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April 9, 1992

Dr. Edwin Young
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Dear Ed:

Attached is a copy of a letter that I sent to 43 leaders in Arkansas, encouraging them to give you their support.

This is just for your information.

Sincerely,

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Rev. Mark Brooks
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Dear Mark:

Many people have asked me about the situation in the Southern Baptist Convention regarding who will be nominated as President. We are all aware that Dr. Jess Moody, Dr. Nelson Price, and Dr. Edwin Young will be nominated for this position. The moderates/liberals have been somewhat behind Dr. Moody's nomination even though he is, to my understanding, somewhat conservative theologically. We have all known of his announcement of running for almost a year.

However, the confusion has come because Dr. Nelson Price took the initiative to inform the Southern Baptist Convention that he would be running for President, and Dr. Price is a known conservative. Some have tried to appeal to him through correspondence, asking him to sit this one out because there is a large constituency who believes that Dr. Young needs to be President of this Convention at this time. I have personally written Dr. Price, and his response to me indicated that he believes this is what God wants him to do and that he was not aware of Dr. Young's running for President. Therefore, it appears that Dr. Price will stay in the race to the end and, for the first time in many years, the Southern Baptist Convention will have the opportunity to vote for three fine men, two of whom are strongly tied to the conservative resurgence of our Convention.

Another element of confusion lies with the recent retirement of Dr. Keith Parks of the Foreign Mission Board. Some feel that Dr. Parks may throw his hat in the ring for the Presidency. If this happens, then it will be one interesting convention. I personally believe there is a great possibility that this could occur, depending on what happens at the moderate/liberal meeting in Fort Worth of the upcoming denomination.

The purpose for my writing is to encourage you to do two things. First, I want to encourage you strongly to support Dr. Edwin Young to be President of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is the man to lead us into the twenty-first century in an effort towards missions and evangelism. His vision is unbelievable, and his commitment to reaching people excels most. My second purpose for writing you is to encourage you and your messengers to attend the Indianapolis convention. There seems to be a great deal of ease in Zion concerning our convention, but I want to encourage you that if you throw all of the above scenarios into a presidential race, the outcome could be critical to the conservative resurgence. You and your people need to be in Indianapolis if at all possible.

I am told that the convention will have approximately 18,500 messengers. I want to encourage you to go to the convention because the higher the numbers, usually the greater the possibility for us to have the needed president elected. Also, this convention is extremely critical due to the two churches in North Carolina sanctioning homosexuality and permitting homosexual marriage ceremonies to take place in their churches. We must not permit the seating of the messengers from these two churches in North Carolina, and we must do everything we can to stop their involvement in the Southern Baptist Convention. This will put a major scar on our convention if we permit this kind of activity to be tolerated. Therefore, this is another reason for you to be in Indianapolis.

I just want to encourage you in each of these areas and to inform you. I can assure you of the authenticity and the integrity of Dr. Edwin Young. He is one of the finest men of God that I have ever spent any length of time with in my entire ministry. I encourage you to support him, to tell your friends around the country about him, and I hope when we go to Indianapolis we will elect him as the next President of the Southern Baptist Convention. His election is necessary if we want to see major changes happen in the way we take the gospel around the world through our foreign mission program. Let's be prayerful about all these matters.

Your friend,

Ronnie W. Floyd