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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

LOUISIANA SUPERDOME

June 15-17, 1982

New Orleans, LA

CONVENTION THEME: "AFFIRMING CHRIST'S BOLD COMMANDS"

Tuesday Theme: "Reach People"

Tuesday Morning, June 15, 1982

- 9:00 - Music for Inspiration--The Celebration Singers and The Sounds of Joy Orchestra, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, OK, Aubie McSwain, director
- 9:30 - Call to Order
Congregational Singing--Aubie McSwain, Del City, OK
Scripture--Scott Smith, Del City, OK
Prayer--Tom Crews, Ringgold, VA
- 9:45 - Registration and Constitution of Convention
Committee on Order of Business--Charles G. Fuller, Roanoke, VA
- 9:55 - Welcome--J. D. Grey, New Orleans, LA
- 10:00 - Response--Bill Weber, Dallas, TX
- 10:10 - Introduction of Fraternal Messengers
- 10:20 - Convention Photograph
- 10:25 - Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Tellers--Bailey E. Smith, SBC president, Del City, OK
- 10:30 - Executive Committee Report (Part 1)--Harold C. Bennett, Nashville, TN
- 11:10 - Presentation of Gavels
Introduction of Business and Resolutions
- 11:25 - Congregational Singing--Aubie McSwain, Del City, OK
- 11:30 - Music--The Celebration Singers and The Sounds of Joy Orchestra, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, OK
- 11:35 - The President's Address--Bailey E. Smith, Del City, OK
- 12:00 - Benediction--Bill Smith, Honolulu, HA

Tuesday Afternoon, June 15, 1982

- 1:30 - Music for Inspiration--(Evangelistic Singers)
- 2:30 - Congregational Singing--Carroll Lowe, Alexandria, LA
Scripture--Rachel (Mrs. Edwin) Howard, Doraville, GA
Prayer--David Page, Los Angeles, CA
- 2:45 - Messenger Information Survey
- 2:55 - Election of Officers
- 3:30 - Introduction of Business and Resolutions
- 3:45 - Executive Committee Report (Part 2)--Harold C. Bennett, Nashville, TN
- 4:25 - Annuity Board Report--Darold H. Morgan, Dallas, TX
- 4:45 - Congregational Singing--Carroll Lowe, Alexandria, LA
- 4:50 - Business and Election of Officers (Second)
- 5:15 - Benediction--Calvin Metcalf, Knoxville, TN

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Tuesday Night, June 15, 1982

- 6:15 - Brass Ensemble
- 6:40 - Music for Inspiration--The Centurymen, Buryl Red, director
- 7:15 - Congregational Singing--William J. Reynolds, Fort Worth, TX
Scripture--Robert O. Feather, Waco, TX
Prayer--Minette (Mrs. Huber) Drumwright, Little Rock, AR
- 7:30 - Business and Election of Officers
- 7:40 - Bold Mission Thrust Report--Harold C. Bennett, Nashville, TN
- 7:50 - Woman's Missionary Union Report--Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, AL
- 8:00 - Sunday School Board Report--Grady C. Cothen, Nashville, TN
- 8:20 - Congregational Singing--William J. Reynolds, Fort Worth, TX
- 8:25 - Music--The Centurymen, Buryl Red, director
- 8:30 - Home Mission Board Report--William G. Tanner, Atlanta, GA
- 9:30 - Benediction--George H. Fletcher III, Orange, VA

Wednesday Theme: "Develop Believers"

Wednesday Morning, June 16, 1982

- 9:00 - Music for Inspiration--First Baptist Church Choir, Shreveport, LA, Robert L. Snead, director
Scripture--Martha (Mrs. Gene) Garrison, Oklahoma City, OK
Prayer--Doyal V. Spence, Roanoke, VA
- 9:45 - Committee on Committees Report
- 9:50 - Committee on Boards Report
- 9:55 - Miscellaneous Business
- 10:10 - Brotherhood Commission Report--James H. Smith, Memphis, TN
- 10:25 - Baptist World Alliance Report
- 10:35 - Education Commission Report--Arthur L. Walker Jr., Nashville, TN
- 10:45 - Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Seminary Report
- 10:50 - Southern Baptist Foundation Report--Hollis E. Johnson III
- 11:00 - Congregational Singing--Al Washburn, Mill Valley, CA
- 11:05 - Business
Committee on Resolutions (First Report)
Election of Officers
- 11:55 - Music--First Baptist Church Choir, Shreveport, LA, Robert L. Snead, director
- 12:00 - Sermon--William E. Hull, Shreveport, LA
- 12:30 - Benediction--C. W. Farrar, Landrum, SC

NO WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Wednesday Night, June 16, 1982

- 6:00 - Brass Ensemble
- 6:30 - Music for Inspiration--George Beverly Shea and Kurt Kaiser
- 7:00 - Congregational Singing--William J. Reynolds, Fort Worth, TX
Scripture--Marvin Gibson, Cleveland, TN
Prayer--Pattie (Mrs. Robert Sr.) Dent, Holly Springs, MS
- 7:15 - Presentation of Past SBC Presidents
- 7:35 - SBC Seminaries Report
Roy L. Honeycutt Jr., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary;
Russell H. Dilday Jr., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary;
Landrum P. Leavell II, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary;
Randall Lolley, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary;
Milton Ferguson, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; and
William M. Pinson Jr., Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary
- 8:20 - Congregational Singing--William J. Reynolds, Fort Worth, TX
- 8:30 - Foreign Mission Board Report--R. Keith Parks, Richmond, VA
- 9:30 - Benediction--Frances Grafton, Oklahoma City, OK

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Thursday Theme: "Strengthen Families"

Thursday Morning, June 17, 1982

- 9:00 - Music for Inspiration
 A Cappella Choir--William S. May, director
 Handbell Choir--Talmadge Butler, director
 New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
- 9:30 - Congregational Singing--Claude H. Rhea Jr., West Palm Beach, FL
 Scripture--Karlene (Mrs. E. M.) Koch, Midwest City, OK
 Prayer--B. O. Baker, Irving, TX
- 9:45 - Historical Commission Report--Lynn E. May Jr., Nashville, TN
- 9:55 - Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Report--James M. Dunn, Washington, DC
- 10:05 - Christian Life Commission Report--Foy Valentine, Nashville, TN
- 10:15 - Stewardship Commission Report--A. R. Fagan, Nashville, TN
- 10:25 - Radio and Television Commission Report--Jimmy R. Allen, Fort Worth, TX
- 10:40 - Congregational Singing--Claude H. Rhea Jr., West Palm Beach, FL
- 10:45 - Business
 Resolutions Committee (Final Report)
 Miscellaneous Business
- 12:30 - Benediction--Bea (Mrs. Horace) McRae, Lumberton, NC

Thursday Afternoon, June 17, 1982

- 2:00 - Music for Inspiration--Louisiana Singing Ministers, Carroll Lowe, director
- 2:30 - Congregational singing--Connie Ware, Plano, TX
 Scripture--James H. Temples, Charlotte, NC
 Prayer--Marion C. Barnett, Knoxville, TN
- 2:45 - Business
- 4:45 - Congregational Singing--Connie Ware, Plano, TX
- 5:00 - Benediction--O. S. Hawkins, Fort Lauderdale, FL
 Adjourn

NO THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

Convention Officers

Bailey E. Smith, SBC president, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, OK
 Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, SBC first vice president, Greenville, SC
 Don Kim, SBC second vice president; pastor, Berendo Street Baptist Church, Los Angeles, CA
 Martin Bradley, SBC recording secretary; manager, research services department, Baptist
 Sunday School Board, Nashville, TN
 Harold C. Bennett, SBC treasurer; executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Executive Committee,
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 Wilmer C. Fields, SBC press representative; assistant to the executive secretary and
 director of public relations, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, TN
 William J. Reynolds, SBC music director; associate professor of music, Southwestern
 Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX

SBC Programmers Seek
Continued L.A. Spirit

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--An abbreviated Southern Baptist Convention program June 15-17 in the Louisiana Superdome seeks more of the harmonious spirit that pleasantly surprised participants in the 1981 meeting in Los Angeles.

Program Committee Chairman Charles G. Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., said his committee felt a "keen commitment to continue the spirit the convention had in Los Angeles and to build from that point."

Of most interest will be the election of a president to succeed Bailey Smith, who will have reached his constitutional limit of two one-year terms. Smith, who has had an eventful presidency, survived an unusual mid-term challenge last year and rallied the convention to harmony.

Messengers, elected by any of the 35,600 Southern Baptist churches, will vote on a \$106 million budget for 1982-83. Other business, the presidential election, evangelistic rallies and a convenient geographic location in New Orleans are elements expected to draw 15,000 registrants and up to 25,000 participants to this year's meeting.

Concerted prayer and conscious efforts by convention speakers to be conciliatory averted what many feared would be a meeting to further polarize the convention over biblical inerrancy and alleged liberalism in convention agencies. The harmonious spirit of the Los Angeles meeting was the subject of editorials in state Baptist newspapers for weeks.

"The spirit of the committee was very positive and prayerful," said Fuller, in his first year on the program committee. "I'm not just saying that to be 'appropriate.' There was a real effort to keep the convention focused on its course of missions and evangelism.

"The exaltation of Christ kept coming up over and over again. We want to exalt Christ and not just a position regarding him."

Fuller said there was "very little" polarized communication to the committee this year by elements in the convention wanting influence on the program. He did say, however, he believes the spirit of the Los Angeles meeting will be tested.

An abbreviated program, with no Thursday evening session, is the result of a resolution passed in Los Angeles that the 1982 meeting make a definite evangelistic thrust in New Orleans. SBC Pastors' Conference President Ed Young, with SBC President Bailey Smith, initiated a Bold Mission Thrust Rally, with evangelist Billy Graham as principal speaker, on the Sunday evening preceding the SBC meeting and a youth evangelism rally the preceding Saturday. The Graham rally is expected to draw 25,000 to the Superdome June 13.

Those sessions, said Fuller, fulfill the inspirational function traditional to the usual Thursday evening session. To repeat on Thursday night a unity rally when that hopefully, will be accomplished through the evangelism rallies, would be "really too much," he said.

The evangelism rallies, while an integral part of the entire convention week in New Orleans, are actually separate from the SBC meeting itself. In a graphic display of cooperation, SBC-affiliated groups that traditionally meet on Sunday and Monday before the convention, have arranged their Sunday evening sessions to be able to participate in the rallies. And rally planners started it late enough to allow the groups some meeting time beforehand.

"This is not a Pastors' Conference session to which we all are invited," said Fuller. "But this is a Pastors' Conference sponsored event in which we all are asked to be involved in."

Responding to another observation that there is often too little time reserved for convention business, Fuller's committee set aside two full hours on the final afternoon. All business referred until that session should have ample time for discussion without being rushed through, he said.

Theme for the convention is "Affirming Christ's Bold Commands." Daily themes include Tuesday's "Reach People," Wednesday's "Develop Believers," and Thursday's "Strengthen Families."

There will be traditional doses of singing and preaching with much of the music load carried by members and staff of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., church of SBC President Smith. Smith's music director Aubie McSwain will lead the church's Celebration Singers and Sounds of Joy orchestra and congregational singing on several occasions.

Other music highlights include songs by the Centurymen, George Beverly Shea and Kurt Kaiser. William E. Hull, pastor of First Baptist Church in Shreveport, La., will bring the convention sermon. Program participants hail from at least 17 states.

Overseas Baptist Churches
Report 127,337 Baptisms

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By Bill Webb

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RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--Overseas churches related to Southern Baptist mission work baptized 127,337 believers in 1981, surpassing 1980's record 110,032 baptisms by 15.7 percent, according to Charles Bryan, Foreign Mission Board vice president for overseas operations.

"Amid unstable world conditions, our missionaries in 1981 faced danger, change and uncertainty, but results reveal that, working beside national colleagues, they faced unprecedented opportunities to extend the kingdom of God," he told board members Feb. 9.

Churches in African nations continued rapid growth during 1981. Nigerian Baptists reported more than 12,000 baptisms. Baptists of Uganda baptized 5,600 new converts and actually doubled their membership. Baptisms in Tanzania grew from 2,700 in 1980 to 4,500 in 1981.

Overseas church membership increased from just under 1.3 million in 1980 to almost 1.5 million by the end of 1981.

Brazilian Baptists, celebrating a century of Baptist work in their country, led all Baptist groups overseas with 40,909 baptisms,

Bryan reported. Baptists of the Philippines baptized 11,012--one for every 3.5 members. South Korean Baptists baptized 8,828.

Overseas Baptist churches reported total contributions exceeding \$52 million, about half the amount Southern Baptists gave through the Foreign Mission Board, Bryan pointed out.

Evangelistic vitality resulted in the establishment of more than 2,600 new churches, missions and preaching points overseas.

The number of national Baptist pastors increased to 9,571 (up from 8,209 the year before). Some 5,643 national Baptists were enrolled in seminaries and theological institutes in preparation for leadership roles. Another 6,898 took courses of theological education by extension.

"Mass media is an effective tool to gain a widespread hearing of the gospel," Bryan said. Radio broadcasts in 39 countries reached an estimated 63 million listeners while television broadcasts in 17 countries reached an estimated 50 million viewers.

"Ninety-eight Southern Baptist missionaries worked beside 673 national colleagues to publish, print, distribute and utilize the Christian message in a multitude of modern languages," he added, including 2.4 million books, 4 million periodicals and 14.5 million tracts.

Medical missionaries and national medical personnel treated about 150,000 inpatients and 1.4 million outpatients in the name of Christ during the year.

Bryan, cautioning that statistical highlights don't give proper credit for "victories in hard places," said he was nevertheless thankful for the strong statistical evidence that "God is at work in our world."

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HMB Appoints 73
For Mission Service

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ATLANTA (BP)--Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board elected a new associate director of the black church relations department, named a national consultant for evangelism with singles, and appointed 71 others to mission service during their February meeting in Atlanta.

William T. Perkins succeeds Edward L. Wheeler as associate director of the black church relations department. Wheeler resigned to become executive director of the Morehouse School of Religion.

Perkins, director of inter-Baptist ministries as a Home Mission Board missionary in Birmingham, Ala., since 1975, was pastor of churches in Georgia and Virginia. He holds degrees from North Carolina A & T State University and the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta. He is married to Margaret Ann Thompkins, a Home Mission Board missionary working as a Woman's Missionary Union consultant with black church relations.

Dan R. Crawford will become a national consultant for evangelism with singles. A graduate of Howard Payne University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he has been director of the Baptist Student Union at the University of Texas, Austin, since 1976.

Also appointed were 13 missionaries, eight missionary associates, 46 who will receive church pastoral assistance, and four who are slated for language pastoral aid.

Elected missionaries were Darwin and Gloria Bacon of Farmingdale, N.Y.; Jack and Bonna Conner of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada; Ovis and Virginia Fairley of Drew, Miss.; Neal and Marion Henry of Spanish Fork, Utah; William and Nancy Hern of Raleigh, N.C.; Ann Putnam of Fort Worth, Texas; Michael and Glendora Williams of East Orange, N.J.

The Bacons will remain in New York where he will be director of associational missions in Syracuse. He is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been pastor of Farmingdale Baptist Church since 1975.

Conner will become director of associational missions for the Wheatland Baptist Association, the first such director appointed by the Home Mission Board in Canada. He is a graduate of Howard Payne University, and Golden Gate Seminary, and has been pastor of churches in Canada, California and Texas.

The Fairleys will remain in Mississippi, where he will continue as director of prison ministries for the Sunflower Association in Moorhead. Fairley has been pastor of churches in Wyoming, Montana and Mississippi and holds degrees from Mississippi College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Henrys will stay in Spanish Fork where he will work as a church starter. He has been a church planter apprentice in Salt Lake City, Utah, since 1980, and is a graduate of the University of Southwest Louisiana, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Herns will continue to live in Raleigh where he is a Middle Eastern catalytic missionary. The Herns are former foreign missionaries to Jordan, Lebanon and Egypt and have been statewide missionaries with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina since 1977. He holds degrees from Hardin-Simmons University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Miss Putnam will move to Alexandria, Va., to become director of Christian social ministries. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and Southwestern Seminary. She is a former caseworker and rehabilitation evaluator for Atlanta Employment and Service Center and has been associate in community ministry at Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas.

The Williamses will continue to live in New York where he has been named pastor/director of Harlem ministries in New York City. He has been mission pastor of First Baptist Chapel in East Orange, N.J., since 1979. Williams has degrees from Georgia Southern College and Southeastern Seminary.

Appointed as missionary associates were Charles and Evelyn Aiken of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Glenn and Elizabeth Akins of Charlotte, N.C.; Stephen and Shelia Holbrook of Bend, Ore.; and James and Dianna Yow of Kansas City, Mo.

The Aikens will stay in Colorado Springs where he will direct associational missions. He holds a diploma in theology from Southwestern Seminary and has been pastor of Colorado churches since 1961. He has been a member of the Home Mission Board of directors since 1976.

The Akinses will work in the Mecklenburg Association in North Carolina where he will be a church planter apprentice. He is graduate of Missouri Baptist College and Southern Seminary. He has been a missions intern with the Mecklenburg Association since 1980 and is a former minister of youth for churches in Kentucky and Missouri.

The Holbrooks will remain in Oregon where he will be a church planter apprentice. He is a recent graduate of Southwestern Seminary and has trained churches for Evangelism Explosion programs.

The Yows will move to St. Joseph, Mo., where he will be a church planter apprentice for the St. Joseph Association. He has been pastor of churches in Missouri, North Carolina and Virginia and holds degrees from Carson-Newman College, Southern Seminary and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Also approved for church pastoral assistance were Samuel and Naomi Boyd of Selby, S.D.; Mark and Joy Bradley of Portland, Ore.; James and Nell Branum of Vista, Calif.; Orvis and Sandra Crump of Erie, Pa.; Donald and Judy Davis of Sandusky, Mich.; James and Inez Deavers of St. John, Ind.; Thomas and Janice Fenton of Cincinnati, Ohio; Donald and Leanne Gatley of Upper Lake, Calif.; Larry and Elizabeth Hall of Philippi, W.Va.; John and Janice Hays of Louisville, Ky.; Richard and Barbara Hill of Froid, Mont.

Also, Clarence and Miriam James of Rockford, Ill.; Tracy and Cheryl Johnson of San Bernardino, Calif.; Junior R. and Linda Kerns of Elyria, Ohio; Michael and Diana Lerma of Santa Rosa, Calif.; David and Carolyn Lovett of Knoxville, Tenn.; Martin and Denise McPheron of Kansas City, Mo.; Howard and Margy Murray of Lindenhurst, Ill.; Rickey and Georgia Scott of Corvallis, Ore.; Harry and Judith Strauss of Allan, Saskatchewan, Canada; George and Gwen Tribble of South Burlington, Vt.; Robert and Diane Willey of Wilbraham, Mass.; and David and Teresa Wooten of Spring Valley, Calif.

Approved for language pastoral aid were Elson and Eva Hernandez of Roswell, N.M.; and Felix and Elvira Mesa of Hialeah, Fla.