

# Proceedings

## SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

June 6-8, 1972

### Tuesday Morning, June 6

1. President Carl E. Bates (N.C.) called to order the one hundred fifteenth session of the Southern Baptist Convention in the one hundred twenty-seventh year of its history, at 9:30 A.M., June 6, 1972, in the Convention Hall, Civic Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

2. Presession music had been presented by the choir of the First Baptist Church of Clarendon, Arlington, Virginia, directed by Paul Welleford.

3. William J. Reynolds (Tenn.) was presented as the music director of the Convention. He introduced Don Hustad (Ky.), the organist, and Max Lyle (Tenn.), the pianist, and then led the Convention in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and "Amazing Grace."

4. President Bates led the Convention in prayer. He then introduced Clarence W. Cranford (D.C.), as the devotional leader for the Convention.

5. Paul McCommon (Ga.) sang "Christ Is All."

6. Clarence W. Cranford spoke on "A Striking Symbol of Freedom."

7. W. Fred Kendall (Tenn.), registration secretary, reported a registration of 8,100 messengers and moved that these messengers constitute the Convention and that duly accredited messengers from churches in cooperation with the Convention who arrive later be recognized as messengers of the Convention when they have been enrolled on the basis of membership set forth in Article III of the Constitution. The motion passed.

8. Lee Porter (Tex.), chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, explained a change for Thursday morning and moved the adoption of the report. The motion passed. He explained the requirement of time for discussion from the floor according to Bylaw 21. Porter indicated the desire of the committee to receive any nomination for the preacher for the 1973 Convention.

Theme: "Proclaim Liberty to All"

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 6

- 9:15 Music for Inspiration
- 9:30 Call to Order
- Congregational Singing
- Special Music
- Theme Meditation—Clarence W. Cranford, District of Columbia
- 9:50 Report of Registration and Constituting of the Convention—W. Fred Kendall, Tennessee
- Committee on Order of Business—Lee Porter, Texas
- 9:55 Welcome
- 10:05 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, Tellers Committee, and Credentials Committee
- 10:10 Special Music
- 10:15 Presidential Address—Carl E. Bates, North Carolina

- 10:55 Congregational Singing
- 11:00 Introduction of Resolutions
- 11:15 Executive Committee Report (first section)
- 12:00 Miscellaneous Business
- 12:15 Benediction

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 6

- 2:15 Music for Inspiration
- 2:30 Congregational Singing
- Theme Meditation—Clarence W. Cranford
- 2:45 Miscellaneous Business
- 3:00 Election of Officers
- Recognition of Past Presidents
- 3:30 Executive Committee Report (final section)
- 4:00 Election of Officers
- Introduction of Resolutions
- Ambassador Service National Award
- Miscellaneous Business
- 4:30 Benediction

### TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 6

- 6:45 Music for Inspiration
- 7:00 Congregational Singing
- Scripture and Prayer
- 7:15 Radio and Television Commission Report
- 7:30 Pageant by Southern Baptist Convention Historical Commission and Music by The Centurymen and Symphony Orchestra
- 8:15 Convention Sermon—E. Hermond Westmoreland, Texas
- Alternate: Charles R. Walker, Illinois
- 9:00 Benediction

### WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 7

- 9:15 Music for Inspiration
- 9:30 Congregational Singing
- Special Music
- Theme Meditation—Clarence W. Cranford
- 9:50 Election of Officers
- 10:05 Committee on Resolutions (first report)
- 10:25 Committee on Committees
- Committee on Boards
- 10:30 Sunday School Board Report
- 11:35 Student Program—"Students Speak Up"
- 12:00 Election of Officers
- Miscellaneous Business
- 12:45 Benediction

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 7

(No Convention session)

### WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 7

- 6:45 Music for Inspiration
- 7:00 Congregational Singing
- Scripture
- Prayer
- 7:10 Education Commission Report
- 7:20 Southern Baptist Convention Seminaries—"The Call of the Ministry"
- 8:20 Address—Billy Graham, North Carolina
- 9:30 Benediction

### THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 8

- 9:15 Music for Inspiration
- 9:30 Congregational Singing

- Special Music  
 Theme Meditation—Clarence W. Cranford  
 9:50 Resolutions Committee (final report)  
 10:20 Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary Report  
 10:25 Denominational Calendar Committee Report  
 10:30 Committee on Baptist State Papers Report  
 10:35 American Bible Society  
 10:40 Committee on Public Affairs Report  
 10:45 Baptist World Alliance Report  
 10:55 Congregational Singing  
 11:00 Address—Leon Sullivan, Pennsylvania  
 11:20 Christian Life Commission Report  
 11:30 Woman's Missionary Union Report  
 11:40 Brotherhood Commission Report  
 11:50 Miscellaneous Business  
 12:30 Benediction

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 8

- 2:15 Music for Inspiration  
 2:30 Congregational Singing  
 Theme Meditation—Clarence W. Cranford  
 2:45 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers  
 2:50 Message—Roger L. Fredrikson, South Dakota  
 3:15 Southern Baptist Foundation Report  
 3:20 Annuity Board Report  
 3:45 Miscellaneous Business  
 4:10 Devotional—James B. Irwin, Texas  
 4:30 Benediction

## THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 8

- 6:45 Music for Inspiration  
 7:00 Congregational Singing  
 Scripture and Prayer  
 7:10 Presentation of Officers  
 7:15 Home Mission Board Report  
 8:15 Stewardship Commission Report  
 8:30 Foreign Mission Board Report  
 9:30 Benediction and Adjourn

9. G. W. Bullard (Pa.), chairman of the local arrangements committee, presented the chairmen of the subcommittees. He then gave information designed to serve the messengers and welcomed them to Philadelphia.

10. President Bates presented Ralph Williams, the chairman of deacons in the First Baptist Church of Charlotte, N.C., Joe Burnette, the assistant pastor, and Mrs. Jack Lewis, the pastor's secretary.

11. President Bates announced the committees as listed on page 2 of the Convention *Bulletin*: Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Committees, Tellers Committee, and Credentials Committee. Carl Duck (Tex.) was named to replace Bruce McIver on the Committee on Committees.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: W. Randall Lolley, *Chairman*, North Carolina; Brooks H. Wester, Mississippi; James F. Graves, Florida; Hudson Baggett, Alabama; J. Terry Young, Louisiana; William E. Denham, Jr., Texas; Rex Phillips, Washington; Charles A. Jolly, New Jersey; Daniel R. Grant, Arkansas; and Harold K. Graves, California.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: Dotson M. Nelson, *Chairman*, Mrs. Miriam Jackson, Alabama; Jarrell Griffin, Emmett Douglas, Arizona; Don Moore, Paul H. Power, Arkansas; Reuban A. Scott, Audra Chatham, California; Herb Dickinson, Max Clifton, Colorado; James M. Windham, Marvin Watson, District of Columbia; Carson M. Brittain, J. Nixon Daniel, Jr., Florida; Robert T. Baggott, Jr., J. Ralph Veal, Georgia; Dale Clements, Craig Ridings, Illinois; Leamon Blalock, Thomas Wood, In-

diana; Lynn P. Clayton, Dale Conner, Kansas; Verlin C. Kruschwitz, William E. Snowden, Kentucky; James E. Carter, D. C. "Bill" Bates, Louisiana; Gordon T. Mize, Ed Templeton, Maryland; James Jones, James Bunton, Michigan; David R. Grant, J. D. Stingily, Mississippi; W. T. Holland, Russell Newport, Missouri; Harold Shirley, Dewey H. Bridger, Jr., North Carolina; James F. Eaves, Mayo T. Boucher, New Mexico; Thomas H. Gordon, Hollis Vickers, Ohio; Weldon Marcum, Ralph E. Smith, Oklahoma; Bill Crews, James Clark, Northwest; Kirk L. Smith, Jr., L. Dial Corder, South Carolina; James A. Canaday, R. T. Martin, Tennessee; Carl Duck, Emory Huffhines, Texas; and Jack P. Lowndes, Reginald M. Wood, Virginia.

**TELLERS COMMITTEE:** George McCotter, *Chairman*, North Carolina; Bill Hickem, Florida; Herman S. Ray, Hawaii; John Aaron Senter, North Carolina; John Tollison, Ohio; Fred Witty, Tennessee; Bennett F. Hall, New Jersey; M. Brent Coleman, Maryland; and C. Winfield Rich, Tennessee.

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:** Joe Hubb Collier, *Chairman*, Oklahoma; J. Harold Thompson, Oklahoma; Carlos McCleod, Texas; Coy Bates, Maryland; Andrew Tampling, Alabama; Mac Glover, Arkansas; Paige Patterson, Arkansas; Eddy Longshore, California; Harold Dye, California; Herbert W. Baucom, Maryland; Malcolm B. Knight, Florida; James W. Waters, Georgia; Garland McKee, Louisiana; and Charles Allen, Texas.

12. President Bates presented James H. Landes (Tex.), the first vice-president, to take the chair. He announced special music to be presented by George Austin (N.C.), who sang "The Lord Is My Light."

13. Vice-president Landes presented President Bates for the presidential address. President Bates presented his family to the Convention: Mrs. Bates, their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stoneham (Va.), and D.C. Bates (La.), a brother. He then spoke on the subject, "Hitherto—Henceforth." (See pp. 91-94.)

14. W. J. Reynolds led the Convention in singing "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian."

15. Vice-president Landes called for the presentation of resolutions, according to the fixed order. The following were presented and were automatically referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

16. James Dunn (Tex.) presented a resolution on the use of public funds for non-public education by parochial or private schools. (See Item 129.)

17. R. Paul Caudill (Tenn.) presented a resolution on the abuse of alcohol and other drugs. (See Item 213.)

18. W. Landon Miller (Va.) presented a resolution on medical costs. (See Item 186.)

19. M. O. Owens, Jr. (N.C.) presented a resolution concerning pioneer Bible translation for world minority language groups. (See Item 126.)

20. Foy Valentine (Tenn.) presented a resolution on offensive movies and television programs. (See Item 127.)

21. B. Elmo Scoggin (N.C.) presented a resolution on anti-Semitism. (See Item 128.)

22. T. T. Crabtree (Mo.) presented a resolution on the historic Baptist principle of freedom in the interpretation of the Bible and in matters of belief. (See Item 221.)

23. O. K. Armstrong (Mo.) presented a resolution on the chaplaincy service. (See Item 185.)

24. R. H. Patterson (S.C.) presented a resolution on beverage alcohol. (See Item 213.)



25. Hugh Wamble (Mo.) presented a resolution on religious liberty and no establishment of religion. (See Item 129.)

26. Don DeGarmo (Miss.) presented a resolution on yielding to the lordship of Christ. (See Item 188.)

27. William H. Rittenhouse (Tex.) presented a resolution on world peace. (See Item 184.)

28. The chairman of the Committee on Order of Business called for the order of the day.

29. Porter Routh (Tenn.), executive secretary of the Executive Committee, presented Martin B. Bradley (Tenn.), who conducted a survey to obtain information from messengers.

The following results were based on 6,429 messengers who participated:

<b>A. Age:</b>		<b>G. Day on which you arrived in the Philadelphia area:</b>	
4.7%	Under 18	4.8%	Before Saturday 6/3
8.6	18-29	10.5	Saturday
10.2	30-34	34.1	Sunday
15.3	35-49	45.4	Monday
15.8	40-44	2.1	Tuesday
13.1	45-49	0.7	Resident of area
11.8	50-54	2.1	Not indicated
8.5	55-59		
9.8	60 and up	100.0%	
2.0	Not indicated		
100.0%		<b>H. Which of these Southern Baptist Conventions have you attended?</b>	
<b>B. Sex:</b>		51.2%	St. Louis (1971)
61.3%	Male	42.9	Denver (1970)
37.4	Female	43.0	New Orleans (1969)
1.3	Not indicated	41.5	Houston (1968)
100.0%		42.4	Miami (1967)
		21.8	Not indicated
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<b>C. Mode of travel to and from Philadelphia:</b>		<b>I. Number of children under five years of age with you in Philadelphia:</b>	
28.5%	Plane	87.3%	None
71.9	Car	3.2	1
2.0	Train	0.5	2
1.4	Bus	0.2	3 or more
1.4	Not indicated	8.9	Not indicated
*		100.0%	
<b>D. Total membership of your current church:</b>		<b>J. Did you attend (or now have plans to attend):</b>	
2.5%	Under 100	54.4%	Pastors conference
6.3	100-199	30.4	WMU conference
12.3	200-299	1.9	Music conference
21.5	300-499	5.5	R.E. conference
26.8	500-999	12.4	Evangelist conference
23.4	1,000 and up	24.4	Not indicated
2.2	Not indicated	*	
100.0%		<b>K. Your preference of time for the annual Southern Baptist Convention:</b>	
<b>E. Do you plan to attend the Thursday evening session of this Convention?</b>		4.7%	3rd week of May
50.5%	Yes	5.1	Last week of May
44.0	No	35.2	1st week of June
3.5	Not indicated	28.9	2nd week of June
100.0%		11.3	3rd week of June
<b>F. Your vocational area:</b>		9.6	Last week of June
46.9%	Church staff	0.4	Other
1.8	Home-foreign	4.8	Not indicated
3.3	Association	100.0%	
2.9	State		
2.6	Denomination		
0.4	Evangelism		
24.9	Wife of above		
3.8	Homemaking		
9.5	"Secular"-Other		
3.9	Not indicated		
100.0%			

\*Percents add to more than 100.0 due to multiple answers.

30. Secretary Routh presented the report of the Executive Committee. He called attention of the work of agencies as reported in the *Book of Reports*. He also gave information related to the items referred to the Executive Committee by the 1971 Convention, indicating that questions relating to any of these matters could be raised at the time of the report of a given agency or at a miscellaneous business period.

31. Wallace Denton (Ind.) presented Recommendation No. 1 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

### Recommendation No. 1

We recommend that Bylaw 12 be amended as follows (change in boldface italic):

**Committee on Order of Business:** The Committee on Order of Business shall consist of seven (7) members—the president of the Convention and six (6) other members, two (2) of whom shall be elected each year for a term of three (3) years and one-third of whom shall be lay persons. No member of the committee can succeed himself. The committee shall suggest an order of business for the next meeting of the Convention. It shall provide periods of time during the early days of the Convention for the introduction of all matters requiring a vote not scheduled on the agenda, and, when introduced (unless the Convention then gives its unanimous consent for its immediate consideration) shall fix times for the consideration of the same. When practicable it shall give notice in the Convention *Bulletin* of the substance of the motion or resolution and the time for its consideration. If unable to give notice in the *Bulletin*, it shall cause announcement to be made from the floor of the Convention of the same, action thereon to be taken at a subsequent session of *that* Convention. The committee shall recommend to the Convention a preacher for the succeeding Convention sermon and the director of music.

32. Tom Madden (Tenn.) presented Recommendation No. 2 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

### Recommendation No. 2

We recommend that Bylaw 16 be amended as follows (changes in boldface italic):

**Method of Procedure for Agencies:** To facilitate consideration and discussion of the interests of the Convention the following method of procedure is hereby adopted: (a) Printed reports of the boards, institutions, commissions, and standing committees shall be consolidated into the *Book of Reports* for distribution to messengers on their enrollment. (b) Reports of all special commissions and standing committees containing recommendations for the Convention's action shall be included in the *Book of Reports*. (c) All recommendations of each board, institution, commission, special committee, and standing committee shall be printed together at the end of its report before they may be considered by the Convention. In case any agency or committee shall be unable to comply with this requirement, its recommendation shall be printed in the Convention *Bulletin* before consideration and action by the Convention. *Recommendations by an agency which are not published in the Book of Reports or the Convention Bulletin shall, when presented to the Convention, be referred to the Executive Committee or to such other committees as the Convention may direct.*

33. Stewart Simms (S.C.) presented Recommendation No. 3, a new Bylaw 17, with subsequent bylaws to be renumbered accordingly, and moved its adoption, with the understanding that the Bylaw 17, if approved, would take effect at the end of the session in Philadelphia. The rationale for the new bylaw was explained by Simms. Doug Chatham (Fla.) moved to amend the bylaw by changing the requirement for a two-thirds vote to a simple majority for consideration of any matter involved at a subsequent session of the same Convention. The amendment was discussed by Chatham, Ernest White (Mo.), M. O. Owens, Jr. (N.C.), Knox Lambert (S.C.), Harry Don Phelps (Ky.), and Richard L. T. Beale (Va.). The previous question was moved and a vote authorized by the vote of the body. The motion for the previous question then passed. The motion to amend was defeated. The original motion to approve the new Bylaw 17 passed.

### Recommendation No. 3

We recommend that a new bylaw, Bylaw 17, be added with the subsequent bylaws renumbered accordingly as follows:

17. **Procedure for Motions of Messengers Concerning Agencies:** Motions made by messengers dealing with internal operations or programs of an agency shall

be referred to the elected board of the agency for consideration and report to the constituency and to the next annual session of the Convention for action with the exception that the Committee on Order of Business may be instructed by a two-thirds vote to arrange for consideration at a subsequent meeting of the same Convention, subject to provisions of Bylaw 12.

34. Warren C. Hultgren (Okla.) presented Recommendation No. 4, the allocation of funds for the 1972-73 Cooperative Program budget and moved the adoption. President Bates stressed the seriousness of the motion and called for a vote by standing. The motion passed.

#### Recommendation No. 4

We recommend that the following allocations be made to Southern Baptist Convention agencies for the 1972-73 fiscal year as follows:

#### 1972-73 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM BUDGET

	1971 Allocation	1972-73 Allocation
Foreign Mission Board	\$14,863,251	\$16,319,959
Home Mission Board	5,305,067	5,324,963
Annuity Board	176,168	175,000
Golden Gate Seminary	555,800	609,822
Midwestern Seminary	504,000	531,671
New Orleans Seminary	1,086,400	1,184,120
Southeastern Seminary	876,400	955,591
Southern Seminary	1,327,200	1,461,689
Southwestern Seminary	1,638,700	1,810,679
Southern Baptist Foundation	81,600	81,600
Southern Baptist Hospitals	24,078	—
American Baptist Seminary	93,000	93,000
Brotherhood Commission	281,200	203,200
Christian Life Commission	200,000	210,000
Education Commission	135,000	141,750
Historical Commission	115,000	121,000
Radio and Television Commission	1,400,000	1,472,839
Stewardship Commission	125,000	137,500
Public Affairs Committee	120,000	126,000
Convention Operating Budget	225,000	250,000
	\$29,134,961	\$31,826,184

#### Recapitulation

1973 Operating Budget	\$31,826,184
1973 Capital Budget	1,050,000
TOTAL REGULAR BUDGET 1973	32,876,184
Due on 1972 Capital (Estimated)	166,322
TOTAL GOAL 1973	33,042,506

35. Lynn E. May (Tenn.) announced a pageant to be presented at the evening session by the Historical Commission. He then called attention to the report of the Historical Commission and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

36. Gwin Turner (Calif.) presented the following motion: "That because a large segment of the material of *The Broadman Bible Commentary* is out of harmony with the spirit and letter of "The Baptist Faith and Message" adopted by this Convention, we request the Sunday School Board to withdraw from further sale the entire set, seek a new editor, and rewrite the commentary from the point of view that the Bible is 'truth, without any mixture of error.' " The motion was referred to the Committee on Order of Business to schedule for later consideration. (See Items 99 and 100.)

37. Harvey T. Whaley (S.C.) offered the following motion: "That a commission of not less than seven be appointed, of representatives of the Annuity Board, the Executive Committee of this Convention, at least two representatives on retirement in the A-12 Program, and a representative of the executive boards of state conventions, and recommend steps by which action may be taken to upgrade retirement programs based on depression era economics, and that the motion relevant to this matter passed by this Convention in the 1971 session

be reviewed and considered by the above commission." This motion was referred for later consideration. (See Item 159.)

38. R. G. Puckett (Md.) presented a motion that the Constitution be amended so that Article V, "Officers," Section 2, would read as follows:

"2. The officers shall be elected annually and shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified. The term of office for the president is limited to one (1) year, and the president shall not be eligible for reelection until as much as one (1) year has elapsed from the time the successor is named. The first vice-president shall be the president elect, assuming office at the close of the next annual session. The second vice-president shall be voted upon and elected after the election of the first vice-president (president elect) has taken place." This motion was referred for later consideration. (See Items 161 and 200.)

39. Ray O. Jones (Tenn.) presented the following motion: "That this Convention respectfully request the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to investigate the reasons why Blue Cross-Blue Shield, which presently underwrites our Health Plan, is negligent, abusive, and careless in paying claims, taking as much as four months to pay off claims, and because of the continuing rising cost of Blue Cross-Blue Shield to investigate the possibility of securing another company, other than Blue Cross-Blue Shield, which is a fraternal organization, owned and controlled by the medical profession, to underwrite the Health Plan for the pastors and other church employees in our Convention." The motion was referred for later consideration. (See Item 160.)

40. M. O. Owens, Jr. (N.C.) presented the following motion: "That we respectfully request *The Baptist Program* to print at least one article by a competent conservative scholar presenting the Convention viewpoint of biblical inerrancy." The motion was referred for later consideration. (See Item 201.)

41. Lee Porter announced for the Committee on Order of Business that the motion by Gwin Turner (Calif.) would be considered at approximately 4:15 in the afternoon session.

42. Herman S. Ray (Hawaii) led the Convention in prayer to conclude the morning session.

### *Tuesday Afternoon, June 6*

43. Presession music was presented by the youth choir of the First Baptist Church of Houston, Texas, directed by Gerald Ray.

44. Ed Stalnecker (La.) led the Convention in singing "Blessed Assurance."

45. Clarence W. Cranford led the Convention in a devotional period, using the theme, "The Yoke of Freedom."

46. E. C. McDaniel (Fla.) moved that the president's address, delivered at the morning session, calling Southern Baptists toward a closer harmony and to the main task of the Convention, be printed in the 1972 Convention *Annual*. The motion was referred for later consideration. (See Item 202.)

47. Glendon McCullough (Tenn.) offered the following motion: "In view of the alarmingly low percentage of laymen attending the annual meetings of Southern Baptists and the growing awareness of

the contributions lay people can make to the future of this denomination and convinced that now is the time to provide at least one avenue for this expression, I move that the messengers of this Convention request its Executive Committee to study the feasibility of changing the dates of future Conventions to a time laymen can attend more conveniently, specifically Thursday night through Sunday, and if feasible the Executive Committee to implement these changes as soon as possible." The motion was referred for later consideration. (See Item 203.)

48. Bill Little (Mo.) presented the following resolution: "That we request the president of our Convention to communicate with the official leaders of the Protestant and Catholic churches of Ireland informing them of our prayerful concern for them, urging them to seek peaceful and loving solutions to the conflict that faces them and requesting that they pray for us as we seek God's will in resolving the issues that confront us." The resolution was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. (See Item 221.)

49. President Bates recognized Shuichi Matsumura, president of the Japan Baptist Convention, who brought greetings from Baptists in Japan.

50. No further items of miscellaneous business being presented, President Bates called for nominations for the office of president of the Convention.

51. Jerry Clower (Miss.) nominated Owen Cooper (Miss.).

52. Harold Coble (Calif.) nominated James L. Plietz (Fla.).

53. John Bisagno (Tex.) nominated James E. Coggin (Tex.).

54. President Bates announced to the Convention that James L. Plietz had requested that his name be withdrawn, which request was agreed to by common consent of the Convention.

55. Russell H. Dilday, Jr. (Ga.) nominated Mrs. R. L. Mathis (Tex.).

56. James H. Semple (Tex.) nominated Fred B. Rhodes (D.C.).

57. Jerry Glisson (Tenn.) nominated James P. Wesberry (Ga.).

58. Franklin Owen (Ky.) nominated Dotson M. Nelson (Ala.).

59. Secretary Kendall gave explanations relative to voting procedure, and the messengers cast their ballots for president.

60. President Bates recognized the former presidents of the Convention who were present at the session, as follows: R. G. Lee (Tenn.), J. D. Grey (La.), Brooks Hays (N.C.), Ramsey Pollard (Tenn.), Herschel H. Hobbs (Okla.), K. O. White (Ariz.), Wayne Dehoney (Ky.), H. Franklin Paschall (Tenn.), and W. A. Criswell (Tex.). President Bates indicated that a message would be sent to Louie D. Newton (Ga.).

61. Secretary Routh was recognized for the presentation of the second part of the report of the Executive Committee.

62. R. F. Smith (N.C.) presented Recommendation No. 5 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

### **Recommendation No. 5**

We recommend that the Convention Operating Budget for 1972-73 fiscal year be as follows:

Estimated Income	1972-73	1972
Cooperative Program	\$250,000	\$225,000
Dividends and interest	30,000	26,000
Sunday School Board	318,000	321,000
	<u>\$598,000</u>	<u>\$572,000</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Convention expense	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000
Special committees	30,000	20,000
Executive Committee	345,000	330,000
Baptist World Alliance	118,000	112,000
Legal and auditing	2,000	2,000
Building Operations	17,500	17,500
	<u>\$592,500</u>	<u>\$571,500</u>
<b>Reserve</b>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>500</u>
	<u>\$598,000</u>	<u>\$572,000</u>

63. Owen Cooper (Miss.) presented Recommendation No. 6 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

#### Recommendation No. 6

We recommend that the following changes dealing with the work of the Brotherhood Commission be approved:

1. That the charter of the Brotherhood Commission be changed to provide for a Commission composed of one man from each eligible state convention, plus ten local members, and consisting of two-thirds laymen and one-third ordained persons.

2. That the Brotherhood Commission establish an advisory committee, without vote, composed of each state Brotherhood department director, a representative of the seminaries, a representative of the state executive secretaries, and one staff member each from the Sunday School Board, Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Radio and Television Commission, Christian Life Commission, Woman's Missionary Union, and Stewardship Commission. Each respective group will appoint its representative.

3. That the Commission develop, project, and implement plans and programs involving men and boys in the total mission scope of Southern Baptist Convention activities (such emphases as mission learning experiences, mission involvement, personal involvement, personal witnessing, evangelism, and financial support); and make plans and programs available to the local churches. The program statement should be rewritten accordingly in keeping with established procedure.

4. That consistent with the Commission's program assignment, all activities of Baptist men and boys be continually studied, analyzed, developed, and implemented by the Commission in cooperation with the agencies of the Convention that could most effectively promote and successfully expedite the work.

64. G. W. Price (N.C.) presented Recommendation No. 7 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

#### Recommendation No. 7

We recommend that the following changes dealing with the work of the Radio and Television Commission be approved:

1. That the charter of the Radio and Television Commission be changed to provide the following:

a. That the Radio and Television Commission be composed of one representative from each state which qualifies (under Bylaw 19) for Convention representation, equally divided between ordained and lay persons to be elected by the Southern Baptist Convention, in keeping with Article VI of the Convention's Constitution.

b. That two staff representatives named by the following agencies be placed on the Commission: the Foreign Mission Board, the Sunday School Board, and the Home Mission Board.

c. That one staff representative named by the following groups be placed on the Commission: the Woman's Missionary Union, the Brotherhood Commission, and one for all six seminaries.

d. That representatives to the Radio and Television Commission who are

named from the staffs of the agencies have no voting privileges but shall act in an advisory capacity only.

e. That the appointees from agencies be subject to the same rotation standards observed by the Southern Baptist Convention under Article VI of the Constitution of the Convention.

2. That the Radio and Television Commission continue to represent the Southern Baptist Convention to the radio and television industry, consistent with its statement of Program Relationships.

3. That the responsibilities of the Radio and Television Commission be defined as follows:

a. Provide programming materials of various kinds to the radio and television industry, consistent with its statement of Program Relationships, keeping in mind the spiritual goals of Southern Baptists of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ.

b. Provide personnel skills, equipment, and technology for television and radio production and distribution to all organized entities of Southern Baptist life as they may request and as budgetary limitations make possible.

c. The content of such programming shall be determined by each agency, as it makes use of the Commission's staff and skills.

4. That the program statement be revised in keeping with established procedure, incorporating the proposed changes.

65. Secretary Routh explained that Recommendation No. 8 would require approval by two successive sessions of the Convention.

66. James Monroe (Fla.) presented Recommendation No. 8 and moved its adoption. Discussion followed by James Monroe and Horace E. Twine (Md.), who moved that the recommendation be referred back to the Executive Committee for further consideration. Discussion followed by John Brown (Va.), James Monroe, Alvin Shackelford (Ind.), and Richard L. T. Beale (Va.). The motion to refer lost, and the original motion also lost.

### Recommendation No. 8

We recommend that the following changes dealing with the work of the Stewardship Commission be approved:

1. That the programs of the Stewardship Commission be assigned to the Executive Committee effective October 1, 1973.

2. That the Executive Committee be reorganized to give proper elected representative base for working with the personnel in all areas to the end that there shall be continuity and meaningful emphasis.

3. That such portion of funds allocated to the Stewardship Commission, and required to do the work, be allocated to the Executive Committee. That all assets held by the Stewardship Commission be transferred to the Executive Committee effective at the time of transfer. The charter will be surrendered on the date of transfer.

4. That provisions be made by the Executive Committee to continue the present stewardship promotion and planning procedure in the implementation of these services.

5. That steps be taken to strengthen the utilization of state convention staffs and Southern Baptist Convention agency staffs in stewardship and Cooperative Program promotion.

6. That assurance be given to the Stewardship Commission staff that every consideration be given to the continued utilization of each one in the transfer with as little change in relationships and benefits as possible, consistent with Executive Committee personnel policies in effect at the time of transfer.

67. Lee Porter moved to extend the time ten minutes for the consideration of the Executive Committee report and the motion passed.

68. Brooks H. Wester (Miss.) presented Recommendation No. 9 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

### Recommendation No. 9

We recommend that the revised program statement of the Education Commission be approved as follows:



## The Program of Christian Higher Education Leadership

### Purpose

The purpose of the Education Commission is to promote cooperation between the educational institutions officially sponsored by the state Baptist conventions and/or Baptist district associations and the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention, to provide specific services to Baptist colleges and schools, and to maintain liaison for them with regional accrediting associations, the United States Office of Education, state boards of higher education, boards of higher education in other religious bodies, and professional educational organizations and learned societies.

The Education Commission reflects Southern Baptist commitment to introduce Christian truth into every area of life and to be obedient to the clear intent of the Scriptures in carrying out a teaching ministry. This teaching ministry is accomplished through a system of seminaries, universities, colleges, academies, and Bible schools which constitute the Southern Baptist educational enterprise.

### Functions

1. *Christian Education Leadership and Coordination.*—Coordinate service programs between state Baptist schools, Southern Baptist Convention agencies programs, and state conventions when such coordination is mutually helpful.

2. *College Studies and Services.*—Cooperate with the colleges and their officers in providing studies and services for improving performance in such areas as denominational relations, finances, curriculum, management, public relations, and recruitment of students; publish a Southern Baptist educational journal for administrators, faculty members, trustees, and Baptist leaders.

3. *Teacher-personnel Placement Services.*—Provide a registry for Baptist college teachers and administrative personnel who have superior academic qualifications, are active churchmen, and are in complete sympathy with the purposes of a Baptist college.

4. *Student Recruitment.*—Assist Baptist colleges in developing an effective program of student recruitment and prepare materials informing Baptist high school students of the opportunities available to them in Southern Baptist colleges.

5. *Convention Relations.*—Work with colleges and state conventions to secure better convention-college relationships through Baptist state papers, workshops, seminars, and national conferences.

### Relationships

Cooperates with the Seminary Extension Department to make better use of Seminary Extension materials, utilizing district associations, college personnel and facilities in the training of ministers, and others seeking help at professional levels. With the Program of National Student Ministries to improve communications between the Baptist student ministry and the colleges. Works with the Program of Church Administration Services to help relate the choice of vocations to the choice of colleges. Works with the regional and national accrediting associations, the United States Office of Education, state boards of higher education, and boards of other religious bodies, in order to interpret and alert the colleges to trends and policies affecting them.

### Reporting

(1) Annual statistical report on the schools, (2) highlights of the program in the *Convention Annual*, and (3) long-range objectives, annual goals, and goal achievement in the Convention Budget and Financial Data procedures.

69. Albert McClellan (Tenn.) presented Recommendation No. 10 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

### Recommendation No. 10

We recommend that the revised program statement of the Baptist Sunday School Board be approved as follows:

#### BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

### Purpose

The Sunday School Board's purpose is to support the Southern Baptist Convention in its tasks of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ by making available Bibles, lesson courses and materials, books, films and filmstrips, music



and recordings, and church supplies and by fostering education and service programs which will help the churches to establish, conduct, enlarge, and improve their ministries of Bible teaching and Christian training.

## 1. The Program of Assembly Operation

### Purpose

To provide and operate, on a break-even basis, the physical facilities of Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist assemblies for the use of church and denominational programs.

### Functions

1. Provide auditorium, conference, classroom, and recreation facilities and grounds.
2. Provide room, food, and other appropriate services for guests.
3. Develop schedules for optimum year-round use of the facilities.
4. Provide recreation activities for guests.
5. Provide facilities for, recruit campers, plan, and conduct camps with a spiritual purpose for youth.
6. Plan and conduct programs for personal Christian growth.
7. Promote use of facilities and build attendance.

### Relationships

The Program of Assembly Operation makes assembly facilities available to all Southern Baptist programs, agencies, and churches. Priority is given to Southern Baptist Convention programs and agencies. Program leaders are primarily responsible for the structure, content, and conduct of their programs and the participants. There is a cooperative obligation between the Sunday School Board and the other agencies of the Convention to utilize the assemblies. Appropriate non-Baptist groups may use the facilities.

## 2. The Program of Book Store Operation

### Purpose

To operate strategically located stores for the profitable distribution of Bibles, books, audiovisuals, music, church supplies, and other appropriate products to assist churches and individuals in their growth.

### Functions

1. *Product Selection*.—Selects and purchases products for distribution which are consistent with the purposes of Southern Baptists and their churches.
2. *Inventory Maintenance*.—Maintains adequate inventories to meet customer needs without undue delay or inconvenience.
3. *Advertising and Sales Promotion*.—Conducts advertising and sales promotion campaigns to inform customers and potential customers about products available through the stores.
4. *Selling*.—Offers products for sale to churches and individuals through Baptist Book Stores, Lifeway Stores, direct sales, and personal selling.
5. *Accounts Receivable*.—Offers a service of charging, billing, and collecting to customers desiring to buy on credit.

### Relationships

The Program of Book Store Operations serves as the distributor of merchandise from Convention Press, Broadman Press, Southern Baptist Convention agencies and Woman's Missionary Union, and other publishers and producers as set forth in individual contracts or agreements. It serves as an advertising agency for denominational papers.

## 3. The Program of Broadman Publishing

### Purpose

To contribute to the effectiveness of churches and to individual spiritual growth through profitably producing and distributing products of Christian content and purpose, such as Bibles, Testaments, Scripture portions, books, audiovisuals, music, church supplies, and equipment.

### Functions

1. *Product and Marketing Research.*—Conduct research related to the development and marketing of Broadman products.
2. *Product Planning and Development.*—Plan, develop, procure, and produce products to meet market needs.
3. *Advertising and Sales.*—Develop and execute balanced advertising, sales promotion, publicity, and selling plans for Broadman products.
4. *Marketing Services.*—Maintain adequate inventories, handle orders promptly, and maintain accounts receivable.

### Relationships

The Program of Broadman Publishing provides services to state Baptist conventions, Southern Baptist Convention agencies, and Woman's Missionary Union for the publishing of books, supplies, audiovisuals, and music needed by these agencies for the promotion of their work.

This program provides the non-radio and non-television channel of distribution for products produced by the Radio and Television Commission. Broadman films are released for television through the Radio and Television Commission only.

This Program is a supplier of products to the Baptist Book Stores and other trade dealers.

## 4. The Program of Church Services and Materials Development

### Purpose

To develop and distribute, profitably, services and materials acceptable to Southern Baptist churches, campus organizations, associations, and state conventions in meeting their wants and needs in establishing, conducting, enlarging, and improving Sunday School, Church Training, Church Music, Church Administration, Church Architecture, Church Library, Church Recreation, and Student work.

### Functions

1. Conduct program, materials, and marketing research, study, and evaluation (including denominational statistics).
2. Design suggested organizations, curricula, leadership, physical resources, financial resources, and administrative controls for use by churches and associations.
3. Develop, produce, and/or procure church literature and Convention Press materials.
4. Conduct the marketing services of forecasting, pricing, sales promotion and advertising, warehousing, materials distribution, and accounts receivable.
5. Design promotion plans and materials; prepare and conduct field services for churches, campus organizations, associations, state conventions, and regional and national meetings.

### Relationships

The Program of Church Services and Materials Development relates directly to:

1. Southern Baptist Convention agencies and Woman's Missionary Union—
  - (1) As a publishing channel for church literature
  - (2) As the publishing channel for Convention Press items
  - (3) In providing channels for interpreting their work
  - (4) In coordinating all student ministry activities with the assistance of an advisory committee representing the agencies
  - (5) In providing information and consultation for recruiting and developing church vocations personnel
2. The Home Mission Board—
  - (1) In assistance in missionary recruitment.
  - (2) In the cooperative designing and developing of associational administrative services and materials
  - (3) In providing technical evaluations of architects' drawings of churches requesting building loans from the Home Mission Board
  - (4) In cooperative efforts in designing plans and materials for evangelism
  - (5) In serving students at United States service academies

- (6) In consultation on materials for language-culture groups
3. The Foreign Mission Board—
  - (1) In assistance in missionary recruitment
  - (2) In providing professional specialists upon request and at the expense of the Foreign Mission Board
4. The Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union in correlating curriculum and church program matters.
5. The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee for the editorial content for the Baptist Bulletin Service.
6. The Committee on the Uniform Series in the development of the Outlines of the International Sunday School Lessons, Uniform Series.
7. The seminaries, including the Seminary Extension Department, in their program designed to provide trained leadership for the churches.

### **5. The Program of Sunday School Development**

#### **Purpose**

To develop services and materials acceptable for use by Southern Baptist churches, associations, and state conventions in establishing, conducting, enlarging, and improving the church Bible teaching program of Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Weekday Bible Study, and other special Bible teaching projects.

#### **Functions**

1. Conduct program, materials, and marketing research.
2. Design program, materials, and field services.
3. Develop materials.
4. Perform field services to undergird the program and interpret and implement effective use of the materials.

#### **Relationships**

The unique relationships of this program to other Southern Baptist Convention programs are stated in the Program of Church Services and Materials Development. The Church Services and Materials Division office is accountable for maintaining these relationships. It may delegate the responsibility for operating within the stated relationships to program leaders.

### **6. The Program of Church Training Development**

#### **Purpose**

To develop services and materials acceptable for use by Southern Baptist churches, associations, and state conventions in establishing, conducting, enlarging, and improving the church Training Union program for church members, church leaders, and new church member orientation.

#### **Functions**

1. Conduct program, materials, and marketing research.
2. Design program, materials, and field services.
3. Develop materials.
4. Perform field services to undergird the program and interpret and implement effective use of the materials.

#### **Relationships**

The unique relationships of this program to other Southern Baptist Convention programs are stated in the Program of Church Services and Materials Development. The Church Services and Materials Division office is accountable for maintaining these relationships. It may delegate the responsibility for operating within the stated relationships to program leaders.

### **7. The Program of Church Music Development**

#### **Purpose**

To develop services and materials acceptable for use by Southern Baptist churches, associations, and state conventions in establishing, conducting, enlarging, and improving church music performance groups, music activity groups, and music study groups.

**Functions**

1. Conduct program, materials, and marketing research.
2. Design program, materials, and field services.
3. Develop materials.
4. Perform field services to undergird the program and interpret and implement effective use of the materials.

**Relationships**

The unique relationships of this program to other Southern Baptist Convention programs are stated in the Program of Church Services and Materials Development. The Church Services and Materials Division office is accountable for maintaining these relationships. It may delegate responsibility for operating within the stated relationships to program leaders.

**8. The Program of Church Administration Development****Purpose**

To develop services and materials acceptable for use by Southern Baptist churches, associations, and state conventions in establishing, conducting, and improving the ministry of the church staff, deacons, church officers, church committees, day care, kindergarten, church vocations recruitment and guidance, Christian family life, and general tract distribution.

**Functions**

1. Conduct program, materials, and marketing research.
2. Design program, materials, and field services.
3. Develop materials.
4. Perform field services to undergird the program and interpret and implement effective use of the materials.
5. Distribute tracts and Bibles.

**Relationships**

The unique relationships of this program to other Southern Baptist Convention programs are stated in the Program of Church Services and Materials Development. The Church Services and Materials Division office is accountable for maintaining these relationships. It may delegate the responsibility for operating within the stated relationships to program leaders.

**9. The Program of Church Architecture Service****Purpose**

To assist churches, associations, state conventions, and denominational agencies by providing consultative guidance and architectural services for the planning, financing, and securing of property and buildings; also for furnishing, equipping, and utilizing them.

**Functions**

1. Conduct program, materials, and services research.
2. Design materials, technical services, and field services.
3. Develop materials.
4. Perform field services and technical services to undergird the program and to implement the effective use of the materials.

**Relationships**

The unique relationships of this program to other Southern Baptist Convention programs are stated in the Program of Church Services and Materials Development. The Church Services and Materials Division office is accountable for maintaining these relationships. It may delegate the responsibility for operating within the stated relationships to program leaders.

**10. The Program of Church Library Development****Purpose**

To develop services and materials acceptable for use by Southern Baptist churches, associations, and state conventions in establishing, conducting, enlarg-

ing, and improving church library services, providing and promoting the use of printed and audiovisual resources, and consulting with church leaders and members in the use of these resources.

#### **Functions**

1. Conduct program, materials, and marketing research.
2. Design program, materials, and field services.
3. Develop materials.
4. Perform field services to undergird the program and interpret and implement effective use of the materials.

#### **Relationships**

The unique relationships of this program to other Southern Baptist Convention programs are stated in the Program of Church Services and Materials Development. The Church Services and Materials Division office is accountable for maintaining these relationships. It may delegate the responsibility for operating within the stated relationships to program leaders.

### **11. The Program of Church Recreation Development**

#### **Purpose**

To develop services and materials acceptable for use by Southern Baptist churches, associations, and state conventions in establishing, conducting, enlarging, and improving church recreation services and providing consultation, leadership assistance, and resources in recreation.

#### **Functions**

1. Conduct program, materials, and marketing research.
2. Design program, materials, and field services.
3. Develop materials.
4. Perform field services to undergird the program and interpret and implement effective use of the materials.

#### **Relationships**

The unique relationships of this program to other Southern Baptist Convention programs are stated in the Program of Church Services and Materials Development. The Church Services and Materials Division office is accountable for maintaining these relationships. It may delegate the responsibility for operating within the stated relationships to program leaders.

### **12. The Program of National Student Ministries**

#### **Purpose**

To develop services and materials acceptable for use by churches, campus organizations, associations, and state conventions in establishing, strengthening, conducting, and improving their ministries with college and university students and faculty members, including internationals.

#### **Functions**

1. Conduct program, materials, and marketing research.
2. Design program, materials, and field services.
3. Develop materials.
4. Perform field services to undergird the program and interpret and implement effective use of the materials.
5. Coordinate student ministries of Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

#### **Relationships**

The unique relationships of this program to other Southern Baptist Convention programs are stated in the Program of Church Services and Materials Development. The Church Services and Materials Division office is accountable for maintaining these relationships. It may delegate the responsibility for operating within the stated relationships to program leaders.

### **13. The Program of Cooperative Education and Promotion Work with State Conventions**

#### **Purpose**

To provide funds to assist state conventions in the promotion of Sunday School, Church Training, Church Music, Student, Church Administration, Church Architecture, Church Library, and Church Recreation work.

#### **Functions**

1. Determines on an approved formula basis an undesignated appropriation to each state convention affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.
2. Specifies that this appropriation shall be used for the promotion of some or all of the programs stated above in the purpose but does not specify its distribution among these programs.
3. Does not participate in the selection or supervision of workers.
4. Mails checks to state conventions in monthly installments.

#### **Relationships**

There are no unique relationships with other Southern Baptist Convention programs.

### **14. The Program of Southern Baptist Convention Support**

#### **Purpose**

To provide the Sunday School Board's share of the operating expenses of the Southern Baptist Convention.

#### **Functions**

Provide an amount equal to one-third of the Board's contribution to Cooperative Education and Promotion Work with State Conventions and forward to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee in monthly installments.

#### **Relationships**

The concept is that all other agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention contribute to the Convention's operating expense through an appropriation from the Cooperative Program. Since the Sunday School Board is not supported by the Cooperative Program, it makes a direct cash contribution.

### **15. The Program of Sunday School Board General Management**

#### **Purpose**

To provide executive direction and centralized services for the division and department programs of the Board.

#### **Functions**

1. Establish corporate purpose, objectives, policies, goals, strategies, and actions.
2. Establish and maintain organization structure and employ executive management group personnel.
3. Evaluate and approve the annual management plan for each division; evaluate performance against plan.
4. Develop and execute a plan of communication to appropriate publics to increase understanding and acceptance of the Board's philosophy, objectives, programs, and actions.
5. Provide personnel services related to placement, wage and salary administration, employee benefits, internal communications, relations, and records.
6. Provide legal services and administer investment and insurance programs.
7. Provide budgeting, general accounting, accounts payable, and accounts receivable services.
8. Provide centralized administrative services.
9. Provide library services for the Board and the Historical Commission.
10. Provide manpower planning and development services; provide management consultation and organizational analysis programs.
11. Procure manufacturing, materials, equipment, and supplies; maintain quality control program.

12. Provide space and facilities; provide housekeeping and security for Nashville operations.

13. Provide systems analysis, computer programing, and data processing services; administer records management, policies, and procedures programs.

14. Conduct research related to Convention-wide matters.

#### Relationships

The general management of the Sunday School Board relates to the general management of other Southern Baptist Convention agencies and Woman's Missionary Union in resolving misunderstandings and disagreements and producing harmonious relationships. It relates to the Historical Commission by providing library services to the Commission on a cost basis. It provides administrative services to other agencies upon their request on a cost basis. Other unique relationships with Southern Baptist Convention agencies and Woman's Missionary Union are described in the division program statements.

70. Rheubin L. South (Ark.) presented Recommendation No. 11 and moved its adoption, indicating that part II, 5, as appearing in Recommendation No. 13 in the Convention *Bulletin*, was a substitute for the form originally printed in the *Book of Reports*. The motion passed.

#### Recommendation No. 11

We recommend that the promotion plan for 1974-75 be adopted as follows:

#### SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION 1974-75 PROMOTION PLANS

Theme: "*Share His Love Now*"

##### I. Promotional Objectives

The accomplishing of the promotional objectives, projects, and plans require spiritual preparation. It is suggested that all planning by Southern Baptist Convention, state convention, associational, and church leaders be done in prayer.

1. Revitalize Sunday evening activities.
2. Enlist, train, and involve more people in witness and ministry.
3. Enlist more people in Bible study.
4. Stress personal renewal, spiritual growth, and sharing.
5. Emphasize the Cooperative Program.

##### II. Projects for Denominational Promotion

1. *People to People Now*—A denominational effort to:
  - (1) Increase Sunday School enrolment and attendance.
  - (2) Reach more people in metropolitan areas.
  - (3) Give special emphasis on reaching non-resident and unenrolled church members.
 Responsibility: Sunday School Program
2. *Witness Now*—a denominational effort to:
  - (1) Provide training to pastors and church members in witnessing.
  - (2) Provide leadership in youth evangelism.
  - (3) Utilize mass media in witnessing.
 Responsibility: Program of Evangelism
3. *The Lord's Night*—A denominational effort to:
  - (1) Enlarge and enrich church training.
  - (2) Support Sunday evening worship.
  - (3) Emphasize inspirational music.
  - (4) Encourage evangelistic preaching.
 Responsibility: Program of Church Training
4. *Love Thy Neighbor*—A denominational effort to:
  - (1) Minister and witness to people of special need or circumstance.
  - (2) Emphasize and demonstrate His reconciling love.
 Responsibility: Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood.
5. *Operation One*—A denominational Cooperative Program emphasis to:
  - (1) Revitalize within Baptists the claim of Christ to actively support his Great Commission to teach and witness to the whole world as our MAJOR purpose.

- (2) Direct this revitalization program toward giving to missions through the Cooperative Program.
- (3) Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Cooperative Program.

71. Noble Hurley (Tex.) presented Recommendation No. 12 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

### **Recommendation No. 12**

We recommend that Section XII of the Business and Financial Plan be amended as follows (proposed changes in holdface italic) :

#### **XII. Financial Reports**

1. *Audit Reports*—The agencies of the Convention shall close their books and accounts and have them audited by a certified public accountant as of the close of business on *September 30 of each year*, or July 31 in the case of the seminaries or *December 31 in the case of the mission boards*.

Each agency of the Convention shall forward a copy of its audit to the Executive Committee as soon as possible, certainly within three (3) months after the close of the fiscal year, and each agency shall appoint a committee to study the reports of its auditor. Each annual audit shall include a statement from the certified public accountant certifying that he has handled and counted all securities held by the agency in the presence of two (2) *bonded representatives of the agency*. If the securities are placed for handling with a trustee (i.e., bank, trust company, foundation, etc.), a certified statement from such trustee should be made to the accountant and be made a part of the annual audit report *or submitted as a supplement to the report*. The seminaries *and mission boards* shall also submit to the Executive Committee a balance sheet as of *September 30*, to be used in reporting the Aggregate Assets and Liabilities of the Agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

72. A motion passed to extend the time for further consideration of the Executive Committee report by two minutes.

73. Preston Callison (S. C.) presented Recommendation No. 14 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

### **Recommendation No. 14**

We also recommend that we encourage the Stewardship Commission in its plan of working with the state directors of Cooperative Program and/or stewardship promotion in launching this program to revitalize mission giving through the Cooperative Program, climaxing in 1975, the year of the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program. We would encourage all Southern Baptist Convention agencies to work with the Stewardship Commission in this effort. It is understood that the proposed plans are within the statement of program and relationship assignments of the Stewardship Commission.

74. J. Robert Smith (Ga.) presented Recommendation No. 15 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

### **Recommendation No. 15**

We recommend that the 1977 Southern Baptist Convention be held June 14-16 in Memphis, Tennessee.

75. Tom Downing (Md.) presented Recommendation No. 15 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

### **Recommendation No. 16**

## **CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION**

We recommend that the revised program statement of the Christian Life Commission be approved as follows:

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Christian Life Commission is to assist Southern Baptists in the propagation of the gospel by (1) helping them to become more aware of



the ethical implications of the Christian gospel with regard to such aspects of daily living as family life, human relations, moral issues, economic life and daily work, citizenship, world peace, and related fields; and by (2) helping them create, with God's leadership and by his grace, the kind of moral and social climate in which the Southern Baptist witness for Christ will be most effective. This emphasis in the field of applied Christianity is pursued with the full awareness that the chief concern of the Christian Life Commission is in the area of Christian social ethics, which is understood to mean the application of Christian principles in everyday living. The Commission seeks (1) to assist the churches by helping them understand the moral demands of the gospel, and (2) to help Southern Baptists apply Christian principles to moral and social problems.

### Structure

1. *Promotion*.—(1) Make systematic long-range plans for emphasis on Christian social ethics in the life of the Southern Baptist Convention and its agencies and other general bodies of Southern Baptists. These plans include such things as suggested methods, suggested organizational patterns, and suggested themes. (2) Plan and conduct specialized seminars in the field of Christian social ethics. Specifically, these seminars for leadership deal with such subjects as family life, human relations, moral issues, economic life, daily work, citizenship, and world peace. These seminars are both regional and national, as required by circumstances. Such plans for seminars take cognizance of other Southern Baptist Convention agencies having interest in any of these areas. (3) Plan and conduct a Christian social ethics literature service, including pamphlets, tracts, booklets, posters, et cetera. This material is produced by the Commission in cooperation with the states as an assistance to them in the implementation of the program of Christian morality development. (4) Plan and provide articles, maps, quotations, factual data, pictures, and similar material on current pertinent moral and social issues for use by state Baptist papers and other Southern Baptist mass media outlets. (5) Foster manuscript preparation of materials on Christian social ethics for consideration by publishers of books.

2. *Information*.—(1) Assemble basic materials such as books, pamphlets, and articles so as to qualify as a source of authentic information on all matters pertaining to the field of Christian social ethics. (2) Assist editors, scholars, teachers, writers, and other specialists in need of special information on Christian social ethics for the writing projects in which they are engaged. (3) Provide a mail answering service to Baptists and others in search of information on social problems.

3. *Study and Research*.—(1) Maintain a program of study covering the field of Christian social ethics in order to provide reliable help to Southern Baptists. (2) Provide monographs, papers, and studies for Southern Baptist leaders, agencies, and institutions needing service in the field of Christian social ethics. (3) Determine by means of opinion sampling, interviews, et cetera, the thinking of Baptists on moral and social issues so as to be able to render service where the need is greatest. The research and survey facilities of existing agencies are used when possible.

4. *Consultation and Counsel*.—(1) Provide state conventions and their agencies with standards by which achievements in Christian social ethics can be measured. (2) Provide counsel, as requested, in the field of applied Christianity to Southern Baptist agencies. (3) Serve in a liaison capacity with non-Southern Baptist groups in the field of social ethics. (a) Consult with national organizations working in alcohol education, public safety, and other areas of social concern. (b) Present Southern Baptist insights for consideration in the planning of federal government programs on children and youth, aging, housing, employment, public health, and other matters pertaining to social welfare. (c) Bring to bear Baptist statements, convictions, and insights in the field of Christian ethics upon important policy-making groups, compilers of encyclopedias and yearbooks, various welfare organizations, et cetera. (4) Provide special assistance for co-ordination of Southern Baptist interests and efforts in the area of world peace and serve the Convention by providing, as feasible and needed, official observers at the United Nations. (5) Encourage the inclusion of Christian social ethics in the study programs of various Baptist groups, such as assemblies, encampments, conferences, colleges, or wherever the need may develop.

### Relationships

The Christian Life Commission works with the Southern Baptist Convention and its agencies (1) as a staff service agency; (2) directly with the state Chris-

tian life commissions and certain other state organizations through whom it may render indirect service to the associations and churches and their leaders; and (3) with the Inter-Agency Council as a participant. It does not work directly with the churches except that its staff may, on invitation, conduct conferences on a demonstration or experimental basis in order to validate plans and techniques. Since some states do not have Christian life commissions, the Commission relates its emphasis on Christian social ethics to Baptist associations, churches, and leaders through printed media.

76. Secretary Kendall announced the necessity for a run-off election between Owen Cooper and James Coggin for president. He then gave explanations about voting procedure, and the messengers cast their ballots for president.

77. The pages, all of them Royal Ambassadors, from a number of states, were presented to the Convention by President Bates with an appropriate expression of appreciation and commendation for their achievements as Royal Ambassadors and their service to the Convention. Jay Chance (Tenn.), representing Royal Ambassadors, presented an award to President Bates.

78. The time for the presentation of resolutions having arrived, the following resolutions were presented, all of which were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

79. W. Douglas Hahn (Ga.) presented a resolution on our nation's military involvement in Southeast Asia. (See Item 184.)

80. N. B. Langford, Jr. (Fla.) presented a resolution on a new "Liberty Bell" related to the two-hundredth anniversary of our nation in 1976. (See Item 187.)

81. J. Alton Mash (Fla.) presented a resolution relating to reading God's Word by the nation's astronauts. (See Item 209.)

82. W. W. Finlator (N. C.) presented a resolution on our nation's involvement in war in Indo-China and freedom of conscience. (See Item 183.)

83. A motion passed to extend the time by five minutes to hear the remaining resolutions.

84. J. Ed Cunningham (Ky.) presented a resolution on the work of the American Bible Society. (See Item 126.)

85. Francis W. Vriesen (Miss.) presented a resolution on quoting portions of the Scripture in published literature. (See Item 210.)

86. Robert W. Randall (Ky.) presented a resolution on prayer regarding China. (See Item 215.)

87. Winn T. Barr (Ky.) presented a resolution on "Sullivan's New Orleans Motion." (See Item 221.)

88. R. Stuart Grizzard (D.C.) presented a resolution on government welfare. (See Item 211.)

89. T. L. McSwain (Ky.) presented a resolution on law and order. (See Item 183.)

90. A motion passed to extend the time five minutes for the presentation of further resolutions.

91. Paul Glenn (Pa.) presented a resolution on Campus Crusade for Christ International. (See Item 188.)

92. D. Glenn Saul (Ky.) presented a resolution on Christian citizenship. (See Item 217.)

93. Bruce H. Price (Va.) presented a resolution on the Lord's Day Alliance. (See Item 221.)

94. Lynn P. Clayton (Kan.) presented a resolution on taxation. (See Item 218.)

95. Clyde A. Kirby (Va.) presented a resolution on exploring the possibility of presenting Christ to the world via satellite. (See Item 208.)

96. Brock G. Henry III (Va.) presented a resolution on conscientious objection to war. (See Item 219.)

97. Paul Simmons (Ky.) presented a resolution on amnesty. (See Item 216.)

98. Lee Porter announced for the Committee on Order of Business that motions presented by Harvey T. Whaley, Ray Jones, R. G. Puckett, and M. O. Owens, Jr., would be considered at the morning session, June 7, at 12:10 P.M.

99. The time having arrived for the consideration of the motion (Item 36) by Gwin Turner (Calif.), the motion was read by Lee Porter at the request of the Chair. Discussion by Turner and Herschel H. Hobbs (Okla.) followed. Since there was no further discussion, the previous question was moved and authorized by vote of the body. The motion for the previous question passed.

100. A point of order was raised from the floor, but was not sustained by the Chair. The vote was taken, and the motion by Turner lost.

101. Secretary Kendall reported that Owen Cooper (Miss.) had been elected president of the Convention.

102. Dan T. Wallen (S. C.) led the Convention in prayer to conclude the afternoon session.

### *Tuesday Night, June 6*

103. Presession music for inspiration was presented by The Centurymen, directed by Buryl Red (N. Y.).

104. William J. Reynolds led the Convention in singing "To God Be the Glory."

105. Luke E. Williams (Tex.) read from the Scriptures, and Kenneth E. King (N. J.) led the Convention in prayer.

106. Paul M. Stevens (Tex.) presented the report of the Radio and Television Commission. He spoke appreciatively of the music by The Centurymen and the members of the Philadelphia Symphony. He then spoke to the report, emphasizing the ministry of the Radio and Television Commission and calling particular attention to possibilities for a greatly expanded ministry due to a recent gift to the Radio and Television Commission on condition of its being matched by other gifts.

107. A pageant was presented by the Historical Commission, entitled "Philadelphia Heritage," with accompanying music by The Centurymen, directed by Buryl Red, and members of the Philadelphia Symphony.

108. President Bates introduced the next order, the Convention sermon, and presented E. Hermond Westmoreland (Tex.) to preach the sermon. Following the reading of Scripture from Matthew 11 by Charles R. Walker (Ill.), who led in prayer, Westmoreland preached on the text, Matthew 11:28-30—"Freedom Under the Yoke."

109. Bruce H. Price (Va.) led the Convention in prayer to close the evening session.

*Wednesday Morning, June 7*

110. Presession music for inspiration was presented by the combined choirs of the First Baptist Church, Laurel, Maryland, and the Severn Baptist Church, Severn, Maryland, directed by Albin Crutchfield and Al Hunter.

111. William J. Reynolds presented James Allcock (Md.), who led the Convention in singing "He Keeps Me Singing."

112. Lee Castro (Tex.) sang "The King Is Coming."

113. Clarence W. Cranford led the Convention in a devotional period, using the theme, "Wall to Bridges."

114. The time for the election of officers was announced by the Chair, requesting nominations for first vice-president.

115. Burt Potter (Neb.) nominated G. W. Bullard (Pa.).

116. W. Fred Swank (Tex.) nominated James E. Coggin (Tex.).

117. Bruce H. Price (Va.) nominated James P. Wesberry (Ga.).

118. James Hubbard (Va.) nominated Padgett C. Cope (Ark.).

119. Secretary Kendall gave instructions for the voting procedure, and the messengers cast their ballots for first vice-president.

120. Brooks H. Wester (Miss.) nominated Clifton J. Allen (Tenn.) for recording secretary. No other nomination being presented, a motion passed that nominations cease and that Allen be elected by acclamation, common consent being given to this procedure rather than asking that a formal ballot be cast.

121. Franklin Owen (Ky.) nominated W. Fred Kendall (Tenn.) for registration secretary. No other nomination being presented, a motion passed to close nominations and to request that the recording secretary cast the ballot of the Convention. The ballot was cast for W. Fred Kendall for registration secretary.

122. Dotson M. Nelson (Ala.) nominated Porter Routh (Tenn.) for treasurer. There was no other nomination, and a motion passed that nominations cease and that the recording secretary be asked to cast the ballot of the Convention. Secretary Allen then cast the ballot of the Convention for Porter Routh for treasurer.

123. President Bates recognized Randall Lolley (N. C.), chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, and expressed the appreciation of the Convention to the chairman and the members of the committee for their work. Lolley gave interesting information as to areas of concern expressed in resolutions adopted by the Convention over a period of many years. He indicated that thirty-two resolutions had been received up to that time in this Convention session, also that the committee had prepared two courtesy resolutions for presentation to the Convention.

124. Daniel R. Grant (Ark.) presented Resolution No. 1 and moved its adoption. The resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 1—On Our Gratitude To Our Host City**

Philadelphia is a gracious and hospitable city. Its historic buildings, and famous landmarks, are vital parts of our nation's rich heritage. We are grateful for the part it has played in the history of America.

We are grateful also that in Philadelphia in 1707 cooperative Baptist work on this continent had its first organized expression and that in this same city in 1814 the first national convention of Baptists for missions was established. Much of what Southern Baptists are today stems from the determination of these early churches to work together in organized fellowships.

There are many groups and people to whom we are indebted for the cordial hospitality of this week. We express our appreciation to the local arrangements

committee, most of whose members have had to serve double duty. They are G. W. Bullard, general chairman; Graves O. Collins, information; Clarence P. Moore, ushers; Oriee C. Hartman, first aid; George W. Townsend, decorations; C. Burt Potter, Jr., dinners; Glenn L. Ridall, Jr., nursery; Vernon S. Lee, registration; Benjamin Davis, transportation; David F. Orr, post office; and James L. Goodson, publicity.

We give our special thanks to the men and women of the hotels and the restaurants, and of the taxis and buses who have served us well, and to their employers who have put their facilities at our disposal.

We acknowledge the extraordinary services of the Convention Bureau and its manager, Mr. John Watkins.

We appreciate the cooperation of the press and the 150 reporters who have helped communicate the Convention and its affairs to newspaper, radio, and television outlets around the world.

May the memory of our presence in Philadelphia be a good memory, and may God bless all who have been touched by the men and women and youth of our Convention.

125. Brooks H. Wester (Miss.) presented Resolution No. 2 and moved its adoption. The resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 2—On Appreciation for Convention Officers**

We express gratitude that God continues to set apart men uniquely equipped to fulfill the strategic responsibilities of his kingdom. In the manner of men of old who labored under a strong sense of divine mission, our Convention officers have given evidence of the endowment of the Holy Spirit.

We commend our president, Dr. Carl E. Bates, for his continuing responsiveness to the working of God's will in and through his life which has prepared him to be an effective leader. We express our gratitude for his unselfish commitment in these two years of convention service. For his ceaseless efforts to unite us in one great missionary thrust at home and abroad we are grateful. He has manifested the love of Christ in his laborious correspondence with all who address his office, endeavoring constantly to be fair and just. He has expressed earnestly our confidence in and commitment to the Word of God as the vital, relevant counsel of God for our day. He has presided with grace and skill, maintaining democratic processes while keeping us alert to our primary tasks. He has sounded the note of hope in a time of despair, called us to commitment in a time of confusion and demonstrated the spirit of love that minimizes enmity and division. We declare our appreciation for this leadership.

We express our appreciation to the family of Dr. Bates for sharing him during this period of service. Our gratitude to the First Baptist Church of Charlotte for its understanding and support of his presidency is added to our thanksgiving to God for the continuing blessings of God they have experienced during these two years.

Our gratitude is expressed to the vice-presidents, Dr. James H. Landes and Dr. Warren C. Hultgren, for their distinguished service to our Convention. Appreciation is expressed to Dr. Clifton J. Allen, recording secretary, and Dr. W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary, for their able discharge of the functions of their offices. We add our appreciation to that of preceding Conventions for the continuing excellence of the leadership effected by Dr. Porter Routh, our executive secretary-treasurer. We recognize with appreciation the host of dedicated people who have performed the necessary task to bring this Convention to effective reality.

126. James F. Graves (Fla.) presented Resolution No. 3 and moved its adoption. Discussion followed by M. O. Owens, Jr. (N. C.). Since the resolution was amended by the committee from the original form, a motion passed approving the amended form. The resolution was adopted as amended.

**Resolution No. 3—On the American Bible Society**

WHEREAS, This Convention recognizes, first, that the Scriptures are not yet translated into many languages and dialects, second, that widespread distribution of the printed Word of God is a basic necessity in mission work at home and around the world, and third, 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 provides 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 is rendering additional special service by providing scriptural materials designed especially for the use of Southern Baptist churches in the area of Bible study and evangelism,

WHEREAS, The American Bible Society, in cooperation with 49 other national Bible societies, is presently engaged in a top-priority project of translating the Bible into everyday speech for the major languages and dialects, seeking to place the printed Word of God in the hands, hearts, and lives of more people, in more lands, in more languages,

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that we earnestly encourage our churches and their people to make worthy contributions to the work of the American Bible Society, in order to provide the Scriptures needed for the missionary advance to which we are committed.

Be it further *Resolved*, that we encourage associations, state conventions, and churches to emphasize the need for a wider reading and sharing of the Holy Scriptures both in our own land and throughout the world, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we urge our churches to present the challenge of Bible translation to our young people as one of today's most critical mission tasks and that we pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into this wide open field.

*This resolution was offered (Item 84) by Edward Cunningham (Ky.). It incorporates the last paragraph of the M. O. Owens, Jr. (N. C.) resolution (Item 19) on pioneer Bible translation for world minority language groups.*

127. Hudson Baggett (Ala.) presented Resolution No. 4 and moved its adoption. Discussion by O. K. Armstrong (Mo.) followed. A motion passed to approve the amended form, and then the resolution as amended was adopted.

#### Resolution No. 4—On Offensive Movies and Television Programs

WHEREAS, The gross moral depravity pictured in many of today's movies is utterly degrading and lacking in redeeming social value; and

WHEREAS, The Columbia Broadcasting System in February broke a critically important moral barrier by releasing for the first time for showing on television an edited version of "The Damned," a previously X-rated movie, so that there is imminent danger that morally offensive movies may now be channeled more frequently into American homes,

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that this Convention hereby expresses its indignation toward those producers of movie pornography, those vindicators of movie violence, and those merchants of movie immorality who for profit prey on the public, both feeding on the people's basest cravings and building an appetite for ever baser excesses, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that for the sake of society and in the name of the most elementary decency, we call on movie producers, distributors, and exhibitors to exercise greater moral judgment and far more moral restraint in the making and showing of movies; and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we declare our conviction that television programs which degrade sex, glorify violence, and deny moral decency have no place on the airwaves; and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we endorse movie production and television programming which provide wholesome entertainment and that we vigorously oppose that which undermines the moral values and ideals without which no nation can long endure, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we call on Southern Baptists to communicate appreciation to producers, networks, and sponsors for movies and television programs that are morally wholesome, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we call on Southern Baptists to express themselves in opposition to the showing of offensive movies both in theaters and on



television through letter writing, selective buying practices, selective viewing, the publishing of the names of offending companies in newspaper ads, and a concerted call to legislators for clear legislation that will prohibit the exhibition of obscenity either in movies or on television, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we view this issue with so much seriousness that we pledge ourselves to work to secure its implementation.

*This resolution (Item 20) was offered by Foy Valentine (Tenn.) with only minor changes.*

128. William E. Denham, Jr. (Tex.) presented Resolution No. 5 and moved its adoption. A motion passed approving the amended form, and then the resolution as amended was adopted.

**Resolution No. 5—On Anti-Semitism**

WHEREAS, Anti-Semitism has been a serious problem for the church through most of Christian history, and

WHEREAS, This unchristian attitude on the part of many peoples has led to brutal persecutions of the Jews in numerous countries and societies, and

WHEREAS, The most flagrant and cruel expression of this spiritual malignancy, the Nazi holocaust, transpired in our generation, and

WHEREAS, Latent anti-Semitism lies barely under the surface in many western, Christian cultures today, and

WHEREAS, Many Christian communions and denominations, including our own, have failed to take a sufficiently vigorous stand against anti-Semitism, and

WHEREAS, It is clearly a moral and ethical question of the greatest magnitude, and

WHEREAS, Baptists share with Jews a heritage of persecution and suffering for conscience sake,

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that this Convention go on record as opposed to any and all forms of anti-Semitism; that it declare anti-Semitism unchristian; that we messengers to this Convention pledge ourselves to combat anti-Semitism in every honorable, Christian way.

Be it further *Resolved*, that Southern Baptists covenant to work positively to replace all anti-Semitic bias with the Christian attitude and practice of love for Jews, who along with all other men, are equally beloved of God.

*This resolution (Item 21) was offered by B. Elmo Scoggin (N. C.) except that specific examples of possible anti-Semitism have been omitted.*

129. Harold K. Graves (Calif.) presented Resolution No. 6 and moved its adoption. A motion passed approving the amended form presented by the committee, and then the resolution as amended was adopted.

**Resolution No. 6—On Religious Liberty and No Establishment of Religion**

WHEREAS, There is a massive campaign on state and national levels to tax all citizens to finance education in parochial schools, President Nixon has pledged to find ways of channeling tax funds to parochial schools or their students, and tax credit and voucher plans are now receiving major attention;

WHEREAS, Philadelphia is a good setting in which to recall that abusive taxation and other arbitrary acts of government led to the creation of a system of government which guarantees the free exercise of religion and pledges that it shall do nothing respecting an establishment of religion;

WHEREAS, Our Baptist forefathers took an active role in opposing Virginia's assessment bill to tax all citizens to support education under church direction, in establishing that government's taxing power would abuse religious liberty if used for this purpose, and in writing the First Amendment into the United States Constitution;

WHEREAS, The Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment was designed to protect religious liberty against government's interference or control and the Establishment Clause was designed, as the United States Supreme Court said since the last annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, to protect against the "evils" of government's sponsorship of religion, government's financial support of religion, government's active involvement in religious activity, and political division along religious lines;

WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court and lower courts have knocked

down numerous parochial school aid proposals within the last year and have made it clear that public control goes with public funds; and

WHEREAS, Any comprehensive system of tax credits or vouchers to underwrite parochial and private education would burden taxpayers with the costs of institutions and activities serving a non-public purpose, threaten each citizen's freedom against taxation for religious and non-public purposes, endanger the religious character of parochial schools themselves, and tend to weaken public schools open to all without respect to religion, race, creed, color, or national origin;

Be it therefore *Resolved*, by the Southern Baptist Convention in annual session at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 6-8, 1972, that we renew our commitment to religious freedom and its corollary, no establishment of religion; affirm our belief that religion flourishes best without government's interference or its tax support; caution schools directly or indirectly connected with this Convention to give serious study to the high price which government usually exacts for its favors; call on our people to support the institutions which serve our religious objectives; voice our earnest protest against being taxed to finance educational and other activities of churches; and express our thanks to God for courts which uphold the First Amendment against the enormous political pressures of our time;

Be it further *Resolved*, that we request the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs to keep our people informed on this subject and that we request educational agencies of this Convention to take appropriate steps, according to each agency's commission, to maintain perennial education on this vital subject; and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we request the president of this Convention to send copies of this resolution to President Nixon and to Justices of the United States Supreme Court, and that we request the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs to send copies to members of the United States Congress and to other public officials of its choosing, and that we request the Baptist Press and Baptist papers to give it prime coverage.

*This resolution (Item 25) was offered by Hugh Wamble (Mo.) except for minor changes. The committee believes it incorporates the intent of the resolution (Item 16) on parochial aid offered by James M. Dunn (Tex.).*

130. Secretary Kendall reported the election of James E. Coggin (Tex.) as first vice-president.

131. Dotson M. Nelson (Ala.), chairman of the Committee on Committees, presented the report of the committee and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

132. Sidney M. Maddox (Ky.), chairman of the Committee on Boards, presented the report of the committee. He called attention to one correction—the addition of Presnell Wood (Tex.) to the Sunday School Board. Maddox moved the adoption of the report as found on page 6 of the Convention *Bulletin*. A question was raised from the floor as to qualifications for membership on boards and commissions, which question was answered to the effect that members are from churches participating in the work of the Convention. The motion passed approving the report of the committee.

133. President Bates recognized Herman T. Stevens (Va.), who had attended the Convention regularly since 1907. The messengers of the Convention stood in tribute and appreciation.

134. President Bates read a telegram from Louie D. Newton (Ga.), a former president of the Convention, and asked that common consent be given to requesting the recording secretary to send greetings to Newton.

135. James L. Sullivan (Tenn.) was recognized for the presentation of the report of the Sunday School Board. The report was discussed briefly by Sullivan, who indicated that an audiovisual feature would be presented as to the beginnings of the Sunday School Board, which would be followed by an address by Gaines S. Dobbins (Ala.). As Secretary Sullivan presented Dobbins, the Convention messengers



stood in tribute and appreciation, with generous applause, for his long and outstanding ministry in Southern Baptist life and work. He spoke to the Convention, stressing the contribution of the Sunday School Board in the life and work of Southern Baptist churches.

136. In keeping with the requirement that time be allowed for questions and discussion from the floor, Sullivan invited questions. Walter N. Stockburger (Va.) commented on a motion presented to the Convention in 1971 relative to the position of "doctrinal reader" and expressed the hope that the title would be changed. Secretary Sullivan explained a combination of circumstances growing out of the action of the Convention in 1971 which had made it impossible to implement a previously contemplated change in the title of the position involved prior to the session in progress. He then announced that the title was changed as of the present to "manuscript analyst."

137. No further discussion having risen from the floor, Secretary Sullivan presented Joe W. Burton (Tenn.), who used the remaining time to speak on family ministry. Secretary Sullivan concluded his remarks by asking for the prayers of Southern Baptists for the work of the Sunday School Board and asked that common consent be given for a message of special greetings to be sent to T. L. Holcomb of Texas, the former executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, the message to be sent by the recording secretary. President Bates indicated that the report of the Sunday School Board would be received as information, without vote, since no recommendations were included.

138. Warren Hultgren, second vice-president, was called to the Chair. James Allcock led the Convention in singing "Stand Up For Jesus."

139. Vice-president Hultgren announced that messengers attending the evening session would need to arrive by 6:45 P.M. to be sure of seats since at that time all remaining seats would be occupied without restriction.

140. Gene Bolin (Tenn.) introduced a feature, "Students Speak Up," an audiovisual feature along with participation by three students who gave challenging testimonies to the significance of the Baptist Student Union on college and university campuses.

141. Secretary Routh announced a meeting of the Executive Committee for organization, immediately following the conclusion of the session.

142. Vice-president Hultgren announced the time for the election of the second vice-president and called for nominations.

143. Harper Shannon (Ala.) nominated Padgett C. Cope (Ark.).

144. Jimmy Allen (Tex.) nominated Randall Lolley (N. C.).

145. Joe Weldon Bailey (Tex.) nominated G. W. Bullard (Pa.).

146. Herman M. Bowers (Ky.) nominated Charles N. King (Ky.).

147. Alton Mash (Fla.) nominated Joe Courson (Fla.).

148. Secretary Kendall gave instructions as to voting procedure, and messengers cast their ballots for second vice-president.

149. Vice-president Hultgren recognized Alma Hunt (Ala.) for the presentation of the report of Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of Woman's Missionary Union, who was to leave during the day for a trip to East Germany, gave opportunity for questions from the floor. Since none was raised, she spoke to the report.

150. The Chair gave opportunity for the introduction of new business.

151. Frank Minton (Mo.) offered the following motion: "That this Convention refer to the committee of fifteen and the Executive Committee for study the structural relationship of the Evangelism Division with the possibility of giving it commission status and thereby making it a major emphasis in Southern Baptist life." The motion was referred for later consideration. (See Item 204.)

152. Paul E. Parrish (Fla.) presented a resolution relative to the ordination of women. This was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. (See Item 221.)

153. J. Beverly Fellows (D. C.) presented a resolution relative to a plane crash in which two pastors from Washington, D. C., and their wives were killed en route to the recent meeting of the American Baptist Convention. This was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. (See Item 221.)

154. Lee Porter (Tex.) presented a resolution in behalf of G. Allen West (Ky.) relative to the work of Joe Carrington in the promotion of scouting and in connection with the God and Country Award. This was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. (See Item 221.)

155. W. W. Finlator (N. C.) presented a resolution relative to gun control legislation. This was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. (See Item 221.)

156. Harry Don Phelps (Ky.) offered the following motion: "I propose an amendment to Article I of the Constitution and herewith move the name of the Southern Baptist Convention be changed to Cooperative Missionary Baptist Convention." The motion was referred for later consideration. (See Item 205.)

157. James P. Adams (Ala.) offered the following motion: "That this Convention request members of the Sunday School Board, at their next regular meeting, to study the possibility of making available to all Southern Baptist Convention mission churches up to seventy-five Sunday School and Training Union books, quarterly, without charge. This to be upon request of said mission church and by approval by local or state Baptist association of which said mission is cooperating." The motion was referred for later consideration. (See Item 206.)

158. A motion to extend time for miscellaneous business by ten minutes passed.

159. Lee Porter read the motion offered by Harvey T. Whaley (Item 37). It was discussed by Whaley and Darold Morgan (Tex.), the executive secretary of the Annuity Board. Porter Routh (Tenn.) offered an amendment changing the first part of the motion as follows: "That the Annuity Board be asked to appoint a committee of not less than seven persons representing the Annuity Board . . ." (on to the end of the original motion). The amendment was passed, and then the motion as amended passed.

160. The motion previously presented by Ray O. Jones (Item 39) was called for consideration and discussed by Jones and Darold Morgan. A motion passed to extend the time for discussion by five minutes. Richard L. T. Beale (Va.) moved to amend the motion so that it would read as follows: "I move that this Convention respectfully request that the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Con-

vention investigate the possibility of securing another company other than Blue Cross-Blue Shield, to underwrite the Health Plan for pastors and other church employees in our Convention." The previous question was moved. It was authorized by vote of the body. The motion for the previous question then passed. The amendment passed. The motion as amended passed.

161. Lee Porter announced for the Committee on Order of Business that the motions by R. G. Puckett (Item 38) and M. O. Owens, Jr. (Item 40) would be scheduled for consideration at 11:40 Thursday morning.

162. Secretary Kendall reported the necessity for a run-off election for second vice-president between G. W. Bullard and Charles N. King. Porter announced that the election would be scheduled for 7:20 at the evening session.

163. Glenn Bowen (Fla.) offered a motion to rescind the action of the Convention in defeating the motion previously offered by Gwin Turner (Calif.)—see Items 36 and 99. A point of order was raised, and the Chair ruled that the motion by Bowen was out of order inasmuch as he had voted in favor of the motion which was defeated.

164. Eldred M. Taylor (Ky.) led the Convention in prayer to conclude the morning session.

### *Wednesday Night, June 7*

165. Presession music was presented by the North Carolina Singing Churchmen, directed by Charles Gatwood.

166. President Bates presented Cliff Barrows of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Team, who led the Convention in singing.

167. Burlie W. Taylor (Ala.) read the Scriptures, Isaiah 61:1-3 and Galatians 5:13-14, and Charles N. King (Ky.) led the Convention in prayer.

168. The time for the special order, the election of the second vice-president, was announced by the Chair; and Secretary Kendall gave instructions for the procedure for voting for G. W. Bullard (Pa.) or Charles N. King (Ky.). The messengers then cast their ballots.

169. President Bates read a telegram from Baptists in the Soviet Union and then suggested that an appropriate response of Christian greeting and commendation be sent by the recording secretary.

170. Ben C. Fisher (Tenn.) was recognized to present the report of the Education Commission. He presented William K. Weaver, Jr. (Ala.), chairman of the Commission, and Jim E. Tanner (Okla.), a member of the Commission, to speak to the report.

171. Secretary Routh (Tenn.), at the request and in behalf of the Executive Committee, presented to Millard J. Berquist (Mo.) a plaque and a copy of a resolution previously adopted by the Committee.

172. Grady C. Cothen (La.) was recognized for the presentation of the reports of the six Southern Baptist seminaries. The presidents, assisted by visual features, music numbers, questions, and testimonies, presented the ministry of theological education and emphasized especially the call to the Christian ministry.

173. Cliff Barrows led the Convention in singing "The Solid Rock," "Amazing Grace," and "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

174. President Bates recognized members of the Billy Graham

team, including T. W. Wilson and Grady Wilson. He then presented George Beverly Shea and Billy Graham. Following a special song by George Beverly Shea, Billy Graham preached, using the incident recorded in Mark 9:14-29 as the basis of the sermon.

175. J. Lester Harnish (Pa.) led the Convention in prayer to conclude the evening session.

### *Thursday Morning, June 8*

176. Presession music was presented by The Hear and Now Singers of Samford University, directed by Bob Burroughs (Ala.).

177. Vice-president Landes called the Convention to order and presented Carl Perry (Tenn.), who led the Convention in singing "How Firm a Foundation."

178. Jamal Badry (Okla.) sang "Had It Not Been."

179. Clarence W. Cranford led the Convention in a devotional period, using the theme, "Four Points on Freedom's Compass."

180. Secretary Kendall reported the election of G. W. Bullard (Pa.) as second vice-president. He reported also a present registration of 12,923 messengers.

181. Secretary Allen called attention to an error in the proceedings as recorded in the *Bulletin*: the name of O. W. Yates in Item 133 should have been Herman T. Stevens (Va.).

182. Randall Lolley (N. C.) was recognized to present the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

183. Brooks H. Wester (Miss.) presented Resolution No. 7, calling attention to a correction in the fifth paragraph, to read "... deep commitment to these individual human rights, ..." and moved adoption. The resolution was adopted.

#### **Resolution No. 7—On the Bill of Rights**

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention is holding its 1972 session in Philadelphia, the birthplace of the Constitution of the United States, and

WHEREAS, The historic witness of our Baptist forebears to freedom of conscience, the right of dissent and the integrity of the individual are incorporated in this Constitution, and

WHEREAS, The first ten amendments were made a part of the Constitution as a Bill of Rights to guarantee protection of these liberties from all encroachment, and

WHEREAS, In times of social unrest, rising expectations, increase of crime and military conflict, the rights and liberties of individuals are subject to compromise,

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that the Southern Baptist Convention, through its deep commitment to these individual human rights, call upon the government, and all in authority, for a solemn and inviolate rededication to the spirit and letter of the safeguards contained in the Bill of Rights.

Be it further *Resolved*, that we urge all Southern Baptists to work effectively as Christian citizens in support of these rights through appropriate legislative, judicial and administrative action.

*This resolution incorporates some of the concerns of both the resolutions on the Bill of Rights (Item 82) by W. W. Finlator (N. C.), and on Law and Order (Item 89) by T. L. McSwain (Ky.).*

184. Wester also presented Resolution No. 8 and moved its adoption. O. K. Armstrong (Mo.) moved to amend by adding the following paragraph after the third paragraph: "Whereas, That end should be reached . . ." (see paragraph four of the resolution). Discussion followed by Armstrong, Gil Gibson (Ga.), John Gibson (Ga.), William

Douglas Hahn (Ga.), and W. W. Finlator (N. C.). A motion for the previous question passed. The motion to amend the resolution passed. A motion for the previous question passed, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

**Resolution No. 8—On Achieving World Peace**

WHEREAS, In the great Judeo-Christian tradition there is the ancient prophet's vision of world peace, of beating swords into plowshares and spears into pruninghooks, and

WHEREAS, Our Saviour Jesus Christ is called the Prince of Peace and is the key to the prophetic vision of peace, and

WHEREAS, There is an urgent need for the earliest possible end to the war in Indo-China with all of its human suffering and anguish, and

WHEREAS, That end should be reached with the attainment of the announced objective of the United States, namely to preserve the independence and self-government of the people of South Vietnam and the return of the American prisoners of war,

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that we urge the people of our churches to renewed concern and special prayer for peace in Vietnam and throughout the world, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we commend the President of the United States for the policy of a planned withdrawal of our armed forces from Vietnam and his recent summit meetings in behalf of peace, and assure him of our continued prayers for our national leaders as they continue the quest for peace, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we urge the United States government to consider requesting the United Nations to intervene in Southeast Asia to secure a just political solution to the long-standing Vietnam conflict, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we urge our government to utilize the massive resources now allocated to the military to the healing of those bleeding lands abroad and to the binding up of our nation's wounds at home.

*This resolution combines concerns of the resolution on World Peace (Item 27) by W. H. Rittenhouse, Jr., Texas, and the resolution on Ending the War (Item 79) by W. Douglas Hahn, Georgia, and on Ending the War by W. W. Finlator (N. C.).*

William Douglas Hahn (Ga.) requested, as a point of personal privilege, that his name be dissociated from the resolution as amended and adopted.

185. Chairman Lolley moved that Resolution No. 9 on the military chaplaincy (Item 23), by O. K. Armstrong (Mo.), be referred to the Home Mission Board for such action as it deems appropriate. The motion to refer passed.

186. Chairman Lolley moved that Resolution No. 10 on medical costs (Item 18), by W. Landon Miller (Va.), be referred to the Christian Life Commission for its study and such recommendations as it deems wise. The motion to refer passed.

187. James F. Graves (Fla.) presented Resolution No. 11 and moved its adoption. Discussion followed by N. B. Langford, Jr. (Fla.), O. W. Sumerlin (Tex.), and Bruce Murray (Tex.). The motion to adopt lost.

**Resolution No. 11—On a New Liberty Bell**

WHEREAS, In Philadelphia, the first capital of the United States, liberty was proclaimed throughout the land as on numerous occasions of public interest the original Liberty Bell rang forth clearly and daringly and stirringly, and

WHEREAS, That original Liberty Bell has been silent since the funeral of Chief Justice John Marshall, and

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention through the years has been an advocate of liberty, and

WHEREAS, We as messengers are proud to be Americans and wish to give testimony of this fact.

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that the Southern Baptist Convention petition the President and Congress of the United States for a new "LIBERTY BELL" (one that will ring) to be a part of the Bicentennial Celebration of the 200th anniversary of our country in 1976, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that the President and Congress be petitioned to provide the land for this patriotic symbol, but that the people of the United States provide the funds for the building and new "LIBERTY BELL" with no gift over one dollar from any one individual so as to allow as many as so desire to have a part, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that this desire for a new "LIBERTY BELL" is in no way to suggest that the original Liberty Bell is to cease to have its great silent influence.

*This is the resolution (Item 80) offered by N. B. Langford, Jr. (Fla.) with minor changes made by the committee.*

188. Graves presented Resolution No. 12 and moved its adoption. Don DeGarmo (Miss.) moved to substitute the resolution in the original form which he had presented (Item 26). The motion lost. The resolution as presented by the committee was adopted.

#### Resolution No. 12—On Our Gratitude and Commitment

As Southern Baptists meeting in Philadelphia, a city of historic significance in the beginning of our nation and in the beginning of Baptist life in North America, we are keenly aware that God has richly blessed us across many years.

As we look back upon our rich heritage, and humbly thank God for his mercies to us in the past, we are made to realize that there is much happening among us in these days for which we must give thanks in this Convention.

We are grateful for the evidence of a new interest in evangelism that is spreading among us, and for the increased harvest of souls won to the Lord.

We are grateful for the renewed response to the Lordship of Christ among the youth in our churches and for the fresh enthusiasm and challenge which they bring to all of us.

We are blessed by a renewed sense of mission that is developing among our people as it is manifested in a broader and deeper spiritual concern for the whole man, who needs the reconciling work of Jesus Christ in every phase of his life.

We are grateful for the evidences of the blessing of God upon this Convention, its boards, institutions and agencies. We are conscious that even as God is at work in a renewed way in our churches, so we also are seeing his hand at work in our beloved Convention.

We are thankful for the spirit of this annual meeting and are conscious that God has answered the prayers of his people as they have expressed deep concern for our denomination.

In this one hundred-fifteenth session of the Southern Baptist Convention, we pledge ourselves to seeking greater sensitivity to the leadership of God, realizing that we are his to command. We commit ourselves to strengthening the ties that bind us in Christ Jesus, realizing that love for each other is the fundamental mark of identification of God's people.

Let us seek to lead all the people of our churches to maturity in Christ and the enjoyment of the genuine fruits of the Holy Spirit in their lives such as "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith . . ." (Galatians 5:22).

Let us go from this Convention with renewed dedication to the triple task of (1) winning men to Christ, (2) leading them to maturity as Christians, and (3) helping them to be active as servants of God in trying to bring about his will in our world.

Let us return to our churches with a commitment to send more of our money and, if God leads, more of our young men and young women into channels of missionary service even as we increase our efforts to spread the gospel in our local communities that we may see a concerted advance in these days.

Hitherto hath the Lord helped us. Henceforth shall we walk with him.

*This resolution reflects the spirit of the resolutions on the Lordship of Christ (Item 26) by Don DeGarmo (Miss.), and on Worldwide Evangelism (Item 91) by Paul Glenn (Pa.)*

189. The chairman of the Committee on Order of Business called for the order of the day, and Ben C. Fisher (Tenn.) was recognized to present the report of the Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary. Herman E. Jacobs (Tenn.) spoke to the report.



190. W. C. Fields (Tenn.) presented the report of the Committee on Denominational Calendar and moved the adoption of the proposed calendar. The motion passed.

191. James E. Duncan (D. C.) presented the report of the Committee on Baptist State Papers and discussed the report.

192. J. Ed Cunningham (Ky.) presented a report in behalf of the American Bible Society and spoke to the report, expressing appreciation for the interest in and support of the work of the Bible Society.

193. John W. Baker (D. C.) presented the report of the Public Affairs Committee and spoke to the report.

194. Robert S. Denny (D. C.) was recognized to present the report of the Baptist World Alliance. He, in turn, recognized Duke K. McCall (Ky.), a member of the Alliance executive committee, who presented to V. Harney Hargroves, president of the Baptist World Alliance, in behalf of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, the E. Y. Mullins Denominational Service Award. President Hargroves responded with appreciation and spoke to the report of the Alliance.

195. Carl Perry led the Convention in singing "Blessed Be the Name."

196. Leon H. Sullivan, pastor of the Zion Baptist Church in Philadelphia, was presented for an address to the Convention.

197. Foy Valentine (Tenn.) presented the report of the Christian Life Commission. He gave opportunity for questions or discussion from the floor. None being raised, Valentine presented Charles E. Myers (Miss.), Mrs. Robert C. Fling (N. Y.), and Cecil E. Sherman (N. C.) to discuss the report.

198. Glendon McCullough (Tenn.) was recognized to present the report of the Brotherhood Commission. He invited discussion from the floor. No concern being expressed, he stressed the current challenge to daring involvement in Christian ministry by laymen and presented James R. Rowles (N. C.) to speak to the report. Rowles paid a tribute to Furman Turner and Mrs. Turner, former members of his church, who were murdered some weeks previously by a prisoner released into their custody to take to a church service and to their home. John J. Smarge (Md.), chairman of the Commission, led the Convention in prayer related to the Turner family and the challenge of their sacrifice.

199. The time for miscellaneous business having arrived, President Bates called on the chairman of the Committee on Order of Business to indicate the matters scheduled for consideration—re items 40, 46, 47, 151, 156, and 157.

200. Chairman Porter explained that the motion (Item 38) by R. G. Puckett (Md.), which was originally scheduled for consideration the preceding day and which had to be rescheduled for lack of time, was unintentionally set for consideration on the last day of the Convention, when it would be out of order since it involved a change in the Constitution. The Chair ruled the motion out of order. Puckett was recognized for a statement of personal privilege and explanation. He indicated his purpose to offer the motion next year.

201. The motion (Item 40) by M. O. Owens, Jr. (N. C.) was discussed by Owens, R. F. Smith (N. C.), and Duke K. McCall (Ky.), who moved to table the motion for the remaining part of the 1972 session. The motion to table passed.

202. With Vice-president Landes in the chair, the motion (Item 46) by E. C. McDaniel (Fla.) was discussed by McDaniel and Porter Routh (Tenn.). The motion passed. (See pp. 91-94.)

203. The motion (Item 47) by Glendon McCullough (Tenn.) was discussed by McCullough, Hayward Cosby (S. C.), and Bill D. Whitaker (Ky.), who moved to amend the motion by striking "specifically Thursday night through Sunday." The motion to amend passed. Discussion followed by John Carter (Va.), R. L. T. Beale (Va.), McCullough, and Alton Mash (Fla.). The motion as amended passed.

204. The motion (Item 151) by Frank Minton (Mo.), following comments by Minton, passed.

205. The motion (Item 156) by Harry Don Phelps (Ky.), following a statement by Chairman Porter of the Committee on Order of Business, was ruled out of order by the Chair due to its involving a change in the Constitution and therefore not in order for consideration on the last day of the Convention session. Phelps was recognized for a brief statement of personal privilege.

206. The motion (Item 157) by James P. Adams (Ala.) was discussed by Adams and James L. Sullivan (Tenn.). The motion passed.

207. Secretary Routh presented certificates of appreciation in behalf of the Convention to the retiring officers—Carl E. Bates, president; James H. Landes, first vice-president; and Warren C. Hultgren, second vice-president.

208. Chairman Lolley was recognized for a further report from the Committee on Resolutions. He presented Resolution No. 13 on satellite preaching (Item 95) and moved to refer it to the Radio and Television Commission for study and such action as it deems appropriate and consistent with its program statement. The motion passed.

209. Chairman Lolly presented Resolution No. 14 (Item 81) and moved its adoption, suggesting that the recording secretary send a copy to appropriate personnel at the Space Center. The resolution was adopted.

#### **Resolution No. 14—On Astronaut Prayer**

With regard to the resolution on astronaut prayer, be it *Resolved* that we express gratitude for the inspiring example of a number of our astronauts in regard to faith, prayer, and public testimony, and for a free society that guarantees this inalienable right of individual conscience.

210. Chairman Lolley moved that Resolution No. 15 on quoting Scripture (Item 85) be referred to the Sunday School Board. The motion to refer passed.

211. William E. Denham, Jr. (Tex.) presented Resolution No. 16, calling attention to a correction in the last paragraph as printed in the *Bulletin*, and moved its adoption. The resolution was adopted.

#### **Resolution No. 16—On Welfare**

WHEREAS, Complex social forces have brought many to depend on government welfare for their subsistence, and

WHEREAS, There is often confusion about the validity of welfare and sometimes hostility toward welfare recipients, and

WHEREAS, The present welfare system is a tangle of bureaucratic regulations and often ineffective programs which stand in need of reform, and

WHEREAS, Christians have a Bible-taught responsibility to help those who are in need in a manner that will maintain the dignity and worth of even the least and poorest, and



**WHEREAS**, The true issues of welfare are often hidden behind cliches which perpetuate welfare myths,

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that we urge Southern Baptists to support federal welfare reform legislation which may adequately financially help the many people in need of: job training for those able to work and the maintenance of the dignity of those who are forced because they are very young, very old, very sick, or severely incapacitated to depend on welfare for their existence.

*This is the resolution (Item 88) offered by R. Stuart Grizzard (D. C.) with some additions and deletions by the committee.*

212. A motion passed to extend the time for the consideration of resolutions by fifteen minutes.

213. Denham presented Resolution No. 17 and moved its adoption. The resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 17—On Alcohol and Drugs**

**WHEREAS**, Millions in our society are now tragically addicted to alcohol and other habit-forming drugs, and

**WHEREAS**, The most widely abused drug, alcohol, has not received the urgent attention needed to prevent its epidemic abuse in our society, and

**WHEREAS**, July 17, 1971, the Congressional Record states: "It is estimated that there are nine million alcoholics and problem drinkers in the nation. A total of 36 million Americans or approximately one in every six is adversely affected. Alcoholism and alcohol related problems cause more than 85,000 deaths annually. More than 50 percent of persons age 15 and older killed on the highway each year have alcohol in their blood at the time of the accident. One third of all deaths reported as suicide are known to be alcohol related and one-half of all homicides are also alcohol related. In conservative economic terms alcoholism costs the nation over 15 billion dollars per year—10 billion dollars in lost work time, two billion in health and welfare costs, three billion in traffic accident costs . . ." and

**WHEREAS**, The effect of alcohol and drugs on increased crime, necessity of abortions, broken homes, increased cost of automobile and hospital insurance is evident, and

**WHEREAS**, There are many things now being done by government, industry, and the business community to combat the evils of alcohol and drugs,

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that we commend American business, industry, and government for increasing numbers of programs designed to educate their employees and families on the dangers of alcohol and drugs, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we call on the surgeon general of the United States and other government officials to use their full resources to focus now on the problem of alcohol abuse with even more intensity and greater urgency than that given in recent years to the relationship between cigarette smoking and lung cancer, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we call Southern Baptists to work as citizens for better education in our homes, our churches, the mass media, and the teaching institutions of our society, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we support more effective rehabilitation of addicts through appropriate agencies in our society.

*This resolution combines ideas from resolutions (Items 17 and 24) offered by R. Paul Caudill (Tenn.) and R. H. Patterson (S. C.).*

214. President Bates introduced Jo Ann Burnette, from his church, to the Convention, daughter of Joe and Mrs. Burnette.

215. Chairman Lolley presented Resolution No. 18 and moved its adoption. The resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 18—On Prayer for China**

**WHEREAS**, In view of the encouraging signs of desired communication between the American people and our Chinese neighbors, as exhibited in the visit of our President to the Peoples Republic of China, it appears the Lord may be moving toward the reopening of the doors of China to Christian influence,

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that the Southern Baptist Convention be earnestly in prayer to God for the opening of the land of China. That we also pray for the Chinese Christians and for the continuation of their witness, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we pray the Lord to make possible the peaceful exchange of ideas and freedom of travel between the peoples of our two nations to the end that Christ will be glorified and his kingdom be extended.

*This resolution incorporates some of the material of the resolution (Item 86) offered by Robert W. Randall (Ky.).*

216. Charles A. Jolly (N. J.) presented Resolution No. 19 and moved its adoption. Harold Coble (Calif.) moved to table the resolution, and the motion to table passed.

#### Resolution No. 19—On Amnesty

WHEREAS, We, as Christians, have been reconciled to God the Father of us all through Jesus Christ our Lord, and

WHEREAS, We now see ourselves as ambassadors of Christ, and ministers of reconciliation seeking to restore the broken fellowships between man and God and man and his neighbor, and

WHEREAS, We grieve the lost unity of our country because of the divided sentiments over the conflict in Southeast Asia, and

WHEREAS, Many young men, some because of religious beliefs, have conscientiously opposed this war to the extent of going into exile in foreign countries to avoid the draft that supports the war, and

WHEREAS, We mourn with those families who have lost sons in the conflict and with those who have sons in exile who cannot return home, and

WHEREAS, We are aware that there is no simple or easy solution to this suffering and separation of American citizens that deals fairly, justly, and consistently with those who have abided by the law of the land, and those who have avoided or violated the law of the land,

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that we urge Southern Baptists to study carefully and prayerfully, in the Spirit of Christ, the various amnesty proposals, including the post-World War II policy of considering individual amnesty cases on their merits, and other methods of reconciling Americans within our boundaries with those who have chosen exile, in order to ensure justice for all, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that Southern Baptists be urged to communicate their views to their legislative representatives and the President.

*This resolution is a rewriting of the one submitted (Item 97) by Paul D. Simmons (Ky.).*

217. Jolly presented Resolution No. 20 and moved its adoption. Following discussion by John W. Laney (Md.), the resolution was adopted.

#### Resolution No. 20—On Christian Citizenship

WHEREAS, 1972 is a year of national emphasis on politics, citizenship, and public issues of great importance, and

WHEREAS, Grave moral issues of our time, such as family breakdown, racism, war, poverty, pollution, violence, injustice, crime, gambling, taxation, consumer exploitation, political corruption, welfare reform, and addiction to alcohol and other drugs are all complex issues, the proper facing of which demand personal evangelism, political involvement, and the best judgment of all,

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that this Convention reaffirm the historic Baptist position of responsible Christian citizenship, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we plead with politicians to refrain from offering simplistic solutions for complex problems, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we urgently call upon all Southern Baptists to carefully consider the vital moral issues in this year's campaigns, examine the moral positions of the candidates, scrutinize the platforms of the political parties and the economic interests supporting the candidates, apply Bible truths and Christian insights in arriving at decisions related to politics, and prayerfully work for those who seem nearest to a responsible Christian position.

*This resolution is an adaptation of the one (Item 92) offered by D. Glenn Saul (Ky.).*

218. Terry Young (La.) presented Resolution No. 21 and moved its adoption. The resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 21—On Taxation**

WHEREAS, Government requires taxation, and

WHEREAS, The present tax structure in our country is in need of reform, and

WHEREAS, Tax laws favoring special interests foster disrespect for our government and encourage dishonesty,

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that Southern Baptists call upon Congress to effect a meaningful reform of the tax structure without delay, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we urge churches to teach that Christian stewardship includes both the payment of taxes to ensure orderly government and the responsible use of tax revenue to fulfill the public trust.

*This is an adaptation of the resolution (Item 94) offered by Lynn P. Clayton (Kan.).*

219. Young presented Resolution No. 22 and moved its adoption. Jim Bowman (Tex.) moved to amend by striking "extending them assistance" and discussed the amendment. A motion passed to extend the time five minutes. Discussion followed by Gil Gibson (Ga.), Richard P. Foresman (Pa.), George S. Reuter (Mo.), Bill Sherman (Tenn.), and William Dodson (Tenn.), who moved to table the resolution. The motion to table lost. A motion for the previous question passed. The motion to amend the resolution lost. Following discussion by Horace Twine (Md.), a motion for the previous question passed. The motion to adopt the resolution lost.

**Resolution No. 22—On Individual Conscience and War**

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists uphold the authority of the Bible in matters of faith, and

WHEREAS, We uphold the right and responsibility of the individual to interpret the Scriptures for himself under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and

WHEREAS, It has been our experience that both conscientious objection to, and conscientious participation in war are two seemingly opposite stances derived from the Bible, and purported to have love as their motivation and justification, and

WHEREAS, Both conscientious participation and conscientious objections are undertaken as Christian attitudes in good conscience,

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that we honor our traditional belief in the freedom of the individual conscience under God and support both our youth who, as a matter of conscience, choose to participate in war and those who, as a matter of conscience, object to participation in war, extending them assistance in exercising their rights and privileges as permitted under law.

*This is an adaptation of the resolution offered (Item 97) by Brock G. Henry III (Va.).*

220. A motion passed to extend the time two minutes.

221. Chairman Lolley reported on all the remaining resolutions on which no action was recommended, as follows:

(1) Concerning the resolution (Item 87) on Sullivan's New Orleans Motion (Winn T. Barr, Ky.), the committee in consultation with the author feels that this resolution has been dealt with in principle and is not necessary at this time. It may be presented at a later date to another Convention.

(2) Concerning the resolution (Item 22) on Baptist Belief (T. T. Crabtree, Mo.), the committee feels that the purpose of this resolution has already been accomplished in the Convention.

(3) Concerning the resolutions (Items 153 and 154) offered in

behalf of Joe Carrington (G. Allen West, Ky.) and Rev. Frank Foster and Rev. Joseph Wortman and their wives (J. Beverly Fellows, D. C.), the committee respectfully requests that the friends of these people communicate directly with their families, but proposes that the Convention not adopt these resolutions at this time.

(4) Concerning the resolution (Item 48) On Communication of Our Concern to Protestant and Catholic Churches of Ireland (Bill Little, Mo.), the committee believes that groups closer to the situation, such as the Baptist World Alliance and the European Baptist Federation, are in a better position to take action on this matter, so it is not submitting a resolution at this time.

(5) Concerning the resolution (Item 93) on The Lord's Day Alliance (Bruce H. Price, Va.), the committee does not have any recommendation.

(6) Concerning the resolution (Item 152) On Ordination of Women (Paul E. Parrish, Fla.); the committee makes no recommendation. The ordination of anyone is a matter for local church polity and will be so interpreted, no matter what the Southern Baptist Convention resolved.

(7) Concerning the resolution (Item 155) On Gun Control (W. W. Finlator, N. C.), the committee makes no recommendation and refers the Convention to a 1970 resolution on Extremism.

222. Chairman Lolley moved the acceptance of the committee's report on these resolutions and the motion passed.

223. G. Barry Landrum (Miss.) led the Convention in prayer to conclude the morning session.

#### *Thursday Afternoon, June 8*

224. Presession music for inspiration was presented by the Oklahoma Singing Churchmen, directed by James Woodward (Okla.).

225. William J. Reynolds led the Convention in singing "He Leadeth Me."

226. President Bates called the Convention to order and then expressed appreciation for the contribution of Clarence W. Cranford in leading the periods of devotional worship. Cranford spoke on the theme, "Carriers of Freedom."

227. President Bates greeted fraternal messengers and presented them to the Convention as follows: Joachim Zeiger, home missionary secretary, German Baptist Union; Leon D. Maltby, editor of *The Sabbath Recorder*, Seventh Day Baptist General Conference; Juan Luis Rodrigo Marin, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Madrid, Spain; Marion G. Bradwell, The Lord's Day Alliance; Traugott Vogel, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bitburg, Eifel, West Germany, European Baptist Convention, English language; Gene E. Bartlett, president of the American Baptist Convention; Curtis Kyle, pastor of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Washington, Progressive National Convention; Charles Walker, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; Gary Lewis Gaines, pastor in Washington; George L. Bowick, pastor, Progressive National Baptist Convention.

228. President Bates introduced Roger Fredrikson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. D., and former president of the

American Baptist Convention, who addressed the Convention on the subject, "Journey into Hope."

229. Kendall Berry (Tenn.) presented the report of the Southern Baptist Foundation. He presented Mrs. Christine Bess of the Foundation staff and discussed the work of the Foundation.

230. Darold H. Morgan (Tex.) presented the report of the Annuity Board. He invited questions from the floor. None was raised. At the request of Morgan, President Bates presented to R. Alton Reed, recently retired president of the Annuity Board, a plaque in recognition of his service to Southern Baptists through his leadership of the Board. Reed responded appropriately. An audiovisual feature emphasized significant aspects of the Board's ministry.

231. Arthur B. Rutledge (Ga.) was recognized for a statement. He requested that the Convention by common consent take note of the recent death of Joseph M. Waltz, the first executive secretary of the young Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey; that the Convention express its sympathy with Mrs. Waltz and the entire family and with the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Convention; and that the Convention express gratitude to God for the fruitful pioneering ministry of Waltz in Pennsylvania for more than twelve years.

232. President Bates called attention to the illness of W. Douglas Hudgins (Miss.) and of Chester Swor (Miss.), preventing their attendance on the Convention, and of the illness of the wife of Robert S. Scales (Okla.), who was thus kept from attending the Convention and serving as parliamentarian. The recording secretary was asked to send telegrams of greetings and concern.

233. Secretary Allen presented the following motion: That the recording secretary be authorized to make necessary changes in the Proceedings as printed in the Convention *Bulletin* to insure clarity of meaning, 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.

234. Lee Porter, for the Committee on Order of Business, recommended that Dotson M. Nelson, Jr. (Ala.) be the preacher for the Convention sermon in 1973, with Charles A. Trentham (Tenn.) as the alternate. A motion approving the recommendation passed.

235. Chairman Porter announced that all pending matters of business had been considered. He expressed appreciation for the work done by the members of the Committee on Order of Business.

236. Remarks were made from the floor by Joseph L. Pyles (Ore.) about involving laymen in the work of the Convention and by R. H. Patterson (S. C.) about the problem of beverage alcohol.

237. President Bates asked William H. Rittenhouse, Jr. (Tex.) to present the next speaker, a member of his church, James B. Irwin (Tex.), one of the astronauts of Apollo 15 on the flight to the moon. He first presented members of Irwin's family—his wife, children, and parents. Irwin's address was an inspiring testimony of faith and of the significance of the lunar flights. In conjunction with his address, he presented to President Bates for the Convention a poster on which were pasted a Christian flag taken to the moon on Apollo 16 and a picture of one of the astronauts of Apollo 16 on the moon, also on which was written "To the Southern Baptist Convention with deep gratitude for your prayerful support and the mighty work for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ"—Signed by Jim Irwin, Apollo

15, Philadelphia, 8 June 72. President Bates received the poster with thanks and announced that it would be placed in the archives of the Historical Commission of the Convention to belong to all Southern Baptists.

238. Ira Irvin (Tex.) led the Convention in prayer to conclude the afternoon session.

### *Thursday Night, June 8*

239. Presession music was presented by The Centurymen and Symphony Orchestra, directed by Buryl Red (N. Y.).

240. William J. Reynolds led the Convention in singing "God of Grace and God of Glory."

241. D. E. Sloan (Tex.) read a Scripture selection (Lev. 25: 10-17), and William H. Hinson (Fla.) led the Convention in prayer.

242. President Bates recognized the newly elected officers and presented them to the Convention. He presented to Owen Cooper a gavel which he had had made to present to the new president.

243. Secretary Routh announced that the shuttle buses which had served messengers during the Convention, transporting them without charge to and from hotels, had been provided by the Philadelphia Tourist Bureau. He suggested that messengers write John Watkins of the Philadelphia Tourist Bureau to express thanks for this special consideration.

244. The evening session had been planned to emphasize world missions, particularly the work of the Home Mission Board, the work of the Foreign Mission Board, and the work of the Stewardship Commission in cultivating financial support for the missionary, educational, and benevolent ministries of the state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program.

245. Arthur B. Rutledge (Ga.) presented the report of the Home Mission Board. He recognized Courts Redford (Mo.), former executive secretary of the Board from 1954-64, and the associational and area missionaries who were present. Following an opportunity for questions and discussion from the floor, Secretary Rutledge discussed the overall ministry of the Board in the light of the constantly changing situations affecting its work. A multi-media presentation of the theme, "Missions . . . USA," with participation by Linda Cates, Arthur B. Rutledge, Frank Scott, Russell Newport, G. W. Bullard, Jack Lowndes, and The Centurymen, concluded the report.

246. James V. Lackey (Tenn.) presented the report of the Stewardship Commission. Opportunity was given for questions or discussion from the floor. The report was concluded with a group presentation, people around the world saying "Thank you for the Cooperative Program."

247. Russell H. Dilday, Jr. (Ga.) was recognized for a statement. He reminded the messengers that James Irwin (Tex.), who had spoken to the Convention in the afternoon session about his experience on the Apollo 15 flight to the moon, would have many calls from churches and groups for engagements. Hence a volunteer group had been organized to give assistance in this matter. Any request for his ministry should be addressed to Bill Rittenhouse, Box 58097, Houston, Texas. Dilday urged messengers to pray for Irwin as he shares his unusual and meaningful experience and seeks the fulfillment of God's purpose in his life.



248. Baker J. Cauthen (Va.) presented the report of the Foreign Mission Board, calling attention to encouraging aspects of the Board's worldwide ministry and sobering situations demanding faith, heroism, and fullest dedication. A processional of missionaries to the platform dramatized involvement in work around the world. Anita Bryant (Fla.), accompanied by Gloria Roe (Fla.), gave an inspiring testimony in song and word. New missionaries were presented by Louis R. Cobbs (Va.), and President Bates led in a prayer of dedication. Secretary Cauthen spoke on "A Challenge to World Missions Involvement," following which Drew J. Gunnells, Jr. (Ala.) led in prayer, asking God's blessings on the work of the Foreign Mission Board.

249. William J. Reynolds led the Convention in singing "O Zion, Haste."

250. President Bates asked Byrn Williamson, M.D. (Ala.) to lead in prayer and declared that the one hundred fifteenth session of the Southern Baptist Convention would stand adjourned, following the prayer.

### Hitherto—Henceforth

#### Presidential Address

By Carl E. Bates

It seems to me as I read the history of God's dealing with Israel that they were more often than not hard pressed by the Philistines. One of the times was when Samuel served them as God's true prophet. His counsel is typical: "If ye do return unto the Lord with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods . . . from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines" (1 Sam. 7:3).

The children of Israel did put away their strange gods. They did serve the Lord only. Whereupon Samuel, seeing their sincerity, promised to pray for them. They poured out water before the Lord; they fasted all day long and confessed their sins. Yet, when word of the approaching Philistines came to them, they were terrified.

Then Samuel did a significant thing. He took a young lamb and offered the burnt offering (the offering of themselves) unto the Lord and cried unto the Lord in behalf of Israel. The Lord heard him and caused a great thunder to come upon the Philistines, and Israel smote them.

Whereupon Samuel took a stone and set it up at a place called Ebenezer, saying, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" (1 Sam. 7:12).

As we meet here today, we might well set up a stone of remembrance and say the same thing: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." As a matter of fact, we could have done this 125 times since 1845. For, in a sense, this is a good reason for continuing our annual meetings, and it would be well for someone to remind us of the rock from which we have been hewn and the pit from which we have been digged. When one stands where Samuel stood, he may look both backward and forward—backward over the promises which became reality because he who said he would . . . did! If anyone doubts God's help in our experience, let him look back over the period of his own lifetime.

When my own birth took place, Southern Baptists met that year in Nashville in the present home of the Grand Ole Opry. And, no one, so far as I know, saw any prophetic significance in the meeting place.

A short time thereafter we met in New Orleans. We had entered World War I on the side of the Allies, and J. W. Porter of Kentucky introduced a resolution pledging our loyalty and sacrificial support to the President of our government. It is recorded that the messengers broke into thunderous applause. One lone dissenter, J. J. Taylor of Georgia, attempted to speak against the resolution but was hooted down and eventually led away to the obvious satisfaction of "the messengers." That same Convention saw George W. Truett's beloved assistant

try unsuccessfully to have women approved as messengers. It was finally decided to "think about it" for a year; whereupon a committee was appointed to study the matter, and it was approved the following year.

In 1920 a Victory Convention was held in Washington, D.C. Ninety million dollars had been pledged on a \$75 Million Campaign, and we assured ourselves that, "since Pentecost there was no greater moment." That was the year of Truett's immortal address on "Baptists and Religious Liberty."

In 1925 A. J. Barton, for the first time apparently, "moved the previous question" and thus opened up for the Convention a way to cut off repetitious and unproductive debate. (He obviously did not have a Bylaw 16 to rely upon!)

One year, in Houston, we adopted a resolution "condemning and deploring beauty contests, bathing reviews, and late-night joy riding."

Again, we met more than once in joint convocation with other Baptist bodies, and upon numerous occasions have affirmed our belief in a two-year term for our Presidents. (I have spoken elsewhere about this).

When I was converted and joined a cooperating Southern Baptist church, in 1934, my pride and joy came from being one of 4,277,052 Southern Baptists who gave the handsome sum of \$5.76 per person that year to all causes. We now claim nearly 12 million members, and our gifts per capita have increased 15 times in four decades. One distressing face in our growth and development is that our percentage of giving through the Cooperative Program has not yet reached an overall total of 11 percent. Worse still, it has gone down, percentage-wise, the past six years—from 10.13 percent in 1966 to 9.14 percent in 1971.

And yet, the development of this Cooperative Program of giving may be the most significant achievement in our long history. Our agencies are no longer dependent upon emotional appeals, which not only demeaned and degraded the listener, but reduced him to the likeness of the lower animals who operate only at a stimulus-response level. It has likewise greatly influenced the mechanics of our work.

During this brief period of time (my lifetime), we have been shaped and changed from a single-minded people, concerned with a few vital projects into a myriad-minded people with six seminaries, four boards, seven commissions, two standing committees, and three associated organizations, each of which would need a full session of each annual meeting to tell fully about its work! (Ask the Committee on Order of Business about this.) We have come from a scattered little band of nobodies to become America's largest evangelical denomination, and no one would deny that "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

It is not enough, however, to be aware of the past, as important as that is; we must intelligently assess the present and correctly appraise the future if we are to find the quickest way from where we are to where we ought to be.

If I have learned anything about us during the past two years, it is this: our churches are in trouble! I hasten to say that this has been true of us for 127 years.

David Haney put it so well in his recent book, *Renew My Church* (Zondervan). He said, "Jesus promised those who would follow Him only three things: They would be absurdly happy, entirely fearless, and always in trouble." Until recently, one might say that our churches qualified on all three counts. We are no longer entirely fearless, we are no longer absurdly happy, but we are in trouble!

1. *Part of this trouble is of our own making.*

Professor Walter Shurden of Carson-Newman College has written of this in a recent Broadman publication under the title, *Not a Silent People*. He offers penetrating insight into those controversies that have shaped Southern Baptists.

As I read this little book, I could not get out of my mind a story Colen Morris told out of his missionary experience in Zambia. They found a native dead of starvation about 100 yards from the missionary compound. An autopsy revealed that he had only a few leaves in his stomach and what appeared to be a ball of grass. Meanwhile, back at home, his sponsoring denomination was engaged in a bitter fight over what to do with the unused bread left over after communion!

We are often guilty of a comparable practice. Twice in the past ten years we have fought "the battle of Genesis," while only a few yards away from our Convention site men were dying with nothing more stable to comfort and sustain them than a wad of grass offered by a secular world and a few leaves of humanism in their brains with which to face a cheerless world and an endless eternity.

How can we justify fighting one another in order to preserve little zones of personal stability for ourselves when the vast majority of the world's peoples



have no hope of salvation, much less a philosophy of creation and inspiration? I ask, How? I ask further, How long? And, How often? And where will it all end? Already, if I am any judge, power structures are being developed in various areas to engage our people at every level in "the true church controversy" of a hundred years ago.

Lest I be accused of laying the ground work for compromising our convictions, let me remind every messenger in this Convention that if any individual or group is determined to have theological and ecclesiastical sameness, he has one of two choices: He may join another denomination, or he may deny the basic democratic principles for which our people have been known across the long years.

Our stubbornness in this respect is too well known. We were not saved in groups. Our churches are made up of free sons of God. Our churches are free churches; and no organization, political or religious, dare infringe upon that freedom. I am not unmindful of the argument, "If they want to join, let them conform!" Let me ask: "Who said they wanted to join in the first place?" Our churches have steadfastly refused to forfeit one whit of their freedom to interpret the Holy Scriptures for themselves in exchange for any creed or creed-like statement devised thus far. Those who know our history (from someone other than Orchard) know this.

2. *Again, we are in trouble in our church efficiency.* I am of the opinion that this, too, is partly our own fault.

Less than half of our members attending Sunday School is accepted as the norm. As a matter of fact, if some pastor excels and succeeds in reaching 51 percent of his membership in Bible Study, someone is sure to write and ask him for "the secret of his success." I have been amused for 30 years by those who periodically rediscover Arthur Flake's principles of *Building a Standard Sunday School* and either "rewrite and publish" it or rush about over the Convention crying, "Eureka!" The practice of these principles made us, and the sooner we get back to them the better!

In this connection, I am willing to cite any church on the grow these days with succeeding as a result of these principles. Those who "qualify" their possibilities, enlarge their organization, provide the space, train the workers, and go get 'em will reverse this minus trend in our organizational life.

3. *I must suggest, before moving on, that I believe we are in trouble because of our failure as pastors and preachers to indoctrinate our people.* I have boasted across the years that I could take a dozen born-again believers and the Greek New Testament, pitch a tent one step this side of the gates of hell, and build a New Testament church! One pastor commented, "And before you were through, you'd have those deacons marching into hell with water pistols looking for the devil!"

The modern mind is so complex until the average preacher is tongue-tied before it, "But the Word of God is alive and full of power in action . . . and passes judgment on the thoughts and purposes of the heart" (Heb. 4:12). If you laymen will insist on your pastor taking time to study God's Word, and if you pastors will claim that as a priority in your ministry, the Word of God will handle any situation for the pastor and the people. The pressures of the modern world contribute to the breakdown of effective patterns of living among both clergy and laity. It is no wonder that we are discouraged and frustrated. We have lost our song, and the light of hope has gone out in our souls.

There are, however, some hopeful signs upon the horizon.

1. *One of these is a free press, both secular and religious.* Many of us are not healthy enough to understand what these people are driving at. They "bug" us; they irk us; they ignore us; they often disgust us. Nonetheless, they x-ray our sham; they puncture our pretense; they reveal our hypocrisies. I hope it will ever be thus. I pray that they will never cover our inconsistencies.

2. *I have great hope today because of what I know about our boards, agencies, and commissions.* They are staffed with some of the greatest people among us. They are our people. God took them from among us and put them where they now serve with total conviction in his will. They have spent and are spending their lives in developing the best possible program of outreach into the whole world that I know of in the earth. If one were to place all of these in the spectrum of religious belief, including professing Christendom, every last one of them would be "right of center." This is as it should be. Every Southern Baptist I know is "right of center." Some are close to center and have erroneously been labeled "liberal." Some are "right of right to the extreme." Most of

our people, in my judgment, fall into neither category, and it has been that way throughout our history. I am of the opinion that it will continue so throughout the years to come. Not many of them will swing all the way to either extreme. It would surely be wrong to try to commit our agencies to either extreme.

3. *My heart finds further encouragement in programs sponsored by two of these boards in the homeland.* The Evangelism Division of the Home Mission Board has challenged us with its WIN (Witness Involvement Now) Program, and the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board is on the right track with its People To People idea.

The world is ripe for the reaping. If we follow either of these plans with any interest at all, we shall be enabled to tap a reservoir of skills among our members which, under additional guidance, could lead to a doubling of our numerical strength in a few years.

4. *Everywhere I have been during the past two years, I have sensed a change in our sense of values; a change in our basic concern.*

I never heard J. N. Barnette speak that he did not speak out of a broken heart of concern for people. L. R. Scarborough died in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, Texas, preaching to imaginary multitudes. He would fall back exhausted, catch his breath, sit up again, and preach with what strength he could summon. He would then fall back exhausted again and ask those who stood by his bed, "Don't you see the multitudes out there? They are lost and dying. O God, give me strength." And then he was gone.

My hope for my denomination lies not in our boasted numbers nor in our tremendous organization. Right now it lies in the transformation that is taking place in our churches around the world because of our new interest in the lost. The Spirit of God is moving in extraordinary fashion in our world. Let us remember the law of the old sailing vessels. They said, "We cannot move when we will; the wind blows, and is still." There may be time tomorrow (who knows) to hammer away at one another because we do not draw our personal stability from the same area of the Baptist spectrum. My appeal to all of you, my brothers, is to lay aside these personal privileges and stand as we have never stood before in concern for a lost world.

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Alabama .....	936
Alaska .....	2
Arizona .....	31
Arkansas .....	241
California .....	118
Colorado .....	34
D.C. ....	117
Florida .....	572
Georgia .....	1,046
Hawaii .....	7
Illinois .....	213
Indiana .....	127
Kansas—Nebraska (Nebraska 12    Kansas 44) .....	56
Kentucky .....	716
Louisiana .....	442
Maryland Convention	
Maryland .....	497
Maine .....	3
Delaware .....	30
New Jersey .....	12
Pennsylvania—South Jersey .....	199
New York .....	127
Rhode Island .....	11
Mass. ....	13
Connecticut .....	19
Michigan .....	76
Mississippi .....	728
Missouri—Iowa (Missouri 548    Iowa 6) .....	554
New Mexico .....	53
North Carolina .....	1,398
Northern Plains Convention	
Montana .....	1
North Dakota .....	2
South Dakota .....	11
Wyoming .....	2
Ohio .....	245
Oklahoma .....	396
Oregon—Washington .....	10
South Carolina .....	1,052
Tennessee .....	952
Texas .....	1,058
Utah-Idaho .....	3
Virginia & West Virginia (Virginia 99    W. Va. 41) .....	1,040
Puerto Rico .....	1
Canal Zone .....	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,153</b>