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TAR HEEL BAPTISTS were prominent on the platform during the Convention and auxiliary meetings. Here Carl Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, speaks to the Pastors' Conference on "Is There Any Word From the Lord?"

Adopts \$24.2 Million Budget . . .

Convention Charts Harmonious Course, Launches Hemisphere-Wide Crusade

By ROY JENNINGS

DETROIT - Steering clear of major controversy, messengers to the 109th Southern Baptist Convention answered calls for Christian concern and involvement by adopt ing a record \$24.2 million budget and pledging themselves to giant evangelistic crusade.

During the four-day meeting they spoke out in eight resolutions rang. ing from religious liberty to Viet

However, they declined to consider a name change, censor a Bap. tist preacher for dancing, or exclude messengers on doctrinal grounds.

The messengers chose H. Frank. lin Paschall, pastor of First Baptist

Church of Nashville, Tenn., as their next president. His aides included Fred Hubbs of Detroit, executive secretary of the State Baptist Convention of Michigan, first vice president, and Howard Aultman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Columbia, Miss., second vice presi-

A TOTAL OF 10,652 MESSENG-ERS registered, making the convention here the 12th largest since the meetings began in 1845. Largest convention was in 1965 when 16,053 registered in Dallas, Tex.

The Southern Baptist Convention, largest Protestant group in the Inited States with 10.7 million members, will meet May 30-June 1967 in Miami Beach, Fla.

Challenging Southern Baptists to respond to need with action were h leading personalities as outoing President Wayne Dehoney; going Swilley, pastor of Secondponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga.; Governor Carl Sand-Atlanta of Georgia, and Paschall.

Reviewing his travels which extended more than 200,000 miles and tendo 28 countries of the world during a two-year period, President pehoney said Southern Baptists have the money and qualifications still must make a Christian ommitment.

SWILLEY EXPANDED the heme of Christian concern by urgog Southern Baptists to address hemselves to the explosive isues of this generation.

He identified them as social in-

request of the Executive Commit-

volved for Christ, can expect it to cost something, he warned.

Governor Sanders called on the messengers to make religion the chief business in their life.

"I belive that spiritual unity can only be achieved when each of us is able to transcend the petty, minute disputes which prevent us from knowing the spirituality that Christ brought."

IN HIS FIRST ADDRESS to Southern Baptists following his election, President Paschall said Christians need to permeate business, labor unions, high-rise apartments and academic communities to show they really care about other people.

The call to participate in a hemispheric crusade in 1969 was sounded by Herschel H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Robert Porras Maynes of Mexico City,

Hobbs, listed six reasons why Southern Baptists needed to participate in the Crusade of the Ameri-

Southern Baptist churches need it, and the moral tone of the nation demands it. Hobbs said. He predicted the evangelistic effort would cause more of Southern Baptists' youth to offer their lives as missionaries.

Hobbs is pastor of Oklahoma City's First Baptist Church and a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

THE BIG BUDGET, approved by the messengers was \$2.4 million above the 1966 figure. It included \$11.780,300 for foreign missions.

The messengers also granted the

tee more time to consider the question of changing the name of the Southern Baptist Convention. The term "Southern" isn't accurate, supporters for a name change con-

Day Care Continues In Summer

Day care for children ages 3-6 will continue at the Child Development Center at Mills Home in Thomasville during the summer.

The Child Development Center opened last September to serve as a demonstration project for churches planning to go into the program of day care for children.

Churches can make a contribution toward stable family life by providing wholesome day care for any child whose family situation makes day care desirable, said Mrs. W. R. Wagoner, director of the Child Development Center.

The Center provides a half-day kindergarten - nursery education program during the school term in addition to the year-round day care. A total of 24 children have been enrolled during the first year of operation.

An enlarged staff will greet children who enroll in the fall program. Mrs. Wagoner will continue as director, Mrs. Charles Lee will return as kindergarten teacher and Mrs. Don Watson, assistant teacher. New to the faculty will be Mrs. Roger Williams, kindergarten teacher, and a nursery school teacher yet to be announced.

SBC Resolutions . . .

Religious Liberty, Urban Challenge Cited

Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention adopted resolutions on matters such as religious liberty and the urban challenge while rejecting proposed statements on Communist China and the actions of Baptist leaders.

Through the resolution on religious liberty, the Convention urged its agencies to refrain from seeking public funds for the advancement of sectarian causes. Public agencies were urged to safeguard against the use of public funds in sectarian causes.

A resolution was adopted which said Baptists plan to put their best efforts into an effective witness to

a resolution calling for renewed prayers for peace, American troops in Viet Nam and for leaders of both factions in the current conflict.

The Convention committee on resolutions declined to report on a proposed resolution urging resistance to seating "Red" China in the United Nations and calling for support of Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai Shek's Nationalist Chi-

"The resolution is too close to an effort to direct foreign policy, which is not our prerogative," said Franklin Owen, chairman of the resolutions committee.

Hugo T. Lindquist, moved that the Convention "go on record as being opposed to any action by a South ern Baptist leader or preacher that disgraces or brings dishonor to the work and name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Moyers was photographed earlier dancing at a Washington party Other key resolutions

-Commended the Fellowship Christian Athletes for its effective Christian witness

-Called on Southern Baptists to join in observance of the 150th An niversary of the American Bible Society and

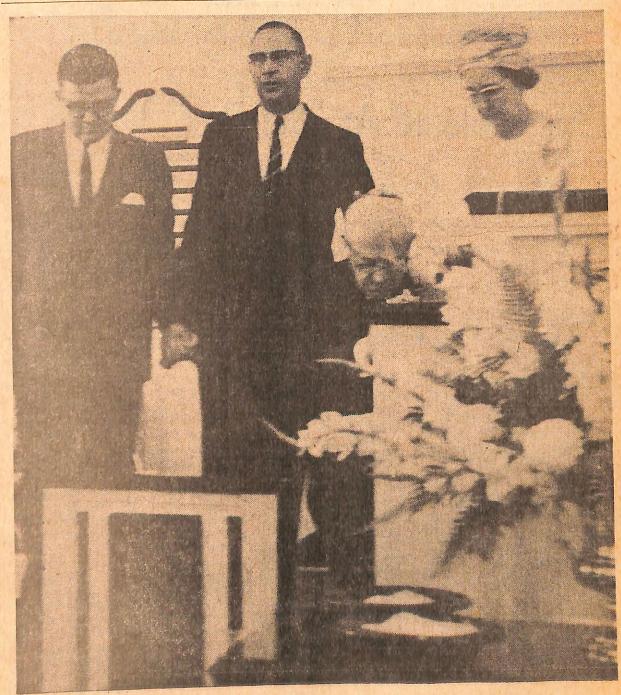
justice, racial prejudice, immorality, liquor traffic and gambling.

Christians who decide to get in-

should try," he added. We thought it was funny at first but as we went along it got pretty serious.

He also said that "the fast made me tired and difficult to get along Winston-Salem
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FORREST FEEZOR HONORED— Jersey Baptist Church near Lexington honored Dr. Forrest Feezor (kneeling) on the 50th anniversary of his ordination. At the close of the service the former executive secretary of Texas Baptists asked to be reordained by his home church. With him here are (L. to R.) Bill Adams, pastor of the Jersey Church, Dr. Garland Hendricks of Southeastern Seminary and Mrs. Feezor. Big Big

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