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SBC UPDATE

SEBTS Alumnus, Ed Young, pastor, Second Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, narrowly defeated another Texas pastor, Clyde Fant, for the presidency of the Pastors' Conference.

In a rare appearance, the six seminary presidents appeared on the program of the Pastors' Conference and gave their testimonies.

The SBC Executive Committee has withdrawn its controversial plan for changing the requirements of church qualifications for sending messengers to the SBC. The plan would have permitted one messenger for each cooperating church, plus one additional messenger (up to ten) for each \$10,000 given to SBC causes. The committee saw "a sure defeat" for the plan and asked for more time for study.

With more than 10,000 messengers expected, the mood of the convention seems to be subdued and expectant. There seems to be difficulty in predicting how the votes will go, although the Pastors' Conference did not seem to be as politically charged as was the case in St. Louis and Houston.

Today's business includes the report of the Executive Committee including the proposed budget and the election of the president.

