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EDITORS' NOTE: This special edition of Baptist Press contains stories about the meetings of various organizations to precede the June 20-22 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta. Baptist Press will carry stories about the alumni luncheons of the six SBC seminaries at a later date.

**Pastors' Conference to focus
on Jesus as 'High and Lifted Up' By Art Toalston**

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ATLANTA (BP)--"High and Lifted Up" is more than a theme -- it underscores a desperate need across the land, said James Merritt, president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, which will meet June 18-19 in the Georgia Dome.

"If there has ever been a day and an age in which we need the gospel and the glory of Jesus Christ high and lifted up, it's today," said Merritt, pastor of First Baptist Church, Snellville, Ga. And the need is even greater "in light of the coming new millinea and what I believe to be the nearness of the coming of Christ," he said.

Each of the conference's five sessions will focus on a different aspect of the "High and Lifted Up" theme drawn from Isaiah 6:1 and from Jesus' words in John 12:32 -- lifting up Jesus in revelation (the Scripture); salvation (the cross, the gospel, new birth); proclamation (Jesus Christ as the focus of all preaching); exaltation (worship and praise); and coronation (the second coming of Christ).

The conference, held just prior to the June 20-22 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting, will include speakers continuously popular at the event, such as former SBC presidents Adrian Rogers, James T. Draper Jr. and Jerry Vines, and other Baptist pastors and SBC leaders who will address the conference for the first time.

Another notable on the program will be Charles Colson, Prison Fellowship founder and former Watergate figure, scheduled for 8:20 p.m. Monday.

Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, suburban Memphis, Tenn., will speak at 7:45 p.m. Monday, June 19; Draper, president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, 3:45 p.m. Sunday; and Vines, co-pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., 7:40 p.m. Sunday.

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Among first-time speakers will be Danny Akin, dean of students, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.; Robert Reccord, pastor of First Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va.; Ken Whitten, senior pastor, Idlewild Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.; and Fred Luter Jr., pastor of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans.

In addition to a slate of speakers of interest to pastors, Merritt said, the program will include "something for the scholar as well as for the layperson in the pew and for the many in-between." He noted there will be two speakers from academia, Akin and Paige Patterson, president of Southeastern; an evangelist, Junior Hill of Hartselle, Ala.; an apologetics specialist, Ravi Racharias of Atlanta, whose ministry focuses on reaching intellectuals and developing leaders; a Bible conference leader and author, John Phillips of Memphis, Tenn.; and authors John MacArthur, pastor of Grace Community Church, Sun Valley, Calif., and Gene Getz, senior pastor, Fellowship Bible Church, Plano, Texas.

Special recognition times have been scheduled Monday to honor Roy Fish, 30-year evangelism professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 10 a.m., and longtime evangelist J. Harold Smith, 3:40 p.m.

Also, the Brotherhood Commission will make a special presentation at 7:30 p.m. Sunday about a Promise Keepers pastors' conference to be held in 1996 in Atlanta.

Featured musicians will be Point of Grace, a contemporary Christian group of four women who started singing together while students at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas; the Gold City Quartet; and music evangelist Bryan "Bo" Parker and Terry and Barbi Franklin. The conference's music director will be Richard K. Forbus, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Snellville, Ga.

"I would strongly encourage attendance throughout the conference, but especially at the end of the last session," Merritt added, "because I believe we're going to put on a finale in which the Lord Jesus Christ will be high and lifted up in a phenomenally creative way through video, a 1,000-voice choir and 'innovate technological wrinkles.'"

Amplifying his choice of "High and Lifted Up" for the Pastors' Conference theme, Merritt said, "You look at any aspect of society, whether it be the home, school or the government, there's no question we're a nation that's literally falling apart before our very eyes. If we have proven anything over the last 20 years, it's that knowledge, education and technology without God, rather than solving problems, many times creates new and bigger ones.

"Just a cursory look at what has happened just since 1960 in our own country with the breakup of the family, the soaring crime rate, the explosion of epidemics such as AIDS, divorce, exploding deficits in government spending that no one seems to know how to control -- without the hope of Christ, there's no reason in my opinion to experience anything other than gloom and despair," Merritt said. "But the cross and the empty tomb are a constant reminder that there's always the hope of revival, regeneration and restoration."

When he was elected Pastors' Conference president last year, Merritt recounted, "The very first thing I did was begin to seek the Lord about the theme, and I wanted it to come straight from Scripture." He was reading through the Book of Isaiah last fall in his personal devotional time, and when he came to chapter 6, verse 1, "It just immediately hit me -- the Lord laid it on my heart that's the theme of the conference. That's my simple desire, that the Lord Jesus Christ in all of his glory be high and lifted up."

1995 SBC Pastors' Conference
Annual Meeting
June 18-19, 1995
Georgia Dome
Atlanta
Theme: High and Lifted Up

Sunday, June 18, 2:00-4:30p.m. -- Session 1

Theme: High and Lifted up in Revelation

- 1:50 Pre-Session Musical Praise -- Point of Grace, music evangelists, Denise Jones, Terry Lang, Heather Floyd, Shelley Phillips
- 2:00 Musical Praise -- soloist, Jane Keel, First Baptist Church, Snellville, Ga.
- 2:03 Welcome -- James Merritt, president, 1995 Pastor's Conference, pastor, First Baptist Church, Snellville, Ga.
- 2:11 Musical Praise -- Gold City Quartet, music evangelists
- 2:20 Message -- Ken Whitten, senior pastor, Idlewild Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.
- 2:45 Congregational Praise and Worship -- Wayne Grothman, minister of music, Park Place Baptist Church, Brandon, Miss.
- 2:50 Message -- Danny Akin, dean of students, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.
- 3:15 Choral Praise -- Adult and Youth Choir/Orchestra, First Baptist Church, Snellville, Ga., Richard K. Forbus, minister of music
- 3:18 Message -- Robert Reccord, senior pastor, First Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va.
- 3:43 Prayer and Offering -- Frank Cox, pastor, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Duluth, Ga.
- 3:46 Testimony and Message -- James T. Draper Jr., president, Sunday School Board
- 4:00 Congregational Praise -- Billy Payne, assistant minister of music/orchestra director, First Baptist Church, Snellville, Ga.
- 4:03 Musical Praise -- Point of Grace
- 4:07 Message -- Jerry Sutton, pastor, Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.
- 4:30 Benediction -- Glen Cox, pastor, Concord Baptist Church, Clermont, Ga.

Sunday, June 18, 6:30-9:15p.m. -- Session 2

Theme: High and Lifted Up in Salvation

- 6:15 Pre-Session Musical Praise -- Gold City Quartet
- 6:35 Welcome -- James Merritt
- 6:40 Scripture and Prayer -- Phil Roberts, Home Mission Board, Atlanta
- 6:45 Praise and Worship -- David Oliver, minister of music, Immanuel Baptist Church, Germantown, Tenn.
- 6:50 Musical Praise -- Bryan "Bo" Parker, music evangelist
- 6:55 Message -- Jack Graham, pastor, Prestonwood Baptist Church, Dallas
- 7:25 Praise and Worship -- Joe Estes, minister of music, New Hope Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Ga.
- 7:30 Presentation by the SBC Brotherhood Commission of the Promise Keepers' 1996 Pastors' Conference in Atlanta -- James Williams, Brotherhood Commission president, and Dale Schlafer, vice president of pastoral ministries, Promise Keepers
- 7:35 Musical Praise -- Point of Grace
- 7:40 Message -- Jerry Vines, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 8:10 Prayer and Offering -- Jay Stack, evangelist, Dallas
- 8:15 Musical Praise -- Choir, First Baptist Church, Snellville, Ga., soloist, Bryan "Bo" Parker
- 8:20 Message -- Chuck Colson, chairman of the board of Prison Fellowship Ministries, Washington
- 8:55 Celebration of Salvation -- Gold City Quartet, Point of Grace, Bryan "Bo" Parker, combined choirs of First Baptist Church, Snellville, Ga.
- 9:10 Benediction -- John Yarborough, pastor, First Baptist Church, Perry, Ga.

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Monday, June 19, 8:30-11:30a.m. -- Session 3

Theme: High and Lifted Up in Proclamation

- 8:30 Choral Praise -- Choir, Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C., Jeff Andler, minister of music
- 8:45 Scripture and Prayer -- Hollie Miller, pastor, Sevier Heights Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.
- 8:55 Musical Praise -- Phil Cross and Poet Voice, music evangelists
- 9:00 Message -- Gene Getz, senior pastor, Fellowship Bible Church, North, Plano, Texas
- 9:30 Musical Praise -- soloist, Starla Harbin, First Baptist Church, Snellville, Ga.
- 9:35 Message -- Joe Brown, pastor, Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.
- 10:00 Praise and Worship -- Roger Christian, minister of music, Roswell Street Baptist Church, Marietta, Ga.
- 10:05 Special Recognition of Roy Fish for his thirty years of service at Southwestern Seminary -- Alvin Reid, Houston Baptist University, John Bisagno chair of evangelism
- 10:10 Prayer and Offering -- Larry Wynn, pastor, Hebron Baptist Church, Dacula, Ga.
- 10:15 Musical Praise -- Phil Cross and Poet Voices
- 10:25 Message -- Fred Luter Jr., pastor, Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans
- 10:55 Choral Praise -- Choir, Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.
- 11:00 Message -- Junior Hill, evangelist, Hartselle, Ala.
- 11:30 Benediction -- Donny Pickerill, pastor, Ash Street Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ga.
- Postlude -- Choir, Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.

Monday, June 19, 1:15-4:30p.m. -- Session 4

Theme: High and Lifted Up in Exaltation

- 1:15 Choral Praise -- Choir, First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Ga., Scott White, minister of music
- 1:30 Scripture and Prayer -- Daniel Gage, evangelist, Houston
- 1:35 Musical Praise -- Point of Grace
- 1:40 Message -- Paige Patterson, President of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.
- 2:05 Congregational Music -- Larry Black, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.
- 2:10 Choral Praise -- Choir, First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Ga.
- 2:15 Message -- Johnny M. Hunt, pastor, First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Ga.
- 2:40 Gold City Quartet
- 2:45 Election of Officers
- 2:55 Musical Praise -- Bryan "Bo" Parker
- 3:00 Message -- Ronnie Floyd, pastor, First Baptist Church, Springdale, Ark.
- 3:30 Prayer and Offering -- Dwight "Ike" Reighard, pastor, New Hope Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Ga.
- 3:35 Congregational Praise -- Buster Pray, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Springdale, Ark.
- 3:40 Recognition of J. Harold Smith -- Freddie Gage, evangelist, Euless, Texas
- 3:50 Musical Praise -- Gold City Quartet
- 4:00 Message -- John Phillips, author and minister, Memphis, Tenn.
- 4:30 Benediction -- Jim Austin, pastor, Blackshear Place Baptist Church, Flowery Branch, Ga.

Monday, June 19, 6:30-9:20 p.m. -- Session 5

Theme: High and Lifted Up in Coronation

- 6:10 Musical Praise -- Gold City Quartet

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- 6:25 Scripture and Prayer -- Claude Thomas, pastor, First Baptist Church, Euless, Texas
- 6:30 Welcome -- Jim Henry, president, Southern Baptist Convention, pastor, First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.
- 6:35 Congregational Praise -- Denny Dawson, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Franklin, Tenn.
- 6:40 Introduction of 1996 Pastors' Conference officers by James Merritt
- 6:45 Choral Praise -- Choir, First Baptist Church, Snellville, Ga.
- 6:50 Message -- Ravi Zacharias, president, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries, Atlanta
- 7:20 Presentation of Here's Hope: Share Jesus Now -- Darrell Robinson, SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta
- 7:30 Choral Praise -- Choir, First Baptist Church, Snellville, Ga.
- 7:35 Prayer and Offering -- Bill Stafford, evangelist, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- 7:40 Choral Praise -- Choir, First Baptist Church, Snellville, Ga.
- 7:45 Message -- Adrian Rogers, pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova, Tenn.
- 8:20 Musical Praise -- Terry and Barbi Franklin, music evangelists, Nashville, Tenn.; choirs and orchestras from Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.; First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Ga.; and First Baptist Church, Snellville
- 8:25 Message -- John MacArthur, pastor, Grace Community Church, Sun Valley, Calif.
- 9:00 High and Lifted Up: The Coronation -- Grand Finale with 1,000 Voice Mass Choir and Multi-Media Presentation -- Park Place Baptist Church, Brandon, Miss.; Hebron Baptist Church, Dacula, Ga.; New Hope Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Ga.; Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Duluth, Ga.; Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.; First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Ga.; First Baptist Church, Snellville, Ga.
- 9:15 Benediction -- John Cross, pastor, South Biscayne Baptist Church, North Port, Fla.

**WMU annual meeting features
Lotz, commissioning service**

By Teresa Dickens

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)--Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union's June 18-19 annual meeting will include testimonies from foreign and home missionaries, addresses by Anne Graham Lotz and Jimmy R. Allen, and a Home Mission Board commissioning service.

All sessions of the annual WMU gathering will be held in the Georgia World Congress Center Ballroom. The meeting opens at 2:20 p.m. Sunday, June 18, and closes with the Monday evening session. The theme for the meeting is "A Place for You in God's World."

Lotz, a popular speaker from Raleigh, N.C., will be featured in the Sunday evening session. She is one of Billy and Ruth Graham's five children and founder of AnGeL Ministries. Allen, former president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, will speak Monday afternoon as part of the kick-off for WMU's 1996 social issue effort, Project Help: AIDS. Allen has become an advocate of AIDS ministry in recent years due to his own family's struggle with the HIV virus, encompassing battles with the disease by his daughter-in-law, two grandsons and a son.

Larry L. Lewis, president of the HMB, will bring the message during the commissioning service, which will begin at 6:50 p.m. June 19. The program also will feature testimonies from the new missionaries.

The Monday morning session will feature an address by Dellanna O'Brien, national WMU executive director, and a testimony on "What WMU Has Meant to Me" by Anise McDaniel of Clinton, Miss. McDaniel is 102 years old and the mother of retired foreign missionary Major McDaniel.

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A prayer emphasis will close each session of the meeting, with the exception of Monday evening. Each experience will include calls to prayer by a foreign and home missionary followed by a time of prayer and music meditation.

Theme interpretations will be presented by Face to Face, a Christian drama group from Birmingham, Ala. Joanne Perry, a music evangelist from Simpsonville, S.C., will lead music, and Randall Atcheson, a concert pianist from Greenwich, Conn., will accompany and provide special music. The missionaries to appear on the program are yet to be named.

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WMU Annual Meeting

Atlanta, Georgia

June 18-19, 1995

Theme: A Place for You in God's World
Georgia World Congress Center Ballroom

Sunday Afternoon, June 18

2:20 Music for Meditation -- Randall Atcheson, piano, Greenwich, Conn.
 2:30 Call to Order -- Carolyn D. Miller, Birmingham, Ala.
 Hymns -- Joanne Perry, directing, Simpsonville, S.C.
 "God's World Today"
 "O God of Love, Enable Me"
 Invocation
 Announcements
 Introduction of Local Committee
 Message in Music -- Joanne Perry
 Message: My Place in God's World Today -- home missionary (yet to be named)
 Theme Interpretation -- Face to Face
 Message: My Place in God's World Today -- foreign missionary (to be named)
 Hymn "God's World Today"
 Devote Yourselves to Prayer -- home missionary, foreign missionary
 Prayertime: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying, Organ and Piano
 Benediction: "When I Pray"

Sunday Night, June 18

6:50 Music for Meditation -- Randall Atcheson, piano
 7:00 Call to Order -- Carolyn D. Miller
 Hymns -- Joanne Perry
 "Jesus Is the Song"
 "I'll Tell the World That I'm a Christian"
 Invocation
 Announcements
 Presentation of National Acteens Panelists -- Jan Turrentine,
 Carrie Bell, Kelly Hamilton, Amy Lynn Foster, Jamie S. Mashburn,
 Amy Rebekah Hamilton, Emily McAlister
 Hymn "People Need the Lord"
 Message: My Place in God's World Today -- home missionary
 Message in Music -- Joanne Perry
 Message: -- Anne Graham Lotz, Raleigh, N.C.
 Hymn: "God's World Today"
 Theme Interpretation -- Face to Face
 Devote Yourselves to Prayer -- foreign missionary, home missionary
 Prayertime: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
 Benediction: "When I Pray"

Monday Morning, June 19

9:20 Music for Meditation -- Randall Atcheson, piano

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9:30 Call to Order -- Carolyn D. Miller
 Hymn: "Make Me a Channel of Blessing"
 Invocation
 Message: My Place in God's World Today -- foreign missionary
 Executive Board Report -- A Place for You in WMU, Dellanna W. O'Brien,
 Birmingham, Ala.
 Testimony: "What WMU Has Meant to Me" -- Anise McDaniel, Clinton, Miss.
 Hymn: "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"
 Presentation: A Place for You in WMU
 Special Recognitions
 Election of Officers
 Hymn: "Because He Lives"
 Offertory Prayer
 Offering
 Message in Music -- Joanne Perry
 Message: My Place in God's World Today -- home missionary
 Theme Interpretation -- Face to Face
 Hymn: "God's World Today"
 Devote Yourselves to Prayer -- home missionary, foreign missionary
 Prayertime: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying, Organ
 Benediction: "When I Pray"

Monday Afternoon, June 19

2:00 Music for Meditation -- Randall Atcheson, piano
 Call to Order -- Carolyn D. Miller
 Hymns -- Joanne Perry, directing
 "Wonderful Grace of Jesus"
 "Grace Greater than Our Sin"
 "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"
 Invocation
 Announcements
 Message: My Place in God's World Today -- home missionary
 Theme Interpretation -- Face to Face
 Message: My Place in God's World Today -- foreign missionary
 Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" -- Joanne Perry, directing
 Project Help: AIDS: A Place for You in Ministry -- Sandra Nash,
 Clinton, Miss.
 Message: -- Jimmy R. Allen
 Hymn: "God's World Today"
 Devote Yourselves to Prayer -- home missionary, foreign missionary
 Prayertime: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying -- Organ
 Benediction: "When I Pray"

Monday Evening, June 19

6:50 Music for Meditation -- Randall Atcheson, piano
 7:00 Call to Order and Welcome -- Carolyn D. Miller
 Response -- Robert T. Banks, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.
 Hymn: "Tell the Good News" -- Joanne Perry, directing
 Scripture and Prayer -- Roger Freeman
 Testimony
 Hymns (Flags Process)
 "We've a Story to Tell"
 "O Zion Haste"
 Partnership with State Conventions and Associations -- T.O. Spicer, Joplin,
 Mo.
 Introduction of Missionaries -- William C. Graham, Atlanta, Ga.
 Presentation of Certificates of Appointment -- Larry L. Lewis, Atlanta, Ga.
 Testimonies -- Selected Missionaries

Prayer of Dedication -- Dellanna W. O'Brien
 Message in Music
 Message -- Larry L. Lewis
 Hymn of Commitment: "I Surrender All" -- Joanne Perry, directing
 Benediction -- James Williams, Memphis, Tenn.
 Postlude

Music conference to feature
 Charles Lowery, 4 workshops

By Art Toalston

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ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Church Music Conference will host Charles Lowery as the worship preacher during its 39th annual meeting in Atlanta, June 18-19.

Lowery, pastor of Hoffmantown Baptist Church, Albuquerque, N.M., will preach during the worship sessions at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 18, and 7 p.m. June 19 of the conference, to be held at Peachtree Corners Baptist Church, Norcross, Ga.

Noting the theme "We Are God's People," conference president Mark Blankenship, director of the Baptist Sunday School Board's music department, noted, "the commonness that binds us together is worthy of celebrating and growing into a conference that all SBC musicians can feel a part."

Blankenship described the conference as "the only formalized membership group for SBC church musicians, whether serving in local churches, educational institutions or denominational work ... whether full-time, part-time or volunteer."

He noted, "We like different music styles. We approach worship planning in a variety of ways. We teach differently. We organize differently. We promote and motivate differently. We conduct differently. And yet we have much in common: the strongest music ministry of any U.S. evangelical denomination. We have well-established graded choirs, orchestras, youth choirs, adult choirs, handbell choirs, organists and pianists, music departments in colleges and seminaries, and a more than 50-year history of formalized denominational structure through national, state and associational cooperation."

The two-day music conference will include:

-- four seminars, offered at 9:05 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. June 19: "Worship Planning: Staying Fresh," led by Lynn Madden, minister of music, Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark.; "The Pageant: Is It Worth the Effort?" Gerald Ray, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Houston; "Administration: A Curse or a Blessing?" Wendell Boertje, minister of music, Central Bearden Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.; and "Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs: Is There a Difference?" Terry York, manager of the BSSB music department's literary design field service section.

-- performance of church music commissioned by the conference, scheduled during the 7 p.m. worship service, June 18: a hymn with tune by A.L. Butler, professor of church music, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., and words by J. Paul Williams of Little Rock, and an anthem with words and music by Cindy Berry, Lawton, Okla.

-- performances and/or demonstrations by the Florida Baptist All-State Youth Choir; Simmons Classic of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas; the SBC Hymnal Heritage Youth Choir; the praise and worship team from Dunwoody Baptist Church, Atlanta; the Peachtree Corners Baptist Church choir; the older children's choir from First Baptist Church, Atlanta; and a singing men's choir.

**Directors of missions
to address relationships**

By Art Toalston

ATLANTA (BP)--"Building Relationships" will be the theme of the 34th annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Directors of Missions, June 18-19 in Atlanta.

The meeting, to be held at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel, precedes the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 20-22 in Atlanta's Georgia Dome.

The relationships theme grew out of a meeting of the DOMs' nine-member program committee after last year's conference in Orlando, Fla., according to T.O. Spicer, conference president and DOM of the Spring River Baptist Association, Joplin, Mo.

"We talked about all of the things in the director of mission's professional life, and one of the primary aspects of that always is relationships," Spicer said. "The work of the director of missions centers around the relationships he establishes with the churches, pastors, lay leaders in the churches, other directors of missions and denominational workers."

Featured speakers and their themes during the conference will be:

-- Don Hammer, faculty member at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., "Building Spiritual Relationships."

-- Lottie Crim, wife of Charles Crim, DOM from Green River, Wyo., "Building Personal Relationships."

-- John Perkins, DOM from Hernando, Miss., "Building Professional Relationships."

-- Ignatius Meimaris, DOM from Needham, Mass., "Building Supervisory Relationships."

-- Glenn Akins, director of research & consulting services of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, "Building Consultive Relationships."

-- Emmanuel McCall, pastor of Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, College Park, Ga., and retired Home Mission Board liaison with black churches, "Building Racial/Ethnic Relationships."

-- Lee Walker, DOM from San Jacinto, Texas, will lead the conference's music.

The conference begins at 1 p.m. June 18 and ends with an afternoon session at 1 p.m. June 19.

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**Seminars to inaugurate
Hispanic Fellowship agenda**

By Art Toalston

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ATLANTA (BP)--Seminars on family, men's, women's and youth concerns will launch the Southern Baptist Hispanic Fellowship's June 17-18 meeting prior to the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting in Atlanta.

The theme for the gathering, scheduled at Briarlake Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., will be "What the Spirit Is Saying to the Hispanic Church."

Also slated during the meeting will be the fellowship's recognition of Fermin Whittaker, executive director of the California Southern Baptist Convention, as leader of the year; Oswaldo Guarnero of Dallas as layman of the year; Cristobal Dona, pastor of White Road Hispanic Baptist Church, San Jose, Calif., as minister of the year; Paul Powell, president of the Annuity Board, for his concerns in behalf of Hispanic ministers; and the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Texas, for "Ninety Years of Faithful Service."

The seminars, slated for 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17, will be:

-- Pastors: "The Family and Stress," led by Margarita Trevino, president, Christian Education and Research Agency, Keller, Texas.

-- Women: "The Christian Woman and Church Growth," led by Rosa Zamora of the Woman's Missionary Union staff, Birmingham, Ala.

-- Men: "A Christian Man, A Faithful Witness," led by Manuel Galindo, Harlingen, Texas, president, Texas Hispanic Baptist Men, and Isaac Torres, a layman from Kingsville, Texas.

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-- Youth: "Today's Youth ... The Future Is Yours," led by William Orfegá, pastor, Iglesia Bautista Hispana la Voz de la Esperanza, Charlotte, N.C.

Also during the seminar time, a meeting will be held of the presidents of state Hispanic fellowships and a session will be offered for children, led by Ruth Aleman, a member of First Hispanic Southern Baptist Church, Atlanta.

Jose Luis Molliner, president of the Miami Hispanic Fellowship, will be the featured speaker during the 4 p.m. general session, addressing "Our Mission Field ... Our Responsibility." Molliner also is pastor of Miami's Iglesia Bautista. Also during the session will be a testimony by Torres; music by the United Metro Atlanta Choir and its children's choir; and the recognition of Guarnero.

Rene De Alejandro, chief of police in Robstown, Texas, will be the featured speaker during the 7 p.m. session, addressing "The Hispanic Christian, Politics and Christian Service." Also during the session will be a testimony by Victor Mendoza, pastor of Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel, Aurora, Ill.; music by Mirian Lopez of Miami, Florida WMU language representative, and music evangelist Jeannie Gonzales of LaGrange, Ga.; and the recognitions of Whittaker, a former Home Mission Board staff member who recently assumed his new position with California Baptists, and the Baptist Spanish Publishing House.

Two speakers will be featured during the 3 p.m. session Sunday, June 18: evangelist Rudy A. Hernandez of San Antonio, Texas, delivering the president's message and Sena, "The State of Hispanic Ministries in the SBC." Also during the session will be a testimony by Don Kammerdiener, executive vice president, Foreign Mission Board; music by the United Metro Choir and children's choir and music evangelist Eleazar Inciarte of Raleigh, N.C.; the recognitions of Dona and Powell; and a business session, to include a discussion of the impact on Hispanic ministries of the proposed restructuring of the Southern Baptist Convention to be considered during the June 20-22 SBC meeting in the Georgia Dome.

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**Missions to be highlighted
at African American worship**

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ATLANTA (BP)--Foreign missions will be the emphasis of the annual worship service of the African American Fellowship of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The fellowship was organized formally three years ago, encompassing the 1,500 African American churches in the SBC.

The worship service, at 5 p.m. June 18, will be held at Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, College Park, Ga.

Speakers for the foreign missions emphasis will be Ralph D. West, pastor of Brookhollow Baptist Church, Houston, and David Cornelius, director of black church relations for the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., and a former FMB missionary to Nigeria. Music will be provided by Christian Fellowship's choir.

The fellowship's business meeting will begin at 11 a.m. Monday, June 19, at Greenforest Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., followed by a luncheon.

The business meeting will include a discussion of business scheduled during the June 20-22 SBC annual meeting in Atlanta, ideas for added networking of churches in the fellowship and election of officers, with E.W. McCall, pastor of St. Stephen Baptist Church, La Puente, Calif., to be nominated as president to succeed Joe Samuel Ratliff, pastor of Brentwood Baptist Church, Houston.

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**Campus ministers
to meet at Ga. Tech**

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ATLANTA (BP)--The Baptist Student Center at Georgia Tech will host the Association of Southern Baptist Campus Ministers for its annual meeting, June 16-18 in Atlanta, "Charting a Course for the Twenty-first Century."

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In addition to a slate of guest speakers, the meeting will include four "breakout sessions" for campus ministers sharing common concerns, according to Ken May, Baptist Student Center director at Troy (Ala.) State University, the association's program chairman.

Featured speakers and their topics will be:

-- Lloyd Allen, head of the department of Christian studies and philosophy, Mississippi College, Clinton, "Avoiding the Mire of Inauthentic Spirituality," 7 p.m. Friday, June 16.

-- Emmanuel McCall, pastor, Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, College Park, Ga., and retired liaison with black churches for the Home Mission Board, "Exploring the Rocky Terrain of Race Relations," 8:30 p.m., June 16.

-- Michelle Tooley, adjunct professor of Christian education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., who has been elected to the faculty of Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn., "Radical Discipleship in a Secular Society: Ethical Challenges for the 21st Century," 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 17.

The worship leader will be Jack Causey, pastor, First Baptist Church, Statesville, N.C.

Also, seminars will be offered June 17 on such topics as "Developing Creative Worship Services for Students;" "Drinking from the Spring -- Help for My Spiritual Journey;" and "Ethical and Legal Issues in Campus Ministry."

The association's president is Charles Lillard, Baptist Student Union director at the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmund.

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Researchers to examine
baptism, discipleship

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ATLANTA (BP)--Research on baptisms and discipleship will be among the topics discussed during the Southern Baptist Research Fellowship's June 17 meeting.

The Saturday gathering, from noon to 9 p.m., will be held in Atlanta's Colony Square Hotel. The fellowship, now with 100 members, was founded in 1978.

According to its president, Clay Price, research information specialist for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the program will include reviews of:

-- a study by the South Carolina Baptist Convention of church practices for assimilating and discipling new members, new Christians and visitors, led by Glenn Akins, the convention's director of research and consulting services.

-- a study by Foreign Mission Board researcher Jim Slack on missions concerns and influences among baby boomers and pre-baby boomers.

-- a study by the Home Mission Board's research department on baptisms.

-- the Baptist Sunday School Board's new Annual Church Profile, which replaces the Uniform Church Letter.

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Baptist computer users
to meet prior to SBC

By Debbie Moore

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ATLANTA (BP)--The latest in fax technology and use of the Internet will be among topics discussed during the Southern Baptist Computer Users Association's annual meeting June 16-17 prior to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The SBCUA meeting, to be held in the Home Mission Board's new office building in Alpharetta, Ga., also will look at computer security and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary's new distance learning project, which uses compressed interactive video (CIV) to connect students at extension center campuses on a real-time basis with professors and students at the main campus. Another feature will be Joel Barker's video, "The Power of Vision." The meeting also will include an election of officers for 1995.

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SBCUA is an organization of Southern Baptist employees who meet to discuss common computer-related issues. Any employee of a Southern Baptist church, association, state convention, agency, educational institution, commission or auxiliary who directs, supervises or works in a computer-related role may join SBCUA. Annual membership dues are \$10 for an individual or \$20 for two or more members from the same organization.

Registration fee for the meeting is \$25, which includes a luncheon on Friday, June 16.

To pre-register for the meeting or to obtain more information on becoming a member of SBCUA, contact Charles Williamson, director of systems development for the Home Mission Board, at (404) 898-7282. The registration fee also may be paid at the door.

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