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Editor

INDIANAPOLIS-New Southern Baptist Convention President Bobby Welch pledged to go to great lengths-literally-to encourage the SBC to baptize a million people each year.

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By Steve DeVane

North Carolina Biblical Recorder

INDIANAPOLIS—President Bush promised messengers at the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting he would “defend the sanctity of marriage against activist courts.”

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(Kentucky) Western Recorder

INDIANAPOLIS (ABP)-Paige Patterson's assessment of the American Baptist Churches USA's stand on homosexuality is "completely outrageous," declared ABC General Secretary Roy Medley.

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Paul Pressler and Paige Patterson were among those who reminisced during a "conservative resurgence reunion" the night before the start of the 2004 SBC annual meeting.

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INDIANAPOLIS (ABP)—An architect of the “conservative resurgence” in the Southern Baptist Convention acknowledged that in the heat of battle during the denominational controversy, he and his colleagues considered a proposal to split the six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries with moderates.

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By Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

INDIANAPOLIS (ABP)—Southern Baptists adopted resolutions lamenting America's “cultural drift ... toward secularization” and urging Christians to vote according to “biblical values,” but they stopped short of calling for a full-scale withdrawal from public schools.

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The Alabama Baptist

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Steve
Gaines,
pastor of
First
Baptist
Church of
Gardendale,
Ala.,
preached
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convention
sermon.

Convention preacher issues challenge to rebuild crumbling spiritual walls

By Lonnie Wilkey

Tennessee Baptist & Reflector

INDIANAPOLIS—Alabama pastor Steve Gaines challenged messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention to rebuild spiritual walls that have crumbled in the United States.

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INDIANAPOLIS-With "Jesus Came Preaching" as their theme, Southern Baptist leaders came preaching during the 2004 Pastors' Conference in Indianapolis.

Paige Patterson, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, reminded Southern Baptists that since the "conservative resurgence" began in 1979, the annual baptism numbers have not increased.

"And we have baptized mostly our own, many of them for the second time," he said. "Many of us are guilty of the infant baptism we used to criticize everyone else for."



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Missouri Word & Way

INDIANAPOLIS—Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting voted by a 2-1 margin to “respectfully request” that trustees of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary amend the school's charter, naming the Southern Baptist Convention as the seminary's “sole member.”

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Robert Anderson, president of the National African American Fellowship.
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By Karen L. Willoughby

Baptist Press

INDIANAPOLIS (BP)-African-American Christians need to stand against same-sex marriage, the president of the National African American Fellowship said.