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EDITORS' NOTE: Please substitute the following story for the (BP) story titled "Exec. Committee, Annuity Bd. make peace on abortion issue," dated 2/23/94.

SBC Exec. Committee accepts

Annuity Bd. abortion stance

By Herb Hollinger & Art Toalston

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NASHVILLE (BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee and Annuity Board have apparently agreed: No investments are to be made in corporations which are publicly perceived to offer services or products uniquely promoting abortion.

But the question of investing in companies which contribute to abortion providers, i.e. Planned Parenthood, is much more difficult to answer, according to Annuity Board officials.

Paul Powell, Annuity Board president, made the commitment Feb. 22 during an Executive Committee meeting in Nashville. Prior to his written announcement, the meeting had been marked by tensions over Annuity Board investment policies, which make no reference to abortion-related stocks, and Executive Committee members' generally staunch stand against abortion.

Powell's full statement:

"The Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has long held a position of opposition to the wanton destruction of life inherent in the practice of abortions. Several years ago the trustees approved a staff recommendation to deny medical plan benefits for abortion.

"In our investment decisions we will avoid, or divest in orderly fashion, equities in any company that is found to have a service or product that is publicly perceived as uniquely aiding, supporting, or promoting abortion. This commitment grows out of a deep personal, biblical-based conviction that is shared by the president, the trustees, and the officers of the Annuity Board."

Powell's statement was read by Guy Sanders prior to votes taken on recommendations to the Executive Committee regarding the Annuity Board. After reading the statement, Sanders, a Florida pastor and chairman of the program and budget subcommittee, moved to strike a part of the recommendation which asked the board to use the \$1 million Cooperative Program distribution to provide relief for underfunded annuitants and a second part which said "that this policy remain in place until such time as the (board) approves a position on abortion-related activities that is consistent with that of the SBC." The Annuity Board already provides relief for underfunded annuitants with most of the funds provided from the SBC Cooperative Program budget.

The matter of companies contributing to abortion providers, however, is not mentioned in Powell's statement. In fact, in a meeting with Executive Committee officers it was "made perfectly clear that the subject of the statement would not be Planned Parenthood or charitable contributions by corporations," Thomas E. Miller Jr., board senior vice president for public relations told Baptist Press.

"A contribution by a corporation or a charitable foundation of a corporation to a charitable organization is neither a product nor a service of that corporation," Miller said. "The Annuity Board cannot police the charitable contributions of corporations."

In another matter, however, the Annuity Board was reprimanded by the Executive Committee for providing services outside the board's program statements. Program statements for SBC agencies are the convention-approved guidelines by which they function in the SBC, and the Executive Committee is given the responsibility to monitor agencies' adherence to their program statements.

The Annuity Board was requested to "discontinue expanding its retirement annuity and insurance services beyond the denomination" The board currently provides those services to Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis, Tenn.; Criswell College in Dallas; and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, based in Atlanta. Board officials said they were servicing those entities because they primarily are operated by Southern Baptists although admittedly they are not official SBC-related organizations.

A second request from the Executive Committee asked the Annuity Board to "discontinue expanding its client base in investment and related services which are not prescribed in the three programs of the Annuity Board." A flap occurred late last year when it became apparent the Annuity Board was providing investment services to some SBC-related agencies which provoked criticisms by the Southern Baptist Foundation and the association of Baptist state convention foundations.

After lengthy and intense debate in the subcommittee, the Annuity Board apparently agreed to the recommendations which would curtail those activities by the board until the "Program and Structure Study Committee, authorized by the Executive Committee ... has completed its work and recommendations that result from its work."

The Annuity Board argued its \$4 billion base and related expertise could bring additional income to the agencies compared to the way they now invest their funds. However, board officials were willing to abide by the recommendations that this activity would be outside the parameters of their present program statement.

In other action the Executive Committee voted, without dissent and without debate, a subcommittee's recommendation asking its "officers and staff to study the impact of monies coming through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship to Southern Baptist Convention entities ... " and then recommend the "acceptance or rejection of said funds." The recommendation will come at the Executive Committee meeting just prior to the SBC annual meeting in June in Orlando, Fla.

The action came as a surprise to most observers at the meeting because discussion about CBF gifts to most SBC entities has been ongoing but was not on the printed agenda of the committee or its various subcommittees.

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is a group of moderate Southern Baptists critical of the leadership in the SBC. The CBF has been taking actions which appear to some to be the creation of a separate denomination.

The Executive Committee will recommend to the SBC at the June 14-16 annual meeting a 1994-95 SBC Allocation Budget of \$136,539,730 which is the same as the 1992-93 fiscal year actual receipts. The action follows a policy of the committee to recommend a budget not more than the receipts of the last year of record. In the budget all SBC entities were given the same decrease of 1.23 percent from the 1993-94 budget of \$138,234,735.

Information released at the meeting from the convention's audit showed the SBC Operating Budget Fund had \$99,001 more expenditures than revenue for fiscal 1993. Operating reserves were tapped to take care of that amount as officials said extra expenses for the shuttle bus service at last year's annual meeting and reduced contributions to the convention operating budget by the Baptist Sunday School Board were the primary reasons for the deficit.

In other budget-related deliberations during the program and budget subcommittee meeting, a motion was made to reduce Baptist World Alliance funding by \$20,000, down from a proposed \$397,639, in protest of R. Keith Parks being a featured speaker at a recent BWA conference in Cyprus on evangelization of unreached peoples. Parks is the CBF's missions coordinator and former president of the SBC Foreign Mission Board who left that post in disagreement with conservative trustees' stances and missions philosophy.

Several subcommittee members objected to reducing BWA funds over who addressed one of its conferences, and the motion was defeated when it won only three votes.

Mark Brister, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church in Shreveport, La., reported on the work to be done by the seven-member "Program and Structure Study Committee" chairs, which held an initial meeting in January.

Describing the committee's thrust, Brister said, "We will maximize the effectiveness of our denomination to reach our world for Jesus Christ ... in this time of culture war in the history of Western civilization." It will recommend to the Executive Committee and then to the Southern Baptist Convention "what we should do programmatically and structurally as a denomination as we look into the next millennium," Brister said. The effectiveness of the committee's work, he said, will "ultimately" be measured by "the number of disciples born into the kingdom of Jesus Christ."

Morris H. Chapman, Executive Committee president, in his address said, "We talk much about vision but I pray that God will help us ... identify the overarching vision for Southern Baptists as we prepare for the 21st century.

"I'm not interested in an accidental falling into the 21st century," Chapman said, but rather "marching or running into the 21st century -- not ahead of God but with God."

With the help of the Holy Spirit and a renewal in which "we will learn and take to heart the great doctrines of the faith," Chapman said he prays Southern Baptists will "carve out a new denominational era" in what otherwise may be a post-denominational era when "America is on its way to losing its soul."

In other business, the Executive Committee:

-- affirmed 1995 goals marking the SBC's 150th anniversary of \$100 million for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions and \$50 million for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions. The offerings' 1993 totals were \$79,748,263 for Lottie Moon and \$35,926,839 for Annie Armstrong. Also, the committee approved a goal of \$150,000,000 in SBC Cooperative Program receipts for 1994-95 in recognition of the 150th anniversary.

-- approved St. Louis as the site of the 2002 SBC annual meeting, pending "satisfactory contract negotiations with the convention center and area hotels." The committee also delayed until its June 13 meeting further discussion of confirming Atlanta as the 1999 site of the SBC annual meeting or selecting another city.

-- heard a report that a contract has been renegotiated with C. Barry McCarty for another year as SBC parliamentarian. Chapman said the new contract, for the same services, will be less than what the parliamentarian has been paid for each of the last five years. McCarty is pastor of Lakota Christian Church in Cincinnati.

-- declined to act on a motion referred from the 1993 annual meeting in Houston to enact a registration fee for the annual meeting.

-- authorized representation from the Wyoming Southern Baptist Convention, having reached 15,000 members, on the SBC Executive Committee, the Committee on Committees and Committee on Nominations.

-- approved a 3 percent increase in Executive Committee staff salary structure effective Oct. 1.

-- approved continued study of a proposed half-hour SBC news program, "News Matrix." Administrative subcommittee members voiced enthusiasm for a pilot they viewed, which cost \$20,000 to produce. At \$20,000 per week, yearly production costs would total more than \$1 million. Funding for such a program, several committee members said, would have to come from advertising or private donors.

-- approved the painting of a portrait of Chapman with the cost, not yet determined, to be charged to the SBC Operating Budget.

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-- changed the EC policy of rotating the annual meeting among selected cities to one which considers areas of the country "which provide adequate, cost-effective facilities" with consideration to "geographical location and accessibility to the numerically, significant population of Southern Baptists."

-- approved a 1994-95 SBC Operating Budget of \$4,088,786, compared to \$4,222,204 in 1993-94, to be recommended to the SBC meeting in Orlando in June.

-- honored A.R. "Rudy" Fagan, who will retire Sept. 30 after 20 years as president of the SBC Stewardship Committee, and J.B. Fowler, who retired in January after 12 years as editor of the Baptist New Mexican newsjournal.

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EDITORS' NOTE: Baptist Press has prepared a review of excerpts from nine study groups appointed by SBC President H. Edwin Young to make suggestions for the future of the SBC. The story is available upon request from the (BP) central office in Nashville. It can be used in tandem with the (BP) story titled "Young 'laterals' SBC input, urges attention to cities," dated 2/23/94.

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T.W. Hunt says Christ's death
is vivid display of God's love

By Terri Lackey

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NASHVILLE (BP)--The crucifixion of Jesus Christ was brutal and gruesome. A mere mortal being would have blacked out long before the six hours Jesus hung on the cross and suffered the sins of man.

Most would have lost consciousness during the scourging that took place even before Roman soldiers severed Christ's median nerve by hammering stakes through his wrists.

But T.W. Hunt believes Jesus Christ that day chose to suffer as man and as God. As mortal, he felt the full scope of physical pain. As God, he chose to remain conscious and suffer the spiritual and physical anguish in order to release people from sin.

"I believe in this suffering Christ deliberately retained consciousness in order to suffer the full brunt of our sins."

Yet, Hunt, prayer specialist for the Baptist Sunday School Board's discipleship and family development division, said he believes Christ's most intense suffering was not physical, but spiritual "because he who was perfectly holy was bearing our sins."

"The spiritual pain suffered by Christ was the pain of separation from his father. That is the only time in all of eternity that a separation of the perfect fabric of love within the Trinity was broken," Hunt said.

The separation occurred, according to Hunt, "because God had to turn his back on the sin Christ was bearing. God cannot look at sin.

"Nothing like the crucifixion demonstrates the holiness and love of God," said Hunt, who spent 16 years studying the medical details of Christ's death on the cross before incorporating it into a 45-minute chronological narrative.

"The first thing people must know is that the Roman crucifixion was the most hideous of all the various types of crucifixions in that day," Hunt said. "A society of Jewish women usually gave the victim a drug to deaden the pain, but Christ refused that drug. He wanted his mind clear."

Following the scourging, Christ's body went into hemodynamic shock from loss of blood, said Hunt. He would already have been dehydrated before they nailed him to the cross.

After he was nailed to the cross and because of the dehydration and shock, Christ suffered paralysis of the pectoral or chest muscles due to immobility.

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"When the paralysis spread to the diaphragm, he could inhale, but not exhale," Hunt said. "The only way he could exhale was to push up on his feet which were spiked. Every time he did that he would reopen his wound.

"His inability to breathe created a carbon dioxide buildup in his blood causing tetany or muscle spasms. So his body had rigorous spasms for many hours."

Hunt said every one of the nerve centers in Christ's body was wounded by spikes or thorns.

"The spike going through the median nerve in his wrists created a fiery, lightning-like pain the entire time he was on the cross.

"Normally, the brain blacks out at a certain threshold of pain," Hunt said. "But if it doesn't black out, which happens only rarely, the stomach herniates and the entire thorax becomes engorged with gastric juices and is too painful to describe."

Hunt began his relentless study of the medical details of the crucifixion in 1959 following "a life-changing renewal experience."

"I had made career my god and, in reading John out of a German Bible, I became convicted about serving the false god of career. I then dedicated myself to the unconditional lordship of Christ --- making him lord of my pocketbook, career, home, friendships, everything."

Soon after that commitment, Hunt began reading verses in Galatians 2 that spoke to crucifying oneself to Christ.

"I began to wonder, 'If I were crucified to Christ, what would that mean?' I decided it would mean death to self."

That started his search for books and articles on the crucifixion, which eventually led him to believe he must detail the resurrection and ascension of Christ as well.

"The resurrection and ascension validate the crucifixion," Hunt said. "It shows the price he paid was adequate. He conquered sin."

Hunt also narrates a 50-minute chronological account of the resurrection and ascension of Christ. Detailing those events correctly took him several years to complete, he said.

"It was extremely difficult to harmonize the resurrection and ascension because the Bible does not give the order of events in any one passage. I think back in the first century, they were so excited about it that when they wrote it down, they wrote in fervor of excitement and did not put the events in order," Hunt said.

Details of the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension can be found in "The Mind of Christ," a new LIFE Course written by Hunt, which will be released this summer in printed form, but which he has been teaching since 1975.

"The Mind of Christ," based on Philippians 2:5-11, is Hunt's way of helping Christians learn how to think like Christ thinks and to bring them to making Christ lord of their lives or doing what Christ tells them.

Hunt describes the teachings of "The Mind of Christ" as being his life message. "After teaching it for 14 years, I felt the Lord impressing me to write it down. I also did it for my grandchildren (he now has six). I wanted them to know what their grandfather taught."

"The Mind of Christ" LIFE Course resources will be released this summer. The resources will include videotapes and audiotapes of Hunt's two narrations on the crucifixion and resurrection and ascension of Christ.

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Counselor says friendship
should precede marriage

By Terri Lackey

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GULF SHORES, Ala. (BP)--One of the worst mistakes married couples make today is failing to become intimate friends before they exchange wedding vows, a marriage and family therapist said.

When a couple skips the friendship part of a relationship, they can easily slip into divorce, said Jim Talley, who operates a private counseling practice in Oklahoma City.

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And what's worse, according to Talley, who has been a minister of single adults for Southern Baptist churches in California and Oklahoma, is the advice couples get when they aren't happy.

Talley led classes at two separate events for leaders and ministers of single adults Feb. 18-23 in Gulf Shores, Ala. Conferences for the National Single Adult Leadership Convention and the Southern Baptist Association of Ministers to Single Adults were sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board discipleship and family development division and co-planned with a network of Southern Baptist single adult ministers.

"The five most destructive words to the American family and the most popular words of marriage counselors today are: 'Get on with your life,'" Talley told a group of single adult leaders and ministers attending the conferences.

"Ninety percent of counseling is not paid for; it comes from a non-qualified person across the backyard fence," Talley said. "And the advice people give is equal to one thing: Get divorced quickly and remarry ASAP."

When Talley counsels couples heading toward divorce, he said he advises them first to "stabilize yourselves spiritually, emotionally, lovingly and financially. Don't get into another relationship until you've stabilized yourself."

Talley labeled successive marriages or relationships as inversely proportional to longevity. When people who are going through divorce or separation fail to stabilize themselves, they can expect their next relationships to get shorter and shorter.

"The more times a person gets married, the shorter the marriages tend to be," he said.

One reason for the high rate of divorces and remarriages is ease of obtaining the papers for both, he said.

"It's too easy to get married today. People get done in the divorce line downstairs at the courthouse and they go upstairs and buy a marriage license. What's wrong?"

"One thing that's wrong is that the person who is responsible for putting marriages together (the pastor) is not making it hard enough for people to get married."

Talley said pastors must begin taking more responsibility for making the marriage commitment more strenuous.

Another reason is that "couples get too close too soon."

"Friendship should be genderless, a bond of commitment between two friends," said Talley who outlined four levels of friendship: 1) acquaintance ("You know enough to say hello."); 2) casual ("You know them better because your schedules put you together."); 3) close ("You share more than general interest. You determine when you will see each other."); and 4) intimate ("You mutually agree to share intimate details of your lives.")

"Until you reach step four with someone, where what you see is what you get, you have no business even dating," he said. Men and women are so different that "learning how to build a relationship without the first floor of friendship is futile and leads to divorce."

He said he believes men and women should not even enter into a dating relationship until they have had about four months to work on the friendship. He advocates completing intimate friendship with a same gender friend before attempting to try it with the opposite sex.

"When you begin to do things with the opposite sex, everything changes. The typical, evangelical American couple spends about three hours in friendship.

"Learning how to do friendship things with each other is the first step in making good marriages," he said.

Talley said couples who already are married and going through bad times can back up and try to become friends the correct way.

"Just go back and start all over and build your friendship. We tend to think marriages are disposable, but you can go back and rebuild friendships. I've known people who have remarried after five years of divorce."

The common rule in divorce and remarriage, according to Talley, is "if at first you don't succeed, lower your standards."

"But I'm telling you, the only thing worse than waiting (to get married), is wishing you had."

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Claiming ownership of program
breeds satisfied single adults

By Terri Lackey

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GULF SHORES, Ala. (BP)--Nineties companies that are successful, lucrative and have content employees usually operate within a circular, relational realm of leadership, not hierarchial, a single adult ministry consultant said.

That should be a cue for single adult ministers intent on running the program rather than letting single adults claim ownership, according to Rick Hurst, consultant for single ministry resources for the Single Adult Ministries Journal in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Hurst spoke to a group of about 150 people attending a meeting of the Southern Baptist Association for Ministers of Single Adults in Gulf Shores, Ala., Feb. 20-23. The meeting was co-planned by the Baptist Sunday School Board's discipleship and family development division and a network of Southern Baptist single adult ministers.

Hurst named Apple Computers, Federal Express and Wal-Mart as some of the companies that apply a type of employee-involved or relational-type management.

"In the circular model of leadership, people work together in teams. The power comes from the ability to inspire people to manage themselves," Hurst said. "The leaders must be energized and encouraging, so that the people will support that which they helped to create and have ownership in."

Single adult ministers in large churches can quickly burn themselves out if they try to do all the programming, Hurst said. But securing volunteers can be difficult business, he said.

"It doesn't have to be, though," Hurst declared. "How do you get people to help you? The answer is so simple. Get out of their way and allow the Holy Spirit to lead them."

Fear of recrimination from above leaves single adult ministers trembling when it comes to allowing programming to take the shape of the participants, Hurst said.

"Our job is not to build people who look good (to other church members). Our job is to be kingdom leaders who unleash people and allow them the power to be creative."

Hurst said empowering single adults to take over the ministry means:

- 1) Leading people by their dreams.
- 2) Educating them to their spiritual gifts.
- 3) Providing resources.
- 4) Providing structure that allows them to succeed.
- 5) Acting as mentor to a special few, who will in turn act as mentors to others.
- 6) Modeling successes and failures "because failures can be a lot more powerful than successes."

Being a "people builder" or empowering others takes certain qualities, Hurst said. "You must have the ability to be secure in yourself. You've got to hang your ego at the door. You also must be willing to give others the credit for successes."

Ministers who want to empower their single adults must "love people and trust God," he added.

"You must trust God enough and love people enough to let God be God in their lives, and not you. You've got to love people enough to want them to win.

"The Bible is a story of a whole bunch of ordinary mess-ups who changed the world," he said.

Hurst said a church conducts a single adult ministry according to the way that it views single adults. For example, if single adults are looked at as lonely losers who only want to get married, then the ministry will take that tack, he said.

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"As we see people is how we do ministry with them," said Hurst, who challenged single adult ministers to start changing the perception of single adults among church members.

Ministry to single adults does not come in one form, he said. "One umbrella program will not meet the need of all singles."

The group usually consists of the regular attenders, the committed people, the newcomers, the potential people and the core leadership, he said.

"That is why a single adult minister should work to empower multiple leadership teams."

Hurst listed several suggestions for becoming a "people-oriented" ministry versus a "program-oriented" one.

1) Do homework. "Start with listening. Get together and talk about the needs and wants of the people in your community."

2) Make it a ministry owned by people. "Eliminate the hierarchical way of doing the ministry and work within the circular model."

3) Model a sense of self responsibility. "There is a sense that you have to be responsible for your own renewal and well being."

4) Be intentional about welcoming newcomers.

5) Don't be self-serving. "Take your ministry out into the world. Don't just minister inside to your own group of single adults."

When choosing single adult leadership, Hurst advised the ministers to be selective, put people in teams, offer development, focus on people's giftedness, look for positive people, work hard to develop male leadership, always have clear job descriptions, have specific time commitments and display public affirmation.

"Becoming a people-oriented ministry when everyone measures success by programs is difficult," Hurst said. "But I guarantee you'll get a lot more done in the long term. It'll blow people's minds."

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He says rural single adults
require special ministry

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GULF SHORES, Ala. (BP)--Don't play Beach Boys music to a Conway Twitty crowd.

That, said Doug Dees, minister of single adults at First Baptist Church of Harrison, Ark., is an important rule of thumb for those who minister in rural areas.

Dees, whose church is located in a town of 9,500, said he learned some hard, fast rules about rural single adult ministry when he found himself transplanted from a church in the Dallas-Fort Worth area to Harrison.

One was don't fight the social mores of the area. "There is no reason to fight a battle you don't need to fight. Work within the structure you have, and change things from the inside out. Don't plan a square dance if dancing is taboo. And don't play the Beach Boys if your single adults grew up with Conway Twitty."

Dees led a workshop on rural single adult ministry at the National Single Adult Leadership Convention held in Gulf Shores, Ala., Feb. 18-19. Sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board's discipleship and family development division, the conference was a weekend seminar for church leaders of single adults. The Southern Baptist Association for Ministers of Single Adults followed on Feb. 20-23.

Single adults are a different genre in rural areas, Dees said.

"There is a mix of social, economic, ethnic, educational and family factors to consider," Dees said. "Birds of a feather flock together, and so do singles."

"But in rural areas, there are less of each flock, so sometimes you have a mixed flock. In a large metropolitan area, you can find several single adults who meet the same criteria. They might be in their late 20s, college-educated, all never-married, with no immediate families within 200 miles. So it is easier for them to mix socially."

But in rural areas, you have a blue-collar guy who is divorced with two children, a young widow who has been to technical school and a million-dollar-a-year real estate salesman, he said.

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And as a rural single adult minister, you must adjust your planning for that type of group, he said.

Dees said challenges are plenty in rural single adult ministry.

The first is among the single adults themselves. Many rural single adults have "plenty of relatives and aren't in the same type of need as a single-indeed."

Dees describes a single-indeed as one who has no family in the immediate area to care for them and relate to them. "They are single-indeed and really need solid Christian relationships."

Those who have many relatives don't "feel" single and consequently don't feel they need the fellowship of other single adults, Dees said.

"I am not trying to pigeon hole every person who is not currently married; some of them will never let you care for them. Don't get discouraged when the numbers don't come."

Another challenge can sometimes be those who try to stop the singles ministry.

"You may have a pastor or some church members who don't see the need for a single adult ministry, but you know that God wants you to minister to singles."

Dees suggested rather than taking up regularly scheduled church time, such as Wednesday nights, for a singles gathering, conduct a Bible study at someone's home on Thursday nights.

Dees said single adult ministers in rural areas should get used to being called the youth pastor.

"Sometimes people in rural areas don't have a concept of what singleness is," Dees said. "I have been at First Baptist Church, Harrison, for almost four years and am pretty well known in the community, yet I am still introduced as the youth pastor a lot of the time."

Dees said the most important rule of rural single adult ministry is tenacity. "If the single adult ministry is where God is telling you to be, then you just stay after it, no matter the results or the heartaches."

He advised rural single adult ministers to avoid equating their self-worth with numbers.

"If my self-worth is coming from how many people I've got, then I might as well throw myself out the window. You can't get depressed if you don't meet certain quotas."

"You can't let your single adults be a statistic or it will eat your lunch."

"You cannot draw your life from your ministry. You must give your life to it."

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CORRECTION: In (BP) story titled "Opposed to his health plan, CLC, others tell Cooper" dated 2/22/94, please insert the following two paragraphs following the fourth paragraph.

In a Feb. 14 prepared statement, Cooper said, "The bill does not address abortion or any other specific benefit. Since the bill is neutral on the subject, our cosponsors include both proponents and opponents of including abortion in the benefits package."

"The approach of our bill reflects our belief that health care professionals, not the Congress, are most qualified to define a benefits package to meet the health care needs of our citizens."

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