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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE DIRECTORS OF MISSIONS June 13-14, 1982 Gateway Hotel I-10 and Causeway Boulevard New Orleans, Louisiana

Theme: "The Director of Missions Fulfilling His Role As Missionary Leader"

Sunday, June 13

- 1:00 p.m. Registration
- 2:00 General Session
Welcome
Hymn
Prayer
- 2:10 Devotional--William Moyle, Tampa, Fla.
- 2:30 Sharing Association Ideas and Projects
 - (1) Abbreviated Annual Church Letter--Fred B. Lunsford, Murphy, N.C.
 - (2) World Missions Conference and More--Sherman D. Bridgman, Fairway Heights, Ill.
 - (3) Director of Missions and Foreign Missionary Exchange--
Tom L. Bacon, Winnemucca, Nev.
 - (4) Retired Couples Ministering to Retired Couples--Robert E. Smith,
Weslaco, Texas
- 3:40 "Gaining Authority for Leadership in a Baptist Association" (How to be a Christian and a Director of Missions)--Bruce Grubbs, Nashville, Tenn.
- 4:40 Sharing Associational Ideas and Projects
 - (1) Reorganizing the Format of the Annual Associational Meeting--
Charles L. McMillan Jr., Raleigh, N.C.
 - (2) Portraying Associational Missions Through Photography--
Jack Robinson, Capshaw, Ariz.
 - (3) Established Churches Contracting With Mission Points to Start New Work--
Robert A. Wells, Reno, Nev.
 - (4) Association Builds Building in Pioneer Area--Cecil M. Frady, Franklin,
N.C.
- 5:00 President's Message--Cline W. Borders
- 5:20 Host Director of Missions--Noland Johnson, New Orleans, La.
- 5:30 Hymn
Musical Program
- 5:45 Message--Cecil Ray, Raleigh, N.C.
- 6:15 Dinner--Hosted by Radio and Television Commission
- 7:30 SBCDOM will attend evangelism rally in Louisiana Superdome.

Monday, June 14

- 8:15 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 Devotional--Dan Page, Greenville, S.C.
- 8:40 Sharing Associational Ideas and Projects
 - (1) Twenty-five Percent of Pastors Enrolled in Seminary Extension Classes--
Tommy G. Cupples, Benton, Mo.

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- (2) Saturation Evangelism--Walter D. Agnor, Havre De Grace, Md.
 (3) Associational Staff Person Spends Two-Thirds of Time in Pioneer Field--
 E. Gordon Crocker, Memphis, Tenn.
 (4) Director of Missions Contacts Three Churches Each Sunday--Oren Bradley,
 Mt. Airy, N.C.
- 9:00 "Managing Conflict Among the Brethren" (How to Handle a Baptist Fuss)--
 Bruce Grubbs
- 10:00 Business Session:
 Recognition of New Directors of Missions
 Recognition of Retiring Directors of Missions
 Presentation of Twenty-Year Certificates
 Recognition of Past Presidents
 Seminary Extension National Award
 Nominating Committee Report
 Election of Officers
 Treasurer's Report
 Constitutional Amendments
 Miscellaneous Business
- 10:30 "How to Be Effective Anywhere" (Choosing Different Leadership Styles Without
 Being a Hypocrite)--Bruce Grubbs
- 11:30 Sharing Associational Ideas and Projects
 (1) Partners in Pioneer Missions--Levon Moore, Kosciusko, Miss.
 (2) Associational Youth Corps of High School Students--J. D. Passmore,
 Corning, Ark.
 (3) Associational Circular Letter to Be Presented to Churches by Their
 Messengers--Russell Bennett, Louisville, Ky.
 (4) 3000 Club: Raise Money to Buy Mission Property--Bob Lee Franklin,
 Montgomery, Ala.
- 11:50 Music
 12:00 Message--Jimmy R. Allen, Fort Worth, Texas
 1983 Meeting, Pittsburgh--William Moyle
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Directors of Mission Feature
 Skills Development Program

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NEW ORLEANS (BP) -- Skills development and the sharing of key ideas will be featured in the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Conference of Directors of Missions, June 13-14 at the Gateway Hotel in New Orleans.

The meeting is one of several related meetings preceding the Southern Baptist Convention, which will meet in the Louisiana Superdome, June 15-17.

"We are trying to make this a skills development time," said Cline W. Borders, president of the conference. "We want this to be something the director of missions can participate in and go away with new ideas which will speak to some of the frustrations he is having."

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Borders, who is director of missions for the Kings Mountain Baptist Association, said the program comes out of his having had the opportunity to talk with a number of his peers. "This gave me a feel for the frustrations the men are having and some of the problems they are facing."

H added: "This is the first time we have featured the director of missions himself and given him the opportunity to share some key idea ... something which has worked in his association. We have asked 12 of them to share something which has helped them tremendously in their associations."

The program includes such ideas as the abbreviated church letter, World Missions Conferences, establishment of a youth corps, saturation evangelism, new work, the format of the annual associational meeting and training for pastors.

Bruce Grubbs, of the church administration department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville will address the conference three times. Other speakers include Cecil Ray, general secretary of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and Jimmy R. Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

The conference also will participate in the evangelistic rally planned for Sunday evening, June 13, in the Superdome.

"We already had our program planned for Sunday night when we were told about the rally by the SBC Committee on Order of Business and the officers of the Pastor's Conference," Borders said. "We reshuffled and tightened up our program. We had to eliminate some material we had planned, and we are starting an hour earlier, so we can take part in the rally. They were a little late in telling us (about the rally)."

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Laymen Lose Jobs,
Find Revival Role

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ELK CITY, Idaho (BP) -- Four unemployed Baptist laymen discovered new roles as a result of attending the Utah-Idaho Baptist Convention evangelism conference.

At the conference in Boise, the four men, unemployed lumber and logging workers, were the first to respond when Home Mission Board President William G. Tanner issued a call for dedication and evangelism.

The four returned from the conference so inspired by what they heard they urged their pastor, Billy Sutton of the Elk City Baptist Mission, to begin a one-week revival. Then, they took turns preaching.

The result: four other men made professions of faith in Jesus Christ.

They also were inventive in the baptism of the four men and six other persons who earlier had made professions of faith.

A livestock water trough was carried to the front door of the mission and placed in four feet of snow. Water was heated inside and carried to the horse trough outside. Then, the 10 new converts were baptized.

Sutton said the four laymen slept in sleeping bags at Horseshoe Bend Baptist Church in Boise and ate sandwiches they brought with them in order to be able to attend the conference.

Sutton added that the laymen may have lost their incomes, but not their calling.

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Now Is A Good Time
For Starting Churches

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FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)--The time is right to start new churches, says Joel Land, associate director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's church extension division.

Speaking to 125 directors of missions, pastors, denominational executives and home missionaries at a church planting conference at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Land listed several "basic things" happening in society that set the stage for starting new churches.

He said there is real interest in invisible things, and in experiencing real in-depth love. He added there is a definite fear of death. "The Good News for urban man is that the church has the answer for death in the resurrection of Christ," Land said.

Since 1845 Southern Baptists have started an average of one church per day, he said. Since 1945, Southern Baptists have started two new churches per day. "We hope Southern Baptists can average three per day by 1985, and that is a reality because the time is right," he said.

Clay Price, Home Mission Board researcher, said Southern Baptists have the hardest time keeping up with the population growth in the South where they are strongest. "Our SBC membership gains in the past 10 years have been in the northeast, north central and western states, where membership grew more rapidly than the population," he said.

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Coup Attempted In Surinam;
Missionaries Not Alarmed*

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PARAMARIBO, Surinam (BP)-- Southern Baptist missionaries in Paramaribo, Surinam, do not feel overly alarmed or personally threatened by an attempted military coup in this South American country.

Missionary Harold Lewis said by telephone March 12--the day after the coup was initiated--that Baptist lives and property in Surinam are safe. Though the missionary residences of the Fred Day family and Minnie Gaston are located near the military barracks where much of the fighting was centered, they have felt no need to evacuate their homes, Lewis said.

News reports from Surinam, a former Dutch colony on the northeastern coast of South America, said rebel forces claim to have taken power from the military government. The rebels' tanks were patrolling the deserted streets of the capital city, but the nation's leader, Lt. Col. Desi Bouterse, entrenched in an ancient fort, said via government television that he had not relinquished control.

Still, the rebels ordered 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew, suspended school classes and banned all public meetings, Lewis said.

In addition to Lewis, from Indiana, and his wife, Martha, from South Carolina, Southern Baptist missionaries in Surinam include Fred and Janice Day, from Louisiana and Alabama respectively; Miss Gaston, California; James and Zelma Foster, Mississippi; Leo and Margaret Waldrop, Texas and Oregon; and Robert and Anita Hayes, journeymen from Oklahoma and Kansas. Most are in the Paramaribo area. A Mission Service Corps couple, Layn and Kim Lawrence, from Kilgore, Texas, also are in Surinam.

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Trustees Change Bylaws,
Prepare RTVC For ACTS

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) -- Trustees of the Radio and Television Commission adopted a revision of their bylaws and approved several new policies at their spring meeting, all in preparation for the advent of the American Christian Television System.

In addition, the group elected new officers, heard a report on test marketing of the RTVC's latest television pilot, Invitation to Life, discussed the implications of the Federal Communications Commission's recent action on low power television.

New officers selected were John E. Hughes, chairman, of Independence, Mo.; Stewart R. McChesney Jr., first vice chairman, from Arvada, Colo.; John E. Roberts, second vice chairman, from Greenville, S.C., and Joseph S. Edmonds, recording secretary from Oxon Hill, Md.

Changes in the bylaws include increasing the number of board meetings from two to three per year, with executive committee meetings scheduled between each of the full board meetings. The size of the executive committee was limited to 12, so it would never constitute a majority of the 26-member board.

A bylaw revision made the appointment and removal of corporate executives, such as vice presidents, by the RTVC president subject to approval by an administrative subcommittee of the executive committee. Standing committees of the trustee board were re-aligned to match the five division organizational structure of the commission. A conflict of interest statement was added to the bylaws to cover both trustees and employees.

In order to help meet the production demands of programming a national television network, the trustees approved a policy to allow joint ventures with outside production companies. The policy calls for the RTVC to enter such agreements only when they can enhance production ability or efficiency of the commission, while preserving the "reputation and integrity" of the RTVC and Southern Baptist Convention.

The second new policy details relationships between the RTVC, the board of directors of ACTS, and the local ACTS boards which will be appointed when low-power licenses are granted. While the policy also prohibits solicitation of funds by ACTS stations, it approves a method of "commercial recognition," similar to that used by public broadcasting stations for companies providing tax deductible financial support for ACTS.

"The policy decisions that were made were essential, from my point of view, for the future of the ACTS network in outlining how important decisions are to be made, said Jimmy R. Allen RTVC president.

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(BP photo will be mailed to Baptist state newspapers by the Radio and Television Commission.)

Seminary Student Dies
With Child in Fire

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FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)--A seminary student and his one-year-old son died in an early morning home fire in Fort Worth March 12.

Frank (Andy) Malone, 27, a first year church music student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, died in the 2 a.m. blaze when he went back into his burning rented house to try to save his youngest son, Daniel. Both were killed.

Malone, a 1976 graduate of the University of Oklahoma, had already accompanied his wife, Jessica, and sons Michael, 5, and Jeffrey, 4, out of the house. Jessica works in computer services for the seminary.

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