

Proceedings

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

June 10-12, 1975

Tuesday Morning, June 10

1. President Jaroy Weber (Tex.) called to order the one hundred and eighteenth session of the Southern Baptist Convention in the one hundred and thirtieth year of its history, at 9:30 A.M., June 10, 1975, in the Convention Center, Miami Beach, Florida.

2. Presession music had been presented by the Florida Baptist Singing Men, directed by Paul Bobbitt (Fla.).

3. President Weber presented William J. Reynolds (Tenn.) as the music director of the Convention. He announced that Paul Langston (Fla.) and Mrs. Rudy Hernandez (Fla.) would serve as organist and pianist for the day, and then led the Convention in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

4. W. Fred Kendall (Tenn.), registration secretary, reported a registration of 12,485 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 members of the Convention when they have enrolled on the basis of membership set forth in Article III of the Constitution. The motion passed.

5. Searcy S. Garrison (Ga.), chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, made an introductory statement in behalf of the committee about special events to be celebrated by the Convention, recognized the members of the committee, and then moved the adoption of the report. The motion passed.

Theme: "Let Christ's Freedom Ring"

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 10

- 9:15 Music for Inspiration—Florida Baptist Singing Men, Paul R. Bobbitt, Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., director
- 9:30 Call to Order
- 9:35 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tenn., director
- 9:40 Report of Registration and Constituting of Convention—W. Fred Kendall, Nashville, Tenn.
- 9:45 Report of Committee on Order of Business—Searcy S. Garrison, chairman, Atlanta, Ga.
- 9:55 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers
- 10:05 Introduction of Mayor of Metro Dade County—Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville, Fla. Welcome Message—Stephen P. Clark, Mayor Metro Dade County
- 10:15 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, Committee of Tellers
- 10:20 "Let Christ's Freedom Ring" Presentation of Liberty Bell—Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Historical Commission—Solo—Nettie Beth Weber, Lubbock, Texas
- 10:25 Presidential Address—Jaroy Weber, Lubbock, Texas
- 11:00 Congregational Singing
- 11:05 Executive Committee Report (first section)

- 11:55 Miscellaneous Business
 12:15 Introduction of Resolutions
 12:35 Benediction—Richard M. Stephenson, executive secretary, Baptist General Association of Virginia, Richmond, Va.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 10

- 2:15 Music for Inspiration—Missouri Music Men, Bob Woolley, director, Jefferson City, Missouri
 2:30 Congregational Singing—Paul R. Bobbitt, Jr., assistant Convention music director
 2:35 "Let Christ's Freedom Ring through Church Ministry"—James T. Draper, associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.
 2:50 Election of Officers
 3:05 Radio and Television Commission Report
 3:20 Southern Baptist Convention Seminaries Report—W. Randall Lolley, president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.
 3:50 Congregational Singing
 3:55 Executive Committee Report (final section)
 4:10 Introduction of Resolutions
 4:20 Election of Officers
 4:30 Miscellaneous Business
 4:40 Benediction—Padgett C. Cope, pastor, First Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 10

- 6:45 Music for Inspiration—Massed choirs from Miami Baptist Churches, Paul R. Bobbitt, Jr., director
 7:00 Congregational Singing—Ron Lowry, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, director
 7:05 "Let Christ's Freedom Ring through Denominational Involvement"—Duke K. McCall, president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.
 7:20 Cooperative Program Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration Presentation of Torch from Memphis—Stewardship Commission, Brotherhood Commission—Commitment of State Conventions
 8:30 Congregational Singing—Special Music
 8:40 Report of Committee Named to Study Executive Committee Function and Change in Name of Convention—Chauncey R. Daley, chairman, editor of The Western Recorder, Middletown, Kentucky
 9:30 Miscellaneous Business
 9:45 Benediction—W. Ches Smith, III, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tifton, Georgia

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 11

- 9:15 Music for Inspiration—Stetson University Choir, Robert Rich, director
 9:30 Congregational Singing—Kenneth L. Osbrink, minister of music, Central Baptist Church, Miami, Fla., director
 9:35 "Let Christ's Freedom Ring through Personal Evangelism"—James Schneider, pastor, Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Groton, Connecticut
 9:50 Election of Officers
 10:00 Committee on Resolutions (first report)
 10:30 Committee on Committees Report, Committee on Boards Report
 10:35 Stewardship Commission Report
 10:45 Christian Life Commission Report
 10:55 Congregational Singing
 11:00 Special Music—Lanny Allen, minister of music, First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex.
 11:05 Convention Sermon—Jimmy R. Allen, pastor, First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex.—Alternate—Wayne Barnes, pastor, First Baptist Church, Zachary, Louisiana
 11:40 Miscellaneous Business—(Consideration of constitutional changes and other matters)—Election of Officers
 12:30 Benediction—J. Thurmond George, pastor, Foxworthy Southern Baptist Church, San Jose, California

(NO AFTERNOON SESSION)

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 11

- 6:45 Music for Inspiration, "The Testament of Freedom"—Missouri Music Men and Florida Baptist Singing Men
- 7:00 Congregational Singing—Paul C. McCommon, Atlanta, Ga., director
- 7:05 "Let Christ's Freedom Ring through Church Outreach"—Richard A. Jackson, pastor, North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz.
- 7:20 Special Committee on Baptist State Papers
- 7:30 Brotherhood Commission Report
- 7:50 Congregational Singing
- 7:55 "Winning America to Christ"—Home Mission Board
- 8:55 Special Music—Vonda Kay Van Dyke, Miami, Fla.
- 9:15 Benediction—Alton M. McEachern, pastor, First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina.

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 12

- 9:15 Music for Inspiration
- 9:30 Congregational Singing—Felix Snipes, Atlanta, Ga., director
- 9:35 "Let Christ's Freedom Ring through Community Involvement"—William L. Self, pastor, Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.
- 9:50 Sunday School Board Report
- 10:40 Committee on Resolutions Report (final)
- 10:55 Denominational Calendar Report
- 11:00 Annuity Board Report
- 11:15 Miscellaneous Business
- 11:30 Congregational Singing
- 11:35 Message—Jerry Clower, Yazoo City, Mississippi
- 12:00 Benediction—Henry D. Johns, pastor, Versailles, Kentucky

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 12

- 2:15 Music for Inspiration—Evangelistic Singers Concert
- 2:30 Congregational Singing—Forrest H. Heeren, Louisville, Ky., director
- 2:35 "Let Christ's Freedom Ring through Mission Action and Giving"—Verlin C. Kruschwitz, pastor, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Kentucky
- 2:50 Historical Commission Report
- 3:00 Southern Baptist Foundation Report
- 3:10 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Report
- 3:20 American Bible Society
- 3:30 Congregational Singing
- 3:35 Special Music—Mrs. Anne Criswell Jackson, Dallas, Tex.
- 3:40 "Winning America through the Church"—W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.
- 4:10 Baptist World Alliance
- 4:20 Committee on American Baptist Theological Seminary Report
- 4:25 Education Commission Report
- 4:40 Benediction—Forrest C. Garrard, Jr., pastor, Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 12

- 6:45 Music for Inspiration—The New Directions, Jack Day, Miami, Fla., director
- 7:00 Congregational Singing—Directed by William J. Reynolds
- 7:05 "Let Christ's Freedom Ring through Mass Evangelism"—Angel Martinez, evangelist, Fort Smith, Arkansas
- 7:20 Special Music—Russell Newport, Springfield, Missouri
- 7:40 Woman's Missionary Union Report
- 8:00 Congregational Singing
- 8:05 Worldwide Thrust, "Let the Fire Fall"—Foreign Mission Board
- 9:05 Presentation of Officers
- 9:15 Benediction—Henry A. Parker, pastor, First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.

6. The Chair made statements to encourage awareness during the Convention of the lordship of Christ, also to encourage the cooperation of messengers in proper participation in discussion and in response to the parts of the program.

7. President Weber recognized the other officers of the Convention: Stewart B. Simms (S.C.), first vice-president; Clifton J. Allen (N.C.), recording secretary; W. Fred Kendall (Tenn.), registration secretary; and Porter W. Routh (Tenn.), treasurer. He then called attention to the recent death of Charles N. King (Ky.), second vice-president of the Convention, and asked Vice-president Simms to tell of his attendance upon the funeral, to express appreciation for King, and to lead the Convention in prayer.

8. Fraternal messengers were recognized by the Chair. The following were present: Thedford Johnson, National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.; Marion G. Bradwell, Lord's Day Alliance; S.A. Scarlett, Panama Baptist Convention; Osad Imaasogie, Nigerian Baptist Convention; Leo S. Salazar, Mindanao Convention of Southern Baptists; Joao Falcao Sobrinho, Brazilian Baptist Convention; Natalio Aldo Broda, Argentine Baptist Convention; C. Ronald Goulding, Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, who was asked to bring greetings as the associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

9. President Weber recognized Jerry Clower (Miss.) to emphasize features on the Convention program.

10. Vice-president Simms was asked to take the chair.

11. Harold C. Bennett (Fla.) introduced Stephen P. Clark, Mayor of Metro Dade County of Florida, for an address of welcome to the Convention.

12. The Chair called attention to the Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Committees, Credentials Committee, and Tellers Committee, appointed by the president and found in the Convention *Bulletin*.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS: Herschel H. Hobbs, *Chairman*, Oklahoma; Hudson Baggett, Alabama; James Monroe, Florida; Tom Madden, Tennessee; Lee Prince, Tennessee; John Roberts, South Carolina; Olan Runnels, Missouri; H. Cowen Ellis, Virginia; Brooks Wester, Mississippi; Jack Gardner, Kentucky; Mrs. Woodrow Fuller, Florida; Mrs. Wesley Bowman, Louisiana.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: Kenneth Chafin, Texas, *Chairman*; Andrew Tampling, Fred Roan, Alabama; Richard Jackson, Herbert Jennison, Arizona; Alvis Carpenter, Share Medlin, Arkansas; Stanley White, James Mitchell, California; Carey I. Miller, Bill Landers, Colorado; William Ellis Preston, Jr., Maryland; Alvin West, Washington; Conrad Willard, Roy Rhodes, Florida; Perry Webb, Jr., Mrs. James N. Griffith, Georgia; John Somers, Carl Sheppard, Illinois; Padgett Cope, Roscoe Kissel, Indiana; Gran F. Stinebaugh, Mrs. Rex Lindsey, Kansas; Bob Brown, James Boswell, Kentucky; Garland McKee, Mrs. Claude Kirkpatrick, Louisiana; Mal Utleys, Pete Ramsey, Maryland; Richard Rogers, Miss Frances Brown, Michigan; Howard Aultman, W. R. Roberts, Mississippi; Ernest White, William H. Moon, Missouri; Kenneth Stohner, Mrs. Bill Grindstaff, New Mexico; Coy C. Privette, Mrs. Harold Cosby, North Carolina; Bill Crews, Oregon; Hugh Boring, Washington; Frank Minton, Larry Rutland, Ohio; Bailey Smith, Joe Coleman, Oklahoma; James R. Bruce, Mrs. David W. Hiott, South Carolina; Adrian Rogers, John Gifford, Tennessee; Mrs. Horace Sandlin, Texas; Robert Cochran, R. L. T. Beale, III, Virginia.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: John Wood, *Chairman*, Kentucky; Kenneth Combs, Kansas; Frank Blevins, Maryland; Earl A. Dingus, Ohio; James Rayhoen, Virginia; Larry Ramsour, Louisiana; Bob Ramsey, Mississippi; Bill Sutton, Florida; John Gibson, Georgia; Luther Berry, Kansas; Wilburn Hendrix, North Carolina; Hale Dixon, Oklahoma; Harold Lansford, Texas; W. Baker Hardison, Virginia; Hayward Highfill, Tennessee.

TELLERS COMMITTEE: R. B. Culbreth, *Chairman*, Florida; Bill Ladner, Alabama; W. C. Campbell, Florida; Earl Ogg, Louisiana; Joe McKeever and P. A. Michel, Mississippi; Horace Sandlin, Texas; John Taylor, Mississippi; Paul Royal, Florida; James K. Neyland, Texas.

13. Vice-president Simms recognized Joe T. Odle (Miss.) to introduce the special feature relating to the Liberty Bell. This bell, an exact replica of the original Liberty Bell in Independence Hall in Philadelphia, was made available by the state of Mississippi. It was transported, beginning May 12 of this year, to Nashville, Philadelphia, the White House, and other historic points for appropriate celebrations enroute to Miami Beach. Placed in the Convention Hall, it stood as a fitting symbol of the heritage of freedom enjoyed by this nation and of the commitment of Baptists to religious freedom for all men. The bell served as an impressive complement to the theme of the Convention, "Let Christ's Freedom Ring."

14. Vice-president Simms recognized the family of President Weber and then presented Weber for the presidential address, who—following a solo by his daughter, Nettie Beth Weber—spoke on the subject, "Let the Bell Ring." At the conclusion of the address, the Liberty Bell was rung while the messengers stood in appreciation and prolonged applause. The messengers then sang "My country, 'Tis of Thee."

15. The Chair recognized Charles E. Harvey (La.), chairman of the Executive Committee, who recognized the members of the committee and presented Porter Routh (Tenn.), executive secretary of the committee for comments. He reported on actions taken by the committee and called attention to essential matters of information.

16. Chairman Harvey presented to John H. Williams (Tenn.) a plaque in recognition of his years (1952-75) of service in making arrangements for the Convention, particularly for the exhibits.

17. Raymond T. Boswell (La.) presented Recommendation No. 1, assisted by Thomas Downing, Jr. (Md.), and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 1

We recommend that the total Cooperative Program Allocations Budget goal be approved as follows:

	1974/1975		1975/1976
Total Basic Operating	\$36,000,000	Total Basic Operating	\$41,000,000
Total Capital Needs	1,000,000	Total Capital Needs	1,080,000
SUB TOTAL	\$37,000,000	SUB TOTAL	\$42,080,000
Total Challenge Operating	3,000,000	Total Challenge Operating	8,920,000
TOTAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS BUDGET	\$40,000,000	TOTAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS BUDGET	\$51,000,000

We further recommend that the 1975-76 Basic Cooperative Program Operating Budget goal of \$41,000,000 be distributed as follows:

Agency	1974/1975 Basic CP Budget	1975/1976 Proposed Basic
Foreign Mission Board	\$18,000,000	\$20,480,400
Home Mission Board	6,750,000	7,680,150
Annuity Board	200,000	250,000
Southwestern Seminary	2,091,600	2,379,827
Southern Seminary	1,656,000	1,884,198
New Orleans Seminary	1,317,600	1,499,187
Southeastern Seminary	1,112,400	1,265,651
Midwestern Seminary	694,800	790,494
Golden Gate Seminary	687,600	782,323
Southern Baptist Foundation	95,000	108,091
American Seminary	100,000	113,780
Brotherhood Commission	360,000	409,608
Christian Life Commission	245,000	278,761
Education Commission	165,000	187,737

Historical Commission	140,000	159,292
Radio-Television Commission	1,700,000	1,934,260
Stewardship Commission	176,000	201,000
Baptist Joint Committee	150,000	171,241
SBC (Operating Budget)	359,000	424,000
TOTAL OPERATING	\$36,000,000	\$41,000,000

We recommend that the \$8,920,000 Challenge Cooperative Program Operating Allocations Budget be distributed proportionate to the Basic Cooperative Program Operating Allocations Budget.

18. S. Louis Armstrong (Ala.) presented Recommendation No. 2 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 2

We recommend adoption of the Southern Baptist Convention Operating Budget for 1975-76 as follows:

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION OPERATING BUDGET

Estimated Income	1975-76	1974-75
Cooperative Program	\$424,000	\$359,000
Dividends and interest	36,000	36,000
Sunday School Board	357,000	320,000
	<u>\$817,000</u>	<u>\$715,000</u>
Expenditures		
Convention expense	\$149,000	\$110,000
Special committees	25,000	22,000
Executive Committee	472,000	425,000
Baptist World Alliance*	140,000	132,000
Legal and auditing	2,000	2,000
Building operations	17,500	17,500
RIAL	5,000	5,000
	<u>\$810,500</u>	<u>\$713,500</u>
Reserve		
	6,500	1,500
TOTAL	<u>\$817,000</u>	<u>\$715,000</u>

*13% of any challenge funds to go to the Baptist World Alliance.

19. Marion Hare (S.C.) presented Recommendation No. 3 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 3

We recommend that Bylaw 7 of the Southern Baptist Convention Bylaws be amended to include the following paragraph to be inserted between the third from the last and the second from the last paragraph:

Where representation is by qualifying states, any person who is a member of a committee, commission, or board of trustees shall be considered as having resigned when the person moves church membership from the state where he/she had been elected as a representative.

20. Chairman Harvey explained that Recommendation No. 4 had been withdrawn by the Executive Committee for further consideration by the committee.

21. J. Howard Cobble (Ga.) presented Recommendation No. 5 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 5

We recommend to the Convention that the next to the last paragraph of Bylaw 7 of the Southern Baptist Convention Bylaws be amended to read as follows (the proposed change is in boldface italics):

The committee shall not name a person to serve on an agency as a trustee or director who has resigned from service as a trustee or director of any other

agency during the current Convention year, unless the person shall have resigned because of moving to another state. *Neither shall the committee name a person who is a trustee or director of an agency or the Executive Committee until one year has elapsed after having served the term or terms authorized by the Constitution and Bylaws.*

22. B.C. Tschudy (N.C.) presented Recommendation No. 6 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 6

We recommend that the section in Convention Procedure entitled "Vacancies on Boards" shall be amended to read as follows:

Vacancies on Boards: (1) All agencies shall report all vacancies on the agencies to the Committee on Boards immediately on the occurrence of such vacancies. (2) An agency may make interim appointments only when authorized by its charter.

23. David Q. Byrd (Tenn.) presented Recommendation No. 7 and moved its adoption. Kenneth Barnett (Okla.), advocating the doing away of local boards, moved that the recommendation be referred back to the Executive Committee for further study and report next year. The vote was taken. A division was called for, and a ballot was then taken. (See Item 43.)

Recommendation No. 7

We recommend that Article VI, 1. (1) and 2. (2) of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

1. The general boards of the Convention shall be composed as follows:

(1) Sixteen (16) members chosen from the city or vicinity in which the agency is located, but not more than four (4) local members appointed from the same church.

2. (2) If the composition of the trustees or commissioners is not determined by charter requirements, the body of trustees or commissioners shall be composed of one (1) member chosen from each cooperating state and eight (8) local members from the city or vicinity in which the agency is located, but not more than three (3) local members shall be chosen from the same church.

24. The chair announced the order of miscellaneous business. T. M. Linnens (N.C.) moved that the money being used by the Sunday School Board in its program of cooperative education and promotion work with the state conventions be given to the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Chair ruled that the motion, in keeping with Bylaw 17, would be referred to the Sunday School Board for consideration and report to the Convention next year.

25. Joe W. Burton (Tenn.) moved to amend Article V, Paragraph 2, sentence 2 of the Constitution to read: "The term of office for the president is limited to one (1) year and he shall not be eligible for reelection." It was referred to be scheduled for later consideration. (See Item 127.)

26. H. Cecil Chance (Fla.) moved that the president appoint a committee to restudy the housing or the matter of room arrangements for messengers to the Convention and to report at the 1976 Convention. It was referred to be scheduled for later consideration. (See Item 129.)

27. Paul J. Craven, Jr. (S.C.) moved that the Southern Baptist Convention provide each year without charge a copy of the Southern Baptist Convention *Annual* to each retired Southern Baptist minister who makes a request in writing to the executive secretary of the

Executive Committee. It was referred to be scheduled for later consideration. (See Item 130.)

28. Mrs. Richard L. Sappington (Tex.) made a motion to instruct the president to call a meeting of men now serving as presidents of the various state conventions to prepare and present to the 1976 Convention a statement of information and guidelines for the various agencies of the Convention to supplement the current "Baptist Faith and Message Statement." It was referred to be scheduled for later consideration. (See Item 131.) The full text follows:

"I move that we, at this 1975 Convention, instruct our president to, in like manner of the 1962 Convention, call a meeting of the men now serving as presidents of the various state conventions that would qualify as a member of the Southern Baptist Convention committee under Bylaw 18 to present to the 1976 Convention a similar statement which would serve as information to the churches, and which may serve as guidelines to the various agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention; based upon the current Baptist Faith and Message but which, also includes statements with their spiritual references on (1) the structure of authority in the New Testament church (2) the structure of authority in the home (3) and an appendage of the unique structure of the Southern Baptist Convention which has, with great humility and gratitude to the leadership of the Holy Spirit, caused us to become the leading evangelical, evangelistic, missionary, ministering denomination in the world—and any other articles the committee deems pertinent."

29. Ray O. Jones (Tenn.) moved that the Convention request and authorize the president to appoint a committee to study ways whereby all our institutions can show more tangible concern for Southern Baptist pastors and ministers and to bring a recommendation to the Convention in 1976. It was referred to be scheduled for later consideration. (See Item 165.)

30. The time for the order having expired, a motion to extend the time five minutes passed.

31. Charles A. Casey (Md.) moved that the Executive Committee have a replica of the Liberty Bell cast, the cost to be recovered by contributions from churches of the Southern Baptist Convention, and accept responsibilities for the care and final installation of the bell. It was referred to be scheduled for later consideration. (See Item 166.)

32. John P. Cox (Neb.) moved that the name of the Southern Baptist Convention be changed to "The Baptist Convention of America." The Chair requested Cox to bring his motion to the Convention at the time of the report of a special committee requested to consider a change of name, the report to come at a later session. (*Note: The motion was not brought again before the body.*)

33. President Weber announced the order for the presentation of resolutions.

34. James P. Wesberry (Ga.) presented a resolution relative to the observance of the Lord's Day. It was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. (See Item 193(1).)

35. Claud L. Asbury (Md.) presented a resolution relative to a prayer amendment to the United States Constitution. It was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. (See Item 193 (2).)

36. Bob Holbrook (Tex.) presented a resolution on abortion. It was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. (See Item 193 (4).)

37. Harry N. Hollis, Jr. (Tenn.) presented a resolution on hunger. It was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. (See Item 119.)

38. Gary Cook (Ky.) presented a resolution on a retirement center

study. It was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. (See Item 193 (3).)

39. C. Welton Gaddy (Tenn.) presented a resolution on Christian citizenship. It was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. (See Item 117.)

40. Floyd Craig (Tenn.) presented a resolution on violence. It was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. (See Items 118 and 149.)

41. B. J. Morris (N.C.) presented a resolution on obscenity and pornography. It was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. (See Item 193 (5).)

42. J. Clark Hensley (Miss.) presented a resolution on family relationships. It was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. (See Item 153.)

43. The Chair announced that the vote taken by ballot on the motion to refer Recommendation No. 7 back to the Executive Committee for further consideration and report next year had passed. (See Item 23.)

44. Richard M. Stephenson (Va.) led the Convention in prayer to conclude the morning session.

Tuesday Afternoon, June 10

45. Pre-session music was presented by Missouri Music Men, directed by Bob Woolley (Mo.)

46. Paul Bobbitt, Jr. (Fla.), following the ringing of the Liberty Bell, led the Convention in singing "God of Grace and God of Glory."

47. Vice-president Simms presented James T. Draper (Tex.), who spoke on "Let Christ's Freedom Ring Through Church Ministry."

48. The Chair announced the order for the election of officers and gave opportunity for nominations for president.

49. Woodrow Fuller (Fla.) nominated Jaroy Weber (Tex.). No further nomination being made, the Chair asked the recording secretary to cast the ballot of the Convention for Jaroy Weber for president.

50. Mrs. Carl E. Bates (N.C.) nominated Hunter Riggins (Va.) for first vice-president.

51. Conrad R. Willard (Fla.) nominated James L. Monroe (Fla.).

52. Jack Stanton (Mo.) nominated James L. Sells (Mo.).

53. Ballots were then cast for first vice-president.

54. Vice-president Simms recognized Paul M. Stevens (Tex.), president of the Radio and Television Commission, to present the report of the Commission. He in turn recognized Charles G. Fuller (Va.), chairman of the trustees of the Commission. Stevens made brief comments related to the report, after which further emphasis on and portrayal of the work of the Commission were presented by video tape. The report of the Commission was adopted.

55. W. Randall Lolley (N.C.), president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, was recognized to present the report of the six Southern Baptist seminaries. He presented Landrum P. Leavell (La.), recently elected president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. An audiovisual presentation followed, interpreting the programs of the several seminaries and the activities of faculties and stu-

dents involved in theological education. The reports of the seminaries were adopted.

56. The Convention sang "Jesus Is All the World to Me."

57. Charles E. Harvey (La.) was recognized to present the second part of the Executive Committee report. Bruce Carter (Okla.) presented Recommendation No. 8 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 8

We recommend that Bylaw 25 be changed to add the following statement: "Bylaw 6, which lists the agencies and auxiliary of the Convention, may be amended by a majority vote of two (2) successive annual sessions."

58. Rufus Sprayberry (Tex.) presented Recommendation No. 10 and moved its adoption. Arthur Rutledge (Ga.) was asked to give helpful background information. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 10

We recommend that the first program of the Home Mission Board program statement be substituted with the following three programs:

1. The Program of Evangelism Development

Purpose

To work with and assist Southern Baptist churches, associations, state conventions, and agencies in interpreting, promoting, and properly relating the message, methods, motivation, and spirit of New Testament evangelism.

Functions

1. Develop strategies, services, and materials for use by churches, associations, and state conventions for long and short range planning in establishing and conducting evangelism activities and projects.
2. Develop strategies, services, and materials for training and equipping associational chairmen of evangelism as effective evangelism leaders.
3. Provide evangelism consultative services as requested by other Home Mission Board programs, Southern Baptist Convention agencies, state conventions, associations, and churches.
4. Develop annual evangelism themes, emphases, and projects in cooperation with state secretaries of evangelism and the Southern Baptist Convention coordinating process.
5. Provide financial assistance appropriately to state conventions, upon request, toward the employment of state secretaries of evangelism and support for evangelism projects and activities.

Relationships

1. Work with churches, associations, and state conventions in developing, testing, and establishing evangelism projects and activities.
2. Work with Southern Baptist Convention program leaders in discovering and using mutually beneficial relationships in evangelism development and channeling.
3. Work with the Baptist Sunday School Board in publication and distribution of evangelism materials as appropriate.
4. Work with associational leadership including chairmen of evangelism in developing, testing, and establishing associational evangelism projects and activities.

2. The Program of Personal Evangelism

Purpose

To work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions in motivating, equipping, and involving laypersons, groups of laypersons, pastors, and lay evangelism leaders for a lifestyle of personal witnessing and the ability to train others for such a lifestyle.

Functions

1. Develop strategies, services, and materials for use by churches, associations, and state conventions in establishing and conducting activities and projects designed to motivate, to equip, and to involve laypersons, groups of laypersons, pastors, and other evangelism leaders in personal witnessing and training others to witness.
2. Provide Convention-wide leadership training in evangelism through conferences, seminars, workshops, and other training events for pastors and other lay evangelism leaders.
3. Identify groups of persons who are unreached and develop personal evangelism strategies to reach them.
4. Enlist, train, and involve laypersons for special evangelistic assignments.

Relationships

1. Work with the Brotherhood Commission in correlating Renewal and Lay Evangelism training and activities.
2. Work with Woman's Missionary Union, as requested, to equip their constituency for personal witnessing.
3. Work with Southern Baptist Convention church program organization leaders as requested to provide personal evangelism training for their leadership.
4. Work with the Baptist Sunday School Board in publication and distribution of evangelism materials as appropriate.
5. Work with the Foreign Mission Board as requested to provide personal evangelism training for their mission personnel and lay leaders.

3. The Program of Mass Evangelism

Purpose

To work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions with all types of mass evangelism ministries and projects including local church revivals, ethnic crusades, area crusades, simultaneous revivals, and other specialized types of mass evangelism.

Functions

1. Develop strategies, services, and materials for use by churches, associations, and state conventions for planning, conducting, and following up all types of mass evangelism events, activities, and projects.
2. Develop strategies, materials, and services for use of the mass media for evangelism by churches, associations, and state conventions.
3. Provide radio and television evangelistic programming in consultation with the Radio and Television Commission.
4. Conduct Convention-wide conferences, seminars, and training events for all aspects of mass evangelism.
5. Identify groups of persons who are unreached and develop mass evangelism strategies to reach them.

Relationships

1. Work with associational leadership including chairmen of evangelism involving all types of mass evangelism related to associations.
2. Work with the Radio and Television Commission in discovering mutually beneficial relationships in using mass media for evangelism.
3. Work with Southern Baptist Convention church program organization leaders as appropriate in mass evangelism efforts.
4. Work with the Baptist Sunday School Board in publication and distribution of evangelism materials as appropriate.
5. Cultivate mutually helpful relationships with Southern Baptist vocational evangelists.

59. Allen A. Bailey (N.C.) presented Recommendation No. 11 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 11

We recommend the following changes in the Sunday School Board program statement:

That in The Program of Conference Center Operation that the following points under "Functions" be omitted:

3. Develop schedules for optimum year-round use of the facilities.
6. Plan and conduct programs for personal Christian growth.
7. Promote use of facilities and build attendance.

And that the remaining points be renumbered in the order in which they appear in the program statement.

60. Preston Callison (S.C.) presented Recommendation No. 12 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 12

We recommend that a paragraph be added to the Christian Life Commission program statement paragraph on Relationships following the words in line 4: "as a participant." See *SBC Organization Manual* (1975), p. 40.

(4) and works through the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs office in every way possible in matters of government contact in Washington. Even when it feels it should make direct contact, it should do it with the knowledge and counsel of the staff of the Baptist Joint Committee.

61. Harold H. Coble (Calif.) presented Recommendation No. 13 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 13

We recommend:

(1) That a footnote for line 2 of the Public Affairs Committee program statement be added to follow: Baptist Committee on Public Affairs' in the paragraph entitled "Objective." See *SBC Organization Manual* (1975), p. 53.

¹The Southern Baptist Convention recognizes the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs as the sole office in the Washington area through which it maintains contact with the federal government. This does not preclude agencies outside of Washington making direct contact with the federal government where needed.

(2) That a footnote be added to line 10 of the paragraph on "Programs" of the Public Affairs Committee program statement: "the right application of Christianity to the life of the nation."² See *SBC Organization Manual* (1975) p. 53.

²In the Southern Baptist Convention the approach to the churches in morality and social ethics is the responsibility of the Christian Life Commission. Exceptions are religious liberty and separation of church and state which are assigned to the Public Affairs Committee. (This does not preclude the Baptist Joint Committee review of questions on religious liberty and church-state relations. It is understood that such reviews will be with the knowledge and counsel of the Southern Baptist Convention agencies involved and for purposes of making representation to the federal government.) . . . The Public Affairs Committee will utilize the Christian Life Commission in every way possible in communicating information it obtains from government sources on matters of morality and social ethics, except in those areas directly related to religious liberty and separation of church and state.

(3) That a statement be added to "Relationships" of the Public Affairs Committee program statement. See *SBC Organization Manual* (1975), p. 57.

The Southern Baptist Convention recognizes the right of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs to function as a service agency when requested on behalf of other participating bodies and their agencies in matters not directly involving religious liberty and separation of church and state.

62. Albert McClellan (Tenn.) presented Recommendation No. 14 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 14

We recommend that the following emphasis plans for the years 1979-1986 be approved:

IMPACT 80'S EMPHASIS PLAN 1979-1986

Southern Baptists are deeply aware of man's estrangement from God. Their primary concern is the reconciliation of man with God through Jesus Christ. In keeping with the Convention's objective of "eliciting, combining, and directing the energies of the denomination for the propagation of the gospel" we propose that the agencies conduct their work in contact with the churches for the years 1979-1986 mindful of the following emphases plans.

(1) That themes and emphases for the years 1979-1986 be developed in keeping with the gospel relating to the critical concerns listed below. These concerns were developed by a Convention-authorized study that included state planning committees and a national IMPACT 80'S Conference held January 20-22, 1975. The list does not include all of the concerns of the Convention and the churches, but as a result of the study the ones listed seem to be the most pressing at this time.

a. **Family**—Disruptive pressures on the traditional family unit are more intense and lead to greater stress and fragmentation.

b. **Leadership Development**—Church members are not adequately trained and motivated for leadership in the church.

c. **Vitality Through Bible Learning**—Too many church members are not yet involved in the Bible study renewal and have not learned to relate Bible learning to daily living and personal Christian mission.

d. **Church Planning**—Churches tend to conduct traditional programs and do not develop objectives, goals, and strategies in the light of changing needs and circumstances.

e. **Baptist Way**—Widespread ignorance of Baptist doctrine and heritage affects the unity, the fellowship, the loyalty, and the polity of the churches.

f. **Community Involvement**—Failure of the churches to establish meaningful identity with and ministries to the changing communities in which they exist.

g. **Dynamic Discipleship**—Contemporary Christian experience and church experience have not always brought the sense of vitality for the Christian life that is implied by the teaching of the Scriptures.

h. **Vocational Ministry**—The call to the ministry, proper initial preparation for ministry, continuing education for ministers, and the role relationships of ministers and people are not clearly understood by ministers or members.

i. **Mission Involvement**—Church members are not adequately involved in mission support, mission education, and mission service.

j. **Biblical Giving**—Most Christians do not give of themselves or their means even to the minimum level of biblical standards.

k. **Church Fellowship**—Present-day Christian and church fellowship lacks the qualities of caring, ministering, and responding to the personal needs of fellow members and fellow churches as taught in the New Testament.

l. **Church Growth**—Churches are not growing in relation to population increase at a rate comparable to former years.

(2) That these concerns be generally distributed to emphasis areas and time periods as follows:

1979-80	Dynamic Discipleship
<i>Dedicated Leadership</i>	Church Fellowship
Church Planning	Church Growth
Vocational Ministry	1983-86
Leadership Development	(1) <i>Baptist Mission</i>
1980-83	(2) <i>Baptist Way</i>
(1) <i>New Testament Evangelism</i>	Baptist Way
(2) <i>Family Life</i>	Community Involvement
Family	Mission Involvement
Vitality Through Bible Learning	Biblical Giving

It is understood (a) that some of these concerns will receive emphasis in all the years indicated, and (b) that the headings of the emphases years are not themes. Themes and readjustment of emphases areas will be proposed for approval by the Convention.

(3) That the agencies be requested to faithfully conduct their work in relation to the churches in keeping with the introduction, the critical concerns and emphasis plans as outlined above, and that they work together in the Inter-Agency Council for their accomplishment.

63. Doyle E. Carlton (Fla.) presented Recommendation No. 15 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 15

We recommend that the 1977 Convention be held in Kansas City, Missouri, June 14-16, instead of Memphis, Tennessee, as previously voted.

64. Olan H. Runnels (Mo.) presented Recommendation No. 16 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 16

We recommend that Section XII, 1 of the Business and Financial Plan be amended to read (the proposed change is in boldface italics):

"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 *and the Annuity Board.*"

65. Norvell G. Jones (Mo.) presented Recommendation No. 17 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 17

We recommend to the Southern Baptist Convention that the reserve fund of the Stewardship Commission be set at no more than fifty percent of its annual operating budget.

66. The Chair announced the election of Hunter Riggins (Va.) as first vice-president.

67. The order for presenting resolutions having arrived, all to be referred automatically to the Committee on Resolutions, Howard Aultman (Miss.) presented a resolution expressing appreciation to those who made possible having the Mississippi Liberty Bell at the Convention. (See Item 151.)

68. Eddie Rickenbacker (S.C.) presented a resolution related to religious freedom and persons persecuted for their faith. (See Item 152.)

69. Robert Shults (Tex.) presented a resolution on war. (See Item 193 (6).)

70. Darrell Stone (Ohio) presented a resolution on strengthening Royal Ambassador work. (See Item 193 (10).)

71. Wade Rowalt (Ky.) presented a resolution on biomedical issues. (See Item 193 (9).)

72. Robert W. Bailey (N.C.) presented a resolution on economic crisis. (See Item 193 (8).)

73. J. Altus Newell (Ky.) presented a resolution on peace. (Item 193.)

74. Hugh Wamble (Mo.) presented a resolution on religious broadcasting and religious freedom. (See Item 155.)

75. Alexa Popovici (Ill.) presented a resolution on prayer for persecuted Baptists.

76. A motion to extend the time for the order lost.

77. The Chair called for nominations for second vice-president, and Howard Aultman (Miss.) nominated John F. Gibson (Ga.)

78. Morris Chapman (N. Mex.) nominated Billy Weber (Tex.).

79. Bill Sutton (Fla.) nominated James L. Monroe (Fla.).

80. Following instructions by the registration secretary, ballots were cast for second vice-president.

81. Charles E. Harvey (La.) nominated Clifton J. Allen (N.C.) for recording secretary. A motion passed to close nominations and to elect Allen by acclamation.

82. Harvey nominated W. Fred Kendall (Tenn.) for registration secretary, and he was elected by acclamation.

83. Harvey nominated Porter Routh (Tenn.) for treasurer, and he also was elected by acclamation.

84. The order for miscellaneous business was called. Chairman Garrison announced for the Committee on Order of Business that the motions previously made would be considered in the order of their presentation at the miscellaneous business period at 11:40 on Wednesday morning.

85. Bill Sutton (Fla.) moved to amend Bylaw 17 by changing "by a two-thirds vote" to "by a simple majority of the messengers present." It was referred to be scheduled for later consideration. (See Item 128.)

86. Dean Grelling (Calif.) moved "that all Convention-sponsored witness-dialogue with Catholics be with the purpose of leading them into a personal faith in Christ Jesus and to serve Christ through a local membership in a Southern Baptist church." It was referred to be scheduled for later consideration. (See Item 167.)

87. Ben Loring, Jr. (Tex.) presented a resolution on alcohol. It was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. (See Item 156.)

88. Northrup L. Hood (N.C.) moved that the Executive Committee consider the problem of pastors having marital and family problems and request the appropriate agency to develop a program of help for them and other persons in church vocations with similar problems and vocational difficulties. It was referred to be scheduled for later consideration. (See Item 168.)

89. Dan Harvey (Fla.) moved that the Southern Baptist Convention go on record as opposing the erection of buildings for pagan worship on Government-owned land. It was referred to be scheduled for later consideration. (See Item 186.)

90. Buford G. Easley (La.) presented a resolution related to Bill 668 before the Louisiana legislature having to do with gambling. It was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. (See Item 193 (7).)

91. President Weber resumed the chair and invited a group of Royal Ambassadors to come to the platform. The eleven boys were recognized and congratulated on being winners of the Service Aide National Award representative of 750 plus hours of service through their local churches. The boys present were: Steve Branch (N.C.), Jeff Baldwin (N.C.), Mike Freeman (Okla.), Keith Troutman (N.C.), Jeff Webster (Mo.), Norman Cross (Mo.), David Smith (Mo.), Andy Cundiff (Ind.), David Stokes (Ind.), Jerry Carlisle (Ala.), and Billy Underwood (Ala.).

92. Padgett C. Cope (Ind.) led the Convention in prayer to conclude the afternoon session.

Tuesday Evening, June 10

93. Pre-session music was presented by the massed choirs from the Miami Baptist churches, directed by Paul Bobbitt. W. J. Reynolds led the choirs in singing "Let Christ's Freedom Ring," after which the Liberty Bell was rung.

94. Ron Lowry (Tex.) led the Convention in singing "We Praise Thee, O God."

95. President Weber presented Duke K. McCall (Ky.) to speak on the subject, "Let Christ's Freedom Ring Through Denominational Involvement."

96. President Weber announced the facilities of a supplementary auditorium and then presented Mike Speer (Tenn.) to lead in the presentation of a special feature, the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Cooperative Program. The intention of this feature was to impress the historical background of the Cooperative Program and to point out and stress its contribution to Southern Baptist life and work during the past fifty years, also to challenge Southern Baptists to a more meaningful involvement in its support. Many persons shared in presenting the historic celebration.

97. The Convention joined in singing "To God Be the Glory." Lynn E. May, Jr. (Tenn.) spoke of the historic situation when the Cooperative Program was first begun. A video tape further portrayed this situation. Louie D. Newton (Ga.) told of his experience in first attending the Convention in 1909 and of the farseeing leaders of the Convention in subsequent years. He then recognized (as he had been requested to do) the editors of the Southern Baptist state papers and expressed appreciation for their ministry, especially as related to the Cooperative Program. Glendon McCullough (Tenn.) told of the dramatic involvement of Royal Ambassadors running from Memphis to Miami Beach to bring a lighted torch celebrating the light made possible by the Cooperative Program. This was climaxed by the entrance into the Convention hall of the last runner, who was greeted by the messengers with applause. Two thousand and one hundred and fifty-three boys shared in the running to bring the torch to Miami Beach. The executive secretaries of the state conventions and the stewardship secretaries were invited to sign the Declaration of Cooperation relative to the Cooperative Program to symbolize the commitment of 1,029,663 signatures already reported. Porter Routh (Tenn.) spoke to challenge a fuller commitment by messengers to the Cooperative Program. W. J. Reynolds (Tenn.) led the Convention in singing "Send the Light" to conclude the special feature.

98. President Weber recognized past presidents of the Convention and asked each one to bring a word of greeting, as follows: Louie D. Newton (Ga.), J. D. Grey (La.), W. A. Criswell (Tex.), Brooks Hays (Ark.), Ramsey Pollard (Tenn.), H. Franklin Paschall (Tenn.), Wayne Dehoney (Ky.), Owen Cooper (Miss.), and Carl E. Bates (N.C.). R. G. Lee (Tenn.), though present for the Convention, was unable to be present for the evening session. Weber spoke in appreciation of the service of the past presidents.

99. Chauncey R. Daley (Ky.), chairman of the "Committee of Seven" created by the 1974 Convention to make a study of the work

of the Executive Committee and to consider a possible name change of the Convention, was recognized to present the report of the committee. He indicated the persons on the committee and called attention to the special work done by Olin T. Binkley (N.C.) in behalf of the committee. Daley explained the plan of study followed by the committee and indicated that there had not been sufficient time to complete the assignment. He then presented the following recommendation and moved its adoption: "Since the committee has not had time for the careful deliberation necessary to complete this plan of study, we have but a progress report to make to the 1975 Convention. Therefore, we recommend that the committee be extended for one year with the understanding that a final report be made at the 1976 Convention and that the report will be released for study by messengers before the Convention meets." The motion passed.

100. Daley then reported for the committee on the assignment to consider a possible name change for the Convention. He reported that a number of surveys had been made with the assistance of the Research Services Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, a survey through Baptist state papers, and other surveys of special groups all of which indicated an overwhelming sentiment of opposition to a change of name. He concluded the report with the following statement: "The Committee of Seven understood its assignment by the Convention was to study the existing sentiment on a name change and report its findings to the Convention without specific instructions to make a recommendation. However, in light of its findings it is the committee's considered judgment that the name of the Southern Baptist Convention should not be changed at this time." Daley then moved adoption of the report. Discussion followed by Donald J. Brown (Md.), who moved a substitute motion as follows: "That we do not vote this year on whether or not to change the name of our denomination, but that for one year we consider the name 'Cooperative Baptist Churches' alongside our present name and that at our Convention next year the messengers will vote their choice." Further discussion followed by J. D. Grey (La.) and Brown. The substitute motion lost. The motion to adopt the report passed.

101. Duke K. McCall (Ky.) presented a recommendation of the trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary which had accompanied the printed report of the Seminary, as follows:

WHEREAS, The Charter of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary requires: "This Charter may be amended in conformity with the laws of the state of Kentucky but only with the prior consent of the Southern Baptist Convention;" and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees in annual session have voted to amend the Charter; therefore it is recommended that the Southern Baptist Convention approve the following amended reading of the Charter:

10. A trustee may be elected or removed from office only by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting in a stated or called meeting of the Board of Trustees.

A professor may be elected with tenure, or a professor with tenure may be removed from office, only by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting in a stated or called meeting of the Board of Trustees.

McCall moved adoption of the recommendation, and the motion passed.

102. M. O. Owens (N.C.) moved "that this Convention, acting as a committee of the whole body, request the chairman of the 1962-63

committee which drafted the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message Statement to clarify for us at a convenient date through our Baptist Press his understanding of the committee's intent and meaning in the phrase found in the first article 'truth without mixture of error'—Does this refer to the entire Bible as 'truth without mixture of error' or merely that truth is without error?" It was referred to be scheduled for later consideration. (See Item 190.)

103. C. A. Futch (Fla.) presented a motion—ruled by the Chair to be in the nature of a resolution and hence to be referred to the Committee on Resolutions—relating to permission for astronauts to read the Bible on the moon and in outer space. (See Item 193 (11).)

104. Alma Hunt presented a resolution on the American Bible Society. It was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. (See Item 116.)

105. T. C. French, Jr. (La.) presented a resolution relating to our belief in religious freedom in worship and in the study of the Scriptures and also relating to the Holy Spirit and attitudes toward certain practices and teachings of Neo-Pentecostalism. It was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. (See Item 157.)

106. Arthur L. Cain (Ohio) presented a series of resolutions on prayer and Bible reading in the public schools; immoral, offensive, and degrading books; supporting equal teaching of and reliance on creation in public schools; supporting our Christian brothers versus communist countries; the sham of the world hunger crisis; and continued and increasing abuse of the public welfare system. They were referred to the Committee on Resolutions. (See Items 161 and 193.)

107. W. Ches Smith, III (Ga.) led the Convention in prayer to conclude the evening session.

Wednesday Morning, June 11

108. Presession music was presented by the Stetson University Choir, directed by Robert Rich (Fla.). This was followed by the ringing of the Liberty Bell.

109. W. J. Reynolds called attention to the organist and pianist serving the Convention, Mrs. O. D. Hall (Fla.) and Mrs. R. B. Middleton (Fla.). Kenneth L. Osbrink (Fla.) led the Convention in singing "He Keeps Me Singing."

110. President Weber emphasized the program for the day and presented James Schneider (Conn.) to speak on "Let Christ's Freedom Ring Through Personal Evangelism."

111. President Weber announced the election of James L. Monroe (Fla.) as second vice-president. He requested the officers of the Convention to be on the platform at the evening session for recognition.

112. Chairman Garrison announced the time for the consideration of pending motions at 11:40 A.M. with the understanding that motions not receiving consideration at that time would be considered in the miscellaneous business period on Thursday morning.

113. Martin B. Bradley (Tenn.) was recognized to make a brief survey of Convention messengers to obtain information helpful in planning for the annual sessions of the Convention. The results of the survey are as follows:

The following results are based on the 4,694 messengers who participated.

A. Age:

3.2%	Under 18
8.8	18-29
8.5	30-34
11.4	35-39
14.5	40-44
14.8	45-49
13.7	50-54
10.4	55-59
13.3	60 and up
1.4	Not indicated

100.0%

B. Sex:

60.8%	Male
38.4	Female
0.8	Not indicated

100.0%

C. Mode of travel to and from Miami:

21.2%	Plane
78.8	Car
0.5	Train
0.9	Bus
1.2	Not indicated

D. Total membership of your current church:

2.6%	Under 100
7.7	100-199
13.1	200-299
24.7	300-499
28.3	500-999
22.0	1,000 and up
1.6	Not indicated

100.0%

H. If you plan to present some type of report about the convention to a church or any other audience, indicate any of these ways you will likely or definitely use. If you are not planning to make any report, indicate "no report."

25.5%	Sermon
31.5	Speech
22.2	Church paper
2.0	Newspaper
1.4	Radio
0.4	T.V.
13.9	Other
24.9	No report
5.3	Not indicated

I. Estimated expenses:

	To/from Miami
9.6%	Under \$50
20.5	50-100
35.0	100-200
16.4	200-300
7.8	300-400
3.7	400-500
2.2	Over 500
4.8	Not indicated

100.0%

	While in Miami
65.5%	\$100-200
20.9	200-300
3.5	300-400
0.9	400-500
0.1	Over 500
9.0	Not indicated

100.0%

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

114. President Weber read a telegram received from Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States as follows:

"My warmest greetings to the members of the Southern Baptist Convention as you hold your annual meeting.

"As we approach the celebration of our national Bicentennial and reflect on the traditions that have made us so great and strong it is well that we recognize the religious organizations which have had such a profound influence on the lives of our citizens. Among the most prominent of these has been the Southern Baptist Convention. This meeting gives me a welcome opportunity to salute the spiritual and moral leadership your organization has provided."

President Weber indicated that proper response would be made.

115. Brooks H. Wester (Miss.), serving for H. H. Hobbs, who was providentially hindered from attending the Convention, was recognized to present the report of the Committee on Resolutions. He explained the procedure the committee had followed in giving all resolutions consideration and indicated that some would not be ready for consideration until Thursday morning.

116. Jack Gardner (Ky.) presented Resolution No. 1 (see Item 104) and moved its adoption. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 1—On The American Bible Society

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention in 1975 recognizes the printed Word of God in the language of the people as being fundamental to missionary work at home and around the world; and that the advance of the gospel is dependent upon a wider availability of Bibles, New Testaments, portions, and Scripture selections, and

WHEREAS, The American Bible Society provides an essential worldwide service for the church through the translation, publication, and distribution of the Scriptures without doctrinal note or comment at prices people can afford, or free where needed, and

WHEREAS, The Society performs many special services for Southern Baptists through the production of special Scripture editions designed for use by the churches and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention, and

WHEREAS, The Society offers Scriptures without charge to chaplains for distribution to the men and women of the Armed Forces and to patients in Veterans Hospitals, and

WHEREAS, The Society furnishes Scripture for the blind, free of charge where needed: in Braille and in sound, and

WHEREAS, The American Bible Society, working with the members of the United Bible Societies, is expanding the Good News for New Readers program, having already prepared Scripture Literacy Selections at two or more reading levels in 100 languages, and whereas this worldwide program is helping millions of new readers around the world to read the Word of God for themselves for the first time.

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that we give thanks to God for the unique services rendered by the American Bible Society.

Be it further *Resolved*, that we encourage our churches to support the work of the American Bible Society liberally in order that the urgent task of Scripture distribution and our own worldwide missions program may be continued and expanded, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we urge our churches to give additional support for the advance of the Good News for New Readers program of the American Bible Society over and above their contributions in previous years, and

Be it finally *Resolved*, that the messengers of this Convention encourage all state conventions, associations, and churches to emphasize the need for a wider reading and sharing of the gospel both in our own land and throughout the world.

117. Olan H. Runnels (Mo.) presented Resolution No. 2 (see Item 39) and moved its adoption. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 2—On Christian Citizenship

WHEREAS, The Bible teaches that faithful disciples of Christ will be responsible citizens of the State, and

WHEREAS, The United States is presently in an era devoted to celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of its birth and remembering the spirit of patriotic citizen action which made this possible, and

WHEREAS, The task of nation building is not complete and the cause of freedom ever in need of support, and

WHEREAS, Christian citizens have unique contributions to make in the political arena,

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that this Convention express thanks to God for those persons who have contributed to the establishment of free government,

Be it further *Resolved*, that we combat any public pessimism regarding the political process with Christian encouragement of creative participation in it, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we offer intercessory prayer for those who occupy seats of governmental authority to the end that they may realize "righteousness exalts a nation," and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we complement our prayers for the nation with a commitment to be more actively involved at every level of the nation's system of government, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we encourage persons of Christian conviction to make their views known to decision makers, accept political responsibilities, and run for public office, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that our total citizenship be worthy of the gospel of Christ, beneficial to the republic, and honorable to Almighty God.

118. Tom Madden (Tenn.) presented Resolution No. 3 (see Items 40 and 149) and moved its adoption. A motion from the floor requesting the resolution to be read in full (as found in the *Bulletin*) was defeated. Terry L. Harper (Va.) offered a motion to amend the language to include opposition to degrading language on television and

opposition to violence and bad language on television at all times; but before the vote was taken a substitute motion to refer the resolution back to the committee for consideration of changes suggested passed.

119. Mrs. Woodrow Fuller (Fla.) presented Resolution No. 4 (see Item 37) and moved its adoption. Kenneth Holland (Fla.) moved to refer the resolution back to the committee to include more practical response to hunger in addition to prayer and fasting. Brooks Wester explained the reasons for not suggesting ways of implementing concern about hunger in recognition of the Foreign Mission Board's responsibility as a medium of hunger relief. The motion to refer lost. Following further discussion a motion for the previous question passed, and the motion to adopt the resolution passed.

Resolution No. 4—On Hunger

WHEREAS, The problem of hunger is one of the most serious social issues of our time, affecting millions of adults and children all over the globe; and

WHEREAS, America has been blessed with an abundance of food and the technological knowledge related to food production; and

WHEREAS, By words and deeds Jesus taught the necessity for helping to feed hungry people; and

WHEREAS, The president of our Convention has urged our churches to have a day of prayer and fasting for the starving people of the world,

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that we the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention, gathered in Miami Beach, call on all Americans blessed with abundance to develop a lifestyle of sharing, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we urge government and private agencies to seek ways to share agricultural technology with countries which need this help, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we work to replace any tendency toward hoarding with an ethic of sharing from our abundance of food, material blessings, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we as Southern Baptists seek to use our resources to bring relief to people who suffer from hunger and to develop a Christian social ethic which will provide guidelines for dealing with hunger problems, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that in order to implement these efforts to relieving world hunger, that we request our churches to set aside a day of prayer and fasting each month.

120. Kenneth L. Chafin (Tex.) presented the report of the Committee on Committees. Noting corrections to be made, he moved adoption of the report, and the motion passed.

121. Daniel L. Grant (Ark.) presented the report of the Committee on Boards. He noted corrections, after which a motion to adopt the report passed.

122. Grant then moved that the Executive Committee be asked to study the advisability of changing the term of members of the Committee on Boards from one year to two years, with no more than one-half of the terms expiring in any one year, and to bring a report to the 1976 Convention. Discussion followed, after which the vote was taken. A division was called for, so that a ballot was taken. (*Note:* The report from the tellers given later to the secretary was that the motion lost.)

123. Paul Cates (Tex.) was recognized to present the report of the Stewardship Commission. He moved its adoption, and the motion passed. A. R. Fagan (Tenn.), executive director of the Commission, recognized members of the Stewardship Commission staff and spoke to the report.

124. Vice-president Simms recognized Lloyd Crawford (Colo.) to present the report of the Christian Life Commission. He presented Foy Valentine (Tenn.), executive secretary of the Commission, who moved the adoption of the report of the Commission. Wade Jackson

(Ohio) raised a point of order and insisted that the last part of the Christian Life Commission report, "Matter of Reference from the Convention," be separated from the body of the report. The time for the special order of the Convention sermon having arrived, consideration of the Christian Life Commission report was deferred.

125. The Convention was led in singing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." This was followed by the reading of Scripture by Wayne Barnes (La.), who then led in prayer. Special music was presented by Lanny Allen (Tex.). Jimmy R. Allen (Tex.) preached the Convention sermon on the subject, "Mighty Deeds and Meager Resources."

126. The Chair called for the resumption of consideration of the Christian Life Commission report. He ruled that it would be considered section by section. The first section of the report was adopted by vote. The next section, "The Program of Christian Morality Development," was adopted by vote. Foy Valentine gave further explanation on the matter of reference from the 1974 Convention. Wade Jackson made a motion not to adopt this portion of the report, which was ruled out of order since a vote against adopting this part would be the equivalent. Discussion followed by Amos Greer (Ark.), Bill Sherman (Tenn.), and others. The previous question was moved and passed. The final part of the report was adopted. Valentine was then recognized for a brief discussion of the work of the Christian Life Commission.

127. The Chair called for the consideration of pending motions. Joe Burton spoke in support of the motion he had presented (see Item 25) to limit the tenure of the office of president. Guy Webb (Va.) spoke against it. The motion lost.

128. A motion passed to consider at that time a motion (see Item 85) by Bill Sutton (Fla.) since it would require consideration before adjournment of this session. Chairman Garrison stated that Sutton, who was not present at the moment, had asked him to present a motion that the original motion be withdrawn. This motion passed and hence the original motion was withdrawn.

129. H. Cecil Chance (Fla.) spoke in support of the motion he had presented (see Item 26). Porter Routh (Tenn.) expressed the concern of the Executive Committee relative to the problem and the continuing efforts of the committee to resolve it. He suggested that the motion be referred to the Executive Committee for study in keeping with its assignment for Convention arrangements, to which Chance agreed, and a motion to this effect passed.

130. Paul J. Craven, Jr. (S.C.) spoke in support of the motion he had presented (see Item 27). Porter Routh (Tenn.) stated that the Executive Committee was already making *Annuals* available to retired ministers without charge, upon request, and had done so for years. The motion passed.

131. Mrs. Richard L. Sappington (Tex.) was recognized to speak to her motion (see Item 28). She reviewed other motions she had presented to the Convention in previous years and urged support of the motion before the body. Horace G. Hammett (S.C.) moved to table the motion, and the motion to table passed.

132. A messenger from the floor asked permission to make a point of personal privilege and expressed the hope that the Convention might adjourn the session, the time for adjournment having passed, in view of seminary luncheons and commitments of many messengers. It was

understood that further pending motions would be considered on Thursday morning.

133. President Weber presented to W. C. Fields (Tenn.) a citation of appreciation for fifteen years of distinguished service as press representative of the Southern Baptist Convention. Porter Routh presented him a gift from the Executive Committee.

134. J. Thurmond George (Calif.) led the Convention in prayer to conclude the morning session.

Wednesday Evening, June 11

135. Presession music was presented by Missouri Baptist Men and Florida Baptist Singing Men. This was followed by the ringing of the Liberty Bell and the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" led by Paul McCommon (Ga.).

136. President Weber presented Richard A. Jackson (Ariz.) to speak on "Let Freedom Ring Through Church Outreach."

137. H. Franklin Paschall (Tenn.), chairman of a special committee authorized by the 1974 Convention for the purpose of working with the editors "in projecting circulation goals and in underscoring the role and function of state papers in the life of the Convention," presented the report of the committee which included the following recommendations: (1) That we reaffirm our minimum goal of 2,000,000 by 1980; (2) that we commend the idea of a vigorous campaign in all the states to increase the circulation of our Baptist papers; (3) that we encourage the churches to include Baptist papers in their budgets; (4) that this committee be continued for another year to work with the editors in strengthening the ministry and increasing the appeal and impact of Baptist state papers. Paschall moved the adoption of the recommendations, and the motion passed.

138. The report of the Brotherhood Commission was presented by its chairman, P. A. Stevens (Ky.), who moved its adoption. The motion passed. He recognized Glendon McCullough (Tenn.), executive director, who presented other persons to stress aspects of the Commission's work: Ollie Yost (S.C.), who spoke on Royal Ambassador work, Lewis Abbott (Ga.), who spoke of renewal and the involvement of lay persons in the life of a church, and Rosargentina Penil-Córdova, consul general of Honduras to the Southwestern United States, who bore a testimony to the power of Christ in her own life and in Honduras.

139. President Weber recognized three laymen and their wives from his church attending the Convention and expressed appreciation for their support in the work of the church.

140. Porter Routh (Tenn.) made a statement about the arrangements for the image magnification facilities being used in the convention hall and the expense involved. An offering was received to assist in taking care of the expense.

141. Arthur B. Rutledge (Ga.), executive director-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, was recognized to bring the report of the Board. He moved the adoption of the report, and the motion passed. Rutledge introduced the purpose of a program on "Winning America to Christ" to emphasize the work of the Board. The flags of the states were brought to the platform. William E. Pinson (Tex.) spoke on "America's Cry of Need." Special music was presented by a Haitian choir.

Jimmy Anderson (Okla.), Mrs. John Isaacs (Fla.), and Jack Smith (Pa.) reported inspiring ministries, respectively, in work with the Indians, in personal evangelism, and in pioneer church extension. Special music was presented by a Spanish choir. Russell H. Dilday, Jr. (Ga.), president of the Board, spoke on "The Gospel Response." The Convention joined in singing "America the Beautiful," and Arthur Rutledge led in prayer to conclude the Home Mission Board program.

142. President Weber presented to the Convention Vonda Kay Van Dyke (Fla.), a former "Miss America" and a performing artist, who in spoken word and song gave her testimony to her faith in Christ and his presence in her life.

143. Alton H. McEachern (N.C.) led the Convention in prayer to conclude the evening session.

Thursday Morning, June 12

144. Following a period of pre-session music and the ringing of the Liberty Bell, Felix Snipes (Ga.) led the Convention in singing "He Keeps Me Singing." James D. Morell (Fla.) and Mrs. R. O. Stone (Fla.) served as organist and pianist for the day.

145. President Weber recognized William L. Self (Ga.) to speak on "Let Christ's Freedom Ring Through Community Involvement."

146. James Abernathy (Tex.), chairman of the trustees of the Sunday School Board, was recognized to present the report of the Board. He called attention to a matter of reference from the 1974 Convention (see Board report, page 149). He then presented Grady C. Cothen, president of the Board, who spoke of the relation of the Board to the Convention, the comprehensive nature of its programs of work, and the Board's commitment to serving Southern Baptist churches. He interpreted details of operation in the execution of Board assignments and indicated primacy of concern for the promotion of serious Bible study, church development and church training, fostering Christian family life, effective communication with Southern Baptists, and fidelity to the New Testament as the guide for the Board's witness and work. Cothen moved adoption of the report, and the motion passed.

147. President Weber called for the final report of the Committee on Resolutions. Wade Jackson (Ohio) raised a point of order which was not allowed by the Chair. Lee Porter (Tenn.) moved to sustain the ruling of the Chair, and the motion passed.

148. Chairman Wester identified the members of the Committee on Resolutions and commented on its work, particularly difficulties due to the nature of certain resolutions of significance and, hopefully, acceptable to the Convention.

149. Tom Madden (Tenn.) presented Resolution No. 3, which had been referred back to the committee (see Item 118), noted the revisions made, and moved its adoption. Unanimous consent was given to inserting "Jesus Christ" before "the Prince of Peace," and also substituting "only" for "best" in next to the last line. The resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Resolution No. 3—On Violence

WHEREAS, The level of violence in this country and throughout the world is frighteningly high; and

WHEREAS, Violence is often glorified in novels, glamorized in the movies, used by sponsors to attract television viewers, and treated exploitively and sensationally by newspapers and magazines which tends to breed more violence; and

WHEREAS, The indiscriminate use of violence to solve problems is contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace;

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting at Miami in June, 1975, call on the American people to recognize the dreadful consequences of violence in our nation, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we commend the Federal Communications Commission for their determination to respond to the calls of the American people for the elimination of violence on television by the holding of continued hearings to focus upon the need for the television networks to stop glorifying violence and instead to meet their responsibility to bring information and entertainment into the homes of the American people at all times, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we condemn not only physical acts of violence but also psychological violence such as racism, chauvinism, and economic discrimination, as well as profanities and vulgarities, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we call on Southern Baptists and all Americans to commend publications, networks, editors, and producers who refuse to exploit violence, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we call on advertisers to stop sponsoring programs which glorify violence as a way of solving personal and social problems, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention be urged to give renewed attention to this problem by dealing with the causes of violence by communicating the good news that Jesus Christ is our only hope for replacing violence with lasting peace.

150. Mrs. Woodrow Fuller (Fla.) presented Resolution No. 5 and moved its adoption. John H. Williams was called to the platform in appreciation of his service. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 5—On Appreciation for John H. Williams

John H. Williams, the assistant treasurer and director of financial planning for the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee has served as Convention manager for 15 years. He has done the hard work of contacting convention bureaus, auditorium managers, hotel representatives, union stewards, and countless other people who have provided convention facilities. He has managed the endless details involved in operating the Convention. He has made thousands of friends and has created a most favorable impression for Southern Baptists. We express our gratitude to Mr. Williams for his services and wish him and Mrs. Williams great happiness in their retirement.

151. Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution No. 6 (see Item 67) and moved its adoption. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 6—On the Liberty Bell

WHEREAS, The State of Mississippi under the leadership of its governor, the Hon. William Waller, has graciously made available the Liberty Bell used in this Convention; and

WHEREAS, The Ford Motor Company has furnished transportation and truck for the Liberty Bell;

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that we express our gratitude for this significant contribution to the spirit of this Convention, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Waller and to the Ford Motor Company.

152. Jack Gardner (Ky.) presented Resolution No. 7 (see Item 68) and moved its adoption. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 7—On Prayer for Religious Freedom

WHEREAS, With continued political development in our world we see many Christians no longer able to function in freedom to bear witness of their faith openly, and

WHEREAS, in spite of these conditions our Christian brothers will still seek the leadership of Christ Jesus, and

WHEREAS, In many countries our missionaries had to leave behind much of their labor for the kingdom of God;

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that we as Southern Baptists and fellow Christians renew our commitment to pray and fast for these persecuted Christians, and ex-

press our concern and support of our missionaries who had to leave their field of work, and, we will give greater diligence and service of preserving our liberty as Americans and will let Christ's freedom ring in these United States to the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people in the world,

Moreover, let us observe together a day of prayer in our churches on Baptist World Alliance Sunday.

153. Gardner presented Resolution No. 8 (see Item 42) and moved its adoption. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 8—On Family Relationships

WHEREAS, The family has been ordained by God as a means of bringing order to human society, continuing the race, and providing enriched fellowship and emotional nurture for all people; and

WHEREAS, The New Testament plainly teaches the beauty and value of a love-filled monogamy; and

WHEREAS, Many people are desperately searching for a restoration of happiness and fulfillment in their family relationships; and

WHEREAS, The family models presented in the mass media are too often unhealthy and too seldom in keeping with God's intentions for family life; and

WHEREAS, Many people turn to divorce as an early solution to problems that could and should be solved in other ways;

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that we affirm our conviction that the restoration of happy and biblical family relationships is one of the most critical moral imperatives of our time, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we urge the appropriate agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention to give top priority to providing resources for Christian family living, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we seek to practice, and encourage others to practice, biblical family relationships which reflect Christ's love, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we urge churches not only to proclaim that monogamy is Christ's teaching for marriage but also to provide compassionate help for couples who face marital problems.

154. Chairman Garrison moved that the time be extended by fifteen minutes. The motion passed.

155. Olan H. Runnels (Mo.) presented Resolution No. 9 (see Item 74), noting a part to be omitted from the printed form, and moved its adoption. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 9—On Religious Broadcasting and Religious Freedom

WHEREAS, There is before the Federal Communications Commission a formal petition asking that the FCC issue an administrative ruling to prohibit the assignment of any additional educational television or FM radio license to any individual or group which would air only religious or quasi-religious programs (RM2493);

WHEREAS, The right to propagate religious views is implicit in the Free Exercise and Free Speech Clauses of the First Amendment; and

WHEREAS, The present policy of the FCC upholds the rights of individuals and groups to engage in religious broadcasting;

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in annual session on June 12, 1975, supports the existing policy of the Federal Communications Commission in protecting the rights of religious groups and representatives to engage in religious broadcasting and urges the Commission to continue this policy; and

Be it further *Resolved*, that the Convention requests the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs to continue its vigilant work in behalf of religious freedom and to communicate the Convention's position on this subject to all public officials and others whom it may concern.

156. Runnels presented Resolution No. 10. (see Item 87) and moved its adoption. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 10—On Alcohol

WHEREAS, Drinking alcoholic beverages continues to be the number one drug problem in America, bringing misery to millions; and

WHEREAS, An increasing number of teenagers are following the example of adults in turning to alcohol to seek thrills and escape reality; and

WHEREAS, The American culture is thoroughly saturated with a take-a-drink mentality; and

WHEREAS, The use of the drug alcohol as a chemical crutch is harmful and unnecessary in light of the spiritual resources available to all people through Jesus Christ;

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that we call on the United States government agencies to work to protect the health and safety of Americans young and old by launching a vigorous campaign against alcohol abuse, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we will urge others to join us in working to eliminate the advertising of alcoholic beverages on radio and television, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we call on our churches to teach vigorously the danger of the drug alcohol in order to create a climate which will lead people to reject the use of all alcoholic beverages.

Finally, be it *Resolved*, that we call on every Christian to minister to those persons and families who have fallen victim of alcohol-abuse.

157. James Monroe (Fla.) presented Resolution No. 11 (see Item 105) and moved its adoption. The time for the order was extended ten minutes. T. C. French, Jr. (La.) and Wester discussed the resolution. Terry Harper (Va.) moved to amend by adding the words, "Southern Baptists are not charismatic." A motion for the previous question passed. The amendment lost. The previous question was moved and passed, and Resolution No. 11 was adopted.

Resolution No. 11—On the Holy Spirit

In response to the French resolution on the Holy Spirit, the Resolutions Committee recommends that the Convention reaffirm the adequacy of the statement in the *Baptist Faith and Message*, page 9 on "God the Holy Spirit" as follows:

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He calls men to the Saviour, and effects regeneration. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the assurance of God to bring the believer into the fulness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

Gen. 1:2; Judges 14:6; Job 26:13; Psalm 51:11; 139:7 ff.; Isa. 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Matt. 1:18; 3:16; 4:1; 12:28-32; 28:19; Mark 1:10, 12; Luke 1:35; 4:1, 18-19; 11:13; 12:12; 24:49; John 4:24; 14:16-17; 26; 15:26; 16:7-14; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4, 38; 4:31; 5:3; 6:3; 7:55; 8:17, 39; 10:44; 13:2; 15:28; 16:6; 19:1-6; Rom. 8:9-11, 14-16, 26-27; 1 Cor. 2:10-14; 3:16; 12:3-11; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 1:13-14; 4:30; 5:18; 1 Thess. 5:19; 1 Tim. 3:16; 4:1; 2 Tim. 1:14; 3:16; Heb. 9:8, 14; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 John 4:13; 5:6-7; Rev. 1-10; 22:17.

Resolution No. 12—On Vietnamese Refugees

158. James Monroe presented Resolution No. 12 and moved its adoption. The time was extended ten minutes. The resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, More than 100,000 refugees from Vietnam are now in the various centers under the control of the United States Government, and

WHEREAS, Most of these people will be unable to return to their homeland in the foreseeable future and will be eligible for resettlement in our country;

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that the messengers of this session of the Southern Baptist Convention express their concern for their fellow human beings, pray for them, and that the churches and families be encouraged to pray for them, and to aid in their resettlement throughout our country.

159. John Roberts (S.C.) presented Resolution No. 14 and moved its adoption. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 14—On FREEDOM '76

WHEREAS, The occasion of America's Bicentennial is a time for affirming our nation's history and spiritual heritage; and

WHEREAS, FREEDOM '76, a meeting of students and young adults, will be held in San Antonio, Texas, December 28, 1975 to January 1, 1976; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of FREEDOM '76 is to present innovative Christian approaches to citizenship, vocation, the home, and the church's mission; and

WHEREAS, FREEDOM '76 will be sponsored by more than a dozen agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention;

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Miami Beach, Florida in June, 1975, express our support for FREEDOM '76 as an affirmation of our Baptist heritage and a commitment to Baptist principles in the future of the nation; and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we call on the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention to encourage college students and young adults to participate in FREEDOM '76.

160. Hudson Baggett (Ala.) presented Resolution No. 15 and moved its adoption. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 15—On Appreciation of the Host City

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention has met in Miami Beach several times in recent years, and

WHEREAS, We have always found adequate facilities, exceptional hospitality, with satisfactory arrangements for the messengers, and

WHEREAS, The Baptists of Florida and the greater Miami area have put forth great effort in preparation for the Convention;

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention, in session this 12th day of June, 1975, express the sincere thanks and profound appreciation to H. Floyd Folsom, chairman of local arrangements; his committee, and all other persons of the Miami area who have had a part in making our stay pleasant.

Be it further *Resolved*, that we express our profound gratitude to the hotel and motel operators of the City of Miami, Miami Beach, and surrounding territory; to the city officials, the Police Department, and bus and taxi operators; to the news media which have given time and space to reporting the work of our Convention; and to all others who have helped to make the Convention possible.

161. Tom Madden (Tenn.) presented Resolution No. 13, (see Item 106) noting a correction in the printed form, and moved its adoption. H. A. Markham (Ga.) discussed it and moved to amend by adding: "The Convention requests the Christian Life Commission and the Public Affairs Committee to make a study of school textbooks, specifically the MACOS Exploring Human Nature course, and report back to the 1976 Convention on what we as Southern Baptists might do." The amendment passed. The previous question was voted. The resolution as amended was adopted.

Resolution No. 13—On Public School Curriculum

In response to the Cain resolution relating to the public school curriculum content, we recognize a need for vigilance in this regard and that all resources such as the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and the Christian Life Commission should be utilized. Awareness on a local level is also commended.

The Convention requests the Christian Life Commission and the Public Affairs Committee to make a study of school textbooks, specifically the MACOS Exploring Human Nature course, and report back to the 1976 Convention on what we as Southern Baptists might do.

162. A motion to extend the time lost, and the regular order was resumed. Wester made a statement relating to the last part of the report of the Resolutions Committee report.

163. Leonard E. Hill (Tenn.) presented the report of the Committee on Denominational Calendar. The report was adopted.

164. Darold H. Morgan (Tex.), president of the Annuity Board, presented a report of the Board. He gave helpful explanations about the concerns and assignments of the Board and then presented W. Gordon Hobgood (Tex.), a member of the Board and experienced in the realm of finance, to discuss factors having to do with investments, which he related to the investment policy of the Board. Morgan moved adoption of the report, and the motion passed.

165. The order for miscellaneous business was announced by the Chair. The motion (see Item 29) by Ray O. Jones (Tenn.) was presented. By common consent it was referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and later report.

166. Charles A. Casey (Md.) requested that his motion (see Item 31) be withdrawn, and the Convention gave assent.

167. The motion (see Item 86) by Dean Grelling (Calif.) was called for consideration. The Chair ruled that, according to Bylaw 17, it should be referred to the Home Mission Board as definitely related to one of the programs of the Board—the Board to consider it and report later to the Convention.

168. Northrup L. Hood (N.C.) spoke to the motion he presented (see Item 88). Porter Routh (Tenn.) called attention to the fact that this area of concern had been referred to the Sunday School Board (see page 86, Item 10) and moved that the Hood motion be referred to the Sunday School Board. The motion passed.

169. Chairman Garrison observed that the time for the order had passed, and a motion was made to set a time for miscellaneous business at 4:40 P.M. for the consideration of any remaining matters of business. The previous question was moved and passed. The motion passed.

170. The Chair recognized the committee on local arrangements for the Convention and expressed warmhearted appreciation for their labors in preparing for the Convention sessions.

171. Felix Snipes (Ga.) led the Convention in singing "I Love Him."

172. President Weber recognized Jerry Clower (Miss.), widely known as a Christian entertainer and an actively involved Baptist layman, for the closing message of the morning session.

173. Henry D. Johns (Ky.) led the Convention in prayer to conclude the session.

Thursday Afternoon, June 12

174. Pre-session music was presented by a group of evangelistic singers, including the following: The Amason Twins (Va.); Darrah Smith (Ala.); Faith Singers (Tenn.); John and Vicky Bennett (Okla.); Jean R. Hiott (S.C.); Bud McCleskey (Okla.); Joy Godwin (Ala.); Jerry Young (Tex.); Danny Wolfe (Ala.); J. W. and Bettilu Turney (Tex.); Leon Westerhouse (Ala.); Gary R. Smith (Tex.); Connie and Allison Ware (Tex.); Beverly Masseur (Tex.); Sam Allen (Tex.); Margaret Allen (Okla.); Kim Wickes (Ind.).

175. Forrest H. Heeren (Ky.) led the Convention in singing "Revive Us Again," which was followed by the ringing of the Liberty Bell.

176. With Vice-president Simms in the Chair, Verlin C. Kruschwitz (Ky.) was recognized to speak on "Let Christ's Freedom Ring Through Mission Action and Giving."

177. Lynn E. May, Jr. (Tenn.), executive secretary of the Historical Commission, presented the report of the Commission. He moved that

the report be received, and the motion passed. May stressed the significance of the Bicentennial year in the nation's life and its potential for relating the observance to the Christian faith. Ronald Tonks (Tenn.) spoke of ways churches can capitalize on the religious impact of the Bicentennial for the strengthening of the churches. Charles W. Deweese (Tenn.) spoke of materials available to assist the churches.

178. Kendall Berry (Tenn.), executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation, recognized Stirton Oman (Tenn.), president of the Foundation, and paid a tribute to him for his long tenure of outstanding service to the Foundation. He recognized other members who were present and Mrs. Christine Bess. He then spoke to the report and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

179. James E. Wood, Jr. (D.C.), executive director of the Public Affairs Committee, presented the report of the Committee. He recognized G. Hugh Wamble (Mo.), current chairman of the Committee, and Arthur B. Rutledge (Ga.), the chairman of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, through which the Public Affairs Committee largely functions. Wood spoke to the report and moved its adoption. Claud L. Asbury (Md.) objected to one item in the report. The motion passed.

180. Mrs. Robert Fling (N.Y.) presented the report of the American Bible Society, commented on the significance of its work, urged full support of the work, and stressed the contribution of Southern Baptists to the work of the Society. She moved adoption of the report, and the motion passed.

181. The Convention joined in singing "The Solid Rock." Mrs. Anne Criswell Jackson (Tex.) sang "Statue of Liberty" and "At Calvary."

182. W. A. Criswell (Tex.) was recognized to speak to "Winning America Through the Church."

183. Vice-president Simms recognized Robert S. Denny (D.C.), general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, for the report of the Alliance. Denny moved its adoption, and the motion carried. He spoke to the report and then presented V. Carney Hargroves, president of the Alliance, and C. Ronald Goulding, associate secretary with major responsibility for Europe, both of whom shared with Denny in giving information about Baptists around the world and in stressing the assistance given by the Alliance to Baptists in our worldwide fellowship. Hargroves expressed appreciation for the very significant support of Southern Baptists through many channels in the work of the Alliance.

184. Ben C. Fisher (Tenn.), recognized Herman E. Jacobs (Tenn.), chairman of the American Baptist Theological Seminary Commission, to present the report of the Commission.

185. Ben C. Fisher (Tenn.), executive director of the Education Commission, presented the report of the Commission. He recognized George E. Capps, Jr. (Tenn.) as a new member of the staff and then presented James L. Sells (Mo.) to speak to the report. Fisher moved the adoption of the report, and the motion passed.

186. The Chair announced the special order for miscellaneous business. The motion (see Item 89) by Dan Harvey (Fla.) was brought before the body. Alfred Engelmann (Calif.) moved to table the motion. The motion lost. Terry Young (La.) moved to refer the motion

to the Public Affairs Committee for study and report next year. The motion carried.

187. The motion (see Item 102) by M. O. Owens (N.C.) was called for consideration. Chairman Garrison stated that Owens, who had left earlier to return home, had requested that the motion be withdrawn. Garrison moved that this be done, and the Convention gave assent.

188. Clifton J. Allen (N.C.) moved 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.

189. Chairman Garrison, for the Committee on Order of Business, nominated Warren C. Hultgren (Okla.) to preach the Convention sermon in 1976 and Charles G. Fuller (Va.) to be the alternate. He moved acceptance of the nominations, and the motion passed.

190. Porter Routh (Tenn.), for the Executive Committee, presented a statement of appreciation to Stewart B. Simms as first vice-president. A similar statement of appreciation for Charles Newton King as second vice-president had been prepared. In view of his having died and his not having any immediate family, Routh suggested that it be sent to the Corinthian Baptist Church, Frankfort, Kentucky, of which King was pastor prior to his death.

191. Routh presented plaques of appreciation to secretaries Allen and Kendall. Allen was completing ten years as recording secretary and Kendall eleven years as registration secretary.

192. Chairman Wester called attention to the last section of the report of the Committee on Resolutions relating to resolutions not reported for approval. The section gave information on the committee's consideration. He moved that the section be adopted. A motion for the previous question lost. Claud L. Asbury (Md.), whose resolution (see Item 35) had not been reported out by the committee, was allowed by the Chair to read his resolution. He moved its adoption and spoke in support of the motion. Wester explained the reason for the action of the committee. Secretary Routh noted elements of conflict in the resolution in that the Executive Committee cannot instruct or control any other agency of the Convention. The Chair ruled that the resolution was therefore out of order.

193. Eiliene E. Justice (Md.) sought to introduce another item of business related to the resolution offered by Futch (see Item 103). The Chair ruled her motion out of order in that no new business could be brought before the Convention. A motion for the previous question passed. The motion to adopt the final section of the report of the Committee on Resolutions passed. The report of the committee on other resolutions submitted but not recommended for consideration follows:

(1) In response to the Wesberry resolution (see Item 34), we call attention that previous Conventions have adopted resolutions concerning the Lord's Day, the latest being in 1973. The committee therefore commends all who are concerned with the preservation of the sanctity of Sunday as a day of rest and worship.

(2) In response to the Asbury resolution (see Item 35), the committee calls attention to the Convention that (a) the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs does not presume to represent or to speak for all Southern Baptists on any matter but simply reports and interprets actions taken by the Baptist Joint Committee or member bodies in the area of public affairs and (b) the Southern Baptist Convention has previously in 1964 and 1971 acted on the matter pertaining to

legislation concerning prayers in public schools and no new statement is felt necessary.

(3) In response to the resolution on retirement center study (see Item 38), the committee respectfully requests Gary Cook to present this matter to the new group that is studying Southern Baptist problems on the aging.

(4) In response to the Holbrook resolution (see Item 36) and because of our concern for the widespread and irresponsible use of abortion, we remind this Convention of previous Convention actions in 1971 and 1974 on the subject of abortion, which action sets forth a high view of the sanctity of all human life, including fetal life.

(5) In response to the Morris resolution (see Item 41) and because of our concern for the problems related to pornography, we remind this Convention of the previous Convention actions in 1953, 1959, 1968, and 1974 on the subject of pornography which actions set forth opposition of the Southern Baptist Convention to the publication and distribution of pornographic materials and urges our people to continue to fight against this problem. The committee commends the Christian Life Commission for its leadership in this area.

(6) In response to the Shults resolution on war (see Item 69) and the Newell resolution on peace (see Item 73), and our continuing interest in the pursuit of peace, we wish to call attention to the previous resolutions on peace and war in 1970, 1971, 1972, and 1974.

(7) Since the Easley resolution (see Item 90) deals with a matter that concerns a local state rather than the Convention as a whole, we suggest that Easley take the resolution to his own state convention.

(8) In response to the Bailey resolution (see Item 72), it is the opinion of the Resolutions Committee that the current resolutions on Christian Citizenship, No. 2 and Hunger, No. 4 speak to these concerns.

(9) Concerning the Rowatt resolution on biomedical issues (see Item 71), in light of this committee not having sufficient information and since this is a moral issue, we refer this to the Christian Life Commission to continue their study.

(10) In response to the Stone resolution (see Item 70), it is the opinion of the Resolutions Committee that the importance of Royal Ambassador work through the Brotherhood Commission is well established and recognized.

(11) In response to the Futch resolution (see Item 103), it is the opinion of this committee that the current resolution on Prayer for Religious Freedom speaks to this concern as well as the 1972 resolution on Astronaut Prayer.

(12) In response to the Cain resolution on hunger (see Item 106) the committee feels Resolution No. 4 on Hunger speaks of our concern and therefore would be in response to this problem.

(13) In response to the Cain resolution on abuse of the public welfare system (see Item 106), the committee calls attention to the resolution presented in 1972.

194. Forrest C. Garrard, Jr. (Ga.) led the Convention in prayer to conclude the afternoon session.

Thursday Evening, June 12

195. Presession music was presented by The New Directions of the Riverside Baptist Church, Miami, directed by Jack Day (Fla.), which was followed by the ringing of the Liberty Bell. W. J. Reynolds led the Convention in singing "At Calvary."

196. President Weber announced that Angel Martinez had missed a plane connection and was not present and therefore could not speak at the scheduled time. H. E. Young (S.C.) was asked to read from the Scriptures and lead the Convention in prayer.

197. Russell Newport (Mo.) sang a number of songs including "How Great Thou Art," "If with All Your Hearts," "Sweet Little Jesus Boy," "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus," "Christ Is All," "These's Something About That Name," and "Because He Lives."

198. President Weber recognized Carolyn Weatherford (Ala.), executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, to present the report of the Union. She paid a tribute to Alma Hunt and Mrs. R. L. Mathis for their leadership in Woman's Missionary Union work during the

time of their administrative responsibility. Mrs. Mathis was asked to report on goals set for future years. Miss Weatherford recognized Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory (Va.) as the newly-elected president of Woman's Missionary Union. In speaking to the report, Miss Weatherford indicated sources of encouragement as to prospects for development and growth in Woman's Missionary Union work. She moved the adoption of the report, and the motion passed.

199. W. O. Vaught (Ark.) told of the availability of the Liberty Bell for celebrations during the coming year. Any request for it should be communicated to Vaught. Having been requested by the Committee on Order of Business to do so, Vaught urged the messengers to join in a worthy offering, then to be taken, to help take care of the expense of the image magnification facilities.

200. W. J. Reynolds led the Convention in singing "O Zion, Haste."

201. President Weber recognized Baker James Cauthen (Va.), executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, to present the report of the Board. Cauthen moved adoption of the report, at the same time expressing appreciation for the response of Southern Baptists to world hunger through generous giving. The report was adopted. Cauthen then recognized individuals from overseas recently attending a consultation on world missions sponsored by the Board. He also recognized emeritus missionaries who were present—Martha Franks, Mrs. W. W. Enette, Ethel Harmon, Bertha Smith, Lora Clement, M. G. White and Mrs. White.

202. James G. Harris (Tex.), recently elected as president of the Foreign Mission Board, presided over the remaining part of the Board program. He challenged the messengers to unity and loyalty in the support of our world mission task. Robert C. Davis, Jr. told of the situation in South Vietnam prior to the recent necessary evacuation from that country. He voiced confident hope for the future Christian witness in Vietnam. James E. Young told of the desperate needs of people in Bangladesh due to the succession of disasters and war and the greater tragedy of people without the knowledge of Christ. He also reported a flood tide of interest in Jesus Christ. John E. Mills, field representative in West Africa, reported tremendous openness to the gospel on the part of people in Africa. Harris referred to the recent death of James D. Belote, area secretary for East Asia, after which Sidney C. Reber of the Board staff sang "Onward" (words and music written by Belote and "So Send I You" (words by Reber and Mrs. Reber). Louis R. Cobbs (Va.) introduced newly-appointed missionaries, and President Weber led in a prayer of dedication. Secretary Cauthen concluded the program with a message of missionary challenge—"Let the Fire Fall."

203. President Weber expressed appreciation for the free bus service provided by the city, for the workers responsible for the projection facilities in the convention hall, for the work of the Committee on Order of Business, and for the unity of spirit and faithful attendance of Convention messengers. He then requested all persons in the auditorium to stand quietly for the ringing of the Liberty Bell, after which Henry A. Parker (Fla.) led in a prayer to conclude the one hundred eighteenth session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

207. The reported registration of messengers was 16,214.

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REGISTRATION

MIAMI, FLORIDA, JUNE 10-12, 1975

Alabama	1,298
Alaska	10
Arizona	54
Arkansas	391
California	156
Colorado	37
Connecticut	6
Delaware	4
D.C.	40
Florida	1,869
Georgia	1,474
Hawaii	8
Illinois	294
Indiana	146
Iowa	14
Kansas	63
Kentucky	947
Louisiana	561
Maryland	214
Massachusetts	4
Michigan	62
Minnesota	6
Mississippi	801
Missouri	703
New Hampshire	3
New Jersey	18
New Mexico	53
New York	16
Nebraska	7
Nevada	1
North Carolina	1,649
Ohio	237
Oklahoma	443
Oregon	2
Pennsylvania	38
Rhode Island	1
South Carolina	1,388
South Dakota	5
Tennessee	1,306
Texas	1,210
Virginia	800
Washington	11
West Virginia	42
Wisconsin	8
Wyoming	4
Utah	2
Puerto Rico	10
Miscellaneous	5

TOTAL 16,421