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Knight's dream becomes reality

Baptist news journal to celebrate 25 years, honor founding editor

DECATUR, Ga. — Next month marks the 25th anniversary of the national news journal *Baptists Today*. The first issue, dated April 1983 and then called *SBC Today*, was produced under the capable guidance of veteran journalist Walker L. Knight.

On April 3, 2008, friends and supporters will gather in Atlanta to mark the publication's milestone and to pay tribute to the founding editor who made great personal sacrifices to launch the uniquely autonomous Baptist news journal.

Knight, now 84, lives in Decatur, Ga., and remains active in Oakhurst Baptist Church where the publication was started. He has been a key leader in the innovative congregation, known for its commitment to social justice, since joining in 1959.

To understand and appreciate the lifelong commitments of Walker Knight, who set a new standard for Baptist journalists, requires a trip back through his personal journey.

Walker's father deserted his family. But before his painful departure, he exposed young Walker, the oldest of nine children, to the hectic pace of the newsroom where his father was managing editor of the *Henderson Gleaner-Journal* in Kentucky.

Even his name, Walker Lee, came from the paper's publisher and business manager. When World War II pulled away needed staff, Walker became a teenaged reporter by day while finishing high school at night.

"It was hard working for your daddy," he recalled recently.

In 1943, after completing high school and the year after his father disappeared, Walker joined the Army and edited an Air Corp weekly in Tyler, Texas, before serving in China as a radio operator.

With his military service complete, Walker headed to Baylor University where he earned a journalism degree followed by a stint as editor of a county newspaper in Marlin, Texas.

In 1950, he was called as associate editor of the Texas newspaper, *Baptist Standard*. His dual callings to journalism and ministry



were meshed.

Even now, Walker vividly remembers as a youth hearing Oscar Johnson speak at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly on Jesus' beatitude, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness." Johnson said it meant to "see things set right," Walker recalled.

"I think that has characterized my ministry," said Walker. "Trying to set things right."

That perspective remained with Walker throughout his many years as a Christian journalist. At the *Standard*, he served first with editor David Gardner and then E.S. James, a father figure known to tackle the tough issues of his day.

"E.S. James changed Baptist newspapers," Walker recalled. "My idea of being an editor was shaped by him."

In 1959, Walker moved to Atlanta to work with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board where he became the editor of the popular and oft-times controversial magazine, *Home Missions*.

Walker told the mission stories in the social context needed for proper understand-

ing. He addressed, head-on, issues such as the struggle for racial and gender equality, the Jesus Movement and changing attitudes about human sexuality. He even wrote an article asking if Native Americans should trust white Baptist missionaries.

"We frankly dealt with most subjects," Walker recalled.

To provide a more personal and emotional connection, Walker hired talented photographer Don Rutledge and gifted writers like Dallas Lee to enhance the magazine's appeal. College students in particular were drawn to the relevant and challenging publication.

Not every Southern Baptist, however, was pleased. Attempts to censor Walker or tame his journalistic instincts were met with the strong defense of HMB President Arthur Rutledge, who repeatedly stated: "Walker is a man of integrity and should be trusted as editor."

That same support did not continue, Walker noted, when Bill Tanner became HMB president in 1977.

"He kept calling me into his office," Walker recalled. He would hold up the latest edition of the magazine and ask, "What does this have to do with home missions?"

Walker's answer was that mission stories could only be understood properly in their social context. But he knew his explanations were unconvincing.

Over the next few years, Walker remembers having casual conversations with other Baptist journalists about the need for a truly autonomous news journal unrestricted by geography, narrow topics and heavy-handed denominational executives. It grew into a dream for him.

In late 1982, a group of ministers concerned about the redirection of the Southern Baptist Convention sent Larry McSwain from Louisville, Ky., to hear Walker's dream for a new publication. Any new initiative, Walker told him, would have to be three things: autonomous, national and Baptist.

When news of the conversation leaked out and the group of ministers agreed to raise some funds, Walker announced that he

WMU-NC settles on new Raleigh site

By Tony W. Cartledge

RALEIGH — Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina (WMU-NC) will soon move into an office building on the north side of Raleigh, a symbolic step in a critical transition year for the organization.

Beginning Jan. 1, all WMU-NC employees were no longer employed through the Baptist State Convention (BSC) payroll system and receiving BSC-paid benefits and fleet cars, but relying entirely on supporters to provide an annual budget of \$1.2 million.

In February, the organization resurrected the "Heck-Jones Offering" it relied on before agreeing to fold it into a combined North Carolina Missions Offering three decades ago. The BSC voted in November to remove WMU-NC from the statewide offering.

Individuals and churches have contributed well during the past several months, said executive director Ruby Fulbright, noting that WMU began and survived for many years on "butter and egg" money and can do it again.

WMU-NC's new office suite is in the Northside Center at 1200 Front Street, just inside Interstate 440 between Wake Forest



Road and Atlantic Avenue. A Baptist layman is making the space available at a reduced cost, while other donors have offered to assist with rent and moving expenses. Fulbright hopes the move will take place before the end of March.

More is changing than WMU-NC's address, however. In addition to its traditional promotion of missions offerings and missions education along with summer camps, Christian Women's/Men's Job Corps, and ministries to female inmates, WMU-NC is embarking on new ventures.

WMU-NC will sponsor mission trips, "led by women, for women, to women," in the coming year, Fulbright said. The trips will be officially launched at WMU-NC's annual Missions Extravaganza at Ridgecrest, April 4-6.

WMU-NC is also planning a new

ministry to military wives and children, and a program to increase awareness of poverty in the state, Fulbright said.

Another major venture is a new "Christian Women's Leadership Network" that will focus on "helping women who may or may not already be involved in WMU to discover their God-given gifts and use them in missions and ministry," according to a press release. Some pilot programs are already in place.

The Christian Women's Leadership Network will begin with a four-fold focus, targeting professional women, young women (ages 18-29), established WMU leaders, and partnerships with institutions of higher learning.

WMU's history of praying for missions, promoting missions, and raising money for missions has made an important difference in the past, Fulbright said, and the organization plans to have an even greater impact in the future.

"WMU has made a difference in the world as we have stirred the larger body of believers to 'go and tell,'" Fulbright said. "That commitment, that passion, is still ours." **BT**

Mission money migrating in North Carolina

By Tony W. Cartledge

As mission giving to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSC) declined during 2007, gifts channeled through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina (CBFNC) skyrocketed.

The BSC finished 2007 with a \$1.55 million shortfall, just over 4 percent shy of its \$37.8 million budget. Despite clear indicators in November that funding would come up short, messengers approved a budget increase of more than three percent for 2008, to \$39 million.

A decline in funding from moderate churches contributed significantly to the income deficit. Giving to BSC plans typically favored by more conservative churches failed to make up the difference. However, BSC business services leader John Butler said that careful management of finances enabled the BSC to finish the year

in the black.

While BSC funding through channels traditionally favored by moderates was down more than \$750,000 — about half of the total BSC shortfall — giving through the CBFNC Mission Resource Plan (MRP) increased 266 percent, from \$212,000 in 2006 to \$775,000 in 2007.

Contributions to the MRP came from 52 churches, said CBFNC coordinator Larry Hovis, most of which began contributing through the plan at some point in 2007.

Half of MRP income is designated for CBFNC (30 percent) and CBF National (20 percent), while 30 percent goes to N.C. Baptist institutions of higher education and to theological education. Smaller percentages are channeled to WMU-NC, N.C. Baptist Men, BSC-related social service agencies, and to both state and national "identity partners" such as the Baptist

World Alliance and the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty.

In addition to the MRP giving channel, direct gifts to CBFNC were up 18.1 percent for the first nine months of the fiscal year, which begins in April. More than 300 North Carolina churches contribute to CBF national and/or CBFNC, Hovis said.

CBFNC instituted the giving plan at the request of interested churches in 2004, but did not actively promote it until 2006. Hovis said he expects to see continued financial growth in 2008 and beyond.

"I am extremely pleased that churches have exhibited such a high level of trust in CBFNC, as evidenced by their increased financial support," Hovis said. "Because of this significant growth in contributions, we are able to expand our basic ministries, establish new ministries and provide a higher level of support for our ministry partners." **BT**

AN ANALYSIS: PART ONE

The changing face of the Baptist State Convention

(Editor's note: This is the first of a three-part series on changes impacting the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in recent decades.)

Many Baptists in North Carolina are struggling to get a handle on the seismic shifts in denominational life during the past three decades.

Pastors and other church leaders who keep up with denominational news are fairly well informed about contemporary issues, but sometimes at a loss when it comes to communicating concerns to the congregation.

On multiple occasions churches have asked me to meet with denominational relations committees or to speak to larger groups about changes that have taken place in the Baptist State Convention (BSC). Many moderate-leaning congregations are struggling to interpret how those changes could or should impact decisions they make in terms of relationships with the larger Baptist family.

This article begins a series of reflections in which I will attempt to explain, not so much “where have all the moderates gone,” but *why* many moderate Baptists have become decidedly less enthusiastic about supporting today's BSC.

The 1980s

Coming into the 1980s, the BSC was enjoying a time of growth. The 1960s and 1970s were good years for Baptists across the country, and North Carolina was no exception.

SBC controversies over two books that were criticized for being too liberal were harbingers of troubles to come, but the denominational waters were relatively smooth in the Tar Heel state, where the BSC was growing, ministries were expanding and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (SEBTS) was blossoming.

During the 1980s, the BSC elected presidents who were both moderate and conservative. Veteran state missionary Roy Smith succeeded Cecil Ray as executive secretary in 1983, and the BSC developed a reputation as one of the most progressive and forward-looking state conventions.

Sarah Ann Hobbs, former executive director of Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina (WMU-NC), was named director of the missions division for the BSC,

the first and last woman to serve as head of a BSC division (the equivalent position today is “executive leader” of a group), and the only woman in the SBC to serve in a comparable position.

The youth and campus ministry department also enjoyed a national reputation with comprehensive programs and progressive leadership in the central offices as well as on campuses across the state.

When the national strategy to turn the SBC to a more conservative course first took hold in 1979, Tar Heel Baptists took notice. An ad hoc group of pastors and others concerned about the SBC's new direction met twice in 1986 (at Meredith College in Raleigh and Providence Baptist in Charlotte) to discuss “forming an alliance of individuals and congregations that would reaffirm historic Baptist principles of freedom and assess future organizational prospects.”

Two additional meetings were held in early 1987, and the “Southern Baptist Alliance” held its first annual convocation at Meredith College May 14-15 of that year. Henry Crouch, pastor of Providence Baptist in Charlotte, was elected as the first president and Myers Park Baptist in Charlotte donated office space for the fledgling organization's use.

Alan Neely of SEBTS was named acting executive director in 1988 and served for a year. In 1992, the organization changed its name to “the Alliance of Baptists,” further distancing itself from the SBC.

With an eye toward trustee turnovers and changing fortunes at SBC seminaries, Wake Forest University sought the freedom to appoint its own trustees. Despite heavy debate, BSC messengers approved the move.

The school, founded in 1834 as one of the young Convention's first projects, shifted to a “fraternal” relationship with the BSC. The Convention would later change its governing documents to describe the relationship as “historic” rather than fraternal.

The sea change in the SBC had its first major impact in North Carolina when strongly conservative appointees gained a majority on the board of Southeastern Baptist

Theological Seminary in Wake Forest. SEBTS had developed a reputation as one of the more progressive Southern Baptist seminaries, a place where women were affirmed both as ministers and as faculty members.

The new trustee majority wanted to shift the school to a decidedly more conservative trajectory, and president Randall Lolley resigned in 1987, saying that he could not continue to lead the school without being guilty of insubordination for refusing to carry out the new mandate.

The changes at Southeastern sent shock waves through much of the state where many pastors and church staff members were Southeastern alumni. Many wore yellow ribbons as a sign of support for Lolley.

Students protested on campus. Lewis Drummond, an evangelism professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was elected president and served in a caretaker role until 1992, when Paige Patterson began a 10-year quest to completely reshape the school.

1990-1995

While Patterson's reign at Southeastern reflected an inexorable swing to doctrinal fundamentalism on the national scene, BSC supporters sought ways to continue making room for both conservatives and moderates.

In 1990, to accommodate BSC churches that felt increasingly disenfranchised by the rightward-marching SBC, messengers approved an “Optional” giving plan by which churches could choose to send less money to the SBC. In 1991, the optional plan forwarded about 20 percent of BSC contributions to the SBC, rather than 35 percent, as in the basic budget.

As the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) got under way in the early 1990s, Baptists from North Carolina were in the forefront of the movement. Many saw CBF as an attractive alternative to the growing stridency of the SBC and the more liberal approach of the Alliance, and wanted to support it.

From the earliest CBF gatherings onward, the North Carolina delegation was one of the largest on hand.

Supporters wanted a way to support CBF while also remaining fully engaged in BSC life, and in 1994 BSC messengers approved a third giving plan designed toward that end. The Convention's original plan was renamed "Plan A." The earlier "Optional Plan" was renamed "Plan B," and the amount sent to the SBC was lowered to 10 percent.

A new "Plan C" was approved that would forward 10 percent to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and nothing to the SBC. In both Plan B and Plan C, some of the difference was directed toward special mission projects and causes typically favored by moderates.

The optional giving plans played a major role in promoting unity within the BSC, despite its obvious diversity. There was, however, a limit to the level of diversity judged to be acceptable.

In a 1992 move that would presage later conflicts, the BSC's General Board approved a financial policy requiring the Convention to decline financial contributions from churches that accepted or endorsed homosexuals, effectively excluding such churches from membership. Pullen Memorial in Raleigh and Binkley Memorial in Chapel Hill were the first to be forced out, and Wake Forest Baptist Church in Winston-Salem left voluntarily over

the same issue.

When the policy was approved, the General Board had a clear moderate majority, but was under considerable pressure from outraged conservatives. Although few moderates were comfortable with the idea of ordaining homosexuals or performing "union" services for gay or lesbian couples, many believed the new policy violated traditional Baptist principles of church autonomy and soul competency.

It became clear that the rising tide of conservatism was washing through the Tar Heel state, eroding cherished Baptist tenets and making the BSC a less inclusive organization.

While BSC folk worked in a variety of ways to maintain strong bonds of fellowship and cooperation, patterns pioneered in the SBC began to emerge. The pastor's conference, held prior to the annual convention, took on an increasingly conservative flavor and served as a rallying point for promoting political candidates.

More obviously, both moderates and conservatives began to put forward candidates for BSC president as point people for a point of view, as opposed to the older consensus model of electing presidents as a way of honoring them for past service to the Convention.

SBC strategists had shown that the committee-appointing responsibilities that go with the position could be used to advance an agenda rather than just maintaining the status quo, and North Carolina Baptists were well aware.

Moderates held the office for the first half of the decade, but in 1995 conservatives broke through with the election of Greg Mathis, a Hendersonville pastor and teacher at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. Mathis' election began a string of conservative victories that remains unbroken.

The likeable Mathis won in part because he pledged to work with Baptists across the spectrum and to make balanced appointments. Mathis delivered on his promise, proved to be a popular president, was re-elected, and quickly became the most recognizable face on the conservative side of the aisle.

Most candidates who have followed him have made the same promises, but the vision of balance Mathis promoted has since gone by the wayside, leaving many moderates with a distinct "out of pocket" feeling.

In our next installment, we will consider more about efforts to keep the family together, and examine why they ultimately failed. **BT**

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