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Brotherhood to sponsor  
missions day camp

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ATLANTA (BP)--A missions/sports day camp will be provided for boys and girls who have completed grades 1-6 and whose parents are attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta in June.

The missions day camp will provide a missions education program and sports activities for the children of messengers during all daytime sessions of the convention as follows: Tuesday 8:15 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Wednesday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and Thursday 8:00 a.m.-11:20 a.m.

The cost is \$8.00 per day per child. This covers a lunch for Tuesday and refreshments each day, as well as accident insurance and transportation.

All registration must be done at the missions day camp booth near the messenger registration area in the Georgia World Congress Center. Registration will be from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Monday, June 3, and during daytime convention sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday.

It is sponsored by the children and youth division of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, the Georgia Baptist Brotherhood department, the Atlanta Baptist Association, and Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church.

The buses will leave the Georgia World Congress Center between 7:45 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4; between 8:00 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. Wednesday, June 5; and between 7:30 a.m. and 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, June 6.

Church dress codes must be met in order to board the bus: no short shorts, no tank tops, and only soft-soled recreational shoes -- with socks.

Parents will pick their children up promptly at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday; 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday; and 11:20 a.m. on Thursday at the conclusion of the daytime sessions.

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Texas evangelism head,  
Carlos McLeod, dies

By Orville Scott

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DALLAS (BP)--Carlos McLeod, director of the evangelism division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas since 1981, died April 2 in Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas.

Physicians said he died of a rupture of the thoracic aorta, a main blood vessel leading out of the heart.

McLeod, 62, a native of Farmersville, Texas, was president of the 2.5-million-member BGCT from 1979-1981 while he was pastor of First Baptist Church of Plainview, Texas.

Prior to being pastor of the Plainview church from 1969-1981, he was pastor of San Jacinto Baptist Church of Amarillo, First Baptist Church of Silvertown, Hillburn Drive Baptist Church of Dallas, First Baptist Church of Halfway (near Plainview) Carlisle Baptist Church of Lubbock, Northside Baptist Church of Big Spring and Green Hill Baptist Church of Snyder, all in Texas.

He graduated from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview in 1958 and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, in 1961. Also, he held an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Wayland and an honorary doctor of biblical studies degree from Dallas Baptist University.

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During his tenure as BGCT evangelism director, Texas Baptists set new records with attendances of more than 20,000 in both the annual Texas Baptist Evangelism Conference and the Youth Evangelism Conference.

He sought to lead Christians to pray for spiritual awakening in America. He emphasized every Christian has a commitment to lead people to receive Christ as Lord and Savior and led in Share Jesus Now, an emphasis to train and motivate Christians to share their faith.

Last year, McLeod and his associates in the BGCT evangelism division had restarted youth-led revivals, which helped revitalize many Texas Baptist churches following World War II.

Also, the evangelism division sponsored "See You at the Pole," an emphasis which resulted in more than 45,000 young people statewide praying around the flag poles at their schools last Sept. 12 at 7 a.m.

While he was pastor of First Baptist of Halfway, McLeod was named Rural Pastor of the Year in the BGCT Town and Country Church Achievement Award.

He is survived by his wife Bonnie of Dallas; three daughters, Mrs. Roddy (Ann) Pearce of Clovis, N.M.; Gale McLeod of Athens, Texas; and Mrs. Kirk (Amy) Eklund of Dallas; and five grandchildren.

BGCT Executive Director William M. Pinson, Jr. described McLeod as "a truly memorable and effective servant of God.

"During his tenure of service as director of evangelism, we experienced our best decade in baptisms," said Pinson.

"He'll be missed, not only by his family, but by an army of friends including those he has befriended. In my last conversation with him, he excitedly dreamed of what more could be done to reach Texas for Christ. He seemed especially concerned about youth."

BGCT President Phil Lineberger, pastor of Richardson Heights Baptist Church in Richardson, called McLeod "a tremendous example of personal soul winning.

"We will miss him greatly," Lineberger said.

Ted Elmore of Euless, president of the Conference of Texas Baptist Evangelists, said, "Carlos McLeod was a friend to Texas Baptist vocational evangelists.

"I've never known anyone with a deeper desire to see people saved than Carlos. We will miss his zeal and enthusiasm."

Darrell Robinson of Atlanta, vice president for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's evangelism section, said, "I rededicated my life in a youth revival that Carlos McLeod preached in West Texas.

"He (McLeod) has always been a pacesetter for evangelism in America, and he has rallied Texas Baptists to the primary task of reaching people for Jesus Christ.

"He was a great soul winner, and his faith and enthusiasm have motivated many Christians to reach people for Jesus," Robinson said.

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Brotherhood and WMU name task force  
to develop coed youth missions options

By Steve Barber & Susan Todd

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NASHVILLE (BP)--A six-point statement affirming coeducational missions options for youth emerged from a meeting of Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission leaders and Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union leaders April 1-2.

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The adoption of the statement led to the appointment of a task force charged with developing coed missions options for youth.

Although the group, consisting of 90 state and national leaders did not have the authority to make decisions for the two organizations, they agreed to present the following statement to their respective governing boards:

"We affirm:

1. The need to focus on all youth to effect an understanding of and personal involvement in Southern Baptist cooperative missions;
2. The need for WMU and Brotherhood to work together;
3. The need to provide missions resources for youth not presently involved in missions organizations in all types of SBC churches;
4. The need for a Brotherhood/WMU partnership in World Changers national missions projects with specific roles to be defined;
5. The appointment of a task force made up of state and national WMU and Brotherhood leadership and other youth professionals to develop coed missions options for youth not presently involved in missions education organizations;
6. That all we do together in these emphases will benefit what we each do separately."

World Changers is a coeducational missions program sponsored by Brotherhood for youth in grades 9-12. It consists of 11 training sessions and culminates in a 7-day missions project.

Southern Baptist Convention action in June 1990 modified the program statement of the Brotherhood Commission, allowing the agency to address churchwide audiences. Acting on the change in their program statement, Brotherhood trustees endorsed the concept of coed missions options and instructed their staff to proceed with implementation.

During their January 1991 meeting, the WMU executive board also voted to affirm the concept of coed missions education options for youth. The WMU executive board asked a report of the April joint meeting be presented during their June 1991 meeting in Atlanta.

"I am excited that, having recognized a tremendous need in our churches, we've been able to come together and address it and to develop a response to the need," said Dellanna O'Brien, national WMU executive director.

"This will not affect what we are already doing with Acteens," she said. Acteens is the missions organization sponsored by WMU for girls in grades 7-12. "We still feel our most effective work is done through age-level organizations such as Acteens. But there are youth in our churches who we are not reaching."

"We know that there are more than 750,000 Southern Baptist youth who are not currently involved in any missions organization," said James H. Smith, president of the Brotherhood Commission. "This meeting affirms the intent of WMU and Brotherhood together to impact those young people."

"We have no interest in moving young people from one program to another. We simply want to involve them in missions."

Marjorie J. McCullough, WMU national president, also acknowledged the need for a coed missions option for youth. "The time has come for it because we're not reaching all of our young people. If WMU and Brotherhood can learn to work together, we can help the Brotherhood, WMU, the convention and especially those youth," she said.

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A task force to develop specific coed missions options was named. Representing the national WMU staff are: Betty Merrell, age-level involvement section director; Marti Solomon, Acteens specialist; and Karen Simons, churchwide editorial group manager. From the Brotherhood Commission staff are: Rusty Griffin, children and youth division director; Tim Bearden, high school Baptist Young men editor; and Amy Morris, World Changers director.

State WMU and Brotherhood staff representatives include: Cindy Gaskins, Texas Acteens director; Bonita Wilson, Illinois WMU consultant; Cliff Satterwhite, South Carolina Brotherhood associate; and Jerry Kersey, Missouri Brotherhood associate.

The group will work under the direction of an administration task force, also named during the meeting. The administration group will coordinate the development of coed missions options for all ages.

The administrative task force is made up of national WMU and Brotherhood staff members. They are: Griffin; Douglas Beggs, adult division director; Mike Day, church and denominational relations division director; Lynn Yarbrough, churchwide involvement section director; Bobbie Sorrill, WMU associate executive director; and Merrell.

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Hunger gifts continue  
downward spiral in 1990

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Southern Baptists' hunger gifts in 1990 continued the downward spiral begun 1985, according to figures released by the Southern Baptist Foreign and Home Mission Boards.

Southern Baptist contributions for domestic and foreign hunger in 1990 totaled \$7,780,072. This represents a decrease of 1.6 percent over similar giving in 1989.

In 1985, Southern Baptists gave \$11,830,146 to hunger ministries. That mark shattered the previous record high in 1984 of \$7,166,772.

Hunger gifts in 1986 dropped to \$9,089,279. Hunger contributions totaled \$8,931,339 in 1987, \$9,009,764 in 1988 and \$7,905,322 in 1989.

The Foreign Mission Board reported receipts of \$6,478,844, a decrease from \$6,613,785 in 1989. Receipts for domestic hunger through the Home Mission Board were \$1,301,228, a slight increase over \$1,291,537 in 1989.

The total figures for 1990 do not reflect receipts for general relief at the Foreign Mission Board. General relief funds go for projects which are not necessarily hunger specific, such as church repairs. Total figures also do not include hunger ministries that were utilized in local Baptist churches, associations and state conventions.

"These figures are bad news. Hungry people everywhere will suffer more because we are giving less," said Robert Parham, associate director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, who coordinates awareness and action efforts on hunger issues among Southern Baptists.

"Some of us have blamed most of the downward spiral on the lack of media coverage of worldwide hunger," Parham said. "But after five years, we Southern Baptists ought to accept most of the responsibility for the drop. We must recapture the biblical mandate: Feed the hungry!"

"The general recession, preoccupation with the war and an increasing apathy toward the world's poor" as explanations for the decline in contributions, said John Cheyne, director of the human needs program at the Foreign Mission Board.

"While the Foreign Mission Board's emphasis on the strategic importance of meeting human needs as part of its wholistic mission has expanded, the level of receipts continues to drop," Cheyne said.

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He noted the FMB had more human needs projects in more nations in 1990 than ever before, but had few funds with which to work.

"The request for hunger funds in 1990 far exceeded the funds that were available," said Nathan Porter, domestic hunger consultant for the Home Mission Board.

"Many ministries are currently receiving only half of the funds they request," said Porter.

"Southern Baptists are busy with programs which are primarily self-serving, rather than being concerned for people really suffering," said Porter.