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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION PITTSBURGH CIVIC ARENA June 14-16, 1983

Theme: Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace (Ephesians 4:3)

Tuesday Morning, June 14, 1983

- 9:00--Music for Inspiration--Adult Choir, Far Hills Baptist Church, Dayton, OH, Wendell Boertje, director
- 9:30--Call to Order
Congregational Singing--Harold R. Price, music secretary, Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey, Harrisburg, PA
Prayer--Roy DeBrand, pastor, First Baptist Church, Americus, GA
- 9:40--Registration and Constitution of Convention
Committee on Order of Business--Bruce McIver, chairman, pastor, Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, TX
- 9:50--Welcome--C. Edward Price, retired officer, Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Pittsburgh, PA
- 9:55--Response--Dan C. Stringer, executive secretary-treasurer, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville, FL
- 10:00--Theme Interpretation--Joel Gregory, professor of preaching, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX
- 10:15--Announcement of Committee on Committees, Resolutions and Tellers
- 10:20--Executive Committee (Part 1)--Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, TN
- 11:15--Presentation of Gavels
Introduction of Business and Resolutions
- 11:25--Congregational Singing--Harold R. Price, Harrisburg, PA
- 11:30--Music--"Shekinah," First Baptist Church, Euless, TX, Robert Wagoner, director
- 11:35--President's Address--James T. Draper Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Euless, TX
- 12:00--Benediction--James Randall Draper, gift manufacturer, Bedford, TX

Tuesday Afternoon, June 14, 1983

- 1:30--Evangelistic Singers--William J. Reynolds, associate professor of church music, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX
- 2:30--Congregational Singing--Robert Wagoner, Euless, TX
Prayer--William J. Lotz, layman, Boones Mill, VA
- 2:40--Theme Interpretation--Joel Gregory, Fort Worth, TX
- 2:55--Messenger Information Survey--Martin B. Bradley, recording secretary, manager, research services department, Sunday School Board, Nashville, TN
- 3:05--Election of Officers
- 3:25--Introduction of Business and Resolutions
- 3:35--Congregational Singing--Robert Wagoner, Euless, TX
- 3:40--Executive Committee Report (Part 2)--Harold C. Bennett, Nashville, TN
- 4:05--Sunday School Board Report--Grady C. Cothen, president, Nashville, TN
- 4:35--Business
Election of Officers (Second)
Committee on Committees Report
Committee on Boards Report
Miscellaneous Business
- 5:20--Benediction--Roy Owen, executive director, Northern Plains Baptist Convention, Rapid City, SD

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Tuesday Evening, June 14, 1983

- 6:50--Music for Inspiration--"Shekinah," First Baptist Church, Euless, TX, Robert Wagoner, director
- 7:15--Congregational Singing--William J. Reynolds, Fort Worth, TX
Prayer--A. A. Hyden, vice president of student affairs, Baylor University, Waco, TX
- 7:30--Foreign Mission Board Report-- R. Keith Parks, president, Richmond, VA
- 8:30--Business and Election of Officers
- 8:40--Congregational Singing--William J. Reynolds, Fort Worth, TX
- 8:45--Music--Clinton Nichols, associate professor of church music, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA
- 8:50--Bold Mission Thrust Report--Harold C. Bennett, Nashville, TN
- 9:00--Benediction--Richard W. Lubbert, minister of outreach and pastoral care, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA

Wednesday Morning, June 15, 1983

- 9:00--Music for Inspiration--Sanctuary Choir, Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, TX, Charles H. Worley, director
- 9:30--Congregational Singing--S. Milburn Price, dean, School of Church Music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY
Prayer--Brian L. Harbour, pastor, First Baptist Church, Pensacola, FL
- 9:40--Election of Officers
Miscellaneous Business
- 9:55--Theme Interpretation--Joel Gregory, Fort Worth, TX
- 10:10--Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Report--Roy L. Honeycutt Jr., president, Louisville, KY
- 10:20--Annuity Board Report--Darold H. Morgan, president, Dallas, TX
- 10:40--Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report--Russell H. Dilday, president, Fort Worth, TX
- 10:50--Brotherhood Commission Report--James H. Smith, president, Memphis, TN
- 11:00--New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Report--Landrum P. Leavell II, president, New Orleans, LA
- 11:10--Education Commission Report--Arthur L. Walker, Jr., executive director-treasurer, Nashville, TN
- 11:20--American Bible Society Report--Alice E. Ball, general secretary, New York, NY
- 11:25--Business
Election of Officers and
First Report of Resolutions Committee
- 11:55--Congregational Singing--Milburn Price, Louisville, KY
- 12:00--Music--Sanctuary Choir, Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, TX, Charles H. Worley, director
- 12:05--Scripture and prayer--James Wideman, pastor, Scriven Memorial Baptist Church, Portsmouth, NH
Convention Sermon--James L. Pleitz, pastor, Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, TX
- 12:30--Benediction--Joseph Napier, layman, Pensacola, FL

NO WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Wednesday Evening, June 15, 1983

- 6:30--Music for Inspiration--"The Singing Churchmen of Maryland"--James C. Allcock, director, music secretary, Baptist Convention of Maryland, Lutherville
- 7:00--Congregational Singing--William J. Reynolds, Fort Worth, TX
Prayer--Mark Lee McNeil, pastor, Derita Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC
- 7:10--Presentation of Past SBC Presidents--James T. Draper Jr., Euless, TX
- 7:25--Special Recognition of Grady C. Cothen--Alton H. McEachern, pastor, First Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC
- 7:30--Home Mission Board Report--William G. Tanner, president, Atlanta, GA
- 8:30--Benediction--Russell Fitts, pastor, Zion Baptist Church, Shelby, NC

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Thursday Morning, June 16, 1983

- 9:00--Music for Inspiration--Combined Choirs of Greater Pittsburgh Baptist Association, Karen Petro, director
- 9:30--Congregational Singing--Gilbert Wilder, music secretary, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, Columbus
Prayer--Dale O. Steele, pastor, First Baptist Church, Burlington, NC
- 9:40--Southern Baptist Foundation Report--Hollis E. Johnson III, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, TN
- 9:50--Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Report--Frank Pollard, president, Mill Valley, CA
- 10:00--Commission on the American Baptist Seminary Report, Arthur L. Walker, Jr., secretary-treasurer, Nashville, TN
- 10:05--Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Report--W. Randall Lolley, president, Wake Forest, NC
- 10:15--Theme Interpretation--Joel Gregory, Fort Worth, TX
- 10:30--Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Report--Milton Ferguson, president, Kansas City, MO
- 10:40--Congregational Singing--Gilbert Wilder, Columbus, OH
- 10:45--Business Session
Resolutions Committee (Final)
Miscellaneous Business
- 12:30--Benediction--Rodney V. Byard, assistant to the president for communication, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC

Thursday Afternoon, June 16, 1983

- 2:00--Music for Inspiration--John and Mary Giger, concert artists, Dallas, TX
- 2:30--Congregational Singing--Doyal V. Spence, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, VA
Prayer--Joseph A. Brown, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lake Wales, FL
- 2:40--Introduction of Fraternal Messengers
- 2:50--Historical Commission Report--Lynn E. May, Jr., executive director-treasurer, Nashville, TN
- 3:00--Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Report--James M. Dunn, executive director, Washington, DC
- 3:10--Christian Life Commission Report--Foy Valentine, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, TN
- 3:20--Stewardship Commission Report--A.R. Fagan, executive director-treasurer, Nashville, TN
- 3:30--Baptist World Alliance Report--Gerhard Claas, general secretary, Washington, DC
- 3:40--Congregational Singing--Doyal Spence, Roanoke, VA
- 3:45--Theme Interpretation--Joel Gregory, Fort Worth, TX
- 4:00--Business Session
- 5:00--Benediction--William Lacy, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lake Charles, LA

Thursday Evening, June 16, 1983

- 6:45--Music for Inspiration--Russell Newport, layman, Springfield, MO
- 7:15--Congregational Singing--William J. Reynolds, Fort Worth, TX
Prayer--Terri Jean Draper, teacher, Euless, TX
- 7:25--Introduction of Local Committee
- 7:30--Radio and Television Commission Report--Jimmy R. Allen, president, Fort Worth, TX
- 7:45--Woman's Missionary Union Report--Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, Birmingham, AL
- 7:55--Congregational Singing--William J. Reynolds, Fort Worth, TX
- 8:00--Special Emphasis--Fred Roach, president, Centennial Homes, Dallas, TX testimony, The Laity--Ministers in the World
- 8:10--Music--Russell Newport, Springfield, MO
- 8:15--Introduction of Speaker--Neal Jones, pastor, Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, VA
- 8:20--Unity of the Spirit--In Ministry--Charles W. Colson, president, Prison Fellowship, Washington, DC
- 9:00--Benediction--Bailey Ray Draper, printer, Euless, TX

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Convention Officers

James T. Draper, Jr., president; pastor, First Baptist Church, Euless, TX
 John Sullivan, first vice president; pastor, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA
 Gene Garrison, second vice president; pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, OK.
 Martin B. Bradley, recording secretary; manager, research services department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, TN
 Lee Porter, registration secretary; design editor, Sunday School department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, TN
 Harold C. Bennett, treasurer; executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, TN
 Wilmer C. Fields, press representative; assistant to the executive secretary and director of public relations, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, TN

Committee On Order of Business

Bruce McIver, chairman; pastor, Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, TX
 Larry C. Crawford, surgeon, Burlington, NC
 J. Nixon Daniel III, attorney, Beggs & Lane, Pensacola, FL
 James T. Draper Jr., SBC president; and pastor, First Baptist Church, Euless, TX
 Charles G. Fuller, pastor, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, VA.
 William M. Hinson, pastor, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA
 A. Douglas Watterson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Knoxville, TN

Convention Musicians

William J. Reynolds, music director, associate professor of church music, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX
 Harold R. Price, assistant music director, music secretary, Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey, Harrisburg, PA
 Al Washburn, organist, chairman, division of church music, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans
 Ronald E. Boud, pianist, associate professor of church music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY

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'Unity of Spirit'
 Theme of 1983 SBC

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PITTSBURGH (BP)-- "Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace" will be the theme for the 1983 annual meeting of the 13.9 million member Southern Baptist Convention at the Pittsburgh Civic Arena June 14-16.

It will be the 126th annual session for the 138 year old denomination, composed of more than 36,000 churches in all 50 states, Canada, Puerto Rico and American Samoa.

"We wanted this to be the kind of convention which would bring us together in unity," said Bruce McIver, pastor of Wilshire Baptist Church of Dallas and chairman of the convention order of business committee. "We felt there are far more things which unify us than divide us."

He added: "The primary purpose of the committee was that the convention experience the theme. It was an underlying purpose all the way through. We have worked to deal fairly with all matters to be presented: business, reports, and, what we consider to be very important, the inspirational part of it."

The three-day program features business, election of officers, reports from the 20 agencies supported through the SBC, a laymans' emphasis, plus preaching, praying and singing.

A special feature will be five 15-minute theme interpretations by Joel Gregory, professor of preaching at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

"We have given him no direction on this except to ask him to explore the theme and to present biblical messages," McIver said, adding the committee has placed the theme interpretations "in the heart of each session" rather than at the first "when people are still trying to find their seats."

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Another special feature will be the Thursday night session. In New Orleans, last year, there was no Thursday evening session, but McIver said the committee decided to return to having the final session.

"We spent a lot of time praying and thinking about the closing session. We decided to have an affirmation of what the Lord can do through laypersons. In that session we will have Russell Newport, a layman from Springfield, Mo., singing; Fred Roach, a layman from Dallas giving a testimony, and Chuck (Charles) Colson will share out of his own heart what God can do through one layman," McIver said.

Colson, a former key staffer in the Nixon White House, spent time in prison for his part in the Watergate scandal. In prison, he was converted and after his release, established a ministry to people in prison.

McIver added that the Thursday evening session was planned also "with Pittsburgh area Baptists in mind. We don't have too many Baptists in the area, and we are hoping the service will minister to them...be a testimony and witness there."

He explained many of the other matters to come before the convention "are fixed. The primary thing the committee had to do was to provide the slots and times for them. There is not a lot of flexibility, but our primary concern was to plan the program well and in such a way as to be able to take care of the business, and then to have some variety and some inspiration."

Features of the program include the presidential address by SBC President James T. Draper Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church of Euless, Texas, who was elected in 1982; the convention sermon by James Pleitz, pastor of Park Cities Baptist Church of Dallas, and the reports of the Foreign Mission Board and Home Mission Board.

"One of our deep concerns was that the reports of these two key agencies (FMB and HMB) be presented at the time they are scheduled and not be pushed back by business or other matters. We have given them absolute priority on the nights they are scheduled, so they can be a highlight of the convention," McIver said.

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What Do Angels Look Like,
Missionary Journeyman Asks

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MOMBASA, Kenya (BP) -- What form do angels take?

Missionary Journeyman James Scott, from Dallas, wonders about that following an experience he had while running on the beach near this East African city.

Scott, a former Baylor University distance runner, was keeping physically fit while teaching in Mombasa Baptist High School during his two year term in the journeyman program. As he ran along the beach, a large German Shepherd dog dashed out of some rocks, brushed against his legs "like a kitten" and ran beside him.

The pair was joined moments later by a sleek Doberman Pinscher, who ran alongside Scott.

As he ran, Scott noticed three "tough looking" people walking toward him, but at the sight of the two large dogs, the trio moved off in a different direction.

Scott, the son of Orville Scott, news and information director for the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Dallas, said the dogs ran with him until he was safely past the potential threat, then scurried away.

"Angel dogs?" he wondered.

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