Boy's Changing Voice--Wesley Coffman  
(2) Organizing a Senior Adult Choir in Your Church--John Sawyer  
(3) Music in Foreign Missions--Bill Ichter, music missionary to Brazil  
Dinner Break

Monday Evening, June 9

- 7:15 Presiding--Thad Roberts Jr.  
 Coordinator--Mark Borum, minister of music, Willow Meadows Baptist Church,  
 Houston, TX  
 Mini-Recital--Jo Deen Blaine  
 Creative Worship--William J. Reynolds with Jo Deen Blaine, organist,  
 and Paul Dupree, pianist
- 7:35 Words of Inspiration--Kenneth Chafin  
 Premiere performance of commissioned duet for piano and organ, "Come, Ye  
 Thankful People, Come" (St. George's Windsor); arranged for piano and  
 organ by Don Hustad and Ron Boud, music faculty, Southern Baptist  
 Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY  
 Mini-Concert--Baylor A Cappella Choir, Baylor University, Waco, TX,  
 directed by Euell Porter in his last public appearance with the choir  
 before retirement  
 Offertory  
 Mini-Concert--Clint Nichols, tenor, chairman, division of church music,  
 New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA  
 Mini-Concert--The Missouri Singing Men, Bob Woolley, director of church  
 music, Missouri Baptist Convention, director
- 9:15 Benediction and Adjournment

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Music Conference  
 Touches Both Ends

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ST. LOUIS (BP)--Choirs and seminars featuring senior adults to children will command the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference June 8-9 in St. Louis.

The conference, to be held at Third Baptist Church, 620 N. Grand Blvd., is one of a series of meetings surrounding the Southern Baptist Convention June 10-12 at the Cervantes Convention Center.

The meeting features premiere performances of three commissioned anthems: an adult chorale by Warren Angell, music dean emeritus, Oklahoma Baptist University, entitled "He Is God--the King of Glory;" an older children's chorale by Roberta Bitgood, president of American Guild of Organists, entitled "My Heart is Ready, O God;" and an instrumental duet arranged for piano and organ by Don Hustad and Ron Boud, music faculty, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, entitled "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come."

Primary speakers include C. Bernard Ruffin, a Lutheran from Alexandria, Va., who will deliver an address on Fanny Crosby, the prolific, blind hymnwriter of the late 19th century who produced such hymns as "Blessed Assurance" and "Rescue the Perishing;" Kenneth Chafin, author and pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, who will bring the devotional messages; Thad Roberts Jr., minister of music, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, and president of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, who will bring the president's message; and Wesley Coffman, chairman, department of the arts at Dallas Baptist College, who will speak on understanding and working with the boy's changing voice.

The opening session begins at 6:45 p.m. June 8 with a variety of musical presentations. It includes a creative worship by William J. Reynolds of the School of Sacred Music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and concludes with a reception honoring Reynolds and his wife.

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A new gavel, which will be used to call the opening session to order, was handcrafted by Wade Melton, a craftsman at South Main Baptist Church, from a cedar limb taken from a tree in the front yard of the birthplace of the late B.B. McKinney in Heflin, La.

Special interest seminars on the afternoon of June 9 include: more on the boy's changing voice, by Wesley Coffman; organizing a senior adult choir in your church, by John Sawyer, minister of music at Immanuel Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.; and music in foreign missions, by Bill Ichter, the first music missionary to Brazil.

Sawyer's senior adult choir, the Heart Throbs, will present a mini-concert preceding the special interest session.

This 24th annual meeting of the church music conference will mark the final public appearance of Euell Porter with his A Cappella Choir from Baylor University before his retirement. That concert will be at 8 p.m. June 9.

Other musical groups and choirs will include: the Illinois Church Musicians; Jo Deen Blaine, organist and music associate at Westbury Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, with several organ recitals; Adult Choir, First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; the Singing Illinoisians; Older Children's Choir, First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, Mo.; Missouri Baptist College Choir; Susan Slaughter, principal trumpet, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra; Clint Nichols, chairman, division of church music, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; and the Missouri Singing Men.

The conference business session begins at 11 a.m. June 9.

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High Court Declines  
Mo. Obscenity Appeal

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WASHINGTON (BP)--The U.S. Supreme Court will not disturb a ruling by the Supreme Court of Missouri which prevents police from suppressing allegedly obscene materials until a search warrant for their seizure is issued.

The case, *Missouri v. All Star News agency*, a St. Louis distributor of obscene films and magazines, involves a Missouri law providing for seizure and destruction of such materials. The law allowed police to serve the distributor with a notice that they were challenging the allegedly obscene materials in court. It prevented the distributor, under the threat of contempt of court, from removing any of the challenged articles from its warehouse.

Also under threat of contempt, the distributor was forbidden to continue selling the materials.

Last October, the Missouri Supreme Court ruled that the articles had been subjected to an unconstitutional "prior restraint" between the time the notice of adversary hearing was served and the time the search warrant was issued, a period of 10 days.

Missouri Attorney General John Ashcroft then asked the nation's high court to review that decision, claiming the First Amendment's free speech clause should not prevent states from suppressing obscene materials during the brief period between filing the adversary notice and obtaining the search warrant.

But the high court, which has long taken a dim view of such prior restraint laws, decided instead to let the Missouri ruling stand.

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## SOUTHERN BAPTIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE

The Cervantes Convention Center

St. Louis, MO

June 8-9, 1980

Sunday Evening, June 8. Theme: "Bold Preaching of a Bold Gospel"

Jimmy Draper, Pastors' Conference president; pastor, First Baptist Church, Euless, TX, presiding

- 6:15 Welcome--Rheubin South, executive secretary, Missouri Baptist Convention
- 6:20 Congregational Singing--Jack Price, Garland, TX, director
- 6:25 Welcome and Prayer--Adrian Rogers, Southern Baptist Convention president and pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, TN
- 6:35 Special Music--Gary Floyd, Conroe, TX
- 6:45 Message: "The Second Coming"--John Bisagno, Houston, TX
- 7:15 Congregational Singing
- 7:20 Offering
- 7:25 Special Music--Cynthia Clawson, Houston, TX
- 7:35 Message: "Prayer and Awakening"--Jack Taylor, Fort Worth, TX
- 8:05 Concert--Bill Gaither Trio
- Benediction--Charles Draper, Stuart, FL

### Monday Morning, June 9

Larry Lewis, Pastors' Conference vice president; pastor, Tower Grove Baptist Church, St. Louis, MO, presiding

- 8:30 Pre-session Music--First Baptist Church Choir, Jackson, MS, Larry Black, director
- 9:00 Congregational Singing
- 9:05 Scripture and Prayer
- 9:10 Special Music--First Baptist Church Choir, Jackson, MS
- 9:20 Message: "Christ--My Priest"--Ralph Langley, Huntsville, AL
- 9:50 Congregational Singing
- 9:55 Special Music--Don Wilkins, Euless, TX
- 10:00 Message: "Only Christ Crucified"--Joel Gregory, Fort Worth, TX
- 10:30 Congregational Singing
- 10:35 Offering and Choral Music
- 10:45 Special Music--Lonnie Parsons, San Antonio, TX
- 10:55 Message: "What God Wants in Us"--George H. Harris, San Antonio, TX
- 11:25 Congregational Singing

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Monday Morning, June 9 (continued)

- 11:30 Special Music--Jack Price, Garland, TX  
 11:35 Message: "In the Meantime"--Richard Jackson, Phoenix, AZ  
 Benediction--James Miller, Fort Worth, TX

Monday Afternoon, June 9

Jimmy Draper, Euless, TX, presiding

- 1:15 Pre-session Music--First Southern Baptist Church Choir, Del City, OK,  
 Aubie McSwain, director  
 1:45 Scripture and Prayer--David French, Swartz Creek, MI  
 1:50 Special Music--Richard Bradford, Albuquerque, NM  
 2:00 Message: "Revival Through the Word"--Stan Coffey, Albuquerque, NM  
 2:30 Offering and Choral Music  
 2:40 Congregational Singing  
 2:45 Special Music--Russell Newport, Springfield, MO  
 2:55 Message: "A New Testament Strategy for Reaching People"--Bailey Stone,  
 Odessa, TX  
 3:25 Congregational Singing  
 3:30 Special Music--First Southern Baptist Church Choir, Del City, OK,  
 Aubie McSwain, director  
 3:45 Election of Officers  
 4:00 Special Music--Stone Brothers, Rome, GA  
 4:10 Message: "Victory is Ours"--Grady Cothen, Nashville, TN  
 Benediction

Monday Evening, June 9

Jimmy Draper, Euless, TX, presiding

- 6:00 Pre-session Music--First Baptist Church Choir, Dallas, TX, Gary Moore, director  
 6:30 Scripture and Prayer--Bob Sena, Dallas, TX  
 6:35 Special Music--Jack Price, Garland, TX  
 6:40 Message: "Let's Major on the Major"--Roy Fish, Fort Worth, TX  
 7:10 Congregational Singing  
 7:15 Special Music--First Baptist Church Choir, Dallas, TX, Gary Moore, director  
 7:25 Message: "Honorable Vessels"--William G. Tanner, Atlanta, GA  
 7:55 Offering and Choral Music  
 8:05 Special Music--Jim Davis, Tulsa, OK  
 8:15 Message: "A Babbling Preacher and a Strange Gospel"--Bailey Smith, Del City, OK  
 8:45 Special Music--First Baptist Church Choir, Dallas, TX, Gary Moore, director  
 9:00 Message: "Old Time Religion"--W.A. Criswell, Dallas, TX  
 Introduction of New Pastors' Conference Officers  
 Benediction--Newly Elected President of Pastors' Conference

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Pastors' Conference Officers

President--James T. Draper, pastor, First Baptist Church, Euless, TX; Vice President--  
 Larry Lewis, pastor, Tower Grove Baptist Church, St. Louis, MO; Secretary--James A.  
 Miller, pastor, Ridglea Baptist Church, Fort Worth, TX; Music Coordinator--Jack Price,  
 evangelistic musician, Garland, TX

## Pastors' Conference Seeks To 'Unify and Strengthen'

ST. LOUIS (BP)--The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, scheduled here June 8-9 at the Cervantes Convention Center, will aim at providing "a unifying and strengthening influence on Southern Baptists," according to James T. Draper, conference president.

Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Texas, said the conference, which precedes the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 10-12, will begin at 6:15 p.m. under the theme, "Bold Preaching of a Bold Gospel."

He said the Pastors' Conference will distribute for the first time a printed budget of costs for the meeting before it takes its annual offering for support.

Last year's conference fell \$2,300 short of expenses, a deficit eventually made up by First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., where last year's Pastors' Conference President Homer Lindsay Jr. is pastor.

Draper, who said he will personally see that any deficit this year is raised, also announced he has formed a three-person liaison committee to consult with the SBC Executive Committee in on-going decisions about physical arrangements for future Pastors' Conferences. Gerald Martin, president of Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo., chairs the committee, also made up of Don Berry, pastor of Parker Memorial Baptist Church, Anniston, Ala., and Draper.

About nine of the 13 preachers featured at this year's conference have never preached at the Pastors' Conference before, Draper said.

"I wanted to have a very positive and inspirational program with a cross section of preachers," he said. "Most are pastors, others are Bible conference speakers and denominational leaders."

John Bisagno, pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston, will lead off the speakers Sunday night, June 8, with a message on "The Second Coming." Jack Taylor, Bible conference speaker from Fort Worth, will also deliver a message on "Prayer and Awakening." Draper will preside.

The pastors will be welcomed by Rheubin South, executive secretary for Missouri Baptists, and Adrian Rogers, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Monday morning the pastors will hear messages by Ralph H. Langley, pastor of First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala., on "Christ--My Priest;" Joel Gregory, pastor of Gambrell Street Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, on "Only Christ Crucified;" George H. Harris, pastor of Castle Hills Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, on "What God Wants in Us;" and Richard Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz., on "In the Meantime."

Larry Lewis, Pastors' Conference vice president and pastor of Tower Grove Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., will preside at the Monday morning session.

Messages for the Monday afternoon session, where Draper will preside, will be "Revival Through the Word" by Stan Coffey, pastor, First Baptist Church, Albuquerque, N.M.; "A New Testament Strategy for Reaching People" by Bailey Stone, pastor of First Baptist Church, Odessa, Texas; and "Victory is Ours" by Grady C. Cothen, president of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.



Officers will be elected during the Monday afternoon session.

The final session Monday night will feature messages by Roy Fish, professor of evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, on "Let's Major on the Major;" William G. Tanner, executive director of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., on "Honorable Vessels;" Bailey Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., on "A Babbling Preacher and a Strange Gospel;" and W.A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, on "Old Time Religion."

Jack Price, evangelistic musician from Garland, Texas, will coordinate conference music and provide special music. Other performers are the Bill Galther Trio; Gary Floyd, Conroe, Texas; Cynthia Clawson, Houston, Texas; First Baptist Church Choir, Jackson, Miss.; Lonnie Parsons, San Antonio, Texas; Richard Bradford, Albuquerque, N.M.; Russell Newport, Springfield, Mo.; First Southern Baptist Church Choir, Del City, Okla.; the Stone Brothers, Rome, Ga.; First Baptist Church Choir, Dallas, Texas; and Jim Davis, Tulsa, Okla.

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Tanner To Replace Cothen  
On BJCPA Search Committee

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4/2/80

WASHINGTON (BP)--William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, has been named as a replacement for Grady C. Cothen on the search committee seeking a new chief executive for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Cothen, recovering from surgery for an abdominal malignancy, had earlier been named chairman of the search committee. The other SBC representative on the panel is Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee.

According to Baptist Joint Committee Chairman Gideon K. Zimmerman, the search committee will name a new chairman when it meets May 5 in Chicago.

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