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# Martin Cleaning Service

**Carpet & Upholstery** Cleaning **Residential & Commercial Services** Minimum Service CHG. \$45.00

A small distance/travel charge may be applied

CARPET CLEANING 2 Cleaning Areas or more \$30.00 Each Area

**Pre-Spray Traffic Areas** (Includes: 1 small Hallway)

1 Cleaning Area (only) \$40.00

Includes Pre-Spray Traffic Area (Hallway Extra)

Stairs (12-16 stairs - With Other Services): \$25.00

Area/Oriental Rugs: \$25.00 Minimum Area/Oriental Rugs (Wool): \$40.00 Minimum

**Heavily Soiled Area:** 

Additional \$10.00 each area (Requiring Extensive Pre-Spraying)

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# Southern Baptist Convention Redeemed

## African-American leader represents

## new era

BY JUDGE GREG MATHIS 166 years ago the

Southern Baptist Convention was strongly opposed to its northern colleagues' desire to

abolish slavery and established its own presence. In the years following, the church spoke out in favor of preserving slavery and, during the Civil Rights movement, firmly planted against itself on the side that supported racial segregation.

Knowing the convention's history, it's no understatement to say that Fred Luter Jr.'s election to first vice president represents a

new era for the church: He is the first African-

The Southern Baptist Convention is 16 million members strong and is the country's largest Protestant denomination. And although Luter's election symbolizes a real change in the church's behavior towards people of color, getting to this point didn't happen overnight.

As recently as 30 years ago, the church was - intentionally - a predominantly all white religious organization. In 1995, however, the church publicly apologized for its racists and oppressive past. It also sought to aggressively diversify its membership and leadership. Black, Hispanic and Asians now account for 19 percent of the convention's churches.

Luter's election is a total and complete departure from the Southern Baptist Convention of the past. The Church has confessed to its sins...in this case, racism...and is working proactively to redeem itself in an organization.

Over the years, we've seen many Ameri-American elected to the church's high office. can institutions – from big name companies that grew their profits on the backs of slaves, to government agencies that discriminated against black workers - try to move away from their racist pasts.

The Southern Baptist Convention's change is especially important because it's a religious organization, one that bases its very actions on theology and the laws of God.

As the people of the United States have learned, simply electing a black man to high office won't wipe away generations of oppression, but it is a sign that minds and hearts are opening up.

Only time will tell if the Southern Baptist Convention is truly committed to diversity and cultural acceptance. It seems as if they are on the right track.

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