

# GEORGIA BAPTIST



## A Message from the President

Welcome to the 2010 meeting of the Georgia Baptist Church Music Conference. The format is different this year. Instead of having a single speaker, we are having several speakers who will help us explore from different angles the topic: *Music Ministry for the Long Haul*. I started thinking about this idea over a year ago when it dawned on me that a number of my seminary friends are no longer in church music. For various reasons they have left fulltime church work and are involved in other professional pursuits. That observation caused me to wonder: How have I, and how have others, made it in music ministry for the long haul?

With that question in mind, the meeting began to take shape. For those of you who are younger and newer in the work, my goal is for you to leave with practical ideas for maintaining your course in the kingdom's work. For those of you who have put in some years now and are more experienced in the work, my goal is for you to share out of your experience with those coming behind us in ways that will be helpful to their longevity as music ministers. As you can see, this will be a collaborative effort.

Let me say a word of appreciation to Roger Waters and the staff of Salem Baptist Church for hosting us. Roger has been most helpful and I am most grateful.

May the delight of leading in making a joyful noise unto the Lord continue to be yours in the days and years ahead.

And, may God bless you in your work,

Gilbert Westberry