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Four Georgia Baptist pastors and two Georgia Baptist musical groups will appear on the program of Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, June 12-13 in Pittsburgh.

Fred W. Wolfe, former pastor of Woodlawn church in Decatur, is current president of SBC Pastors' Conference. He is pastor of Cottage Hill church in Mobile and announced the Pittsburgh program features last month.

Charles F. Stanley, pastor of Atlanta First church, brings Sunday night's closing message. Ron Long, pastor of Glenwood Hills church in Decatur, preaches Monday morning.

Joey Hancock, pastor of Ash Street church in Forest Park, leads prayer Monday morning. Richard Lee, pastor of Rehoboth church in Tucker, leads prayer Monday afternoon.

"New Song," a musical group from Northside church in Valdosta, will sing Monday morning and afternoon. The adult choir of Eastside church in Marietta sings Monday night, jointly with choirs from Cottage

Hill church in Mobile and First church in Kenner, La.

Dr. Wolfe said an unusual feature of this year's pastors' conference will be a "walk through the park" by Arthur Blessitt, California evangelist who gained fame carrying a cross across America and Europe.

Mr. Blessitt will walk through Point Park in Pittsburgh Sunday afternoon, winding up at the civic arena where the pastors will meet.

Dr. Wolfe said an art festival will be going on in the park. He hopes many will be attracted by Mr. Blessitt's cross and his message.

Of 14 persons who will speak, 10 have not spoken to SBC Pastors' Conference before. "I believe it encourages pastors of smaller churches to be able to speak," Dr. Wolfe said.

He added: "I believe it will be a positive conference. We have no axes to grind; we'll just be trying to build a positive spirit going into the convention."

In addition to Dr. Stanley and Mr. Blessitt, the group will hear Adrian Rogers of Memphis and Stephen Ojford of Florida, who have spoken before.

The 10 speakers making their first appearance, in addition to Dr. Long of Lithonia, include evangelists Mark Stone of

Virginia Beach, Va.; and Mike Gilchrist of Shreveport; Jimmy Draper of Eules, Texas, and former missionary to Argentina Charles Champbell.

These pastors will speak: Fred Lowery of Spartanburg, S.C.; Morris Chapman of Wichita Falls, Texas; Jim Hylton of Ft. Worth, Texas; Ron Herrod of Kenner, La.; Len Turner of Merritt Island, Fla.; and E.V. Hill of Los Angeles.



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Ministerial Moves

DON E. UPP is returning to Georgia June 1 as associate pastor/minister of music at Redan First church in Stone Mountain. He has been at North Dayton church in Dayton, Ohio, since 1980.



Mr. Upp

Earlier, Mr. Upp was minister of music and education at Glenwood Hills church in Lithonia. He also served churches in Kentucky, Arkansas and Ohio. He is from Indiana, graduate of Georgetown College and Southern seminary. He and Mrs. Upp have two children.

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ville will begin three Sunday School sessions per Sunday in August.

Mrs. Sarah Dowis resigned as financial secretary at Pinehurst church in Columbus after seven years' service.

Mrs. Arlie Cornelius is director of childhood education and Christian training at Taliaferro church in Savannah.

Eastern Heights church in Statesboro approved construction of a new educational building and clearing of land for parking and other needs.

Victor A. Smith is minister of music and youth at Callaway First church in Panama City, Fla. He previously was music and youth director at Jakin church. He is a graduate of Baptist Bible Institute, and he and his wife, Sheila, are Alabama natives.

Concord church at Temple paved its parking lot.

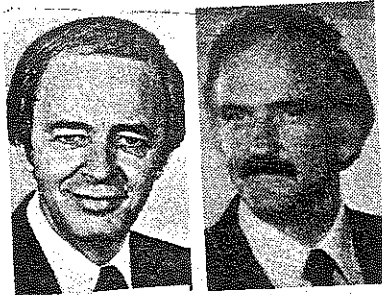
Loganville church reported 38 professions of faith during special services led by Felix Snipes.

Sheri Conley, Beverly Minor and Randy Rhodes are summer interns at Smyrna First church.

Jerry L. Scruggs of Atlanta was named "alumnus of the year" by Midwestern seminary. He is director of SBC Home Mission Board's Department of Human Resources Development.

He was one of three people honored by the seminary at Pittsburgh's annual meeting. G-115

George Wylong noted his fifth year as assistant to the pastor at Glenwood Hills church in Lithonia.



TWO GEORGIA pastors will speak to Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, June 12-13 in Pittsburgh. Charles Stanley (l), pastor of Atlanta First church, speaks Sunday night. Ron Long (r), pastor of Glenwood Hills church in Lithonia speaks Monday morning.

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Choirs To Present Easter Pageant At Glenwood Hills

A pageant presentation of the life of Christ will be presented at 9 and 11 a.m. on Easter Sunday, March 26, at Glenwood Hills Baptist Church.

Members of the adult and youth choirs and orchestra will present the pageant.

No Sunday School will be held that day.

The public is invited to attend the services at 6440 Rock Springs Road, Lithonia. For more information, telephone 4482-1445.

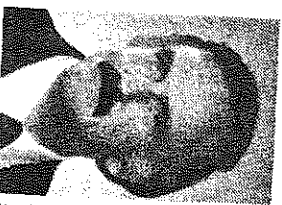
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**Two Georgia Pastors
Preach In Pittsburgh**

By Jack U. Harwell, Editor

We are 'indwelt' by the Holy Spirit, who is our power. Herein lies the source of our power .. Christ within us....

"Sitting before the Lord in the spirit of humility, surrender, dependence and faith, visualizing the task before us as completed by the power of the Holy Spirit within us .. the assurance comes. In the hour of service, when it is needed, the power will flow by Him, through us for His glory."

"THE POWER of Preaching" was theme of Dr. Long's message Monday in Pittsburgh.



He said: "Every great movement and every great moment in the church has emphasized the power of preaching. This principle is seen at Pentecost...."

Dr. Long stated, "Christian preaching was born in the middle of tension and controversy.... Preachers of the New Testament knew what it meant to be imprisoned...scourged, stoned, laughed at and even martyred because they preached...."

"Today, proclamation of the gospel has been replaced by discussion groups, sensitivity sessions, renewal of liturgy and awareness groups.... Their advocates have been so successful in efforts to downgrade preaching, some preachers now dread preaching."

THE LITHONIA pastor admonished tellow SBC pastors: "You must stand with the full understanding that it does not matter what a church does if God has called you to preach. That calling does not rest in hands of some unsaved or carnal church members. It is a calling from a much higher authority."

Dr. Long charged that "decline of life in churches throughout history has always matched the decline of expository preaching.... If you want to stand in a mighty fortress, preacher, then stand as the God-called man of God, preaching the content of the whole Word of God."

HE ADDED: "There are those today that claim that God is silent, that He's not speaking. God has already spoken, and every word that will ever need to be said has already been said. He put it in a book, and that book is the Bible.

"God has commissioned His men to be mighty preachers of the Word of God, to preach in the power of the Word of God, and the content of our preaching is to be His word."
Dr. Stanley was also to present the SBC committee on boards report in Pittsburgh.

SBC .. Two Georgia Baptist pastors .. Charles F. Stanley of Atlanta and Ron B. Long of Lithonia .. were scheduled to bring addresses to Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference in Pittsburgh this week.

Dr. Stanley, pastor of Atlanta First church, was slated to bring the principal message Sunday night. Dr. Long, pastor of Glenwood Hills church at Lithonia, was to preach Monday.

"The Priority of the Servant of God" was title of Dr. Stanley's prepared message. It came from II Samuel 7, the key verse being verse 18: "Then David the King went in and sat before the Lord."



Dr. Stanley framed his message around three groupings: recommendations, requirements and rewards.

"ON THE surface," he stated, "it may appear that the ministry is not only a call from God to service, but a battle for personal survival. That will be the case unless the vital issue of priorities is settled, not merely by the calendar, but by commitment."

He added: "The priority of the servant of God is his relationship to Jesus Christ, never his service for Him. When the relationship is right, the service will be satisfying both to Christ and His servant."

DR. STANLEY said there are four recommendations found in David's pattern of sitting before the Lord: "review the past, reflect on God...recall His promises...and...request the desires of your heart...."

He listed five "requirements" for maintaining priorities for ministers: "segment of time...stillness...seclusion...silence...and...submission...."

Dr. Stanley said "sitting before the Lord...means warfare. Satan will initiate every pressure possible to persuade you that if you want to be a success in your ministry, you do not have time in your busy schedule to 'just sit before the Lord.' It's just another one of his deceptions."

HE ADDED: "Only the submissive spirit will listen to the Lord.... A submissive spirit is the key to properly-placed priorities. It implies that we are available for Him to do the arranging."

In his last major section, Dr. Stanley listed eight "rewards" of sitting before the Lord: "perspective changes...pressures dissipate...peace prevails...positive attitude...personal intimacy...purifying process...passion to obey...and...power to serve."

Dr. Stanley said in his concluding remarks: "God does not give power apart from Himself."
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