

STRENGTHENING THE SMALL CHURCH

November 19-21, 1987

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Louisville, Kentucky



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Because of our commitment to the local church, the Dehoney Center is sponsoring a "National Conference on Small Churches." The theme of this year's conference is "Strengthening the Small Church." If you are a minister or a lay person involved in and affected by the small church, then this is a conference you cannot afford to miss! The conference is designed to offer theoretical and practical help to ministers and lay persons in the ongoing life of the small church.

The Conference will include a national authority on the small church, Dr. Douglas Walrath, as well as rural and small church experts from our own Home Mission Board and convention. Dr. Walrath is Associate Professor of Pastoral Studies and Director of the Small Church Leadership Program at Bangor Theological Seminary, as well as a church strategy consultant. He is a graduate of Rutgers University, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, and the State University of New York with degrees in history, theology, and sociology. He is the author of many books including *Small Churches are Beautiful* and *New Possibilities for Small Churches*.

In addition to these leading authorities, we will have pastors of small churches participating on the program as well as inspirational Bible study and fellowship. The conference will begin on Thursday afternoon, November 19, and run through Saturday noon, November 21, to be as available to bi-vocational and other part-time pastors as to full-time pastors.

We believe the conference will enhance your ministry and thus enrich the lives of all who are committed to the small church.

The registration for the conference is only \$10. If you are interested please call toll-free at 1-800-626-5525, extension 4315, or write: Continuing Education Office, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY 40280.

*Ernest White, Director
Dehoney Center for the Study
of the Local Church*

CONFERENCE LEADERS

- **Douglas Walrath**, Associate Professor of Pastoral Studies and Director of the Small Church Leadership Program, Bangor Theological Seminary
- **Sherry Walrath**, Church Strategy Consultant, Coordinator of Research for the Small Church Leadership Program at Bangor Theological Seminary
- **Wayne Oates**, Senior Professor of Pastoral Care, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- **Ernest White**, Gaines S. Dobbins Professor of Church Administration and Leadership, Director of the Wayne and Lealice Dehoney Center for the Local Church, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- **Vernon Cole**, Director of Resource Development, Kentucky Baptist Convention, SBC
- **Gary Farley**, Associate Director, Rural-Urban Missions Department, Home Mission Board, SBC
- **Anne Davis**, Dean, Carver School of Social Work, Woman's Missionary Union Professor of Social Work, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- **Walter Jackson**, Professor of Ministry, Director of Supervised Ministry Experience, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- **Lealice Dehoney**, Co-founder of the Dehoney Center for the Local Church
- **D. G. McCoury**, Consultant, Pastoral Ministries, Church Administration Department, Sunday School Board, SBC
- **Staff Durham**, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Middletown, Ky.
- **Dale Holloway**, Consultant for Bi-vocational Ministries, Rural-Urban Missions Department, Home Mission Board, SBC
- **Roy Owens**, Consultant, New Church Growth, Home Mission Board, SBC
- **Doyle Smith**, Consultant, New Church Growth, Home Mission Board, SBC
- **Mary Alice Seals**, Minister of Music, First Baptist Church, Middletown, Ky.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 19, 1987

- 1:00 **Registration**
- 1:30 **Welcome and Introduction to the Conference Bible Study**, Ernest White ✓
Music
Keynote Address: Gary Farley ✓
- 3:15 **Break**
- 3:45 **Workshops**
- (1) **Strengthening Worship and Preaching** - Staff Durham and Mary Alice Seals ✓
 - (2) **Strengthening Administrative Tasks** - D. G. McCoury
 - (3) **Strengthening Community Awareness** - Anne Davis ✓
 - (4) **Strengthening Financial Stewardship** - Ernest White and Vernon Cole ✓
 - (5) **Strengthening Sunday School Ministries** - Doyle Smith ✓
 - (6) **Strengthening Pastoral Care Ministries** - Walter Jackson ✓
- 5:15 **Dismiss**
- 7:30 **Bible Study**, Ernest White
Music
Keynote Address: Dale Holloway ✓
Fellowship

Friday, November 20, 1987

- 8:30 **Fellowship of Prayer and Music Bible Study**, Ernest White ✓
My Church is . . .
Keynote Address: Doyle Smith ✓
- 10:00 **Break**
- 10:30 **Workshops**
- (1) **Strengthening the Pastor** - Wayne Oates ✓
 - (2) **Strengthening Bi-vocational Leadership** - Dale Holloway ✓
 - (3) **Strengthening Evangelism and Church Growth** - Roy Owens ✓
 - (4) **Strengthening Rural Understanding** - Gary Farley ✓
 - (5) **Strengthening the Pastor's Family** - Lealice Dehoney ✓

12:00 **Lunch**

- 1:00 **Fellowship of Prayer and Music My Church is . . .**
Keynote Address: Doug and Sherry Walrath ✓
- 3:00 **Break**
- 3:30 **Workshops**
- (1) **Strengthening Worship and Preaching** - Staff Durham and Mary Alice Seals ✓
 - (2) **Strengthening Administrative Tasks** - D. G. McCoury
 - (3) **Strengthening Community Awareness** - Anne Davis ✓
 - (4) **Strengthening Financial Stewardship** - Ernest White and Vernon Cole ✓
 - (5) **Strengthening Sunday School Ministries** - Doyle Smith ✓
 - (6) **Strengthening Pastoral Care Ministries** - Walter Jackson ✓
- 5:00 **Dismiss**
- 6:30 **Banquet Music**
Keynote Address: Doug Walrath ✓
Feedback
Fellowship

Saturday, November 21, 1987

- 8:00 **Coffee and Rolls**
- 8:30 **Workshops**
- (1) **Strengthening the Pastor** - Wayne Oates ✓
 - (2) **Strengthening Bi-vocational Leadership** - Dale Holloway ✓
 - (3) **Strengthening Evangelism and Church Growth** - Roy Owens ✓
 - (4) **Strengthening Rural Understanding** - Gary Farley ✓
 - (5) **Strengthening the Pastor's Family** - Lealice Dehoney ✓
- 10:00 **Break**
- 10:30 **Fellowship of Prayer and Music**
Keynote Address: Doug Walrath ✓
- 11:45 **Dismiss**

THE FEE

\$10 per person!!

The fee covers conference notebook, workshop materials, breaks, and the banquet.

Don't Wait to Register

To guarantee yourself a place, register today! Your registration is not complete until your fees are paid. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you have any questions about this conference, call the Continuing Education Office, Southern Seminary, (800)-626-5525. In Kentucky, (502) 897-4315.

THE HOTEL

The Ramada Inn East, at I-64 east and Hurstbourne, will serve as the conference hotel. We have arranged for a special room rate of \$34 per night, single or double. This recently remodeled hotel is only 10 minutes from the campus and 15 minutes from

downtown and the airport. Additionally, 35 restaurants and Louisville's largest indoor shopping area are within 2 miles of its facilities.

The hotel provides shuttle service to and from the airport.

You are responsible for making your own hotel reservations. When making reservations, it is necessary to mention that you will be attending the Strengthening the Small Church Conference at Southern Seminary in order to receive this special conference rate. Please mail the enclosed hotel reservation form directly to:

The Ramada Inn East
9700 Bluegrass Parkway
Louisville, KY 40299

The deadline for making reservations is October 19, 1987. After this date, we cannot guarantee you the availability of a room at the special conference rate. If your reservation form will not reach the hotel by October 19, 1987, call (502) 491-4830 to make your reservations.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: Strengthening the Small Church Conference; Continuing Education Office
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY 40280

Please register me for the Strengthening the Small Church Conference November 19-21, 1987. I am enclosing a check for \$_____.
(Make all checks payable to Continuing Education.)

Name: _____

First name for badge: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Registration and refunds: The participants are expected to register in advance. Your registration is not complete until your fees are paid. We must receive payment by November 1, 1987. We record registrations on a first-come, first-served basis, and will promptly return any that come in after the conference is filled. We will accept cancellations with full refunds until November 12, 1987. Thereafter, a 20 percent service fee will be deducted. There will be no refund for "no shows."

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

Mail this form directly to: The Ramada Inn East, 9700 Bluegrass Parkway, Louisville, KY 40299. I will be attending the Strengthening the Small Church Conference, SBTS, November 19-21, 1987.

- Please reserve a single room (\$34) for me.
 Please reserve a double room (\$34) for me.
(If you have any questions, call the Ramada Inn East, (502) 491-4830.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Arrival: _____

Departure: _____

My check or money order for \$_____ for _____ night(s) is enclosed. I authorize the hotel to charge one night's deposit and all applicable taxes (guarantees late arrival).

American Express Diners Club

Visa MasterCard

Credit card number: _____

Interbank number for MasterCard: _____

Expiration date: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Full-Time Ministers
- Bi-vocational Ministers
- Key Lay People
- Directors of Missions
- Seminary Students

WHY ATTEND

- To become better equipped in the ministry of the small church
- To broaden your understanding of the small church
- To establish a support system for ministering in the small church
- To develop theoretical and practical tools for ministry in the small church.
- To enrich the ministry of the small church