

**PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION  
TUESDAY MORNING  
November 14, 1989**

1. President Calvin Metcalf, pastor, Central Baptist Church (Fountain City), Knoxville, called the 115th annual session of The Tennessee Baptist Convention to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Joe Thomason, pastor, Munford Baptist Church, Munford, led the prayer of invocation.

3. Judson Hays, pastor, First Baptist Church, Old Hickory, and chairman, Committee on Credentials brought the following motion: "I move that the messengers now registered constitute the required quorum as described in our Constitution and Bylaws in order that the Convention may proceed with the order of business which is before it."

4. Paul Peak, education and administration, First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, and chairman, Committee on Arrangements, brought the following motion: "By direction of the Committee on Arrangements, I move, Mr. President, that the printed program be approved subject to any changes which may become necessary, and that the special music and major addresses of each session be given no later than the specified time. Also, with the following modification that a line item of 'unfinished business' be included in the Thursday morning session at 9:45 a. m., and the remainder of the program be adjusted by five minutes." Motion carried. Order of business as follows:

**Tuesday Morning  
November 14, 1989**

8:45 - 9:00	Preession Music.....Mary McDonald/Carla Hawkins
9:00 - 9:05	Call to Order.....Calvin Metcalf
	Invocation.....Joe Thomason
9:05 - 9:10	<b>ORGANIZATION OF CONVENTION</b>
	Committee on Credentials.....Judson Hays
	Committee on Arrangements.....Paul Peak
9:10 - 9:15	Congregational Singing.....Mike Hodges
9:15 - 9:30	Devotional.....Ted Huckaby
9:30 - 9:35	Welcome.....Larry Fields
9:35 - 9:45	President's Announcements.....Calvin Metcalf
9:45 - 10:10	Treasurer's Report & Presentation of Budget.....D. L. Lowrie
10:10 - 10:20	Miscellaneous Business
10:20 - 10:30	Church Staff Compensation Study Committee.....James Austin
10:30 - 10:40	Minister's Aid Committee.....W. D. Thomason
10:40 - 10:55	Tennessee Baptist Foundation.....Earl Wilson
10:55 - 11:00	Congregational Singing.....Norman Gardner
11:00 - 11:10	Special Music.....Central Baptist (FC), Knoxville
	.....Larry Brooks, minister of music
11:10 - 11:40	President's Address.....Calvin Metcalf
11:40	Benediction.....James Jackson

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Music Director: Mike Hodges  
 Organist: Carla Hawkins  
 Pianist: Mary McDonald

**Tuesday Afternoon  
 November 14, 1989**

2:00 - 2:05	Congregation Singing . . . . .	Bill Choate
2:05 - 2:10	Invocation . . . . .	Steve Murphree
2:10 - 2:25	Devotional . . . . .	Preston Latch
2:25 - 2:40	Recognition of New Pastors & Church Staff . . . . .	D. L. Lowrie
2:40 - 2:45	Recognition of Fraternal Messengers . . . . .	Calvin Metcalf
2:45 - 3:00	Miscellaneous Business	
3:00 - 3:15	Constitution and Bylaws Committee . . . . .	Larry Parrott
3:15 - 3:55	Convention Ministries Division (Evangelism, Missions, Student, and Cooperative Program & Stewardship Promotion)	
3:55 - 4:00	Congregational Singing . . . . .	Mike Williams
4:00 - 4:10	Special Music - Korean Ensemble - Cumberland Baptist, Knoxville . . . . . Margaret Shieh - Calvary Baptist, Knoxville	
4:10 - 4:40	Message . . . . .	H. Franklin Paschall
4:40	Benediction . . . . .	Wayne Rowan

Music Director: Bill Choate  
 Organist: Nancy Skidmore  
 Pianist: Evelyn Sproule

**Tuesday Evening  
 November 14, 1989**

6:45 - 7:05	Tennessee Baptist Chorale . . . . .	Julian Suggs
7:05 - 7:10	Invocation . . . . .	Kenneth Richey
7:10 - 7:25	Devotional . . . . .	Ansell Baker
7:25 - 7:35	Tennessee Baptist Chorale . . . . .	Julian Suggs
7:35 - 8:15	Church Program Division (Sunday School, Church Training, Church Music, Brotherhood)	
8:15 - 8:20	Congregational Singing . . . . .	Ron Alley
8:20 - 8:35	Recognition of Retirees . . . . .	John D. Laida
8:35 - 8:45	Special Music - Bluegrass Baptist Church, Hendersonville . . . . . David Ham, minister of music	
8:45 - 9:15	Convention Sermon . . . . .	Leonard Markham
9:10	Benediction . . . . .	Thomas Baines

Music Director: Ron Alley  
 Organist: Mary McDonald  
 Pianist: Suzanne Adams

**Wednesday Morning  
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9:00 - 9:05	Congregational Singing . . . . .	David Glover
9:05 - 9:10	Invocation . . . . .	Donald Elmore
9:10 - 9:25	Devotional . . . . .	Wayne Markham
9:25 - 9:40	Election of Officers	
9:40 - 10:20	Report of Executive Board, Task Force, Adoption of Budget . . . . .	
	. . . . .	John Laida
10:20 - 10:30	Election of Officers	
10:30 - 10:35	Congregational Singing . . . . .	Robert Lawson
10:35 - 10:45	Committee on Resolutions . . . . .	Robert L. Orr
10:45 - 10:55	Committee on Audits . . . . .	Roger Shelton
10:55 - 11:00	Committee on the Journal . . . . .	Sam Brooks
11:00 - 11:20	Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc. . . . .	Gerald Stow
11:20 - 11:30	Special Music . . . . .	
	. . . . .	Knoxville Area Men's Ensemble - Mike Bundon
11:30 - 12:00	Message . . . . .	Frank Houston
12:00	Benediction . . . . .	Bill Whitman

Music Director: David Glover  
Organist: Mary Charlotte Ball  
Pianist: Louis Ball

**Wednesday Afternoon  
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2:00 - 2:05	Congregational Singing . . . . .	David Hyers
2:05 - 2:10	Invocation . . . . .	David Cochran
2:10 - 2:25	Devotional . . . . .	Gerald Naylor
2:25 - 2:30	Committee on Arrangements . . . . .	Paul Peak
2:30 - 3:10	Convention Ministries Division (Church-Ministers Information, Protection Plans, Telecommunications, and Partnership Missions)	
3:10 - 3:20	Election of Officers	
3:20 - 3:30	Miscellaneous Business	
3:30 - 3:50	Committee on Boards . . . . .	Thomas Gaines
3:50 - 4:05	Committee on Committees . . . . .	Paul Moody
4:05 - 4:15	Constitution and Bylaws Committee . . . . .	Larry Parrott
4:15 - 4:20	Congregational Singing . . . . .	Dave Love
4:20 - 4:40	Tennessee Baptist Schools . . . . .	Cordell Maddox
4:40	Benediction . . . . .	Randy Sledge

Music Director: Dave Love  
Organist: Karen Love  
Pianist: Kathy Simpkins

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE

**Wednesday Evening  
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6:45 - 7:00	Pre-session Music . . . . .	Carson-Newman College
7:00 - 7:05	Invocation . . . . .	Guy Milam
7:05 - 7:20	Devotional . . . . .	Bill Rice
7:20 - 7:35	Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes, Inc. . . . .	J. L. Ford
7:35 - 7:45	Baptist and Reflector . . . . .	Fletcher Allen
7:45 - 8:25	Church Programs Division (Church Administration, Family Ministry, and Woman's Missionary Union)	
8:25 - 8:30	Congregational Singing . . . . .	Wendell Boertje
8:30 - 8:40	Special Music . . . . .	Central Baptist (Bearden), Knoxville Wendell Boertje, minister of music
8:40 - 9:10	Message . . . . .	D. L. Lowrie
9:10	Benediction . . . . .	Paul Veazey

Music Director: Wendell Boertje  
Organist: Mamie Sullivan  
Pianist: Cliff Kosier

**Thursday Morning  
November 16, 1989**

9:00 - 9:05	Congregational Singing . . . . .	Bill Brewer
9:05 - 9:10	Invocation . . . . .	Joe Little
9:10 - 9:25	Devotional . . . . .	Jack Randles
9:25 - 9:30	United Tennessee League . . . . .	Wayman Jones
9:30 - 9:45	Committee on Resolutions . . . . .	Robert L. Orr
9:45 - 9:50	Unfinished Business	
9:50 - 9:55	American Bible Society . . . . .	Glenn Herndon
9:55 - 10:05	Presentation to Outgoing Officers . . . . .	D. L. Lowrie
10:05 - 10:15	Presentation of Incoming Officers . . . . .	Calvin Metcalf
10:15 - 10:25	Historical Committee . . . . .	Paul Hall
10:20 - 10:40	Tennessee Baptist Health Care Systems, Inc. . . . . . . . . .	Robert Chandler
10:45 - 10:50	Congregational Singing . . . . .	Laderel Harrelson
10:50 - 11:00	Special Music . . . . .	Corryton Baptist, Corryton Bill Davis, minister of music
11:00 - 11:30	Message . . . . .	Damon Patterson
11:30	Benediction . . . . .	Basil Jones

Music Director: Basil Jones  
Organist: Mandy Sullivan  
Pianist: Wendell Boertje

5. Mike Hodges, minister of music, Manley Baptist Church, Morristown, led the Convention in singing "I Will Sing of My Redeemer," "There Is a Name I Love to Hear," and "He Keeps Me Singing."

6. Ted Huckaby, pastor, Buffat Heights Baptist Church, Knoxville, brought the devotional, using as his text 1 Timothy 3:16.

7. Larry Fields, pastor, Central Baptist Church (Bearden), Knoxville, brought words of welcome.
8. Knoxville Mayor Victor Ashe welcomed the Convention to the city of Knoxville.
9. D. L. Lowrie, executive director-treasurer, TBC, Brentwood, brought the treasurer's report. Motion made and seconded that the report be accepted as information. Motion carried. See page 98.
10. Jerry Oakley, pastor, Springfield Baptist Church, Springfield, presented the budget. See page 93.
11. Mike Hodges led the Convention in singing "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners."
12. The floor was declared open for miscellaneous business:
  - a. Jerry Self, Glendale Baptist Church, Nashville, brought a resolution regarding Child Care Legislation. Referred to the Resolutions Committee.
  - b. John Laida, retired pastor, First Baptist Church, Clarksville, moved "that this Convention send Dr. Ralph Norton, former executive secretary of Tennessee Baptists, a telegram assuring him of our love and prayers." Motion, being seconded, carried.
13. Vice President Fred Isaacs took the gavel and called for Jim Austin, First Baptist Church, Maury City, and chairman, Church Staff Compensation Study Committee, who gave his report and moved its approval. Motion carried.
14. W. D. Thomason, pastor, Green Hills Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet, and chairman, Minister's Aid Committee, brought his report and moved its approval. Motion carried. See page 144.
15. Mike Hodges led the Convention in singing "Come Thou Fount."
16. The Tennessee Baptist Foundation report was brought by Earl Wilson, executive director. See page 126.
17. Norman Gardner, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Gallatin, led the Convention in singing "How Great Thou Art," "All Creatures of Our God and King," and "To God Be the Glory."
18. Special music was provided by the choir and brass, Central Baptist Church (Fountain City), Knoxville, directed by Larry Brooks, minister of music.
19. President Calvin Metcalf brought the President's Address, using as his text Genesis 2:8-9, 3:22-24, and Matthew 6:10.
20. Jack Belcher, Oral Baptist Church, Lenoir City, pronounced the benediction.

## **TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

**November 14, 1989**

21. Bill Choate, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Kingston, led the Convention in singing "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."
22. Steve Murphree, pastor, Hillcrest Baptist Church, Clarksville, led in the invocation.
23. Preston Latch, pastor, Hatchie Baptist Church, Hornsby, brought the devotional, using as a text John 8:1-11.

24. D. L. Lowrie recognized new pastors and church staff who had moved into the state during the past year. They are listed below by name, position, church, and city:

Beck, Bill, pastor	Plateau, Crossville
Bledsoe, Kenneth, minister of children, youth and education	National Avenue, Memphis
Braddy, James S., pastor	Providence, McMinnville
Carr, David, pastor	Tusculum, Greeneville
Carr, Jim, pastor	Middle Creek, Oliver Springs
Coltharp, H. Garrison, pastor	First, Jackson
Courtney, Robert F., pastor	Leadvale, White Pine
Curbow, Douglas C., minister of education and music	Big Spring, Cleveland
DeMoss, Pete, minister of education, staff coordinator	Germantown, Germantown
Denington, Bill, associate pastor	First, Bluff City
Donovana, James M., Jr., minister of church administration	First, Athens
Denton, Glenn, pastor	Hillcrest, Lebanon
Driver, Michael E., pastor	Blue Springs, Rutledge
Dunsmore, Clayton, pastor	Mt. Pisgah, Niota
Escue, Mike, pastor	Oak Grove, Springfield
Griffin, Robert, pastor	Peabody, Memphis
Han, Bong Hee, Korean pastor	Belle Aire, Murfreesboro
High, Kerry, pastor	Pistole, Sparta
Inciarte, Eleazar E., music missionary	LaGuardo, Lebanon
Johnson, Barry, pastor	Immanuel, Maryville
Leach, Ralph, pastor	Indian Creek, Jacksboro
McCoy, Greg, pastor	Friendship, Culleoka
McCoy, Tom, pastor	Thompson Station, Thompson Station
McGoldrick, Prentis, minister of singles and outreach	Brentwood, Brentwood
McClendon, Marilyn, minister of education and youth	Highland, Tullahoma
Maxie, Ronnie K., pastor	Harmony, Whiteville
Mathis, Thomas A., pastor	Red River, Adams
Milam, Andy, music minister	Liberty, Covington
Morton, Tim, minister of music	Piedmont, Dandridge
Nash, Jerry W., pastor	Denton, Cosby
Pealer, W. M., pastor	Rittertown, Hampton
Peterson, Carlos R., pastor	First, Athens
Powell, Jamie, youth pastor	University Parkway, Johnson City
Pratt, Pepper, education and youth minister	North Jackson, Jackson
Pyatte, Dave, pastor	Chinquapin Grove, Bluff City
Robertson, Larry, associate pastor	Hopewell, Shiloh
Robinson, John, associate pastor	Green River, Waynesboro
Seals, Brent, pastor	First, Elizabethton

Sheridan, Dale, pastor	Eva, Eva
Shockley, Gary W., pastor	Cumberland Drive, Clarksville
Smith, Michael D., pastor	Bon De Croft, Sparta
Smith, Rommy R., pastor	Natchez Trace, Camden
Steele, David A., minister of music and youth	First, Bruceton
Strange, Sonny, pastor	Emmanuel, Jefferson City
Summers, Chuck, pastor	First, Jellico
Taylor, R. Steven, pastor	West End, Newport
Thompson, Tim, minister to youth/music/education	Middle Creek, Coalfield
Turner, Paul, minister of youth and recreation	First, Donelson
Vaughan, Steven D., pastor	Gum Springs, Lawrenceburg
Walker, Scott, pastor	Second, Millington
Webb, Coy, pastor	Niles Ferry, Greenback
Wohlwend, Gina, minister of education and youth	First, Gatlinburg
Work, Jamison L., pastor	Pleasant Hill, Martin
Yarbrough, John, pastor	Unaka Avenue, Johnson City

25. President Metcalf recognized fraternal messengers.

26. The floor was opened for miscellaneous business:

- a. Steven Jett, Stock Creek Baptist Church, Knoxville, brought a resolution regarding Alcohol and Public Policy. Referred to the Resolutions Committee.
- b. Dean Haun, First Baptist Church, Sparta, brought a resolution regarding Restricting Smoking in Public Places. Referred to the Resolutions Committee.
- c. Jerry Sutton, Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville, brought a resolution regarding Legalized Gambling in Tennessee. Referred to the Resolutions Committee.
- d. David Cooper, First Baptist Church, Bolivar, brought a resolution regarding Alcohol and Other Drugs. Referred to the Resolutions Committee.

27. The report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee was brought by Larry Parrott, chairman: (second reading)

- a. Bill Hill, committee member, brought recommendation #1: to amend Article VI. Officers, Number 2, and moved its adoption. Motion carried. See page 143.
- b. Larry Parrott brought recommendation #2: to amend Article VII. The Executive Board, Number 4, and moved its adoption. During the subsequent discussion, Paul Durham, Radnor Baptist Church, Nashville, moved to amend the amendment by striking the number “four” and replacing it with the number “two.” Motion failed. The question was called for and the vote on recommendation #2 was taken by ballot. Vote on the recommendation failed.
- c. Trevis Otey, committee member, brought recommendation #3: to change terminology as indicated in the report, and moved its adoption. Motion carried. See page 143.
- d. Robert Dowdy, committee member, brought a recommendation to amend Article III. Purpose. This was a first reading and required no action. See page 144.

- e. Parrott reported that the committee decided to take no action on the Stroud motion referred to it in the 1988 Convention [See 1988 TBC Journal, page 73, item 12(c)].
  - f. Parrott reported that the committee decided to take no action on the Senn motion referred to it in the 1988 Convention [See 1988 TBC Journal, page 74, item 12(i)].
28. Bill Choate led the Convention in singing "Blessed Assurance."
29. D. L. Lowrie presented Part I of the Convention Ministries Division departments reports:
- a. The Evangelism Department report was given by Jerry King, director. See page 119.
  - b. The Missions Department report was given by Paul Hall, interim director. See page 120.
  - c. The Student Department report was given by Ircel Harrison, director. See page 122.
  - d. The Cooperative Program and Stewardship Promotion Department report was given by O. M. Dangeau, director. See page 118.
30. Mike Williams, minister of music, South Knoxville Baptist Church, led the Convention in singing "Victory In Jesus."
31. Special music was provided by a Korean Ensemble, Cumberland Baptist Church, Knoxville.
32. Franklin Paschall, newly appointed professor, Paschall Chair for Biblical Studies and Preaching, Belmont College, Nashville, brought the message of the hour, using as a text Philippians 1:5.
33. Wayne Rowan, pastor, Oakwood Baptist Church, Milan, pronounced the benediction.

## **TUESDAY EVENING**

### **November 14, 1989**

34. The Tennessee Baptist Chorale sang under the direction of Julian Suggs, director, Church Music Department, TBC, Brentwood.
35. The invocation was led by Kenneth Richey, pastor, First Baptist Church, White Pine.
36. The devotional was led by Ansell Baker, retired pastor, First Baptist Church, Athens, who quoted his text, taken from 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.
37. The Tennessee Baptist Chorale sang under the direction of Julian Suggs.
38. O. M. Dangeau presented a Declaration of Commitment (Growth in Witnessing-Giving), which was signed by the Convention president, executive director-treasurer, director of evangelism, and director of cooperative program and stewardship promotion.
39. D. L. Lowrie presented Part I of the Church Programs Division departments reports:
- a. The Sunday School Department report was brought by Greer Ruble, director. See page 111.

- b. The Church Training Department report was brought by Johnnie Hall, director. See page 108.
- c. The Church Music Department report was brought by Julian Suggs, director. See page 105.
- d. The Brotherhood Department report was brought by Cameron Byler, director. See page 102.

40. Richard Holden, Mountain City, rose to give previous notice of two proposed bylaw amendments: (1) "I propose to amend Bylaw 2, (1), B, by deleting the words 'The Committee on Boards' and inserting the words, 'The President'." (2) "I propose to amend Bylaw 2, (9), C, b, by deleting the words, 'Nominate persons for membership on the Committee on Committees'."

41. Ron Alley, program associate, Church Music Department, TBC, Brentwood, led the Convention in singing "Blessed Assurance."

42. John Laida recognized those executive board employees who had retired during the year, and their spouses: Dot (and Bill) Fore, Tennessee Baptist Foundation; Wilma (and Jim) Neely, Executive Office; Archie (and Mary) King, Brotherhood Department; Orvind (and Freddie) Dangeau, Cooperative Program and Stewardship Promotion Department; and Bill (and Marilyn) Harbin, Church-Ministers Information Department.

43. Special music was provided by the Bluegrass Baptist Church Choir, Hendersonville, under the direction of David Ham, minister of music.

44. Leonard Markham, pastor, Bluegrass Baptist Church, delivered the Convention Sermon, taking his text from Philippians 3:10-11, the reading of the scripture and the prayer having been brought by his two sons, Larry and Nathan.

45. Thomas Baines, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Smithville, pronounced the benediction.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING

### November 15, 1989

46. David Glover, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, led the Convention in singing "God of Grace and God of Glory."

47. Donald Elmore, First Baptist Church, Alexandria, led the prayer of invocation.

48. Wayne Markham, interim pastor, Lantana Road Baptist Church, Crossville, brought the devotional, using as his text Acts 20:28, Romans 3:23-25, and 1 Corinthians 9:16-17.

49. The floor was declared open for nominations to the office of president. Nominated were Murray Mathis, pastor, Third Baptist Church, Murfreesboro; Richard Patton, pastor, First Baptist Church, Portland; and Marshall Gupton, pastor, Una Baptist Church, Nashville. Vote was by ballot. See item 52.

50. John Laida presented the Executive Board report:

- a. Monty Jordan, chairman, Education Committee, read recommendation #1 and moved its adoption. Motion carried. See page 89.
- b. Hershel Chevallier, chairman, Convention Ministries Committee, read recommendation #2 and moved its adoption. Motion carried. See page 89.

- c. Gary Anderson, chairman, Christian Services Committee, read recommendation #3 and moved its adoption. Motion carried. See page 91.
- d. Emerson Wiles, chairman, Church Programs Committee, read recommendation #4 and moved its adoption. Motion carried. See page 91.
- e. Gary Anderson read recommendation #5 and moved its adoption. Motion carried. See page 91.
- f. Howard Olive, member of subcommittee of Long Range Planning Committee, read recommendation #6 and moved its adoption. Motion carried. See page 92.
- g. James Porch, chairman, Program, Personnel, and Planning Task Force, brought his report and requested that a synopsis of the four Task Force reports be placed in the TBC Journal. See page 145.
- h. Jerry Oakley presented the 1989-90 budget:
  - (1) James Robertson brought an amendment "that the proposed basic Cooperative Program budget goal for 1989 be amended by adding \$28,000 to the operating budget of Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes for a ministry to Rainbow Acres."
  - (2) Larry Reeves, First Baptist Church, Jacksboro, brought the following amendment to the amendment: "I move to refer this matter to the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes requesting that the funding of \$28,000 for the ministry of Rainbow Acres be granted from the unrestricted reserve funds held in trust by the Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes." This amendment to the amendment carried, thus nullifying the amendment.
  - (3) The vote on the budget as presented carried. See page 93.

51. D. L. Lowrie recognized retiring directors of missions: Robert Armour, Beulah Association; Glenn Toomey, Nolachucky Association; and James E. Humphreys, Jr., Carroll-Benton Association.

52. Vote totals on the election of a new president were announced as follows: Patton—166, Gupton—419, Mathis—604.

53. The floor was declared open for nominations to the office of vice president. Nominated were Mel Mason, South Fulton Baptist Church, and Guy Milam, North Knoxville Baptist Church. The vote was by ballot. See item #61.

54. Robert Lawson, minister of music, Cumberland Baptist Church, Knoxville, led the Convention in singing "Serve the Lord With Gladness."

55. The report of the Committee on Resolutions was brought by Robert L. Orr, chairman:

- a. Jerry Self brought the resolution regarding Child Care Legislation and moved its adoption. Motion carried. See page 152.
- b. Richard Cassidy, pastor, Henard's Chapel Baptist Church, Rogersville, brought the resolution regarding Legalized Gambling and moved its adoption.
  - (1) Jerry Sutton brought the following amendment to be inserted between paragraphs 7 and 8: "Be it further resolved that State Senators Avon Williams, Jr., Steve Cohen, John Ford, Joe McKnight and Robert

Rochelle, senators on the Senate State and Local Government Committee voting not to refer to the full Senate, especially be requested to reconsider their vote not to refer; and”.

(2) Motion on the amendment carried.

- c. Time for this report expired and was continued on Thursday morning. See item #94(a).

56. The Committee on Audits report was brought by Roger Shelton, chairman. See page 142.

57. The Committee on the Journal report was brought by Sam Brooks, chairman. The report was a recommendation that the 1989 TBC Journal be dedicated to H. Franklin Paschall. Motion carried.

58. The Children’s Homes report was brought by Gerald Stow, executive director. See page 140.

59. Special music was provided by the Knoxville Area Men’s Ensemble.

60. Frank Houston, pastor, Bethel Baptist Church, Morristown, brought the message of the hour, taking his text from Matthew 28:18.

61. The vote totals from the election of vice president were announced as follows: Mason—494, Milam—637.

62. The prayer of benediction was led by Dennis Lunsford, First Baptist Church, Humboldt.

## **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**

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63. David Hyers, minister of music, Concord Baptist Church, Knoxville, led the Convention in singing “Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus” and “Blessed Be the Name.”

64. David Cochran, pastor, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Jackson, led the prayer of invocation.

65. Gerald Naylor, retired biology professor, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, brought the devotional from Exodus 33:11.

66. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was brought by Paul Peak, chairman. The report consisted of two motions:

- a. 1990 Convention Preacher: Robert J. Norman, Clearview Baptist Church, Franklin  
 Alternate Preacher: Ray Cleek, First Baptist Church, Lebanon  
 Music Coordinator: Julian Suggs, TBC, Brentwood  
 Motion carried.
- b. 1992 Convention: Gatlinburg Convention Center, November 17-19  
 1993 Convention: Nashville Convention Center, November 16-18  
 1994 Convention: Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, November 15-17.  
 Motion carried.

67. D. L. Lowrie brought Part II of the Convention Ministries Division departments reports:

- a. The Church-Ministers Information Department report was brought by J. William Harbin, director. See page 116.
- b. The Protection Plans Department report was brought by Vern Powers, director. See page 122.
- c. The Telecommunications Department report was brought by Jarvin Hearn, director. See page 125.
- d. The Partnership Missions Department report was brought by Clarence Stewart, director. See page 121.

68. The floor was declared open for nominations to the office of second vice president. Nominated were Thomas Gatton, pastor, Second Baptist Church, Knoxville, and Jack Prince, pastor, West Hills Baptist Church, Knoxville. The vote was taken by ballot. See item #75.

69. After having heard a couple of dubious motions, confusing directions from the Chair, and common consent, Wallace E. Anderson, Nashville, was re-elected to the offices of recording secretary and statistical secretary, and Pat Porter, Brentwood, was re-elected to the office of registration secretary.

70. Richard Holden brought his proposed bylaw amendments (see item #40). Motion to adopt failed.

71. Sam Watkins, Toone Baptist Church, moved "that the Tennessee Baptist Convention study the possibility of partnership missions with an Eastern bloc country now that those countries are being opened up." Motion, being seconded, carried.

72. The Committee on Boards report was presented by Thomas Gaines, chairman. Motion to adopt carried. See page 56.

73. The Committee on Committees report was presented by Paul Moody, chairman. Motion to adopt carried. See page 65.

74. Larry Parrott introduced a recommendation to amend the Constitution, and called Ken Altom, member, Long Range Planning Committee, to present it. Altom presented the proposed amendment to Article III. Purpose (first reading). Motion to adopt carried. See page 144.

75. Vote totals on the election of a second vice president were announced as follows: Gatton—318, Prince—438.

76. Dave Love, minister of music, Meridian Baptist Church, Knoxville, led the Convention in singing "Rejoice, The Lord Is King."

77. The Tennessee Baptist Schools report was brought by Cordell Maddox, president, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City. See pages 127-133.

78. Randy Sledge, pastor, Riverdale Baptist Chapel, Murfreesboro, pronounced the benediction.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING

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79. It was announced that 2,020 messengers had registered (unofficial count).

80. Presession music was provided by Carson-Newman College, under the direc-

tion of Eric Thorson, associate professor of music and director of choral activities.

81. Guy Milam, pastor, North Knoxville Baptist Church, Knoxville, offered the invocation.

82. Bill Rice, bivocational pastor, Fruitland Baptist Church, Humboldt, brought the devotional, using as a text Acts 20:17-28.

83. The Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes report was brought by J. L. Ford, executive director-treasurer. See page 141.

84. The *Baptist and Reflector* report was brought by Fletcher Allen, editor. See page 125.

85. D. L. Lowrie presented Part II of the Church Programs Division departments reports:

- a. The Church Administration report was brought by Johnny Hall, Church Training Department. See page 110.
- b. The Family Ministry report was brought by Don Mauldin, Church Training Department, TBC.
- c. The Church Media Library/Recreation report was brought by Eleanor Yarbrough, program associate, Church Administration Department. See page 103.
- d. The Woman's Missionary Union report was brought by Katharine Bryan, executive director-treasurer. See page 115.

86. Wendell Boertje, minister of music, Central Baptist Church (Bearden), Knoxville, led the Convention in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

87. Special music was provided by Central (Bearden) Church choir and brass, under the direction of Wendell Boertje.

88. D. L. Lowrie brought the message of the hour, using as a text Matthew 21:12-22.

89. Paul Veazey, director of denominational support, Union University, Jackson, pronounced the benediction.

## THURSDAY MORNING

### November 16, 1989

90. Bill Brewer, minister of music, Valley Grove Baptist Church, Knoxville, led the Convention in singing "I Love Thee," and "My Jesus, I Love Thee."

91. Joe Little, layman, First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, offered the prayer of invocation.

92. Jack Randles, retired army chaplain, Rogersville, brought the devotional, using as a text Hebrews 12:1-2.

93. The United Tennessee League report was brought by Wayman E. Jones, executive director. See page 150.

94. The Resolutions Committee report was brought by Robert Orr, chairman:

- a. Richard Cassidy, pastor, Henard's Chapel Baptist Church, Rogersville, brought the resolution on Legalized Gambling and moved its adoption. Motion carried. See page 152.
- b. Steven Jett, pastor, Stock Creek Baptist Church, Knoxville, brought the

- resolution on Alcohol and Public Policy and moved its approval. Marvin Nail, pastor, Whitsett Chapel Baptist Church, Nashville, moved to amend by substituting "under the legal drinking age" for "underaged drinkers" in the fifth paragraph. Motion carried. Vote on main motion as amended carried. See page 153.
- c. Howard Lee, Maplewood Baptist Church, Clarksville, brought the resolution on Restricting Smoking in Public Places and moved its adoption. Motion carried. See page 154.
- d. Joe Franklin, pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Humboldt, brought a resolution on Gratitude and moved its adoption. Motion carried. See page 154.
95. William Palmer, president, Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, moved that the 1989 TBC Journal be dedicated to Glenn Toomey, retiring director of missions, Nolachucky Association. Motion carried.
96. J. D. Rains, Waverly, moved to reconsider the resolution on alcohol. Motion failed. See item #102.
97. Glenn Herndon, representative, American Bible Society, brought a report.
98. D. L. Lowrie made presentations to the outgoing officers.
99. (a) President Metcalf presented the incoming president.  
 (b) Vice President Isaacs presented the incoming vice president.  
 (c) Second Vice President Creel presented the incoming second vice president.
100. Bill Brewer led the Convention in singing "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."
101. The Historical Committee report was brought by Paul Hall. Included in the report was the presentation of the Heritage Award by Glenn Toomey to Harold Gregory, retired director of missions, Nashville Association. See page 151.
102. Paul Durham, pastor, Radnor Baptist Church, Nashville, asked in behalf of J. D. Rains, Waverly, if Rains' wish to reconsider the resolution on alcohol could be granted. Parliamentarian Jimmy Stroud stated that since the motion to reconsider had failed, a further motion to reconsider would be out of order, but that Rains' desired wording of alcohol being a drug when used as a beverage could be granted by common consent. No objection was stated.
103. It was announced that messenger registration had broken the record.
104. The Tennessee Baptist Health Care Systems report was brought by Robert Chandler, president, The Baptist Health System of East Tennessee, Knoxville. See pages 134-139.
105. Lateral Harrelson, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Lenoir City, led the Convention in singing "He Keeps Me Singing," "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms," "Blessed Be the Name," and "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart."
106. Special music was provided by the Corryton Baptist Church choir, under the direction of Bill Davis.
107. Damon Patterson, pastor, Monroe Baptist Church, Monroe, Michigan, brought the message, using as a text Isaiah 54:16.
108. Basil Jones, pastor, Stoney Creek Baptist Church, Elizabethton, pronounced the benediction.

NOTE: Greetings from sister state conventions were received as follows:  
 Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Minnesota-Wisconsin, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania-South Jersey, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Wyoming.

**CONVENTION ATTENDANCE**

	<b>1984</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>Record</b>
Messengers . . .	1,738	1,500	1,794	1,725	1,884	2,028	1989—2,028
Visitors . . . . .	170	117	212	39	171	55	1958—1,312
Totals . . . . .	1,906	1,617	2,006	1,764	2,055	2,083	1958—2,588
Associations . . .	64	63	64	64	64	67	1977-8 — 67
Churches . . . . .	779	677	762	765	781	781	1988 — 781

Note: After duplications were eliminated, the above gives us the net attendance, as reported by the registration secretary.