STRENGTHENING
THE SMALL CHURCH

November 19-21, 1987
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Louisville, Kentucky

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
40209.

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

CONFERENCE LEADERS

- 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 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.

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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."

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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:____________________________________
Strengthening the Small Church

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