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By Marv Knox

Editor

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The Southern Baptist Convention has secured its ties to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, concluding years of wrangling over the convention's legal relationship with the school.

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Newly elected officers of the Southern Baptist Convention are, front row from left, Jerry Sutton, pastor of Two Rivers Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn., first vice president; Bobby Welch, pastor of First Baptist Church in Daytona Beach, Fla., re-elected president; Roy Fish, evangelism professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, second vice president; and, back row from left, Jim Wells, director of missions for the Tri-County Baptist Association, Ozark, Mo., re-elected registration secretary; and John Yeats, editor of the Oklahoma Messenger, re-elected recording secretary. (Photo by Matt Miller/BP)

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By Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (ABP)-Southern Baptists aren't lagging behind in evangelism due to all the attention they give to issues of public morality, Bobby Welch told reporters after his re-election as Southern Baptist Convention president. Instead, a lack of effort and "unity of purpose" keeps Southern Baptists from realizing their evangelistic potential.

Pastors' conference explores what makes a 'man of God'_62705

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NASHVILLE, Tenn.- Vision, valor, vigilance, vitality and victory are the five components of a man of God's ministry, Adrian Rogers told those

attending the Southern Baptist Convention Pastors' Conference.

“We have so many preachers today who are living lives of quiet desperation, drawing their breath, drawing their salary and waiting for retirement,” said Rogers, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova, Tenn. “They need to get a fresh vision of Almighty God. Never has there been a day, an age or an opportunity to preach the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ like there is today.”

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Rogers headlined the two-day Pastors' Conference in Nashville, wrapping

up the conference after 10 other speakers. Steve Gaines, pastor of Gardendale's First Baptist Church in Gardendale, Ala., and president of the Pastors' Conference, led a time of prayer for Rogers, who is fighting cancer.

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God wants 'deep-water disciples,' Welch tells convention

By David Winfrey

Kentucky Western Recorder

NASHVILLE, Tenn.-Southern Baptists can win and baptize 1 million people if they will be "deep-water disciples," leaving the safety of the shore to take risks and share Jesus with others, SBC President Bobby Welch told messengers at the convention's annual meeting.

WMU focuses attention on passion for God's mission_62705

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NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Passion for God's mission filled 1,400 Baptist women gathered at First Baptist Church of Nashville, Tenn., for the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, June 19-20.

With a theme of "Pass on the Passion," WMU members heard testimonies and challenges from missionaries, agency heads and WMU leaders during the two-day meeting.

Arkansas missionary Diana Lewis shared her passion for those who live in poverty and for matching people in the pews with mission opportunities in their own back yards.

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Kentucky Western Recorder

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (ABP)-Southern Baptist Convention messengers voted "to hold accountable schools, institutions and industries for their moral influence on our children."

Church receives special blessing_62705

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Church receives special blessing

By George Henson

Staff Writer

DUNCANVILLE-First Baptist Church in Duncanville considers its Special Friends Sunday school class a special blessing, Pastor Keith Brister said.

CBF considers criteria for partner schools_62705

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CBF considers criteria for partner schools

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

Leaders at theological schools that have received financial support from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship generally agree the Fellowship needed to reconsider how it relates to “partner” institutions.

Crossover events provide 'snapshot of heaven'_62705

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Dozens of
FAITH
Riders —
Christian
motorcyclists
from several
states —
rode up
Broadway in
downtown
Nashville in
conjunction
with the
Crossover
evangelistic
outreach
preceding
this year's
June 21-22
Southern
Baptist
Convention
annual
meeting in
Nashville,
Tenn. (Photo
by Bob
Carey)

Crossover events provide 'snapshot of heaven'

By Lee Weeks

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—For Tim Hill, the view at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds could be described in one word—heavenly.

Kenneth Taylor, Living Bible publisher, dies_62705

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WHEATON, Ill. (ABP)—Kenneth Taylor, whose Living Bible made Scripture understandable for millions of people, died June 10 at the age of 88 at his home in Wheaton, Ill.

Taylor based his Living Bible paraphrase, first published in 1971, on existing English Bible translations. But by recasting complex verses and terminology in easy English, he made the Bible accessible to a new and

larger audience. Over 40 million copies of the Living Bible have since been sold in North America, and it is available in over 100 languages.

Getting a Bible paraphrase published was no easy task. In fact, every publishing company Taylor approached rejected it. So Tyndale House Publishers was founded, eventually becoming the leading publisher of Christian books. The profits made from the publication of the Living Bible were donated to the Tyndale House Foundation trust fund, which supports mission projects.

Land says ERLC will keep helping Americans 'vote values' _62705

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By Lisa Watson

Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine

NASHVILLE—Southern Baptists and the Ethics & Religious Liberties Commission are part of a movement for faith-based citizens to vote their

values, said commission President Richard Land.

Draper reflects on tenure, says progress made in input from young pastors_62705

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Draper reflects on tenure, says progress made in input from young pastors

By Brian Blackwell

Louisiana Baptist Message

NASHVILLE—Jimmy Draper admits he's no action hero. But Draper, who is scheduled to retire in February from his post as president of LifeWay Christian Resources, said the past 14 years has been a great adventure indeed.