

April 16, 1958

Atlantic City Jubilee Celebration Proposed

HOUSTON--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention will be asked to "approve and join" a celebration of the founding of the Triennial Convention. The celebration will be held in Atlantic City, N. J., May 18-24, 1964.

The recommendation will be presented to the Convention at its meeting here in May by C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C., minister who is general chairman of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee.

The Triennial Convention--formally known as the General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions--was organized at Philadelphia in 1814.

It was the first nationwide organization of Baptists in North America. The year 1964 marks the third jubilee, or 150th anniversary, of the founding of that organization.

Seven Baptist conventions in the United States and Canada are taking part in the celebration. They represent 19 million Baptists.

Warren declared "It is contemplated that the participating bodies will hold their annual conventions in or near Atlantic City immediately preceding or following the date set for the Jubilee Celebration, so that as many as possible may attend."

Southern Baptists have never held their annual Convention in Philadelphia or Atlantic City. The easternmost city in which the Convention has met was Baltimore, and the last time it met there was in 1940.

Warren also asks that the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee be continued by the Convention for another year. This committee is responsible for recommending plans for observing the sesquicentennial.

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Second Library Plea Issued By Midwestern

KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BP)--Midwestern Baptist Seminary here is sending out a second plea for books and other material for its library.

L. R. Elliott, Fort Worth, former librarian at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, is acting librarian of the new Kansas City seminary. He reports that he and Midwestern President Millard J. Berquist will attend the session of Southern Baptist Convention in May at Houston.

There they will be available at the Rice Hotel or at the seminary booth display in the Coliseum to talk with anyone interested in donating material for the library.

At other times, those interested in building up the library collection may contact Elliott at Box 6500, Fort Worth 15.

Midwestern Seminary opens for its first school year Sept. 8.

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Calendar Submitted
For Use During 1960

HOUSTON--(BP)--The Committee on Denominational Calendar has drafted "a suggested guide for co-ordinated denominational activities and emphases" for the Southern Baptist Convention in 1960.

These will be presented to the annual session of the Convention here for adoption by Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, chairman of the committee.

The suggested Convention calendar for 1960 follows the general pattern with suggested monthly emphases and definite recommended dates in each month for certain events.

January emphasis in 1960 is the "30,000 Movement"--the movement guiding Southern Baptists toward their goal of organizing 30,000 new missions or churches from 1959 to 1964. Dates for the month are Soul-winning Commitment Day, 3; Bible Study Week, 4-8; and Woman's Missionary Society Focus Week, 10-15.

February emphasis will be placed on Baptist colleges, seminaries, and schools. The Woman's Missionary Union will have its home missions graded studies. Definite dates are Baptist World Alliance Sunday, 7; Young Woman's Auxiliary Focus Week, 14-20; Baptist College Day, 21.

Home Missions is the emphasis for March. Definite dates are WMU Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions, 7-11; Home Missions Day in Sunday School, 13; Training Union Study Courses, scheduled to avoid dates of week of prayer.

April emphasis is Life Commitment. Youth Week, 3-10; Associational Baptist Youth Night, 9; Life Commitment Sunday, 10; Jewish Fellowship Week, 18-24.

May--emphasis, Hospital Ministry. Christian Home Week, 1-8; Girls Auxiliary Focus Week, 8-14; Baptist Hour Sunday, 15; WMU Annual Meeting, 15-17 in Miami Beach; Southern Baptist Convention, 17-20, Miami Beach.

June--emphasis, Relief and Annuity Ministries; Vacation Bible Schools and assemblies at Glorieta, N. M., and Ridgecrest, N. C., are held.

July--emphasis on assemblies at Glorieta and Ridgecrest.

August--emphasis is School of Missions. Assemblies in Ridgecrest and Glorieta concluding. Off-to-College Day, no definite date. Sunbeam Focus Week, 14-20.

September--Two emphases: Church Music, Foundations (Southern Baptist and State). Associational Sunday School Planning Meetings, 6; Training Union Planning Meetings (may be held in October or November); WMU Season of Prayer for State Missions and Offering for state missions (as promoted in each state); Student Join-the-Church Day (Sunday following opening of college); Sunday School Preparation Week in Churches, 18-25.

October--Concentrate on Cooperative Program and on Forward Program of Church Finance. Hold Associational mission rallies, Sunday school group training courses. Layman's Day, 9. State Mission Day in the Sunday School and Offering for state missions, 23 (as promoted by states).

November--Emphases are Christian Literature: State (Baptist) Papers; Denominational Publications, and Missionary Magazines; Church Libraries. WMU foreign missions graded studies; Pledge Day and Every-Member Canvass, Oct. 30-Nov. 5; Royal Ambassadors Focus Week, 6-12; Children's Home Day (as promoted by states).

December--Emphasis: Foreign Missions. WMU Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions, Nov. 28-Dec. 2. Foreign Missions Day in Sunday School, 4; Associational Training Union "M" Night, 5; Student Night at Christmas, 25; Watch Night Prayer Service for 1961 Baptist Jubilee Advance Program.

The committee further recommends "At some time during the year, emphasize the service to all types of Southern Baptist work, at home and abroad, which the American Bible Society renders by supplying the Scriptures, without profit and usually below cost, and explain its need for contributions from the churches."

Ohio Baptists Elect
New Editor Of Paper

TOLEDO, Ohio--(BF)--R. G. Puckett, pastor of Hubert Ave. Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ohio, has been elected editor of the Ohio Baptist Messenger.

Puckett will also serve as Baptist Student Union director for Ohio Baptists. The action was taken at a board meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

Puckett is a graduate of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville. In the editor's position he will succeed George W. Fletcher, who remains with the Ohio convention as director of religious education.

Fletcher has been occupying both editorship and post as director of religious education.

Former Ohio Convention President A. L. Walker was elected area missionary for western New York state. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and Southern Seminary. Walker is presently pastor of First Baptist Church, Miamisburg.

Robert Hall, pastor, First Baptist Church, Willoughby, Ohio, has been elected area missionary for southeastern Ohio. He is a graduate of Alabama Polytechnic (Auburn) and Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth.

The Ohio state Baptist board also approved calling of three additional state missionaries in 1959, plus employment of a state secretary of evangelism and Brotherhood work.

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'Mountain Minister
Of Year' Selected

PINEVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--Clear Creek Baptist School here has selected an Athens, Tenn., minister for its "Mountain Minister of the Year" award.

The award will go to Oscar Davis, pastor of Mount Harmony Baptist Church. Davis will receive the award May 15, when he speaks at the baccalaureate service at Clear Creek School.

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BP Folks and Facts.....

.....Two Baptists were among 21 persons featured by the daily Nashville Tennessean in its pre-Easter series of articles, "Scriptures I have lived by."

It was the eighth such series carried by the paper. The articles were written by the newspaper's religion editor, James W. Carty. Later they were compiled into a booklet for sale.

Those Baptists featured were Mrs. J. O. Williams, Nashville, widow of a Baptist Sunday School Board staff member, and herself widely known through the Southern Baptist Convention as a speaker, and Robert C. (Bob) Taylor, former Vanderbilt University football player now a Nashville attorney.

Mrs. Williams, subject of a number of articles in Baptist periodicals, said there was a greater response to the Tennessean's pre-Easter feature than to anything previously written about her.

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