

# Proceedings

## SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

June 10-13, 1969

### Tuesday Night, June 10

1. President W. A. Criswell (Texas) called the one hundred twelfth session of the Southern Baptist Convention, in the one hundred and twenty-fourth year of its history, to order at 7:00 P.M., June 10, 1969, in the Rivergate Exhibition Center, New Orleans, Louisiana.

2. Presession music by the youth and adult choirs and orchestra of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, had been directed by Lee Roy Till (Texas).

3. President Criswell introduced Lee Roy Till as the director of music for the Convention, who introduced the organist, Tommy Brinkley (Texas), and the pianist, Mrs. Norman Burch (Fla.). He then led the Convention in singing "We're Marching to Zion," and he and Mrs. Till sang "My Hope Is in Thee."

4. John S. Farrar (Va.) led the Convention in the reading of the Scriptures, and James C. Gantenbein (Ore.) led the Convention in prayer.

5. W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary, reported a registration of 12,475 messengers at 7:10 P.M. and moved that these messengers constitute the Convention and that the duly accredited messengers from churches in cooperation with the Convention who arrive later be recognized as members of the Convention when they have enrolled on the basis of membership as set forth in Article III of the Constitution. The motion passed.

6. Richard Kay (Calif.), chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, introduced the members of the committee, gave necessary explanations about certain items in the order of business, appealed for adherence to the assigned time for scheduled addresses and reports, and moved the adoption of the report as printed in the Convention *Bulletin*, subject to necessary changes authorized by the Convention. The motion passed.

General Theme: "Christ in Faith and Work"

### TUESDAY NIGHT

#### *Faith and Work Proclaimed*

6:45 Music for Inspiration

7:00 Call to Order

Music

Scripture—John S. Farrar, Virginia

Invocation—James C. Gantenbein, Oregon

7:10 Report of Registration and Constituting of the Convention—W. Fred Kendall, Tennessee

7:15 Committee on Order of Business—Richard Kay, California

7:20 Welcome—John McKeithen, Louisiana

7:25 Worship

Music

Scripture—James M. Baldwin, Oklahoma

- 7:35 ANNUAL CONVENTION SERMON—Scott L. Tatum, Louisiana  
 8:10 Music  
 8:15 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions,  
 and Tellers Committee  
 8:20 Music  
 8:35 PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS—W. A. Criswell, Texas  
 Benediction

## WEDNESDAY MORNING

*Faith and Work at Home*

- 9:15 Music for Inspiration  
 9:30 Invocation—J. L. Canafax, Arizona  
 Memorial Service—Searcy S. Garrison, Georgia  
 9:45 Executive Committee Report—Porter W. Routh, Tennessee  
 10:30 Worship  
 Music  
 Scripture—Katsuro Taura, Hawaii  
 10:40 Miscellaneous Business and Resolutions  
 11:25 Music  
 11:30 Home Mission Board—Arthur B. Rutledge, Georgia  
 12:45 Benediction—William Carter, Indiana

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

*Faith and Work in Citizenship*

- 2:15 Music for Inspiration  
 2:30 Invocation—Noland Phillips, Ohio  
 Election of Officers  
 Miscellaneous Business and Resolutions  
 3:15 Historical Commission—Davis C. Woolley, Tennessee  
 3:25 Stewardship Commission—Merrill D. Moore, Tennessee  
 3:40 Southern Baptist Foundation—Kendall Berry, Tennessee  
 3:45 Worship  
 Music  
 Scripture—Trenton Bruce, South Carolina  
 3:50 Annuity Board—R. Alton Reed, Texas  
 4:10 ADDRESS—John Bob Riddle, Alabama  
 4:35 Benediction—Edward Wolfe, Alaska

## WEDNESDAY EVENING

*Faith and Work in the Future*

- 7:15 Music for Inspiration  
 7:30 Invocation—G. A. Ratterree, Florida  
 Woman's Missionary Union—Alma Hunt, Alabama  
 7:45 Brotherhood Commission—George W. Schroeder, Tennessee  
 7:55 Southern Baptist Hospitals—Hardy M. Harrell, Florida  
 8:05 Sunday School Board—James L. Sullivan, Tennessee  
 8:35 Worship  
 Music  
 Scripture—Fred S. Holloman, Kansas  
 8:45 "Shaping the Seventies" Presentation  
 9:45 Benediction—Herbert Hughes, Utah

## THURSDAY MORNING

*Faith and Work with Others*

- 9:15 Music for Inspiration  
 9:30 Invocation—W. R. Buchanan, New Mexico  
 Committee on Resolutions (first report)  
 10:00 Committee on Committees, John C. Huffman, Kentucky

- 10:05 Committee on Baptist State Papers—Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma
- 10:10 Radio and Television Commission—Paul M. Stevens, Texas
- 10:30 Election of Officers
- Miscellaneous Business
- 11:30 Committee on Canadian Baptist Cooperation—Arthur B. Rutledge, Georgia
- 11:35 Baptist World Alliance—Josef Nordenhaug, District of Columbia
- 11:45 Worship
- Music
- Scripture—Bobby H. Belcher, Maryland
- 11:50 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers
- 12:10 Music
- 12:15 ADDRESS—S. M. Lockridge, California
- 12:45 Benediction—Garrett Graham, Florida

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

(No Convention session is scheduled.)

#### THURSDAY EVENING

*Faith and Work Throughout the World*

- 7:15 Music for Inspiration
- 7:30 Invocation—Fred D. Barnes, North Carolina
- Education Commission—Rabun L. Brantley, Tennessee
- 7:45 American Baptist Seminary Commission—Herman F. Burns, Tennessee
- 7:50 Report of the Seminaries and Presentation of the Seminary Presidents—Olin T. Binkley, North Carolina
- 8:05 Message on Christian Education—W. R. White, Texas
- 8:35 Worship
- Music
- Scripture—D. Doyle Haire, Arkansas
- 8:45 Foreign Mission Board—Baker James Cauthen, Virginia
- 9:55 Benediction—Milo E. Arbuckle, Colorado

#### FRIDAY MORNING

*Faith and Work for Humanity*

- 9:15 Music for Inspiration
- 9:30 Invocation—John E. Barnes, Jr., Mississippi
- 10:00 American Bible Society—Roy I. Madsen, New York
- 10:05 Committee on Boards (final report)—John C. Huffman, Kentucky
- 10:10 Committee on Denominational Calendar—Dan D. Bryson, Missouri
- 10:15 Christian Life Commission—Foy Valentine, Tennessee
- 10:30 Worship
- Music
- Scripture—Robert J. Hastings, Illinois
- 10:40 Miscellaneous Business
- 11:40 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs—C. Emanuel Carlson, District of Columbia
- 12:10 Music
- 12:15 ADDRESS—Culbert Rutenber, Massachusetts
- 12:45 Benediction—Roy D. Gresham, Maryland

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

*Prayer and God's Word in Evangelism*

- 2:30 Congregational Hymn
- Scripture and Prayer—Arthur B. Rutledge, Georgia
- Solo—Dale Coody, Oklahoma
- Testimonies:
  - David Fite, former missionary to Cuba
  - E. L. Golonka, Georgia
  - L. D. Clepper, Louisiana
- Congregational Hymn

Prayer  
 Union University Quartet, Tennessee  
 Testimonies:  
   Elie Woerner, Louisiana  
   John Vandercreek, Louisiana  
   Herbert Caudill, former missionary to Cuba  
 Congregational Hymn  
 Solo—Fritz Smith, Texas  
 Challenge—W. A. Criswell, Texas  
 Prayer Session for Friday Evening Evangelistic Service  
 Congregational Hymn  
 3:45 Adjourn

## FRIDAY EVENING

### *Faith and Work for Victory*

6:45 Rehearsal—The Combined Choirs of New Orleans, led by Charles Hayes, Louisiana  
 7:30 Prelude—Jo Ellen Burch, Florida, and Tommy Brinkley, Texas  
 The Combined Choirs of New Orleans  
 Hymn  
 Invocation—C. E. Autrey, Georgia  
 Dramatic Presentation—New Orleans Youth Rally, directed by Carl Mays, Louisiana  
 Hymn  
 Announcements  
 Testimony in Song:  
   Fritz Smith, Texas  
   Union University Quartet, Tennessee  
   Phil Driscoll, Texas  
   Anne Criswell Jackson, Louisiana  
 Testimony—Tom Barrington, Louisiana  
 Scripture—C. Wade Freeman, Texas  
 Hymn  
 Prayer—Ralph Blavins, Louisiana  
 The Combined Choirs of New Orleans  
 Solo—Anne Criswell Jackson  
 Message—John Bisagno, Oklahoma  
 Hymn of Invitation  
 Benediction  
 Organist: Tommy Brinkley, Texas  
 Pianist: Mrs. Norman Burch, Florida

### NOTE:

1. Convention Bylaw 21 states that one-third of the time for consideration of all reports before the Convention shall be reserved for discussion from the floor.
2. Items in capital letters will be called for at the time indicated and are not to be shifted, altered, or abbreviated.
3. The Executive Committee and the Committee on Boards will make their reports in sections. The portion of their report dealing with a board or agency will be presented at the time the report of that board or agency is presented to the Convention.

7. The president announced the appointment of Lee Porter (Texas) to serve as parliamentarian for the Convention.

8. The president introduced John McKeithen, governor of Louisiana, for the welcome address.

9. President Criswell presented Mrs. Criswell to the Convention. He then presented the other officers and the wives present: First Vice-president Owen Cooper (Miss.) and Mrs. Cooper, Second Vice-president Lee Porter (Texas) and Mrs. Porter, Recording Secretary Clifton J. Allen (Tenn.), Registration Secretary W. Fred Kendall (Tenn.) and Mrs. Kendall, and Treasurer Porter Routh (Tenn.) and Mrs. Routh.

10. The president requested past presidents of the Convention who were present to come to the platform. The following were presented to the Convention: J. D. Grey (La.), C. C. Warren (N. C.), Brooks Hays (D. C.), Herschel H. Hobbs (Okla.), K. O. White (Ariz.), W. Wayne Dehoney (Ky.), and H. Franklin Paschall (Tenn.).

11. Owen Cooper, first vice-president, was requested to take the chair. He called upon the messengers to maintain a spirit of worship during the Convention sermon and the president's address.

12. James M. Baldwin (Ill.) read Matthew 16:13-24 and Colossians 1:14-18 and led the Convention in prayer.

13. Special music was presented by James E. Castle and Mrs. Castle (La.).

14. Scott L. Tatum (La.) preached on the subject, "The Autonomy of Baptists and the Authority of Christ."

15. The Convention was led in singing "To God Be the Glory."

16. Special music was presented by the combined choirs and orchestra of the Dallas First Baptist Church, directed by Lee Roy Till.

17. J. D. Grey (La.) was recognized for an announcement about the necessity for observing parking regulations on the streets and fire regulations in the auditorium.

18. The official picture of the Convention was taken.

19. Vice-president Cooper announced the appointment of the Committee on Committees, Credentials Committee, Committee on Resolutions, and Tellers Committee, the members of each of these committees being listed in the Convention *Bulletin* as follows:

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: Homer G. Lindsay, Florida, *Chairman*; J. Gilbert Hutchinson, Lambert C. Mims, Alabama; J. Dee Cates, Harold Friend, Arizona; W. O. Vaught, Jr., Paul Meers, Arkansas; Kenneth Bolinger, Val Prince, California; Bill G. Fowler, James A. Latimer, Colorado; John R. Stucky, Charles F. McMinn, District of Columbia; Doyle E. Carlton, Jr., Florida; John T. Tippet, Jr., Dan S. Cowart, Georgia; Archie E. Brown, Larry Johnson, Illinois; Harry Steele, Thomas Woods, Indiana; W. E. Thorn, J. T. Sandefur, Kansas; Franklin Owen, George E. Hays, Jr., Kentucky; Wayne Barnes, Henry E. Love, Louisiana; Thomas W. Downing, Jr., Elmer F. Ruark, Maryland; Talmadge R. Amberson, Bob Stidham, Michigan; S. R. Woodson, Ralph Hester, Mississippi; Charles M. Becton, Bob D. Campbell, Missouri; Bobby L. Stalcup, J. C. Norwood, New Mexico; Claud B. Bowen, Buford T. Henderson, North Carolina; Floyd A. Collins, Walter Reed, Ohio; Anson Justice, Dan Hobbs, Oklahoma; W. E. Speed, Mrs. Lex C. Reese, Oregon; Washington; E. C. Brown, Preston H. Callison, South Carolina; Wade E. Darby, O. M. Bailey, Tennessee; James E. Coggin, H. J. Chavanne, Texas; and Charles G. Fuller, R. L. T. Beale, Jr., Virginia.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Herschell Emery, Tennessee, *Chairman*; John R. Maddox, Arkansas; Damon V. Vaughn, Louisiana; David R. Grant, Mississippi; Kenneth E. King, New Jersey; G. Nelson Duke, Missouri; and Charles A. Tidwell, Texas.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS: Charles A. Trentham, Tennessee, *Chairman*; George E. Bagley, Alabama; Wallace Denton, Indiana; Jack U. Harwell, Georgia; Newman R. McLarry, Oklahoma; Robert Mills, Kentucky; James L. Pleitz, Florida; Olan H. Runnels, Missouri; T. Cooper Walton, Mississippi; and E. H. Westmoreland, Texas.

TELLERS COMMITTEE: William M. Hinson, Florida, *Chairman*; Henry Adrion, III, Texas; Kenneth Balthrop, New Mexico; Tal D. Bonham, Arkansas; Russell Bush, Mississippi; Milton Collum, Colorado; Charles G. Conner, Florida; G. O. McGuffey, Louisiana; J. G. McKee, Louisiana; Judson Nowotay, Mississippi; Dale Oden, Mississippi; James W. Parker, California; James Lee Powell, Jr., North Carolina; Felix R. Wagner, Florida; Stanley O. White, Oklahoma; Robert D. Whitten, Virginia; and Max Vaughn, Alabama.

20. Lee Porter presented to the Convention special visitors in the Convention from the state of Israel and introduced The Honorable Itzhak Rabin, ambassador of Israel to the United States, who brought a brief greeting and presented a scroll to President Criswell.

21. Special music was presented by the combined choirs and orchestra of the Dallas First Baptist Church, directed by Lee Roy Till.

22. Vice-president Cooper presented President Criswell for the president's address on the theme of the Convention, "Christ in Faith and Work."

23. President Criswell closed the first session by calling the Convention messengers to a meaningful dedication of unity and fidelity in faith and work under the lordship of Christ and asked Baker J. Cauthen (Va.) and Arthur B. Rutledge (Ga.) to lead the Convention in a prayer of dedication.

### *Wednesday Morning, June 11*

24. Presession music was presented by Southern Baptist Singing Churchmen, directed by Donald Winters (Miss.).

25. President Criswell called the Convention to order.

26. J. L. Canafax (Ariz.) led the Convention in prayer.

27. Searcy S. Garrison (Ga.) led a memorial service to recognize pastors, teachers, missionaries, and church members who have died during the year. He paid a tribute to J. B. Lawrence, Wallace Bassett, Chester A. Quarles, J. R. Saunders, and Derwood W. Deere, whose long and outstanding leadership in Southern Baptist life contributed so signally to the work of Christ.

28. Vice-president Cooper, being called to the chair, recognized Porter Routh (Tenn.) to present the report of the Executive Committee. Secretary Routh called attention to matters of special interest in the report.

29. At the request of Secretary Routh, Martin B. Bradley (Tenn.) conducted a brief survey to obtain from the messengers information affecting a preferred time and site of the annual meeting of the Convention.

30. Secretary Routh called on various members of the Executive Committee to present the recommendations of the Committee.

31. W. A. Criswell presented Recommendation No. 1 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

#### **Recommendation No. 1**

We recommend that for the 1970 Convention, which will be the 125th Anniversary celebration of the Southern Baptist Convention, the sections of the Convention procedure dealing with the Convention session be set aside for that year and that the Committee on Order of Business be authorized to plan for the Convention to open on Monday evening and that they plan for such number of sessions as they deem necessary for the transaction of the business of the Convention. We further recommend that the Executive Committee continue to study this matter and report to the 1970 Convention.

32. Tom B. Madden (Tenn.) presented Recommendation No. 2 and moved its adoption for first approval by the Convention. The motion passed.

#### **Recommendation No. 2**

We recommend that Article VI, Section 2, (3) of the Constitution of the Convention be amended by the insertion of the words "each year" in line 3 after the word "elected."

33. R. F. Smith (N. C.) presented Recommendation No. 3 as information to the Convention, no action being needed.

**Recommendation No. 3**

We recommend that the Executive Committee report to the Southern Baptist Convention that studies made during and before the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston indicate that there is no gathering of preference around any change of name for the Southern Baptist Convention.

34. Ray P. Rust (La.) presented Recommendation No. 7 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

**Recommendation No. 7**

We recommend that the 1974 Convention be held in Dallas, Texas, the week of June 11-14, 1974.

35. J. Thornton Williams (Ga.) presented Recommendation No. 8 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

**Recommendation No. 8**

We recommend that the proposed Convention Operating Budget for 1970 be adopted as follows:

Estimated Income	1970	1969
Cooperative Program	\$200,000	\$200,000
Dividends and Interest	15,000	15,000
Sunday School Board	380,000	320,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$535,000</b>	<b>\$535,000</b>
Estimated Expenditures		
Convention Expense	\$ 90,000	\$ 75,000
Special Committees	30,000	20,000
Executive Committee Operating	100,000	270,000
Baptist World Alliance	100,000	85,500
Legal and Auditing	2,000	2,000
Building Operation and Maintenance	14,000	14,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$526,000</b>	<b>\$477,500</b>
Reserve	9,000	57,500
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$535,000</b>	<b>\$535,000</b>

36. J. Lamar Jackson (Ala.) presented Recommendation No. 9 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

**Recommendation No. 9**

We recommend that \$200,000 for relief administered by the Annuity Board be reinstated in the Cooperative Program allocation for 1970. It is understood that this was reduced one year only, for 1969, at the request of the Annuity Board.

37. Rheubin L. South (Ark.) presented Recommendation No. 10, and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

**Recommendation No. 10**

We recommend that for 1970, with the exception of the Convention Operating Budget, the Annuity Board, Southern Baptist Hospitals, Inc., and the American Seminary Commission, a 2 percent cost of living adjustment be made over the Cooperative Program allocation approved for the agencies for 1969; and that any balance over the 1969 operating budget and the 1968, 1969, and 1970 capital needs budgets which might be received by the Executive Committee in 1970 be distributed to the agencies requesting increases on the basis of their percentages of the total 1970 operating budget.

38. James I. Pleitz (Fla.) presented Recommendation No. 12 and moved its adoption.

39. Time for consideration of the Executive Committee report was extended five minutes.

40. The motion passed to adopt Recommendation No. 12.

**Recommendation No. 12**

We recommend that the following Cooperative Program Allocation Budget be adopted for 1970:

Agency	1969	1970	Increase
SBC Operating Budget	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -0-
Foreign Mission Board	13,836,519	14,113,351	276,832
Home Mission Board	4,954,000	5,091,686	98,686
Annuitiy Board	128,000	200,000	72,000
The Seminaries	5,103,000	5,205,080	102,080
Golden Gate	525,000	535,500	10,500
Midwestern	475,000	484,500	9,500
New Orleans	875,000	892,500	17,500
Southeastern	693,000	706,850	13,850
Southern	1,148,000	1,170,960	22,960
Southwestern	1,387,000	1,414,740	27,740
Foundation	80,000	81,600	1,600
Hospitals	36,000	36,000	-0-
American Seminary	95,000	95,000	-0-
Brotherhood Commission	260,000	263,200	3,200
Christian Life Commission	150,000	173,400	23,400
Education Commission	125,000	137,500	12,500
Historical Commission	103,000	104,040	1,040
Radio-TV Commission	1,250,000	1,275,000	25,000
Stewardship Commission	83,000	84,600	1,600
Joint Committee	111,400	113,628	2,228
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,581,019</b>	<b>\$27,138,119</b>	<b>\$557,100</b>
<b>OP. TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,581,019</b>	<b>\$27,138,119</b>	
<b>CAP. TOTAL 1969</b>	<b>722,530</b>		
<b>CAP. TOTAL 1969</b>	<b>800,000</b>		
<b>CAP. TOTAL 1970</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>1,050,000</b>	
<b>TOTAL NEEDED</b>	<b>\$28,083,549</b>	<b>\$28,208,119</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDED</b>	<b>\$26,756,800</b>	<b>\$28,208,119</b>	

41. James L. Monroe (Fla.) presented Recommendation No. 13 and moved its adoption. Paul Elledge (Kan.) discussed the motion. A motion passed to extend the time for discussion five minutes. The original motion then passed.

**Recommendation No. 13**

In view of the inability of the Convention Bureau of the city of Portland, Oregon, to favor its commitment of June 11-15, 1973, for the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, we recommend that the matter of the 1973 meeting be referred back to the Executive Committee for action at its September meeting in keeping with Article XI of the Constitution and, further, that the Convention be requested by straw ballot to indicate its preference between Portland a week later or asking the Executive Committee to select another city.

42. A ballot was taken as called for in Recommendation No. 13, with additional information to be given as to a preference for cities for the Convention annual session. (See Item 111.)

43. John C. Huffman (Ky.) presented the report of the Committee on Boards for members of the Executive Committee and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

44. The Convention sang "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing." Randall Veazey (La.) sang "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me."

45. Katsuro Taura (Hawaii) led the Convention in the reading of the Scriptures.

46. The miscellaneous business period having arrived, the president gave guidance for the presentation of matters of business.

47. Lloyd R. Simmons (Calif.) presented a resolution on religious liberty and the separation of church and state, which was referred to the Resolutions Committee.

48. Thomas Simmons (Ark.) moved that the Convention urge the Sunday School Board to have all writers to sign a statement with each manuscript of belief in the infallibility of the entire Bible, that the seminaries secure from professors a like statement annually, and that



the Sunday School Board and the seminaries be urged to report to the president of the Convention as to the implementation of this motion, who would in turn report to the Executive Committee in the regular meetings. It was referred for later consideration. (See Item 162.)

49. George I. Zbinden (Ala.) moved that this Convention urgently request the Christian Life Commission to unite, organize, and mobilize to correct and overcome the abuses of pornography now being perpetrated against the citizenry, young and old, in our nation. It was referred for later consideration. (See Item 161.)

50. Joe W. Burton (Tenn.) presented a resolution about advertising alcoholic beverages, which was referred to the Resolutions Committee.

51. Claud L. Asbury (N. C.) presented a resolution about voluntary prayer and Bible reading and the Dirksen amendment to the United States Constitution, which was referred to the Resolutions Committee. (See Item 231.)

52. David W. Swink (S. C.) moved that Article III, Section 1, of the Constitution be interpreted to mean that the Convention will not seat messengers from churches who have stated policies refusing membership to persons on the basis of race. It was referred for later consideration. (See Item 160.)

53. W. C. Smith (Va.) presented a resolution about making opportunity for acceptable employment of persons conscientiously opposed to war, which was referred to the Resolutions Committee.

54. Thomas H. Graves (Tenn.) presented a resolution relative to the "Black Manifesto," which was referred to the Resolutions Committee.

55. W. W. Finlator (N. C.) presented a resolution to express opposition to the deployment of the ABM, which was referred to the Resolutions Committee. (See Item 235.)

56. David Eric Blackwell (N. C.) presented a resolution relative to involving students and racial and other minority groups in the decision making process of the Convention at all levels, which was referred to the Resolutions Committee.

57. Tom M. Freeman (N. C.) presented a resolution relative to American prisoners of war held by the Hanoi Government, which was referred to the Resolutions Committee.

58. Robert S. Alley (Va.) moved that the Executive Committee be instructed to undertake immediately a thorough study to provide a basis of change in representation for the Southern Baptist Convention. (Reference was made to a study by a Convention committee in 1926.) It was referred for later consideration. (See Item 159.)

59. Gainer Bryan (Ga.) raised a point of order to allow the full reading of all resolutions. The parliamentarian expressed a judgment that the ruling of the chair precluding the reading was valid, and the Convention sustained the ruling of the chair.

60. Glenn Lawhon (Fla.) presented a resolution relative to reaffirming the preservation of spiritual principles and commitment to a statement of basic Christian doctrines, which was referred to the Resolutions Committee. (See Items 277 and 286.)

61. James L. Lowder (N. C.) presented a resolution about sex education, which was referred to the Resolutions Committee.

62. Arthur C. Leininger (Fla.) presented a resolution relative

to the relation of Southern Baptist agencies to the National Council of Churches, which was referred to the Resolutions Committee.

63. Richard Barrett (Miss.) presented a resolution relative to prayer support for our Government and American soldiers now engaged in war, and it was referred to the Resolutions Committee.

64. A motion to reconsider the action of the Convention about the order of business for the 1970 Convention was ruled out of order since the maker of the motion had not supported the original motion.

65. Joe H. Courson (Fla.) made a motion that only registered messengers be admitted to the auditorium until it has been ascertained that all messengers who desire to be seated are seated. J. D. Grey (La.) explained current difficulties and appealed to messengers for patience with respect to the problem. The motion was referred for later consideration. (See Item 158.)

66. Paul Beathard (Texas) was recognized for a statement of personal privilege relative to certain terms in the Convention sermon.

67. G. Hugh Wamble (Mo.) was recognized for a statement of personal privilege asking that during the discussion of business matters all floor microphones be activated for use.

68. Time for the consideration of miscellaneous business having expired, the Convention joined in singing "I Love to Tell the Story."

69. Special music was presented by Mrs. Martha Branham (Texas), who sang "When We See Christ."

70. John C. Huffman (Ky.) presented the nominations of the Committee on Boards for members of the Home Mission Board and moved their election. The motion passed.

71. Arthur B. Rutledge (Ga.) was recognized to present the report of the Home Mission Board. He presented Harper Shannon (Ala.), who made a statement reporting what the Home Mission Board has done and is doing to implement "A Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation," in keeping with the action of the Convention in 1968.

72. Secretary Rutledge recognized Fred B. Moseley (Ga.), his assistant, and Courts Redford (Mo.), the former executive secretary of the Home Mission Board.

73. Secretary Rutledge called on various persons who gave inspiring testimonies of achievements in evangelistic outreach, establishing new centers of work, ministries to people in situations of special need, the chaplaincy ministry, and other phases of the work of the Home Mission Board.

74. Secretary Rutledge presented Herbert Caudill and Mrs. Caudill and David Fite and Mrs. Fite, missionaries to Cuba, who were recently released from prison. Convention messengers received them by standing. They spoke of their experiences in Cuba.

75. Vice-president Porter announced the death of Mrs. Abner McCall of Waco, Texas, and the secretary was asked to send a message of sympathy in behalf of the Convention.

76. William Carter (Md.) led in prayer to conclude the session.

### *Wednesday Afternoon, June 11*

77. Presession music was presented by the Hardin-Simmons University concert choir, directed by James Cram.

78. Vice-president Cooper called the Convention to order, and Noland Phillips (Ohio) led the Convention in prayer.

79. The parliamentarian called attention to requirements relative to the election of the officers of the Convention.

80. C. Wade Freeman (Texas) nominated W. A. Criswell (Texas) for president.

81. Stephen Heslep (Va.) nominated W. C. Smith, Jr. (Va.) for president.

82. A motion passed to close nominations, and the messengers cast their ballots for president.

83. K. O. White (Ariz.) was recognized for a statement of personal privilege. He expressed concern about messengers leaving during the presentation of the report of the Home Mission Board, especially because of the strategic importance of the work of this Board.

84. James R. Walker (Miss.) offered a resolution relative to the treatment of Negro patients at the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, and it was referred to the Resolutions Committee.

85. Davis C. Woolley (Tenn.) nominated Clifton J. Allen (Tenn.) for recording secretary of the Convention. A motion passed to close nominations, and Lee Porter was asked to cast the ballot of the Convention for Allen.

86. George W. Schroeder (Tenn.) nominated W. Fred Kendall (Tenn.) for registration secretary. A motion passed to close nominations and at the request of the chair Clifton J. Allen cast the ballot of the Convention for Secretary Kendall.

87. Kendall Berry (Tenn.) nominated Porter Routh (Tenn.) for treasurer of the Convention. A motion passed to close nominations, and Secretary Allen was asked to cast the ballot of the Convention for Porter Routh.

88. Richard Kay announced for the Committee on Order of Business that the motions referred to the committee to schedule for later consideration would be considered Thursday morning at 10:30.

89. J. C. Edwards (La.) made a motion that the actual number of the ballots for president be reported to the Convention. It was referred for later consideration. (See Item 250.)

90. Robert L. Chew (Calif.) offered a motion that the Convention adopt and implement a policy of desegregation in all its agencies, that its agencies adopt and implement a policy of doing business only with equal opportunity employers, that its agencies reevaluate their priorities to give more attention to hunger and poverty in crisis areas of the nation, and that the agencies report a progress statement on these matters. The motion was referred for later consideration. (See Items 249 and 264.)

91. Gainer Bryan (Ga.) offered a motion that resolutions submitted to the Convention be printed in full in the Convention *Bulletin*. The chair ruled the motion out of order on the basis of earlier action of the Convention and its procedure. An appeal was made as to the ruling of the chair and was discussed by Bryan and T. W. Grace (Texas). A motion to overrule the ruling of the chair was defeated.

92. Miriam Anne Glover (N. C.) presented a resolution recommending the introduction of literature presenting different points of view, utilizing the historical-critical approach, and dealing with social responsibility, theological thought, the ecumenical movement, and

the traditions of Christian history. The resolution was referred to the Resolutions Committee.

93. W. C. Fields (Tenn.) announced that a documentary film related to the 125th Anniversary of the Convention—*Dimensions of Courage*—will be premiered at M-Night 1969. It will be released at Baptist Film Centers on December 15.

94. Jimmy Stroud (Tenn.) moved that the Convention direct the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans to desegregate immediately so that patients may be admitted without regard to race or national origin. It was referred for later consideration. (See Item 249.)

95. J. Ralph McIntyre (Tenn.) presented the nominations of the Committee on Boards for members of the Historical Commission and moved their election. The motion passed.

96. Davis C. Woolley (Tenn.) presented the report of the Historical Commission and introduced a feature of interest relating to the beginnings of the Convention.

97 (a). Merrill D. Moore (Tenn.) presented the report of the Stewardship Commission, stressed phases of the Commission's work, and introduced members of the staff.

97 (b). J. Ralph McIntyre presented the nomination of the Committee on Boards for members of the Stewardship Commission and moved their election. The motion passed.

98. James Semple (Texas) presented Recommendation No. 6 of the Executive Committee and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

#### Recommendation No. 6

We recommend that the Stewardship Commission be authorized to amend its Charter, third paragraph, through section 7, to read as follows:

The Stewardship Commission shall have as its goal the support of the Southern Baptist Convention objective of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ and guiding them into the proper relation to his will and purpose, in keeping with its program assignment.

1. The Stewardship Commission shall work closely with the Executive Committee in fixing the goals for the Cooperative Program in the manner required by the Bylaws of the Southern Baptist Convention.

2. In the case of each program assigned to it, the Stewardship Commission shall (a) lead in the development of promotional techniques, plans, and procedures, and; (b) study constantly to discover the best techniques and methods and to determine which are consistent with the highest ideals of biblical stewardship.

3. The Stewardship Commission shall report to the Southern Baptist Convention on the basis of its programs. The Commission may organize itself in whatever way it deems necessary for expediting its programs, but it will make its annual report to the Convention on a program basis.

4. This charter cannot be amended or changed without the prior consent and approval of the Southern Baptist Convention.

This action is to bring this charter in line with program changes approved last year.

99. J. Ralph McIntyre presented the nominations of the Committee on Boards for members of the Baptist Foundation and moved their election. The motion passed.

100. Kendall Berry (Tenn.) presented the report of the Baptist Foundation, calling attention to the increase in the corpus of funds and other encouraging developments in the Foundation's activity.

101. Secretary Kendall announced the election of W. A. Criswell as Convention president for the coming year.

102. Alastair C. Walker (S. C.) was recognized for a statement of personal privilege to say that he had been nominated for president

without his consent, and he asked that his name not appear in the action of the Convention.

103. Herbert W. Neeley (S. C.) explained that he was not aware of the policy requiring the consent of the person to be nominated and offered an apology for presenting a nomination without consent.

104. Lee Roy Till led the Convention in singing "Blessed Assurance."

105. Mrs. Warren Hearnnes (Mo.) sang "Hallowed Be Thy Name" and "Give Me a Vision."

106. Trenton Bruce (S. C.) led the Convention in the reading of the Scriptures.

107. Baker J. Cauthen (Va.) invited the messengers to a reception honoring the missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board, at the Roosevelt Hotel after the afternoon session.

108. Edward T. Van Dyke (Ohio) presented the nominations of the Committee on Boards for the members of the Annuity Board and moved their election. The motion passed.

109. R. Alton Reed (Texas) presented the report of the Annuity Board. He then moved approval of the following recommendation:

"While the assignment given to the Annuity Board by the Convention in 1968 necessitated only that the survey be made and that a report of the findings be presented, the findings of the survey indicate the existence of a consequential problem, which should not only be recognized, but for which possible solutions should be suggested.

"The Annuity Board has no solution to offer to the problem; an effectual solution is not likely to be clearly, or readily, perceptible. It is believed, however, that the problem should have further and, perhaps, more in-depth study.

"Therefore, it is recommended that the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee and the Annuity Board be asked to make a joint effort to seek out and suggest possible solutions to the problem."

Following discussion by Secretary Reed, the motion passed.

110. John Bob Riddle (Ala.) was presented to the Convention for an address on the separation of church and state.

111. Secretary Kendall reported that the ballot called for in Recommendation No. 13 of the Executive Committee indicated a preference for a city other than Portland for the 1973 Convention—in view of the problem about an acceptable date for Portland. (See Item 42.)

112. Joe Moseley (Texas) led the Convention in prayer to conclude the session.

### *Wednesday Night, June 11*

113. Presession music was presented by the choir of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, directed by Harry Cowan (La.).

114. With Vice-president Porter in the chair, G. A. Ratterree (Fla.) was asked to lead the Convention in prayer.

115. Alma Hunt (Ala.) was recognized to present the report of Woman's Missionary Union. She in turn recognized Mrs. R. L. Mathis (Ala.) as the new president of Woman's Missionary Union and then presented Mrs. Robert Fling (N. Y.), retiring president, to speak to the report.

116. John C. Huffman (Ky.) presented the nominations of the Committee on Boards for members of the Brotherhood Commission and moved their election. The motion passed.

117. George W. Schroeder (Tenn.) presented the report of the Brotherhood Commission and discussed it, calling attention to significant developments in the programs of the Commission.

118. Chairman Huffman presented the nominations of the Committee on Boards for members of the Southern Baptist Hospitals, Inc., and moved their election. The motion passed.

119. Porter Routh (Tenn.) presented Recommendation No. 11 of the Executive Committee relating to the Southern Baptist Hospitals, Inc., and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

#### Recommendation No. 11

We recommend that a request from Southern Baptist Hospitals, Inc., for changes in its program statements be granted as follows:

*"In addition to the normal functions of operating the Convention's hospitals, Southern Baptist Hospitals, Inc.,\* works as a staff and service agency, on request, in relation to the\* other Baptist groups and Southern Baptist agencies, consistent with the established hospital and business policies of such groups and the Southern Baptist Convention. In view of (its)\*\* work in clinical pastoral training and other Educational Programs, a hospital may enter into a special agreement with a seminary and/or college or university for certain educational subjects to be included in its educational program. The hospitals may provide services for the Agencies, Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Institutions needing such services based on special financial agreements, and subject to fiscal feasibility of such agreements.†‡ The Hospital Agency may also advise as requested, with the Foreign Mission Board on hospital matters in foreign countries. (It may also arrange certain basic medical assistance for denominational employees within the framework of its own policy.)\*\*\*"*

\*Italicized material indicates changes.

\*\*Material in parentheses indicates omissions from the present program statement.

†The long italicized passage replaces the following material from page 13 of the *Southern Baptist Convention Organization Manual*:

*"and its location, the New Orleans Hospital may enter into a special liaison with New Orleans Seminary. Because of its long history of service to the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board, it may provide service for missionary personnel and for the Sellers Home in New Orleans."*

120. Charles E. Blackmon (La.) presented the report of the Southern Baptist Hospitals, Inc., and recognized J. D. Grey (La.) to speak to the report.

121. Chairman Huffman presented the nominations of the Committee on Boards for members of the Sunday School Board and moved their election. The motion passed.

122. President Criswell resumed the chair and presented James L. Sullivan (Tenn.) for the report of the Sunday School Board.

123. Secretary Sullivan explained several items of interest related to the Board's work—specifically the change of name of the Training Union, plans being developed for the seventies, and plans for the publication of "The Broadman Bible Commentary."

124. A film was shown to present Quest, the new name for the Training Union.

125. Secretary Sullivan then gave opportunity for questions from the floor. There were none.

126. The Convention joined in singing "My Saviour's Love" and "I Need Thee Every Hour." Mrs. Jack Terrell (Texas) sang a medley of hymns.

127. Fred Holloman (Kan.) led the Convention in the reading of the Scriptures, and Herbert Hughes (Utah) led the Convention in prayer.

128. President Criswell recognized Secretary Sullivan to introduce

a dramatic feature to be jointly presented by the Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood Commission.

129. Nancy Nystrom (Texas) presented special music, playing the harp.

130. "Ekklesia, Your Church in the '70's," written and directed by David Baergen (Texas)—with selected pastors and a group of students composing the cast—was presented by sight and sound to interpret anticipated developments in the church educational ministry as carried forward through the church program organizations. This dramatic feature was concluded with prayer by W. A. Criswell.

#### *Thursday Morning, June 12*

131. Vice-president Lee Porter presented The Seminarians of The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for a period of music, directed by William Hooper (La.).

132. Vice-president Porter called the Convention to order at 9:30.

133. W. R. Buchanan (N. Mex.) led the Convention in prayer.

134. President Criswell took the chair and recognized Charles A. Trentham (Tenn.) to present a partial report of the Committee on Resolutions.

135. Hooper Walton (Miss.) presented Resolution No. 4 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

#### **Resolution No. 4—Appreciation for the Host City**

The Southern Baptist Convention in its one hundred and twelfth session pauses to give thanks to almighty God, who in his gracious providence endowed the state of Louisiana and especially the Crescent City of New Orleans with rare beauty and a delightful climate that have made it ideal for this Convention.

We would further express our appreciation to all of the citizens for the spirit of hospitality and friendliness. We are grateful for the many services and courtesies extended by the local committees; to those responsible for making us comfortable in the hotels, motels, and homes; to those who have provided transportation with efficiency and courtesy; and, to those who have taken care of all our facilities at the Rivergate Exhibition Center so effectively.

We would express our thanks for all the city officials who have accorded us such a hearty welcome and placed at our disposal, and for our help, the departments of public service.

We express our special thanks to media of communication, press, the radio, and the television for their complete coverage of the Convention.

136. Newman R. McLarry (Okla.) presented Resolution No. 1 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

#### **Resolution No. 1—On the American Bible Society**

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention recognizes, first, that widespread distribution of the printed Word of God is a basic need in mission work around the world; and second, that missionary advance calls for even greater distribution of Bibles, New Testaments, Gospels, other individual books of the Bible, and shorter Scripture selections, and

WHEREAS, The American Bible Society renders an essential worldwide missionary service through translating and publishing the Scriptures without note or comment and through distributing them without profit and usually below cost, and

WHEREAS, The American Bible Society is rendering an additional special service through providing, without charge to the chaplains, Scriptures for distribution to the men and women of the armed forces and to patients in Veterans hospitals, and

WHEREAS, The American Bible Society has made an unprecedented contribution to the Christian witness in the widespread distribution of an inexpensive translation of the New Testament, "Good News for Modern Man,"

Therefore, be it Resolved, that we, the messengers of the Southern Baptist



Convention at New Orleans, June 12, 1969, fraternally urge all our churches and our people to support as possible the work of the American Bible Society as an additional instrument for providing Scriptures for missionary advance and personal devotion.

137. Jack U. Harwell (Ga.) presented Resolution No. 2 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

**Resolution No. 2—On Family Life and Sex Education**

WHEREAS, The biblical concept of man and his human relationships involves a Christian understanding of the proper role of home, sex, and the family, and

WHEREAS, Human sexuality and personality fulfillment may best be understood through teaching in the home and church;

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, by the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention at New Orleans, June 12, 1969, that we encourage individuals, groups, and churches to make fuller use of the limited family life and sex education materials now available from the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, Sunday School Board, and Southern Baptist seminaries, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we urge the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention to take the lead in encouraging all agencies and curriculum planners of our Convention to give increasing attention to basic and special resource materials on family life and sex education for Southern Baptist families and churches, in accordance with program assignments of respective Convention agencies.

138. Olan H. Runnels (Mo.) presented Resolution No. 3 and moved its adoption. It was discussed by W. C. Smith (Va.), who moved to amend by omitting the last paragraph. The motion to amend lost. The original motion passed.

**Resolution No. 3—On Use of Young People in Organized Baptist Life**

WHEREAS, Since there is a growing interest of young people in the work of the Southern Baptist Convention in recent years,

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, by the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting at New Orleans, Louisiana, June 12, 1969, that the Convention and its committees provide opportunities for broader participation by young people in the decision making processes of Southern Baptists at all levels—local, associational, state, and national.

Be it further *Resolved*, that we express the hope that this broader participation will provide a productive outlet for the current critical role of youth within the existing structure of the Convention in that greater understanding may be furthered.

139. Homer G. Lindsay (Fla.) presented the report of the Committee on Committees. He moved the adoption of the Committee on Baptist State Papers. The motion passed, with corrections noted.

140. Chairman Lindsay moved the adoption of the Committee on Boards. The motion passed.

141. J. Ralph McIntyre (Tenn.), for the Committee on Boards, nominated Harmon M. Born (Ga.) to replace Guy Rutland, Jr. (Ga.) as an agency representative on the Baptist Foundation, Rutland to replace Jack Massey (Tenn.) as a member at large, and Massey to replace J. Ralph Noonkester (Miss.) as an agency representative. McIntyre moved their election, and the motion passed.

142. McIntyre, for the Committee on Boards, nominated Randall Lolley (N. C.) to fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee due to the removal of Mack M. Goss to another state. Lolley was elected.

143. McIntyre announced that Robert S. Scales (Okla.) was designated chairman of the Committee on Order of Business for the 1970 Convention.

144. Herschel H. Hobbs (Okla.) presented the report of the Committee on Baptist State Papers and moved its adoption. R. G. Puckett



The Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention is subject to the constitution, bylaws, business and financial plan, and the control and instruction of the Southern Baptist Convention, a religious corporation created and existing by Act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, and the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention shall operate under powers delegated to it by the said Southern Baptist Convention. The purposes for which this corporation is formed are to support the Southern Baptist Convention in its task of bringing men to God through Christ by preaching the gospel over radio and television, and by assisting the churches and their pastors, other general Baptist bodies, and the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention in the proper use of their radio and television opportunities.

## ARTICLE V

### IRREVOCABLE DEDICATION-DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

1. This corporation is organized strictly as a non-profit corporation in compliance with the tax exemption provisions of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and in compliance with the non-profit corporation law of the several states in which the corporation may operate, and all provisions of its Articles of Incorporation (or Charter), Bylaws and other regulations shall always be construed so as to comply with Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and the non-profit corporation laws of the several states in which the corporation may operate. The corporation shall never be operated for profit, and all of the property, cash, and other assets of the corporation are irrevocably dedicated to charitable and religious purposes, and no part of the property, cash, or other assets of the corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any other person, firm, company, or other institution.

If the corporation is ever dissolved, all of its assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities, shall be distributed to the said Southern Baptist Convention, if at the time of such dissolution the said Southern Baptist Convention is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and religious purposes and has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law) and under the non-profit law of the state or states in which the said Southern Baptist Convention may operate. If at the time of such dissolution this corporation holds any assets in trust such assets shall be disposed of in such manner as may be directed by the trust indenture creating such trust, or, in the absence of a trust indenture, such assets shall be disposed of in such manner as may be directed by judgment of the District Court of Tarrant County, Texas, (where the principal office of the corporation is located) in a suit in which the Attorney General of the State of Texas shall be a party.

2. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (c) any applicable provision of the laws of the State of Texas or any state in which the corporation may be operated.

3. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation by conveying those assets to the said Southern Baptist Convention if at the time the said Southern Baptist Convention shall qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

## ARTICLE VI

### TRUSTEES

The Trustees (which may be referred to as Commission members) of said corporation shall be elected by the Southern Baptist Convention in the regular annual meeting for a term of office as prescribed by the Southern Baptist Convention. The number of Trustees shall not exceed forty (40), who shall be elected to serve four-year terms, the names and addresses of present Trustees being as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
<b>Term Expiring 1969:</b>	
William I. Barkley, Jr.	Waldorf, Maryland
Bill Casper	Aurora, Colorado
Billy Graham	Montreat, North Carolina
George L. Karr	Caseyville, Illinois
Fred T. Laughon, Jr.	Gainesville, Florida
Henry E. Love	Shreveport, Louisiana
George E. Mizell	Eugene, Oregon
George S. Monro	Fort Thomas, Kentucky
Nathan S. Pillew	Yuma, Arizona
O. Norman Shands	Kansas City, Missouri
James W. Waters	Macon, Georgia
Jack Willis	Phoenix, Arizona
<b>Term Expiring 1970:</b>	
J. P. Allen	Fort Worth, Texas
Roy Brown	Wichita, Kansas
Clyde C. Bryan	Jackson, Mississippi
J. Marse Grant	Raleigh, North Carolina
Jack L. Gregston	Duncan, Oklahoma
A. L. Gross	Columbia, South Carolina
R. Walbur Herring	Chamblee, Georgia
Cecil Knox, Jr.	Vicksburg, Mississippi
S. George Lovell	Conway, South Carolina
Albert B. Manola	Alexandria, Virginia
Russell C. Parrish	Greenville, Alabama
John H. Founders	Little Rock, Arkansas
Walter Reed	Dayton, Ohio
<b>Term Expiring 1971:</b>	
Raymond E. Babb	Garden City, Michigan
Guy Bradley	Bakersfield, California
Vernon Elmore	Corpus Christi, Texas
Alvin Huffman, Jr.	Blytheville, Arkansas
Herbert Baucum, Jr.	Gaithersburg, Maryland
Robert J. Morgan	Las Cruces, New Mexico
C. Winfield Rich	Memphis, Tennessee
Richard W. Fox	Evansville, Indiana
Perry Webb, Jr.	Albany, Georgia
Clyde B. Skidmore	Bakersfield, California
Bert E. Williams	Dayton, Ohio
Gene Bartlett	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

## ARTICLE VII

### LIABILITY OF TRUSTEES

The private property of the officers, Trustees, and members of this corporation shall not be subject to the payment of corporate debts to any extent whatever.

## ARTICLE VIII

In furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by the laws of the State of Texas, the Board of Trustees is expressly authorized to make, alter, amend, and repeal the Bylaws, and to authorize and cause to be executed bonds, debentures, promissory notes, and other evidences of indebtedness, either secured or unsecured, and mortgages and liens upon the real and personal property and franchises of this corporation.

The corporation is without capital stock and no capital stock shall be issued. The value of the goods, chattels, lands, rights and credits owned by said corporation is estimated at \$1,650,000. The only person eligible for membership in this corporation shall be those persons who are duly elected to serve on the Radio and Television Commission by the Southern Baptist Convention.

## ARTICLE IX

This corporation shall have and be entitled to exercise all powers granted to private corporations generally and to religious corporations specifically by the statutes of the State of Texas and by the common law, except as limited in Article IV, herein.

## ARTICLE X

The undersigned hereof subscribe to these First Amended Articles of Incorporation in accordance with the requirements of the statutes of the State of Texas, not in their own behalf but in behalf of and with the full approval and authority of the Southern Baptist Convention as appears from a certified copy of a resolution adopted by the Executive Committees of said Convention.

## ARTICLE XI

These First Amended Articles of Incorporation may not be further amended without the prior consent of the Southern Baptist Convention.

148. Vice-president Porter presented his mother to the Convention.

149. The time for the election of officers having arrived, Olan H. Runnels (Mo.) nominated Lee Porter (Texas) for first vice-president.

150. J. Woodrow Fuller (Texas) nominated Harper Shannon (Ala.).

151. Landrum P. Leavell, II (Texas) nominated Franklin Atkinson (La.).

152. Jimmy E. Jones (Texas) nominated Mori Hiratani (Hawaii).

153. The messengers cast ballots for first vice-president.

154. Secretary Routh presented a scroll of appreciation to each of the vice-presidents, Owen Cooper and Lee Porter.

155. Clifton J. Allen was asked to send a telegram of greeting and appreciation to J. W. Storer and Louie D. Newton, former presidents of the Convention, and to Billy Graham.

156. W. C. Fields voiced the appreciation of the Convention for the representatives of the press and of the radio and television networks, to the New Orleans news media, and to the staff in the press room, all of whom have served the interests of the Convention.

157. A question was asked from the floor for information relative to pre-Convention meetings next year. President Criswell explained that the president of the Pastors' Conference and the president of Woman's Missionary Union have been asked to work with the Committee on Order of Business with a view to joint planning for the observance of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Convention.

158. The time arrived to consider the motions previously presented. The chair called for consideration of the motion by Joe H. Courson (see Item 65). It was discussed by Courson and then voted.

159. Robert S. Alley discussed the motion he had presented (see Item 58), and it was passed.

160. D. William Dodson (Tenn.) discussed the motion presented by David W. Swink (see Item 52), after which W. Wayne Dehoney (Ky.) raised a point of order due to the motion's involving an interpretation of a statement in the Constitution rather than a change. The chair ruled the motion out of order.

161. George T. Zbinden discussed the motion he had presented (see Item 49). Without objection, as suggested by Albert McClellan (Tenn.), the following was added to the motion: "in line with the program assignment of the Christian Life Commission." The motion passed.

162. Thomas Simmons discussed the motion he had presented (see Item 48). The time was extended two minutes for Simmons' statement. James L. Sullivan (Tenn.) offered the following substitute motion: "That this Convention call to the attention of its agencies the doctrinal statement framed after careful study and much discussion at its annual session in Kansas City in 1963 and vigorously urge the elected trustees responsible for these agencies to be diligent in seeing that the programs assigned to them by the Convention are carried out in a manner consistent with and not contrary to the Convention's afore-

said statement of faith." The substitute motion was discussed by Sullivan, Herschel H. Hobbs (Okla.), James Mathenia (Ill.), Herbert Baucom (D. C.), and Alton Nash (Fla.). A motion to extend the time ten minutes was lost. The vote was taken and the substitute motion passed, according to the judgment of the chair. A division was called for, and a ballot was taken. A point of order was raised that the Convention had not taken action to approve the ballot, but the parliamentarian ruled that the chair's lack of certainty justified the ballot.

163. Chairman Kay moved an extension of time for ten minutes to allow for the presentation of other items of business and for a necessary second ballot for first vice-president. The motion passed.

164. A messenger expressed appreciation for the president's fairness in presiding.

165. Noah Phillips (Texas) moved "that we consider 'Quest' to be unsuitable as a name for the training program of Southern Baptists." It was explained that this did not indicate opposition to changing the name of Training Union. It was referred for later consideration. (See Item 251.)

166. Homer G. Lindsay (Fla.) moved that the Executive Committee study the advisability of staggering terms of each state's representative on boards and commissions that not all terminate the same year, but be spread over more than one year. It was referred for later consideration. (See Item 252.)

167. Secretary Kendall announced the necessity for a second ballot for first vice-president between Lee Porter and Harper Shannon, and the messengers cast ballots.

168. Nane Starnes (N. C.) moved that the Baptist Hospital Board of Trustees be instructed to participate in the Medicare program by January 1, 1970, or justify their position to the Executive Committee of the Convention. It was referred for later consideration. (See Item 259.)

169. W. W. Finlator (N. C.) presented a resolution related to support for young men exercising freedom of conscience and to an appeal to the Government for amnesty to such young men. It was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

170. Richard Barrett (Miss.) presented a resolution about Southern Baptist agencies and racial matters. It was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

171. J. Harold Stephens (Miss.) offered a motion to request the Executive Committee to budget funds to enable the Annuity Board to provide additional assistance to ministers, those in the retirement program and those in need of relief. The motion was ruled out of order since a study of the problem has already been approved.

172. W. Wayne Dehoney (Ky.) made a motion to extend the time to receive any new matters of business, and the motion passed.

173. Jess Moody (Fla.) presented a resolution that the Convention express appreciation for the Pastors' Conference and other auxiliary meetings and that this be kept in mind in planning for the 1970 meeting. It was referred to the Resolutions Committee. (See Item 287.)

174. Ralph B. Conway (Ill.) offered a motion to give to President Criswell authorization to make an appeal to the Supreme Court relative to the Bible in the public schools of the nation. It was referred for later consideration. (See Item 249.)

175. J. C. Edwards (La.) moved that the actual count relative to

the substitute motion offered by James L. Sullivan (see Item 162) be printed and reported to the Convention. It was referred for later consideration. (See Item 274.)

176. Secretary Routh announced the organization meeting of the Executive Committee.

177. Buford Easley (La.) moved that the program chairman of the Convention encourage reverence during prayer and the reading of the Scriptures. It was referred for later consideration. (See Item 275.)

178. Gary Basinger (Ark.) moved that the Committee on Order of Business be requested to allot twice as much time for miscellaneous business at the next Convention and that time be set in advance for new motions. It was referred for later consideration. (See Item 276.)

179. Arthur B. Rutledge (Ga.) presented the report of the Committee on Canadian Baptist Cooperation and moved the adoption of the recommendations with the report. (See page 258.) The motion passed.

180. Josef Nordenhaug (D. C.) was recognized to present the report of the Baptist World Alliance. He presented Robert S. Denny (Va.), who then presented the representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention on the Executive Committee of the Alliance.

181. Porter Routh presented to the Convention Thomas Kilgore, recently elected as president of the American Baptist Convention, who brought greetings in a brief address.

182. Chairman Kay asked messengers to leave session evaluation cards with ushers at the close of the session.

183. The Convention joined in singing "The Solid Rock."

184. Special music was presented by James R. Davis (Okla.), who sang "Fill My Cup."

185. Bobby Belcher (Md.) led the Convention in the reading of the Scriptures.

186. Anne Criswell Jackson (La.) was presented by the president, and she sang "Peace in the Valley."

187. President Criswell presented S. M. Lockridge (Calif.), who preached on the subject, "The Lordship of Christ"—the text being Philippians 2:9-11.

188. Secretary Kendall announced that the substitute motion offered by James L. Sullivan (see Item 162) passed, that Lee Porter was elected first vice-president, and that the registration at 11:55 was 16,652.

189. Garrett Graham (Fla.) led the Convention in prayer to close the session.

#### *Thursday Night, June 12*

190. Presession music—excerpts from the cantata, *Bethlehem*—was presented by the choir of the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark., directed by Jack Jones.

191. Luther Morphis (N. C.) led the Convention in prayer.

192. Vice-president Porter presented to the Convention the pages—all of them Royal Ambassadors—who served during the sessions.

193. William M. Henson (Fla.) nominated Harper Shannon (Ala.) for second vice-president.

194. W. D. Broadway (Texas) nominated Franklin Atkinson (La.).

195. G. Hugh Wamble (Mo.) nominated Basil Manly, IV (S. C.).

196. The messengers cast ballots for second vice-president.

197. Rabun L. Brantley (Tenn.) was recognized to present the report of the Education Commission. He presented Ben C. Fisher (N. C.) as the chairman of the Commission and then spoke to the report.

198. L. T. Hamrick (N. C.), for the Committee on Boards, nominated the members of the Education Commission and moved their election. The motion passed. He also nominated the members of the American Baptist Seminary Commission and moved their election. The motion passed.

199. Herman F. Burns (Tenn.) presented the report of the American Baptist Seminary Commission.

200. J. Ralph McIntyre, for the Committee on Boards, nominated the members of the boards of trustees of the several seminaries, calling attention to changes in the list which appeared in the *Bulletin*. At the request of Duke K. McCall and by common consent, the term of Mrs. Homer DeLozier (Mo.) was changed to expire in 1973. A motion to elect the trustees passed.

201. Olin T. Binkley (N. C.), president of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, was recognized to present the report of the six seminaries. He stressed in a brief comment the significance of theological education and then presented the presidents as follows: Duke K. McCall (Ky.), Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Millard J. Berquist (Mo.), Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Harold K. Graves (Calif.), Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary; Robert E. Naylor (Texas), Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; and H. Leo Eddleman (La.), New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Binkley also presented Raymond M. Rigdon (Tenn.), newly appointed director of the Seminary Extension Department.

202. Secretary Routh presented Recommendation No. 14 of the Executive Committee and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

#### Recommendation No. 14

We recommend that the Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary be authorized to amend their charter to provide for thirty-five (35) trustees.

203. President Criswell presented W. R. White (Texas) for an address on Christian education.

204. Secretary Kendall reported the election of Harper Shannon (Ala.) as second vice-president.

205. Lee Roy Till led the Convention in singing "Jesus Shall Reign."

206. Jon Enloe (Texas) sang "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus" and "The Wonder of It All."

207. D. Hoyle Haire (Ark.) led the Convention in the reading of the Scriptures.

208. Baker J. Cauthen (Va.) was recognized to present the report of the Foreign Mission Board.

209. J. Ralph McIntyre, for the Committee on Boards, nominated the members of the Foreign Mission Board and moved their election. The motion passed.



210. J. Carey Moore (Ore.) presented Recommendation No. 4 of the Executive Committee and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

**Recommendation No. 4**

We recommend that the request of the Foreign Mission Board to amend its charter by the deletion of the property holdings limitation be approved.

211. Secretary Cauthen presented Lucy Smith, Pearl Johnson, and Auris Pender and then presented all the missionaries present in the Convention. Next, he presented Board staff personnel present. Secretary Cauthen then directed the further presentation of the program for the session stressing the challenge of world missions.

212. William R. Norman, Jr. (Nigeria) told of the work in Biafra and the situation occasioned by war there.

213. Herman P. Hayes (Vietnam) reported on the work in Vietnam.

214. Claude H. Rhea, Jr. (Va.) sang "Give Them a Chance."

215. Winston Crawley (Va.) spoke on the subject, "How Shall They Hear?"

216. Louis R. Cobbs (Va.) presented new appointees, and President Criswell led the prayer of dedication.

217. The Convention sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and Miles P. Arbuckle (Colo.) led in prayer to close the session.

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218. Presession music was presented by the Brewton Parker College choir, directed by Hildegard Stanley (Ga.).

219. President Criswell called the Convention to order at 9:30, and John E. Barnes, Jr. (Miss.) led the Convention in prayer.

220. Elmer F. Ruark (Md.), for the Committee on Order of Business, nominated Grady C. Cothen (Okla.) to preach the Convention sermon in 1970 and Archie Ellis (S. C.) as the alternate and moved approval of the nomination. The motion passed.

221. Charles A. Trentham (Tenn.) gave explanations as to the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

222. Robert Mills (Ky.) presented Resolution No. 5 and moved its adoption. Following discussion by Richard Barrett (Miss.), Paul Kirke (Miss.), and Jimmy Walker (Miss.), the motion passed.

**Resolution No. 5—New Orleans Hospital Integration**

WHEREAS, It is the stated policy of Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans "to make available the services of the hospital to all people regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, or ability to pay, in such ways as to preserve human dignity and worth."

Therefore, be it Resolved, that this 1969 session of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans on June 13, 1969, request the Hospital Commission trustees to pursue this matter without delay in order to bring actual practice in line with stated policy.

223. Wallace Denton (Md.) presented Resolution No. 6 and moved its adoption. Following discussion by Arthur C. Leininger (Fla.), Joe Clontz (N. C.) moved to amend by deleting the final paragraph. Following discussion by Thomas D. Riddle (Kan.), Jim Howard (Ga.), Bill Hale (Miss.), R. H. Willets (Okla.), and Jerry P. Douglas (N. Mex.), a motion for the previous question passed. The motion to amend lost. Stephen Heslep (Va.) discussed the motion. The previous



question was moved and passed. The vote on the original motion was in doubt, and a ballot was taken (see Item 260).

**Resolution No. 6—On Conscientious Objectors**

WHEREAS, The United States Selective Service System has made provisions whereby persons who for reason of religious conviction may be exempted from personal participation in military service, and

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention and other denominations have already established procedures whereby such conscientious objectors to military service may register their objections and be so certified by their denomination, and

WHEREAS, Several conscientious objectors within the Southern Baptist Convention have already availed themselves of such registration;

Therefore, be it hereby *Resolved*, that the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans, June 13, 1969, reaffirm our position last taken in 1940 that those who for reasons of religious conviction are opposed to military service should be exempted from forced military conscription, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we state that this resolution does not imply approval or support of any citizen who refuses to accept the full obligation of responsible citizenship.

224. Olan H. Runnels (Mo.) presented Resolution No. 7 and moved its adoption. A necessary correction was noted—to insert “copyright” before “privileges”—and the motion passed.

**Resolution No. 7—Our Church Educational Curriculum**

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention has for many years purchased copyright privileges for the International Sunday School Lesson Series through the International Council of Religious Education which our Convention helped to found, and

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board has initiated its own Sunday School Lesson suggestions through the Southern Baptist Life and Work Curriculum;

Therefore, be it hereby *Resolved*, that we as messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 13, 1969, remind our constituent churches that our own Baptist writers prepare Southern Baptist Sunday School Lesson commentaries and study helps which supplement the scripture outlines provided by the International Council of Religious Education; and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we encourage our churches to make greater use of Life and Work Curriculum materials.

225. E. H. Westmoreland (Texas) presented Resolution No. 8 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

**Resolution No. 8—On United States Ambassador to the Vatican**

WHEREAS, The concept of religious freedom and soul liberty is a biblical doctrine of priceless merit and historical value, and

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention has consistently adopted statements expressing its belief in the separation of church and state as a vital protection of religious freedom and soul liberty; and

WHEREAS, There are consistent efforts by many groups, including some religious bodies, to violate religious freedom by seeking the use of public monies for religious institutions,

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that we reaffirm our belief in religious freedom and soul liberty for all men, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we reaffirm our opposition to the use of public tax funds for religious functions or institutions, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we urge all our people to practice that biblical stewardship which will adequately support all our Baptist agencies, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we endorse the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee statement of February, 1969, opposing the appointment of a United States ambassador to the Vatican.

226. A motion passed to extend the time fifteen minutes.

227. James L. Pleitz (Fla.) presented Resolution No. 9 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

**Resolution No. 9—On Peace and Justice for All Men**

WHEREAS, All Christians, including Southern Baptists, should consistently oppose inhumanity, injustice, and war, and

WHEREAS, Our nation is currently embroiled in a tragic conflict in Vietnam which has already caused untold misery and death in Asia, America, and other parts of the world;

Therefore, be it hereby *Resolved*, that we as messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans, June 13, 1969, pledge our prayerful concern for all who give their service and lives in the pursuit of peace and justice for all men everywhere; and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we covenant ourselves to express concern and compassion for the families and friends of all called upon to serve in the service of our country; and

Be it further *Resolved*, that this Convention express to the United States Secretary of Defense, Melvin Laird, and his colleagues in our Government our hearty support of his recent appeals to the Hanoi Government to grant basic legal and humanitarian rights to American prisoners of war, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we urge our President and other responsible diplomatic leaders to pursue every possible effort to secure an equitable settlement of the Vietnam conflict as soon as humanly possible; and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we pledge ourselves as Southern Baptists to recommit our every resource to the unceasing propagation of the principles embodied in the Person and teachings of Jesus Christ as the only permanent solution to the eternal problems of world peace and ultimate human freedom.

228. Jack U. Harwell (Ga.) presented Resolution No. 10 and moved its adoption. Glenn Lawhon (Fla.) moved to amend by deleting the paragraph: "Be it further resolved, that we urge Southern Baptists to give continuing support to all governmental and social service agencies which work through legitimate means and channels to lift the material and social status of all needy peoples;" Following discussion by Harwell, the vote on the amendment was taken. A division was called for and a ballot was taken (see Item 253).

229. Time for the order was extended five minutes.

230. Robert S. Alley (Va.) moved another amendment to Resolution No. 10 but was ruled out of order until the result of the ballot (see Item 253) should be reported.

231. Claud L. Asbury (N. C.) voiced a protest on the ground that the original form of the resolution he presented (see Item 51) had not been read. An explanation of Convention procedure was given by Chairman Trentham. Asbury was ruled out of order by the chair.

232. George E. Bagley (Ala.) presented Resolution No. 11 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

**Resolution No. 11—On the First Amendment**

WHEREAS, This Convention has been reminded again of the vital role Baptists played in the formation of the First Amendment, and

WHEREAS, The general statement of the First Amendment protecting the free exercise of religion by the American people is a comprehensive principle, and

WHEREAS, Controversy frequently emerges among us regarding specific freedoms as they pertain to individuals or public officials, and

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court decision of 1962 and 1963 defined the meaning of establishment of religion and did not restrain the free exercise of personal religion but restrained public officials from using their public office for promotion of religious experience,

Be it therefore *Resolved*, by the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting at New Orleans, June 13, 1969, that we request the educational agencies of this Convention, of the state conventions, associations, and local churches to study carefully the contemporary applications of the First Amendment in the situation they face.

233. A motion passed to extend the time for the order by two minutes.

234. Olan Runnels (Mo.) presented Resolution No. 12 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

**Resolution No. 12—Cigarette and Liquor Advertisement**

WHEREAS, There is pending legislation in the National Congress dealing with the regulation and possible deletion of cigarette and liquor advertisement from the mass media,

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that we give encouragement and support to all Congressmen who are backing this legislation.

235. E. H. Westmoreland (Texas) moved that the resolution regarding the deployment of the ABM (see Item 55) be referred to the Public Affairs Committee for study and a possible statement, and the motion passed.

236. George H. Rumney (Va.), as a point of personal privilege, asked if the vote on Resolution No. 10 would be taken at the morning session. The chair said yes.

237. The president presented Roy I. Madsen, of the staff of the American Bible Society, to speak to the report of the Society. He presented to President Criswell a specially bound red-letter edition of *Good News for Modern Man*. Thomas T. Holloway (Texas), also of the Bible Society staff, presented the copy of the report and asked that it be included along with other reports, as heretofore, for information.

238. L. T. Hamrick (N. C.), for the Committee on Boards, nominated the Convention members of the North American Baptist Fellowship and moved their election. The motion passed.

239. Hamrick presented also nominations for the Committee on Denominational Calendar, and moved their election. The motion passed.

240. D. D. Bryson (Mo.) presented the report of the Committee on Denominational Calendar and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

241. L. T. Hamrick presented the nominations of the Committee on Boards for the members of the Christian Life Commission and moved their election. The motion passed.

242. Foy Valentine (Tenn.) presented the report of the Christian Life Commission. He then read a "Statement on Extremism—Left and Right" and a list of recommendations, as follows:

(1) That by careful study we seek to become alert to the extremist forces, left and right, in church and society, which if allowed to go unchallenged will divide us and ultimately take us down the dreadful road to ruin;

(2) That we become adequately informed about the major extremist groups with focused concern on their tactics, their goals, their use of the mass media, and their financial support;

(3) That in confronting extremism we re-examine our basic beliefs in order that we may be able clearly to communicate to our fellow Baptists and to others the Christian convictions by which we seek to live;

(4) That we involve ourselves in helping to solve the complex moral, economic, political, and social problems which continue to plague multitudes of our citizens; working actively with those who support the reform and the renewal of our basic institutions of society, that they may more nearly serve the purposes of God and the needs of men;

(5) That we here affirm our deep conviction that extremism of whatever variety and wherever found does not communicate the spirit of Christ and that we stand fast against any man or group who would subvert truth and corrupt justice through fear, suspicion, divisiveness, and violence;

(6) That, remembering the attitude of our Lord toward the extremists of his day, we strive to develop the strength to love as he loved, neither giving

in to the pressures of men bent on evil destruction nor yielding to the temptation to hate those who spitefully use us;

(7) That we take care, lest in our concern to avoid the excesses of extremism we become lukewarm in our commitment to Christ as Lord and thereby are found neutral on vital moral issues and astraddle every important fence;

(8) That we seek to remedy those conditions which foster extremism and breed violence by doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God (Micah 6:8);

(9) That we seek in all kinds of situations and between all kinds of people to be peacemakers, accepting the risk of being misunderstood, maligned, and finally done in by extremists on both sides of the struggle to serve truth, preserve freedom, and extend human dignity;

(10) That in Christian concern for the victims of extremism we "bear one another's burdens" (Gal. 6:2) when those who are "persecuted for righteousness' sake" (Matt. 5:10) fall on hard times with no means of support;

(11) That we here affirm our unreserved Christian compassion not only for the victims of extremism but also for the extremists themselves whose reconciliation to God and to man, created in God's image, we also seek;

(12) Finally, that we acknowledge the grace of God to be adequate for every sin, including that of extremism, which besets man and that we seek to declare his whole gospel as the ultimately adequate answer for our current crisis.

243. Valentine moved adoption of the recommendations. Discussion followed by Tom Clawson (Texas) and Joe Weldon Bailey (Texas). Robert Kay (Texas) asked if the statement related to theology. Valentine replied that the statement had not specified any limits but was meant to deal with extremism as such. Time for the order was extended five minutes. George Stallings (Va.) spoke to the motion. Richard Barrett (Miss.) offered a substitute motion to thank the Christian Life Commission for the report and to receive it without adopting the recommendations. The previous question was moved and passed. The substitute motion passed.

244. J. B. Watkins (La.) moved to reconsider the action just taken, saying that he had voted for the substitute motion in order to move for reconsideration if it should pass. The chair ruled the motion to reconsider out of order—though legally in order, spiritually out of order—on the grounds of the statement by the mover.

245. The Convention sang "Amazing Grace," and Bill Driscoll (Texas) presented a trumpet solo.

246. Robert J. Hastings (Ill.) led the Convention in the reading of the Scriptures.

247. J. D. Grey (La.), general chairman of the local committee on arrangements for the Convention, called the members of the committee to the platform and presented them to the Convention. The chair expressed appreciation in behalf of the Convention.

248. Secretary Routh made a motion to adopt the report of the Executive Committee as amended and as a whole. The motion passed.

249. Secretary Routh observed that the content of motions by Robert L. Chew (see Item 90), Jimmy Stroud (see Item 94), and Ralph B. Conway (see Item 174) had been dealt with in resolutions which had been adopted by the Convention. He therefore moved that these motions be tabled. The motion passed.

250. The motion by J. C. Edwards (see Item 89) was now voted and passed. Secretary Kendall reported the ballot for president as follows: W. A. Criswell, 7,482; W. C. Smith, 450. (See Item 102.)

251. The motion by Noah Phillips (Item 165) was discussed by Phillips, Mrs. R. L. Mathis (Ala.), Howard L. Aultman (Miss.), and Charles Lowry (La.). The previous question was moved and passed. James L. Sullivan (Tenn.) noted that the correct name is "Quest,

the Training Program." The vote was taken and the motion passed.

252. The motion (see Item 166) by Homer G. Lindsay, Sr. (Fla.) was considered and passed.

253. Secretary Kendall announced that the amendment to the motion to amend Resolution No. 10 (see Item 228) passed.

254. Robert S. Alley (Va.) moved to amend Resolution No. 10 by deleting from the twelfth paragraph the following words: "demands, principles, and" and "outrageous." Following discussion by Alley and Wendell Davis (N. C.), the previous question was moved and passed, and the motion to amend lost.

255. Richard Barrett (Miss.) moved to amend the last paragraph of Resolution No. 10 by substituting "to seek the kingdom of God that all things be added to you" for the part beginning with "to work for" and continuing to the end. The motion lost.

256. Richard W. Luebbert (La.) moved to amend Resolution No. 10 by adding to the eighth paragraph after "... Crisis in Our Nation" these words: "carefully maintaining the balance between faith and works." The previous question was moved and passed. The motion to amend lost.

257. The previous question was moved and passed. The motion passed to adopt Resolution No. 10 as amended.

#### Resolution No. 10—On Christian Social Concern

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention has consistently adopted statements on concern for a Christian posture toward people of all races, and

WHEREAS, Many Southern Baptist individuals and agencies have repeatedly expressed verbally and in concrete actions their concern for the betterment of the total well being of all men; and

WHEREAS, Our Convention adopted "A Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation" in its annual session in 1968; and

WHEREAS, The Home Mission Board has given prophetic leadership in seeking to implement the principles of "A Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation"; and

WHEREAS, Many Southern Baptist laymen, pastors, and denominational leaders have consistently solicited support for governmental and social service agencies which seek to minister to the physical, material, and emotional needs of needy people of all races; and

WHEREAS, Militant leaders of some races have made widely publicized demands for racial "reparations" upon religious bodies of our nation;

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that we as messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans on June 13, 1969, reaffirm our commitment to the principles embodied in the Southern Baptist Convention's "A Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation" in 1968; and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we encourage the Home Mission Board and other Southern Baptist agencies to give prayerful urgency to continuing implementation of the suggestions made in "A Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation"; and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we urge individuals, churches, and institutions to continue to work for the fullest possible freedom and fulfillment of aspirations for human dignity and personal worth for all people; and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we express appreciation for those persons and agencies which have made courageous efforts to work for racial justice and human betterment in difficult areas; and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we reject in total the demands, principles, and methods espoused by the National Black Economic Development Council which has made outrageous claims against religious bodies in our nation, proclaiming our disapproval of the intimidation, threats, and ultimatums propagated by leaders of this movement; and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we instruct all Southern Baptist Convention agencies to channel available funds through already established channels of Convention agencies and institutions in keeping with program assignments for interracial and social service activities; and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we call upon all citizens of whatever race, creed, or national origin to work for racial justice, economic improvement, political emancipation, educational advancement, and Christian understanding among all peoples of the nation and the world.

258. A motion passed to adopt the report of the Resolutions Committee as amended and as a whole.

259. The motion by Nane Starnes (see Item 168) was discussed by R. F. Smith (N. C.), Raymond C. Wilson (La.), and Bryant A. Bloss (Ind.). Smith moved to refer this motion to the Executive Committee for study. The motion passed.

260. Secretary Kendall reported that the motion (by ballot) to adopt Resolution No. 6 lost (see Item 223).

261. James R. Walker (Tenn.) called attention to an error in the Proceedings as printed in the *Bulletin*, his name having appeared incorrectly in Item 94.

262. Secretary Allen thanked Walker for pointing out the error, asked that any other errors be reported to him, and moved that the recording secretary be authorized to make necessary changes to insure accuracy in facts and consistent form and that the Proceedings thus corrected become the official record of the actions of the Convention. The motion passed.

263. Jack U. Harwell (Ga.) made a motion that the number of ballots on Resolution No. 6, for and against, be reported. The motion was ruled out of order for lack of unanimous consent and lack of time to schedule later consideration.

264. Robert L. Chew (Calif.) asked if the substance and concern of his motion (see Items 90 and 249) had been covered in the resolutions adopted. Secretary Routh responded affirmatively, "in spirit but not in wording."

265. Secretary Routh asked if failure to adopt Resolution No. 6 had any effect on the Convention action in 1940 relating to conscientious objection to military service. The parliamentarian expressed the opinion that it had no bearing on the previous action.

266. Secretary James L. Sullivan of the Sunday School Board, as a matter of personal privilege, explained difficulties faced by the Board due to action of the Convention in expressing disapproval of "Quest, the Training Program" as a new name for the Training Union inasmuch as materials using the new name are in the process of being printed. Landrum P. Leavell, II (Texas), president of the Board, spoke also.

267. The chair announced that the time for a fixed order had arrived. The Convention sang "Amazing Grace." The president presented Culbert Rutenber, recently president of the American Baptist Convention, for an address on "Now Is the Time."

268. Robert A. Clements (Ga.) sang "On a Rugged Hill."

269. Chairman Kay moved that the following order prevail: (1) the report of the Public Affairs Committee; (2) remaining items of miscellaneous business. The motion carried.

270. L. T. Hamrick (N. C.) presented the nominations of the Committee on Boards for members of the Public Affairs Committee and moved their election. The motion passed.

271. C. Emmanuel Carlson (D. C.) was recognized to present the report of the Public Affairs Committee. He presented John W. Baker, a new staff member, and spoke to the report.

272. Hamrick moved that the report of the Committee on Boards as corrected and as a whole be adopted. The motion passed.

273. W. Wayne Dehoney (Ky.) moved a reconsideration of the motion about the new name for the Training Union (see Items 165, 251, and 266). A point of order was raised as to whether Dehoney had voted for the motion, and this was confirmed. The motion to reconsider was discussed by Dehoney, Henry Kincaid (Texas), and J. D. Grey (La.). The previous question was moved and passed. The motion to reconsider lost.

274. The motion by J. C. Edwards (see Item 175) passed. Secretary Kendall reported: 5,870 for the substitute motion offered by James L. Sullivan (see Item 162) and 3,416 against the substitute motion.

275. The motion by Buford G. Easley (see Item 177) passed.

276. The motion by Gary Basinger (see Item 178)—with common consent given to change the phrase "twice as much time" to "more adequate time"—was discussed by Mike Hope (Fla.). The motion passed.

277. Glenn Lawhon (Fla.) raised a point of order as to why a motion he offered (see Item 60) was considered a resolution and referred to the Resolutions Committee. The answer was that the content was of the nature of a resolution. He appealed the ruling of the chair but was not sustained by the body. (See Item 286.)

278. A motion to adjourn passed.

279. Roy Gresham (Md.) led the Convention in prayer to close the session.

#### *Friday Afternoon, June 13*

280. Fritz Smith (Texas) led the Convention in singing "There Is Power in the Blood."

281. Arthur B. Rutledge (Ga.) led the Convention in the reading of the Scriptures and in prayer.

282. Special music was presented by Dale Coody and Mrs. Coody (Okla.).

283. President Criswell had announced that the afternoon and evening sessions of the Convention would be given to a special emphasis on evangelism.

284. Special testimonies were given by (1) David Fite, former missionary to Cuba and recently released from prison in Cuba; (2) E. L. Golonka (Ga.); and (3) L. D. Clepper (La.).

285. The Convention joined in singing "Saved, Saved" and "He Lives."

286. Secretary Allen was recognized for a statement of explanation (see Item 277). He explained that the copy of the matter presented by Glenn Lawhon (see Item 60) was a four-page statement in the form of a resolution and originally identified as a resolution. The motion offered by Lawhon was essentially to approve the resolution. The content and nature of the statement caused the secretary to conclude that it was meant to be a resolution and seemed to require that it be so considered.

287. The secretary further explained that Jess Moody (Fla.) requested immediately after offering a motion (see Item 173) that it be considered a resolution. He so identified the copy he brought to the



secretary. The secretary further solicited information as to any errors seeming to appear in the Proceedings.

288. The Convention was led in prayer by Owen Cooper (Miss.).

289. Special music was presented by the Union University quartet.

290. Special testimonies were given by: (1) Elie Woerner (La.); (2) John Vandercook (La.); and (3) Herbert Caudill, former missionary to Cuba and formerly imprisoned there.

291. The Convention sang "At the Cross" and other songs, after which Fritz Smith sang a medley of songs.

292. Eual F. Lawson (Ga.) was asked to lead the Convention in a special prayer for the evening evangelistic service. President Criswell led in a further prayer for the evening evangelistic service, thus concluding the session.

### *Friday Night, June 13*

293. President Criswell called the Convention to order at 7:30 for the closing service as an evangelistic rally. He welcomed the people from the New Orleans area present in the service.

294. Lee Roy Till introduced the combined choirs of the New Orleans area. They sang "Life Abundant," "There Is a Fountain," and "Saved! Saved!"

295. The Convention sang "How Great Thou Art," and C. E. Autrey (Ga.) led in prayer.

296. A dramatic presentation was given by youth of the New Orleans area, directed by Carl Mays.

297. The Convention sang "At the Cross," and the combined choirs sang "One Day."

298. President Criswell presented to the Convention the other officers of the Convention for the coming year, with the members of the families present. Corsages were presented to the wives present.

299. Special music was presented by Fritz Smith, the Union University quartet, Phil Driscoll (Texas), and the combined choirs.

300. A testimony was given by Tom Barrington (La.) as to what Christ meant to him as Saviour and as a transforming force in his life.

301. The Convention and the combined choirs sang "But Still He Loved Me."

302. C. Wade Freeman (Texas) led the Convention in the reading of the Scriptures, and Ralph Blevins (La.) led the Convention in prayer.

303. The combined choirs sang "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," directed by Lee Roy Till, and Anne Criswell Jackson sang "But This I Know."

304. John Bisagno (Okla.) preached the sermon, after which he gave an invitation for a profession of Christian faith or rededication, to which a large number responded.

305. The registration secretary reported a final unofficial registration of messengers as 16,865.

306. President Criswell declared the one hundred twelfth session of the Southern Baptist Convention adjourned.



**REGISTRATION**

(Official Count)

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION****NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA****1969**

Alabama	1,424
Alaska	2
Arizona	58
Arkansas	447
California	193
Colorado	70
D.C.	59
Florida	766
Georgia	1,323
Hawaii	18
Illinois	244
Indiana	96
Kansas	99
Kentucky	761
Louisiana	1,680
Maryland Convention	
Maryland	144
Delaware	4
New Jersey	12
Pennsylvania	17
New York	16
Rhode Island	2
Massachusetts	4
Connecticut	1
Michigan	66
Mississippi	1,422
Missouri	642
New Mexico	85
North Carolina	1,368
Northern Plains Convention	
Montana	2
North Dakota	5
South Dakota	4
Wyoming	13
Ohio	186
Oklahoma	530
Oregon-Washington	38
South Carolina	1,116
Tennessee	1,231
Texas	1,804
Utah-Idaho	10
Virginia and West Virginia	700
Puerto Rico	8
Canal Zone	6
Venezuela	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,678</b>