

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION
TUESDAY MORNING
November 10, 1981**

1. President John Laida called the 107th annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention to order at 9:00 a.m., November 10, 1981.

2. Jerry Legg, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Humboldt, led the prayer of invocation.

3. William Fox, pastor, Trace Creek Baptist Church, New Johnsonville, and chairman, Committee on Credentials, brought the following motion: "By direction of the Credentials Committee I move that the messengers now registered constitute the required quorum as described in our Constitution and Bylaws in order that the Convention may officially proceed with the order of business which is before it." Motion carried.

4. Murray Mathis, pastor, Third Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, and chairman, Committee on Arrangements, brought the following motion: "By direction of the Committee on Arrangements, I move that the printed program be approved with the following changes: (1) the time for the report of the Executive Board at 9:50 on Wednesday morning be reduced by ten minutes, and (2) the report of the Committee on Resolutions be moved from 3:35 on Tuesday afternoon to 10:30 Wednesday morning; that approval be given to any other changes which may become necessary; and that the special music and major addresses of each session be given at the specified time." Motion carried. Order of business as follows:

Tuesday Morning

"Our Churches Moving Forward in Bold Missions"

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9:00- 9:05	Call to Order	John Laida
	Invocation	Jerry Legg
9:05- 9:10	Organization of Convention	
	Committee on Credentials	William Fox
	Committee on Arrangements	Murray Mathis
9:10- 9:20	Congregational Singing	John Link
9:20- 9:40	Devotional	J. J. Owens
9:40- 9:45	Welcome	Paul Durham
9:45- 9:55	President's Announcements	John Laida
9:55-10:20	Treasurer's Report & Presentation of Budget	Tom Madden
10:20 .10:30	Cooperative Program & Stewardship Promotion	O. M. Dangeau
10:30-10:40	Baptist & Reflector	Al Shackelford

10:40-10:45	Congregational Singing	John Link
10:45-11:15	Tennessee Baptist Schools	Herbert Gabhart
11:15-11:25	Special Music	Bill & Jeannie Walker
11:25-11:55	Convention Sermon	H. K. Sorrell
11:55	Benediction	Clinton Wright

Tuesday Afternoon

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2:00- 2:10	Congregational Singing	Norman Gardner
	Invocation	Glenn Gregg
2:10- 2:30	Devotional	Wayne Dehoney
2:30- 2:45	Recognition of New Pastors & Church Staff	Tom Madden
2:45- 2:55	Recognition of Fraternal Messengers	John Laida
2:55- 3:00	Home Mission Board Presentation ..	Howard Cockrum
3:00- 3:10	Tennessee Baptist Foundation	Jonas Stewart
3:10- 3:20	Church-Ministers Information	J. William Harbin
3:20- 3:25	Congregational Singing	Norman Gardner
3:25- 3:35	Constitution & Bylaws Committee ---	Marshall Hargrave
3:35- 3:45	Miscellaneous Business	
3:45- 3:55	Special Music	Mike Casey
3:55- 4:25	Message	Tom Madden
4:25	Benediction	Walter Taylor

Tuesday Evening

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6:45- 7:00	Tennessee Baptist Chorale	Louis Ball
7:00- 7:10	Congregational Singing	Gene Spencer
	Invocation	Bert Jones
7:10- 7:30	Devotional	Ramsey Pollard
7:30- 7:50	Retirement Recognitions	Earl Wilson
7:50- 8:10	World's Fair Report	Ted Huckaby
8:10- 8:15	Congregational Singing	Gene Spencer
8:15- 8:30	Tennessee Baptist Hospitals	David Stringfield
8:30- 8:40	Protection Plans	Vern Powers
8:40- 8:50	Special Music	Bill Morris
8:50- 9:20	President's Address	John Laida
9:20	Benediction	Felts Dent

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9:00- 9:10	Congregational Singing	Beryl Vick
	Invocation	James Pulliam

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9:10- 9:30	Devotional James Sullivan
9:30- 9:50	Election of Officers John Laida
9:50-10:30	Report of Executive Board & Adoption of Budget Osta Underwood
10:30-10:40	Committee on Resolutions Robert Lee
10:40-10:50	Miscellaneous Business
10:50-11:00	Election of Officers
11:00-11:05	Congregational Singing Beryl Vick
11:05-11:15	Special Music Jerry Neely
11:15-11:45	Message Walter Shurden
11:45	Benediction Byron Epps

Wednesday Afternoon

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2:00- 2:10	Congregational Singing Chris Krause
	Invocation Herbert Cox
2:10- 2:30	Devotional Ralph Norton
2:30- 2:35	Committee on Arrangements Murray Mathis
2:35- 2:45	Election of Officers-continued
2:45- 3:00	Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes E. B. Bowen
3:00- 3:15	Committee on Boards Hiram Lemay
3:15- 3:25	Committee on Committees Dwayne Zimmer
3:25- 3:30	Congregational Singing Chris Krause
3:30- 3:40	Special Music Joe Morrell
3:40- 3:50	Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation . . . Wade Darby
3:50- 4:05	Miscellaneous Business
4:05- 4:15	Committee on Audits James Nowell
4:15- 4:25	Committee on the Journal Clay Frazier
4:25	Benediction Ansell Baker

Wednesday Evening

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6:30- 7:00	Tennessee Baptist Convention Schools Combined Choir Jerry Warren
7:00- 7:10	Congregational Singing Wayne Ray
	Invocation Paul Peak
7:10- 7:30	Devotional J. D. Grey
7:30- 7:40	Hunger Committee Earl Davis
7:40- 7:50	Belmont College Chorale Jerry Warren
7:50- 9:30	"Our Churches Moving Forward in Bold Missions" Carroll Owen
9:30	Benediction Greer Ruble, Jr.

Thursday Morning

November 12, 1981

9:00- 9:10	Congregational Singing	John Hamblen
	Invocation	Richard Howard
9:10- 9:30	Devotional	W. Fred Kendall
9:30- 9:45	Committee on Resolutions	Robert Lee
9:45- 9:55	Presentation to Outgoing Officers	Tom Madden
9:55-10:05	Presentation of Incoming Officers	John Laida
10:05-10:15	United Tennessee League	Phil Padgett
10:15-10:20	American Bible Society	J. Edward Cunningham
10:20-10:25	Congregational Singing	John Hamblen
10:25-10:35	Special Music	Terry Cothran
10:35-11:05	Message	Edsel West
11:05	Benediction	Robert Gray

5. John Link, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet, led the Convention in singing "To God Be The Glory," "He Keeps Me Singing," "Heavenly Sunlight," "When We Walk With The Lord," "Blessed Assurance," "We're Marching To Zion," "When We All Get To Heaven," and "How Great Thou Art."

6. J. J. Owens, professor of Old Testament Interpretation, School of Theology, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, brought the devotional, using as his text Luke 10:25-42.

7. Paul Durham, host pastor, brought words of welcome.

8. Tom Madden, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention, brought the treasurer's report and presented the 1981-82 Convention budget. See page 89.

9. The Cooperative Program & Stewardship Promotion report was brought by O. M. Dangeau, director. See page 132.

10. The Baptist and Reflector report was brought by Alvin C. Shackelford, editor. See page 94.

11. John Link led the Convention in singing "Victory In Jesus," "Jesus Paid It All," and "Amazing Grace."

12. Herbert Gabhart, president, Belmont College, brought the Tennessee Baptist Schools' report. See page 159.

13. John Link sang a solo.

14. Bill and Jeanine Walker, recording and concert artists, Nashville, provided special music.

15. H. K. Sorrell, pastor, Brownsville Baptist Church, Brownsville, delivered the Convention Sermon. Text: Nehemiah 2:17-18.

16. Clinton Wright, hospital chaplain, Radnor Baptist Church and Towers, Nashville, pronounced the benediction.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

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17. Norman Gardner, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Gallatin, led the Convention in singing "Glorious Is Thy Name," "We Praise Thee, O

God," "Thanksgiving Hymn," "O, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing," and "O, Come Let Us Adore Him."

18. Glenn Gregg, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Lenoir City, led the prayer of invocation.

19. Wayne Dehoney, pastor, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, brought the devotional from 2 Corinthians 4:5-7.

20. Tom Madden recognized new pastors and church staff who had entered the state during the past year. They are listed below by name, position, church, and city:

Barber, Wayne A., pastor	Woodland Park, Chattanooga
Bates, Steve, min. of edu.	Immanuel, Lebanon
Bayne, James M., pastor	North Fork, Shelbyville
Bright, Ron, pastor	Trinity, Knoxville
Brown, Dave, pastor	Barfield, Murfreesboro
Burton, David, min. of evang.	Germantown, Germantown
Cleveland, Jerry, min. of edu.	First, Donelson
Click, Edward L., pastor	New Midway, Lenoir City
Cole, Dwayne, pastor	Crievewood, Nashville
Crawley, Willard, pastor	Lascassas, Lascassas
Darnell, Bill, pastor	Kirby Woods, Memphis
Davis, Freeda, day care director	Third, Murfreesboro
Davis, Lane, min. of edu. & youth	Woodbine, Nashville
Davis, Roy, pastor	Fredonia, Crossville
Dominy, Bob, pastor	First, Daisy
Elliott, Robert C., pastor	Robertsville, Oak Ridge
Emerson, Dan, pastor	Toone, Toone
Ensor, Robert, min. of music & edu.	St. Elmo, Chattanooga
Eskew, Donald, pastor	Hillcrest, Nashville
Ever, Toby, pastor	First, Mt. Pleasant
Fryer, Jeff, pastor	Northside, Columbia
Graham, Richard A., pastor	Cragfont Chapel, Castalian Springs
Hanson, David R., pastor	Rutledge, Rutledge
Harcrow, Nicky R., pastor	Latham's Chapel, Medina
Harris, Ray, min. of music & youth	First, Franklin
Howard, Mark, pastor	First, Trenton
Hurst, Randy, minister of youth	Grace, Knoxville
Hurchinson, Charles, director of family ministries	First, Cookeville
Jones, R. Wayne, min. of edu.	Crievewood, Nashville
Jump, Ed, pastor	White Oak, Chattanooga
King, Andy, pastor	Bear Creek, Parsons
Lewis, David Keith, youth min.	East Park, Memphis
Lewis, J. C., director of missions	Bledsoe Association, Gallatin
Madison, Tim, pastor	First, Pocahontas
Martin, Carl, pastor	Shelby Avenue, Nashville
Mathenia, Paul, pastor	Zion, Brownsville
Meriwether, James A., pastor	Woodlawn, Bristol
Mitchell, Bob, associate pastor	Una, Nashville
Moody, Chris C., pastor	First, Arrington
Murphree, Steve, pastor	Mt. Hermon, Clarksville
Myers, Thomas A., pastor	First, Erwin
Neely, Dave, associate pastor/admin/edu	Kirby Woods, Memphis
Nelson, Carl, pastor	Hickory Hill, Lynchburg
Pearson, Greg, min. of music & youth	Woodland Park, Chattanooga
Porter, Roy, pastor	Parkview, Lewisburg

Rivers, Artie, pastor	Lakeview, Tennessee Ridge
Rosas, Joey, pastor	Fairlawn, Memphis
Ryan, Conroy, Jr., min. of music & edu.	Dickerson Road, Nashville
Scott, Steve, minister of music	Immanuel, Lebanon
Spurgin, Truman R., pastor	First, Halls
Stalans, John W., pastor	Arlington, Knoxville
Startup, Don, min. of music & youth	Lockeland, Nashville
Stephens, Randall, pastor	First, Norris
Stevens, Bradley, Jr., min. of music & youth	Ball Camp, Knoxville
Taylor, Jonas R., pastor	Rome, Lebanon
Thiebaud, Darryl, pastor	Mill Creek, Nashville
Thrower, G. M., pastor	Brunswick, Brunswick
Tomyn, Seton N., pastor	First, Grand Junction
Vernon, William T., pastor	Twelve Robes, Nashville
Walker, Ian, pastor	First, Franklin
Williams, Keith, min. of edu.	Inglewood, Jackson

21. President Laida called attention to greetings from sister state conventions:

Arizona: "Greetings to the Tennessee Baptist Convention from the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention. It is our prayer that the blessings and the power of the Father will rest upon you in all of your deliberations. It is our joy to share with you that the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention has enjoyed its finest year. Each division of our work has exceeded any previous year. Dr. Charles Pollard, President of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention and Dr. Jack Johnson, Executive Director-Treasurer, send greetings on behalf of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention. Our theme for 1982 is 'A New Day Dawning.'"—Charles Pollard, president; Jack Johnson, executive-treasurer.

Florida: "We send greetings to you in behalf of the Florida Baptist State Convention. Next month we will be meeting in Orlando, Florida, to conduct our own annual session. We are reminded of our fellowship with other state conventions and our common purpose in Christ Jesus. Florida is privileged to be one of the fastest growing states in these United States. We have accepted the challenge of an increasing population. Our Convention theme for this year is 'We Are Laborers Together With God.' It will be the purpose in our Convention to enlist the 1,700 churches and missions in this common effort. As we send greetings to your Convention, we also assure you of our prayers. We will be asking God to undergird your ministries and programs. It is our hope that your State Convention, in its annual session, will continue to go forward under the leadership of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."—Alton Butler, president; Dan C. Stringer, executive director-treasurer.

Georgia: "The Georgia Baptist Convention, under the inspired and gifted leadership of its beloved executive secretary Dr. James N. Griffith and esteemed president Dr. W. Ches Smith, wishes to express to you and through you to your great Convention our deep love in Christ and our sincere appreciation for God's blessings upon the work in your state. We share with you most anxiously a mutual desire for the continuous advancement and success of our great Bold Mission Thrust. We also want to thank you for thinking of, praying for and rejoicing with us. It is always a joy to receive your communications

which we gladly report to our Convention with deep gratitude. Georgia Baptists are humbly grateful to God for the privilege of being near the top, second, among the conventions in gifts to the Cooperative Program this past year and for setting a World Mission Budget of over eighteen million dollars, a 7.52 per cent increase over our 1981 budget for 1982. Let us continue to pray for each other in our burning desire to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord. May God grant you every blessing in all of your various ministries.”—James P. Wesberry, recording secretary.

Hawaii: “With the warmest of Aloha, we greet the family of God in Tennessee. We wish we could share a lei with you and ‘talk story’ about the Lord’s blessings upon our work. Growth has taken place in the form of three missions becoming churches, one of them being a Korean-speaking church in American Samoa. Our Convention theme, ‘Through Me, Through My Church, to the World,’ is to carry out Bold Mission Thrust at every level. We desire your prayers in the challenging year that is before us. As we meet in session November 12-14, we will also be in prayer for you that God may bless you in your annual meeting and throughout the years until His glorious return. Aloha Pumehana (Warmest Love).”—Bob Duffer, president; Edmond Walker, executive secretary-treasurer.

Illinois: “In awareness that the annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will soon be in session I am pleased to convey the prayerful fraternal greetings of the Illinois Baptist State Association. It is the desire of your Illinois colleagues in ministry that God grant you a joyous celebration of Bold Mission Thrust. The task that is so great when viewed from the human perspective is both possible and challenging when viewed from the enlightened vantage point of prayer. Therefore, we join in praying for God’s vision to enlighten us and God’s power to enable us for Bold Mission Thrust. We anticipate an outpouring of God’s gracious spirit during our convention at Urbana, Illinois, November 3-5, 1981. Your prayerful support is valuable to the Illinois Baptist State Association.”—Ernest E. Mosley, executive director.

Indiana: “In the twenty-third annual meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana we share heartiest greetings, earnest prayers and best wishes to you. We join you in the Bold Mission Thrust and pray for your endeavors as you seek to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord. May your annual meeting be the greatest ever.”—R. V. Haygood, executive director-treasurer.

Kentucky: “Kentucky Baptists send greetings to Tennessee Baptists as they meet in annual session November 10-12 in Nashville. As we assemble November 10-12 in Elizabethtown we will be mindful of the great fellowship with other Southern Baptists who are meeting at this season of the year, and of our common bond in Christ Jesus. May we glorify His name by striving to accomplish every phase of our Bold Mission Goals. Kentucky Baptists have had a good year in Cooperative Program giving an increase of 14.09% over 1980. We anticipate the adoption of a total Cooperative Program Goal of \$15,000,000 including an Operational Budget of \$11,891,000 for 1982-83. Our Convention has plans to join in partnership with the Ohio Convention in

establishing new work and to strengthen other work. Baptists in Kentucky have a growing enthusiasm for Bold Mission activities. We assure you of our prayers, asking God to undergird your ministries and programs. As Baptists in Tennessee meet in annual session, it is our hope they may join with us in a renewed vision of going forward with and for our Lord."—Bill Whittaker, president; Franklin Owen, executive secretary-treasurer.

Louisiana: "Greetings from Louisiana Baptists to our brothers and sisters in Christ who serve Him in the Tennessee Convention. As you meet in annual session November 10-12, 1981, be assured of our interest in decisions you make which affect Bold Missions. 'Bold Going. . . To all People/Places' is the focal emphasis for Louisiana in 1981-82. We are planning a major effort in enlisting volunteers for short-term mission projects, a record number of student missionaries, and 200 persons involved in five overseas crusades. Pray for us that these goals might be reached. Louisiana Baptists look forward to having the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans next June. Please encourage your people to plan now to attend and to begin praying now that the Holy Spirit will overshadow the sessions. Dr. John Sullivan, our convention president, and Dr. Robert L. Lee, our executive director, both send their greetings to you and your state Convention. May God bless you in your efforts for Him. May our mutual efforts bring more people to an awareness of and commitment to our Lord, Jesus Christ."—Truman Kerr, executive assistant.

Mississippi: "The messengers to the Mississippi Baptist Convention which meets in Jackson, MS November 9-11, 1981, join the messengers of your great convention sessions. The theme of the Mississippi Convention will be 'Jesus Is Lord.' Great emphasis will be given to Partnership Missions with the Southern Baptist General Convention of California and Mission Partners with the Rio de La Plata (Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay). The Bold Cooperative Program Budget of \$13,920,500 will be projected for 1982. Mississippi is on target with the plan which was begun in 1975 to increase the Southern Baptist Convention Causes section of our budget by ½% per year. We covet your prayers that our rhetoric may become reality."—Brooks Wester, president; Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer.

Nevada: "We wish to extend greetings to you at your Annual Convention. Our Convention is meeting in Carson City on October 27 and 28. This will be our Third Annual Convention. We covet your prayers for our work. Our Convention theme for this year is 'Bold Mission Nevada: His Love Reaching.' We pray that Bold Mission Thrust will always be our priority. Be assured of our prayers and concern for your Convention. May your Convention be all that you wish it to be as you point people in Tennessee to Jesus Christ."—Beverly McLeroy, president, Ernest B. Myers, executive director-treasurer.

New Mexico: "The letter of fraternal greetings from you on behalf of Tennessee Baptists has been received and is appreciated. New Mexico Baptists join hands and hearts with you in our service for the Master. May God bless your fine Convention and its churches with growth in spirit and in numbers in the years ahead."—Bob Bacon, president.

Northwest: "May I take this opportunity to extend greetings to your convention from the great Northwest. Early next month, messengers from the churches in the Northwest and Western Canada will be meeting in Bellingham, Washington. We will be passing on to them the greetings from other conventions across America. We rejoice in being a part of the fellowship of Southern Baptists. We want your people to know that we appreciate them, love them and will be praying for them as they meet in your area. May the Lord bless you."—Cecil Sims, executive director-treasurer.

Ohio: "The goal in Ohio is a new church start every week for 1981-1982. For the first 36 weeks of the year we have accounted for 36 new church starts. We are praying we will stay on target throughout this year and the next. Then, we are praying that 1981 and 1982 will just be the beginning of a great new day in church starts in Ohio. Please pray for us as we have our State Convention, October 28-30, 1981 in Warren, Ohio. I am enclosing a copy of our program. Let me also assure you that we will be praying with you as your Convention meets in the near future."—Tal Bonham, executive secretary-treasurer.

Utah-Idaho: "Thank you for your letter of prayerful concern and greetings. We in the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention appreciate the support, prayer and fellowship which comes from our sister conventions. We are looking forward to a great convention and a glorious new year in the Lord's service. We have six new churches petitioning our Convention for fellowship this year. As we look forward in Bold Mission Thrust we anticipate many more in the coming years. Be assured of our prayer for your Convention and for the churches of your convention. We trust God will continue to use and bless you in His wonderful service. Together, we will reach out to our world with the Gospel of Christ."—Louis Demster, president.

22. President Laida recognized fraternal messengers: Martin Bradley, Baptist Sunday School Board; Howard Cockrum, Home Mission Board; Charles Collins, Foreign Mission Board; Jerry Jerkins, James Thomas, and George T. Brooks, Missionary State Baptist Convention.

23. The Tennessee Baptist Foundation report was brought by Jonas L. Stewart, executive secretary-treasurer. See page 135.

24. The Church-Ministers Information report was brought by J. William Harbin, director. See page 97.

25. Norman Gardner led the Convention in singing "At Calvary," "Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross," "The Old Rugged Cross," and "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross."

26. Marshall Hargrave, minister of senior adults, First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, and chairman, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, reported on two items referred to the committee during the 1980 convention regarding (1) titles of officers and (2) requirement for officers' church membership to be in churches contributing at least ten percent through the Cooperative Program. The committee voted not to present the items to the convention. Hargrave proceeded with the committee report:

a. E. E. Deusner, Lexington, read proposed constitutional changes and moved their adoption. Motion seconded. Al Shackleford moved "that Article II. Composition be amended by substituting the word 'elected' for the word 'appointed' in the fourth sentence, making that sentence read, 'A messenger

shall be a member of the church by which he is elected.” Motion carried. See page 175.

b. Hargrave brought proposed amendments to Article II of the bylaws.

c. Wayne Allen, Memphis, brought proposed amendments to Article IV of the bylaws.

27. Eugene Cotey, pastor, First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, brought a progress report from the Ministers Aid Fund Committee. See page 173.

28. Robert McCullough, Louisville, brought a resolution regarding restrictions on sale of alcoholic beverages. Resolution referred to the Resolutions Committee. See item 56 and page 172.

29. Lloyd Bardowell, Knoxville, brought the following motion: “I would like to move that a committee of seven laymen be appointed by the Committee on Committees, their purpose being to study, update and publish a new Tennessee Baptist Convention Laymen’s salary study—this study to include information for salaries of directors of missions.” Motion carried.

30. Mike Casey, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Cookeville, provided special music.

31. Tom Madden brought the message of the hour, using as his text Psalm 126:6, Haggai 2:19, and Luke 8:5-8.

32. Walter Taylor, minister of education, West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, led the prayer of benediction.

TUESDAY EVENING

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33. Vice-president M. L. Arbuckle called the session to order.

34. Frank Charton, director, Church Music Department, TBC, presented Louis Ball, chairman, Music Department, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, who directed the Tennessee Baptist Chorale in singing “Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus,” “Every Time I Feel The Spirit,” “The Omnipotence,” and an arrangement of “The Old Rugged Cross.”

35. Gene Spencer, minister of music and education, First Baptist Church, Old Hickory, led the Convention in singing “He Lives” and “Because He Lives.”

36. Bert Jones, minister of education, Westwood Baptist Church, Cleveland, led the prayer of invocation.

37. Ramsey Pollard, former pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, brought the devotional from 2 Corinthians 4:1 and 1 Corinthians 15:58.

38. Earl Wilson, pastor, City View Baptist Church, Knoxville, made retirement recognitions to TBC staff members Frank Charton and Alice Byram.

39. Louis Ball directed the Tennessee Baptist Chorale in singing “Ride The Chariot,” and “Beneath The Cross Of Jesus.”

40. Ted Huckaby, director of missions, Knox County Baptist Association, Knoxville, presented David Peach, Baptist Ministries 1982 World’s Fair, who brought a report regarding the 1982 World’s Fair.

41. Gene Spencer led the Convention in singing “To God Be The Glory.”

42. David Stringfield, executive vice-president, Baptist Hospital, Nashville, brought the report of the hospitals. See page 165.

43. The Protection Plans report was brought by Vern Powers, director, with the assistance of Gene Daniel, Annuity Board, Dallas Texas. See page 134.

44. Congressman Bill Boner, Fifth Congressional District, presented Pres-

ident Laida a symbol of the Great Seal of the United States.

45. The Adult Choir and Orchestra, First Baptist Church, Clarksville, provided special music, directed by Bill Morris, minister of music.

46. John Laida, pastor, First Baptist Church, Clarksville, brought the president's address.

47. Felts Dent, assistant minister, First Baptist Church, Clarksville, led the prayer of benediction.

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48. Beryl Vick, minister of music, Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, led the Convention in singing "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name," and "The Solid Rock."

49. The prayer of invocation was led by James Pulliam, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Bolivar.

50. James L. Sullivan, former president, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, brought the devotional.

51. The floor was declared open for nominations to the office of president. Bob Ward, Knoxville, nominated Bob Mowrey, Nashville; Raymond Langlois, Nashville, nominated Trevis Otey, Jackson; Steve Atwood, Hermitage, nominated George Hill, Huntingdon; Howard Kolb, Memphis, nominated Jack May, Memphis; John Adams, McKenzie, nominated Raymond Boston, Dyersburg; Adrian Rogers, Memphis, nominated Wayne Allen, Memphis.

52. The floor was declared open for nominations to the offices of Recording Secretary and Statistical Secretary. Murray Mathis nominated Wallace Anderson. Motion was made that nominations cease and that Anderson be reelected by acclamation. Motion carried.

53. The floor was declared open for nominations to the office of Registration Secretary. Murray Mathis nominated Alice Byram. Motion was made that nominations cease and Byram be reelected by acclamation. Motion carried.

54. The floor was declared open for nominations to the office of treasurer. Murray Mathis nominated Tom Madden. Motion was made that nominations cease and that Madden be reelected by acclamation. Motion carried.

55. The Executive Board report was brought by Osta Underwood, president, Executive Board, TBC.

a. Fred Steelman, Chattanooga, and Charles Earl, Loudon, brought three recommendations and moved their adoption. Motions carried. See page 87.

b. Steelman brought six budget recommendations and moved their adoption. Motion carried. See page 90.

c. Underwood reported on the Tennessee-Michigan sister-convention relationship.

56. Robert Lee, pastor, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Covington, brought the report of the Resolutions Committee. Lee moved adoption of the resolution regarding alcoholic beverages. See page 172. Robert McCullough spoke to the resolution. A motion was made "to amend the motion to reflect the number of churches and the number of Tennessee Baptists that would be represented by this resolution." Motion carried.

57. Robert Lee moved "By direction of the Resolutions Committee, I

move that this Convention go on record urging members, pastors who are not here, and all Tennessee Baptists to contact individually by letter, in person, and by telephone their local state representatives expressing their support of the views contained in this resolution." Motion carried.

58. Tom Madden presented plaques to retiring directors of missions: Woodrow Shanklin, Dyer Association, and John Bolton, Lawrence County Association.

59. Marshall Hargrave brought proposed bylaw amendments and moved their adoption. Motion carried. See page 175.

60. Glenn Toomey, director of missions, Nolachucky Association, presented a Tennessee Baptist Heritage Award to W. F. Hall, Sr., Seymour, in recognition of his commendable contributions to Tennessee Baptist history.

61. Jimmy Ross, Cleveland, brought the following resolution: "I believe it would be appropriate for this body to express its sympathy in the recent death of one who served as executive secretary of a neighboring, sister convention; who also served his Lord as a professor and dean of the school of theology at one of our seminaries; who loved Baptists and who loved Jesus. Mr. President, I move that the resolutions committee be requested to draft and to send an appropriate resolution expressing sympathy to the family of Dr. Huber L. Drumwright, Jr., and to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; and expressing appreciation for Dr. Drumwright's contribution to the Kingdom of God." The resolution, being seconded, was adopted.

62. A runoff election for the office of president was held for nominees Wayne Allen and Travis Otey.

63. William Fox moved "that we proceed with the election of the vice-president." Motion carried. Nominations as follows: E. E. Deusner, Lexington; Jerry Plunk, Carthage; Ron Brown, Columbia; W. Elmer Crosby, Columbia; Raleigh Brady, Cleveland; Don Peek, Lafayette; Steve Atwood, Hermitage; George Hill, Huntingdon.

64. The floor was declared open for nominations to the office of second vice-president. Nominees were: James D. Gaines, Dresden; Murray Mathis, Murfreesboro; and Marion C. Barnett, Jr., Knoxville.

65. Beryl Vick led the Convention in singing "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing."

66. Jerry Neely, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, provided special music.

67. Walter Shurden, dean, School of Theology, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, brought the message, using as his text Exodus 3:1-8a.

68. It was announced that Wayne Allen, Memphis, had been elected to the office of president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

69. Byron Epps, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Cookeville, led the benedictory prayer.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON November, 11, 1981

70. The Convention was called to order by Second Vice-President Dwayne Sheumaker.

71. Chris Krause, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Lebanon, led the Convention in singing "I Will Sing Of My Redeemer" and "We're Marching To Zion."

72. Herbert Cox, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Athens, led the prayer of invocation.

73. Ralph Norton, former executive secretary-treasurer, TBC, brought the devotional.

74. Murray Mathis brought recommendations from the Committee on Arrangements as follows:

- a. 1982 Convention: Preacher—William G. Wilson, Brentwood
Alternate—Gayle Alexander, Alamo
Music Coordinator—Julian Suggs, Brentwood

Mathis moved the adoption of the recommendation. Motion carried.

- b. For information only:

1982 Convention: Time—November 16-18, 1982

Place—Leawood Baptist Church, Memphis

1983 Convention: Time—November 15-17, 1983

Place—Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga

- c. 1984 Convention: Time—November 13-15, 1984

Place—Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville

Mathis moved the adoption of this recommendation. Motion carried.

75. It was announced that a runoff election would be necessary:

- a. For vice-president: Elmer Crosby vs. George Hill.

- b. For second vice-president: Marion Barnett vs. Murray Mathis.

76. The Children's Homes report was brought by E. B. Bowen, executive director. See page 170.

77. Hiram Lemay, pastor, Una Baptist Church, Nashville, brought the report of the Committee on Boards and moved its adoption. Motion carried. See page 66.

78. Dwayne Zimmer, minister of education, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, brought the report of the Committee on Committees and moved its adoption. Motion carried. See page 65.

79. It was announced that George Hill had been elected to the office of vice-president and Murray Mathis had been elected to the office of second vice-president.

80. Chris Krause led the Convention in singing 'To God Be The Glory.'

81. Joe Morrell, minister of music, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, sang a solo.

82. The Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation report was brought by Wade Darby, executive director. See page 171.

83. Dwayne Zimmer brought additions to the report of the Committee on Committees and moved their approval. Motion carried.

84. James Nowell, First Baptist Church, Milan, brought the report of the Committee on Audits. Vice-President Arbuckle moved approval of the recommendation contained within the report. Motion carried. See page 93.

85. Clay Frazier, pastor, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Carmel, brought the report of the Committee on the Journal and recommended "that the 1981 annual be dedicated to Mr. Frank Charton and Mrs. Robert Byram." Motion carried.

86. The benediction was pronounced by Ansell Baker, pastor, First Baptist Church, Athens.

WEDNESDAY EVENING**November 11, 1981**

87. The Tennessee Baptist Convention Schools Combined Choir sang under the direction of Jerry Warren, chairman, Music Department, Belmont College, Nashville.

88. Wayne Ray, minister of music, Radnor Baptist Church, Nashville, led the Convention in singing "I Stand Amazed" and "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross."

89. Paul Durham presented a letter of intent regarding a flag for the World's Fair. Durham also presented President Laida a certificate of Nashville citizenship, signed by Nashville Mayor Richard Fulton.

90. Paul Peak, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, led the prayer of invocation.

91. Wayne Ray led the Convention in signing "How Great Thou Art."

92. The devotional was brought by J. D. Grey, pastor emeritus, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana.

93. Earl Davis, pastor, First Baptist Church, Memphis, brought the Hunger Committee report including this recommendation: "Because of our sister-state relationship with Southern Baptists of Michigan and upon their formal request to be in the Upper Volta project, Tennessee invites Michigan Baptists to participate under the same guidelines presently used for Tennessee volunteers with the applications approved by the executive secretary-treasurer of the Michigan Baptist Convention." Recommendation approved.

94. The Belmont College Chorale sang under the direction of Jerry Warren.

95. Carroll Owen, director, Convention Ministries Division, TBC, introduced a segment of the program entitled "Our Churches Moving Forward in Bold Missions," an audiovisual presentation.

96. Greer Ruble, Jr., minister of education, First Baptist Church, Kingsport, pronounced the benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING**November 12, 1981**

97. John Hamblen, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Winchester, led the Convention in singing "God of Grace and God of Glory" and "Send Me, O Lord, Send Me."

98. Richard Howard, minister of music and education, First Baptist Church, Selmer, led the prayer of invocation.

99. W. Fred Kendall, former executive secretary-treasurer, TBC, brought the devotional.

100. Robert Lee brought a second report for the Committee on Resolutions:

a. Mrs. Claude Jennings, Lebanon, brought a gratitude resolution, which was adopted. See page 173.

b. Lon Shoopman, Madisonville, brought a resolution regarding Dr. Huber Drumwright, late executive secretary-treasurer, Arkansas Baptist Convention, and moved its adoption. Motion carried. See page 173.

101. Tom Madden presented plaques to the outgoing Convention officers.

102. President Laida presented the newly elected officers: Wayne Allen,

president; George Hill, vice-president; and Murray Mathis, second vice-president.

103. The United Tennessee League report was brought by Phil Padgett, executive director. A motion to include the report in the convention annual carried. See page 174.

104. J. Edward Cunningham brought a report for the American Bible Society.

105. John Hamblen led the Convention in singing "We Praise Thee, O God."

106. Terry Cothran, minister of music, Dalewood Baptist Church, Nashville, sang a solo.

107. Edsel West, pastor, South Harriman Baptist Church, Harriman, brought the message.

108. Robert Gray, minister of music, Central Baptist Church, Oak Ridge, pronounced the benediction.

CONVENTION ATTENDANCE

	Special						Record
	1977	1978	1979	1979	1980	1981	
Messengers	1,662	1,352	1,424	1,374	1,445	1,622	1977—1,662
Visitors	261	226	65	123	304	556	1958—1,312
Totals	1,923	1,578	1,489	1,497	1,749	2,178	1958—2,588
Associations	67	67	64	64	66	66	1977-8— 67
Churches	767	713	559	661	667	729	1977— 767

Note: After duplications were eliminated, the above gives us the net attendance.