

**(BP)****BAPTIST PRESS**

News Service of the Southern Baptist Convention

**NATIONAL OFFICE**

SBC Executive Committee  
 460 James Robertson Parkway  
 Nashville, Tennessee 37219  
 (615) 244-2355  
 Wilmer C. Fields, Director  
 Dan Martin, News Editor  
 Craig Bird, Feature Editor

**BUREAUS**

**ATLANTA** Jim Newton, Chief, 1350 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30367, Telephone (404) 873-4041  
**DALLAS** Thomas J. Brannon, Chief, 103 Baptist Building, Dallas, Texas 75201, Telephone (214) 741-1996  
**NASHVILLE** (Baptist Sunday School Board) Lloyd T. Householder, Chief, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37234, Telephone (615) 251-2300  
**RICHMOND** (Foreign) Robert L. Stanley, Chief, 3806 Monument Ave., Richmond, Va. 23230, Telephone (804) 353-0151  
**WASHINGTON** Stan L. Hastey, Chief, 200 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002, Telephone (202) 544-4226

September 10, 1984

84-129

Baptist Colleges  
 Hike Tuition

By Lonnie Wilkey

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Students attending private higher education institutions, including Southern Baptist colleges and universities, will have to reach deeper into their wallets for the 1984-85 school year.

According to figures compiled by the College Board and published in The Chronicle of Higher Education, tuition and fees at private colleges increased nine percent over last year.

While most Baptist schools reported increases at or below the nine percent level, there were exceptions at both ends of the spectrum.

Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee increased tuition and fees 3.7 percent from \$2,646 to \$2,745. Also with lower percentage increases were East Texas Baptist University, Marshall (4.6); Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Ark. (4.8), and University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton, Texas (4.8).

Bob R. Agee, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, cited three factors why OBU had the lowest percentage increase of any Baptist educational institution: increased support from the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, a record fund-raising year by OBU's development department and a conservative spending policy.

On the other hand, Palm Beach Atlantic College in West Palm Beach, Fla., reported an increase of 41.9 percent as tuition and fees rose from \$2,770 to \$3,930. Also with sizable increases were Baptist College at Charleston, S.C. (17.7); Judson College, Marion, Ala. (17.6), and Brewton-Parker College, Mount Vernon, Ga. (14.2).

Palm Beach Atlantic College President Claude H. Rhea said the figures were misleading as tuition rose only \$10 per credit hour. The difference, he said, was that last year students paid the same rate for 16 hours (a full load) as they did for 12 which is what the \$2,770 was based on. This year, Rhea added, students pay for each hour of credit they take.

Rhea noted the school has not experienced any resistance over the pricing policy, adding, "It looks as if we will probably have our largest enrollment increase ever."

Arthur L. Walker Jr., executive director of the Southern Baptist Education Commission, said the increases in tuition and fees were understandable. "Inflation necessitates some increase each year. It is encouraging, however, that the majority of Baptist colleges kept their increases below the national level of nine percent," he said. "This indicates Baptist colleges and universities are committed to providing quality Christian education at the lowest possible cost."

In dollar amounts tuition and fees ranged from \$2,162 at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Ark., to \$6,750 at the University of Richmond, Richmond, Va. The median cost of Baptist colleges and universities is \$3,112.

Baylor University, Waco, Texas, the largest Southern Baptist university, reported tuition and fees of \$3,366, an 8.8 percent increase.

The following figures are tuition and fees for Baptist colleges for 1984-85 and do not include room and board.

---more---

600  
 HISTORICAL ARCHIVES  
 Historical Commission, SBC  
 Nashville, Tennessee

Alabama--Judson College, \$2,975; Mobile College, \$2,890, and Samford University, \$3,616  
 Arizona--Grand Canyon College, \$2,900  
 Arkansas--Ouachita Baptist University, \$2,950, and Southern Baptist College, \$2,162  
 California--California Baptist College, \$3,754  
 Florida--Palm Beach Atlantic College, \$3,930, and Stetson University, \$5,190  
 Georgia--Brewton-Parker College, \$2,170; Mercer University, \$4,893; Shorter College, \$3,250; Tift College, \$2,740, and Truett-McConnell College, \$2,580  
 Kentucky--Campbellsville College, \$3,140; Cumberland College, \$2,580, and Georgetown College, \$3,810  
 Louisiana--Louisiana College, \$2,312  
 Mississippi--Blue Mountain College, \$2,314; Mississippi College, \$3,008, and William Carey College, \$2,470  
 Missouri--Hannibal-LaGrange College, \$3,112; Missouri Baptist College, \$2,950; Southwest Baptist University, \$3,570, and William Jewell College, \$4,120  
 North Carolina--Campbell University, \$4,370; Chowan College, \$2,810; Gardner-Webb College, \$3,810; Mars Hill College, \$3,850; Meredith College, \$3,600; Wake Forest University, \$5,550, and Wingate College, \$2,950  
 Oklahoma--Oklahoma Baptist University, \$2,745  
 South Carolina--Anderson College, \$3,080; Baptist College at Charleston, \$4,874; Furman University, \$5,372, and North Greenville College, \$2,950  
 Tennessee--Belmont College, \$2,900; Carson-Newman College, \$3,508, and Union University, \$2,650  
 Texas--Baylor University, \$3,366; Dallas Baptist College, \$3,150; East Texas Baptist University, \$2,730; Hardin-Simmons University, \$3,140; Houston Baptist University, \$3,678; Howard Payne University, \$2,600; University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, \$2,850, and Wayland Baptist University, \$2,510  
 Virginia--Averett College, \$3,850; Bluefield College, \$2,550; University of Richmond, \$6,750, and Virginia Intermont College, \$3,865

--30--

Leaders Encouraged To Include  
 Single Adults In Church Family

By Gail Rothwell

Baptist Press  
 9/10/84

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—Single adult leaders attending a Labor Day conference at Ridgecrest, N.C., were challenged to break down the barriers which exclude single adults from the church family.

Speaking on the conference theme, "Single Adults Are Family, Too," Robert Bailey, minister of education at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., said, "God's ideal family is a family without walls and barriers."

He asked leaders to examine their "church family" to determine if walls are present. "If your single adults spend 90 percent of their time with other singles, then you have a wall," he explained. "As leaders we must strive to program opportunities which blend the people of God into one family."

He cautioned leaders against building barriers saying, "Do you spend more time talking about single adults or talking to single adults?"

Noting walls can only be broken down through the love of God, Bailey said, "The church is linked together by blood, bought with a price, so we can be unified in Jesus Christ."

During the evening worship sessions, Bill Blevins, chairman of the religion department, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., told the 2,360 persons attending the conference to build their relationships on trust and to maintain their relationships with hope.

"Everyone has the ability to trust," explained Blevins. "The ability to trust works in all types of relationships, whether they are with other persons or with God."

Blevins believes faith (trust) means being able to entrust something to another person. "You must have enough faith to entrust your life to God," he challenged conferees. "Faith also means to obey and that is doing the will of God with no questions asked."

--more--

While noting relationships must be founded on trust, Blevins explained they must be maintained with hope.

Some people lose hope because they view their life as a series of failures, Blevins said. "Every mistake is an opportunity for a new beginning."

Dorothy Sizemore, dean of students at Meredith College, Raleigh, N.C., spoke on developing intimacy with others. "Family intimacy does not mean sexual intimacy," she stressed. "Intimacy is a deeper level of human encounter which is free of gains and exploitation."

She explained that the most important element in developing intimacy with others is having a healthy self-concept. "If I don't feel good about myself I'm not going to let you get very close to me," she said. "We need to allow ourselves to be open with others. Intimacy does not happen immediately, but we all have the potential to grow and change."

A simultaneous conference was held at Glorieta (N.M.) Conference Center. More than 2,900 single adults were registered there to hear Richard Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz. Entertainer Glen Campbell, a member of North Phoenix Church, gave an impromptu concert Sunday night following the worship service.

The conferences were sponsored by the Sunday School Board's family ministry department.

--30--

Baptists Help Homeless  
In Wake Of Brazil Flood

Baptist Press  
9/10/84

FLORIANOPOLIS, Brazil (BP)—Brazilian Baptists are supplying food and other materials to fellow believers in Santa Catarina, the state hardest hit by recent flooding in south Brazil.

Floods have devastated the region for a second straight year, leaving an estimated 160,000 people homeless. About a quarter of the 2,000 Baptists in Santa Catarina have lost their homes.

"Many of these people have lost everything for the second year in a row," said Southern Baptist missionary Cindy Hall, state mission relief coordinator.

Churches that were asked to provide food for 15 days to needy families have given enough to last two months, Hall reported. One church association sent \$800 to the Baptist pastor in the city of Itajai, who purchased food for 300 families. Churches not affected by the flooding have also been asked to "adopt" a family in the flooded areas.

Baptist relief efforts have primarily targeted Baptist families because the government is handling a general food distribution program very well, missionaries said.

Relief funds are also helping farmers replace seed washed away in the floods and aiding families who need furniture and household items. All Baptist relief funds in Santa Catarina are coming from Brazilian churches and organizations, Hall said. The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board sent \$5,000 in August for food and blankets for flood victims in Rio Grande do Sul, another southern state.

--30--

Georgia Support Group  
Formed For SBC Causes

Baptist Press  
9/10/84

ATLANTA (BP)—Georgia Baptists have formed a state-wide network to encourage ministers and laypersons to involve themselves in support of Georgia and Southern Baptist Convention causes and procedures, especially religious liberty and mission support.

--more--

About 150 persons met at Wieuca Road Baptist Church in Atlanta for the organizational meeting. They did not adopt a formal aim for the group, but elected two state-wide coordinators, eight regional coordinators and eight state consultants.

James C. Strickland, pastor of First Baptist Church of Cartersville, and Norman Cavendar, a layman in First Baptist Church of Claxton, are state-wide coordinators.

Strickland told the Christian Index, the Georgia state Baptist newspaper: "Purpose of our organization is to keep a strong emphasis on two specific aspects of denominational life, religious liberty and cooperation in missions. We see both of these vital Baptist distinctives being threatened by current trends in Southern Baptist life. We want to maintain a positive and supportive spirit in all that we do."

Strickland said several laypersons, including some women, were included in the organizational meeting in Atlanta. Strickland said, "We have been meeting spasmodically for about five years. But, SBC actions in Kansas City in June sparked widespread interest among our group and caused us to organize."

Strickland said the group "is not organized over theological issues. We have conservatives and fundamentalists involved. The issues are religious liberty and cooperation." He said a major purpose of the organization is to enlist attendance of laypersons at annual meetings of the state convention and the SBC.

Three former Georgia Baptist convention presidents are included in the new network, William L. Self of Atlanta, W. Ches Smith III of Tifton, and J. Thornton Williams of LaGrange. Self is a former president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and Smith is a former chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

Strickland said similar groups are being formed in Texas, Virginia, Missouri and North and South Carolina.

--30--

Kor an Pastors Preach  
At 97 Military Bases

Baptist Press  
9/10/84

TAEJON, South Korea (BP)--Some 30 Korean Baptist pastors preached to more than 25,000 men at 97 military bases in South Korea this summer.

More than 3,700 Koreans made public spiritual decisions during the military crusade, according to Southern Baptist missionary Rolla Bradley. Bradley, who works in military evangelism, helped organize and finance the crusade.

Based on previous crusades, Bradley estimated that about one-fourth of the spiritual decisions were professions of faith in Jesus Christ.

The crusade kept the participating pastors busy. "One pastor preached at eight separate locations," Bradley said. "He didn't even have time to accept refreshments after each preaching assignment." The pastors also distributed Bibles and tracts.

Bradley reported that nine young Baptist men recently completed chaplaincy training in the South Kor an army. They will join 17 other Korean Baptist chaplains now serving in the military forces. The first Baptist chaplain was commissioned in 1969.

--30--

Korean Baptists, Missionaries  
Start Storm Relief Effort

Baptist Press  
9/10/84

SEOUL, South Korea (BP)--After the worst storm to strike South Kor a in 12 years, Baptists and missionaries started relief efforts as the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board released \$10,000 Sept. 6 for food, clothing and shelter.

--more--

The overflowing Han River created huge mudslides in and around Seoul during the first week of September, killing at least 130 people and leaving some 93,000 homeless. More than 12,000 homes and buildings had been damaged or destroyed by Sept. 7 and 44 people were still missing.

No Southern Baptist missionary families were hurt and no mission property was damaged, reported missionary Don Jones.

Jones said Baptist relief efforts were still in the "information gathering stage." Seven churches had asked for aid by week's end. He mentioned one small church in Seoul had 30 members who had lost their homes.

"Whatever we do in terms of financial aid is just a drop in the bucket compared to the total need, but we felt we must do something," Jones said. "We would like to work through our association and our local churches in trying to minister to needs outside the churches, too, so the Christian outreach can have a chance to be demonstrated in this."

The missionary said the South Korean army had mobilized about 88,000 soldiers, government employees and students to aid cleanup and repair efforts.

—30—



**BAPTIST PRESS**

*460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37219*

*AB  
PB  
Jm*

LYNN MAY HO  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
127 9TH AVE NO  
NASHVILLE TN 37234

**NEWS SERVICE OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**