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**By Marv Knox**

*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 **Marv Knox**

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INDIANAPOLIS-Bobby Welch, a Florida pastor known for his evangelistic zeal, won the first contested Southern Baptist Convention presidential election in a decade.

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satellite  
message  
from  
President  
Bush with  
sustained  
applause  
and  
repeated  
ovations.

## **Bush assures Southern Baptists he will defend traditional view of marriage**

**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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**By Trennis Henderson**

*(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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<p>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.</p>	

## 'Conservative resurgence' leaders swap 25 years worth of war stories

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*North Carolina Biblical Recorder*

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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# **SBC turns down appeal for full-scale public school exodus\_62804**

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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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## **Battle for the Bible won; time**

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## **Battle for the Bible won; time for SBC to return to normal, Chapman says**

**By Trennis Henderson**

*Kentucky Western Recorder*

INDIANAPOLIS—Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Southern Baptist Convention's "conservative resurgence," Morris Chapman declared, "The crusade phase of the conservative resurgence has passed."

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## **Southern Baptist Convention rejects name change proposal\_62804**

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**By Jennifer Davis Rash**

*The Alabama Baptist*

INDIANAPOLIS-Southern Baptists will remain Southern Baptists.

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## **Convention preacher issues challenge to rebuild crumbling spiritual walls\_62804**

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Steve  
Gaines,  
pastor of  
First  
Baptist  
Church of  
Gardendale,  
Ala.,  
preached  
the  
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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# Convention asks New Orleans Seminary to make the SBC its sole member\_62804

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## Convention asks New Orleans Seminary to make the SBC its sole member

**By Bill Webb**

*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.