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**SBC Promotes Extensive  
Negro Education Work**

By Walker L. Knight

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--"The Negro churches need trained leadership," wrote some Southern Baptist pastors when surveyed for work their churches were doing co-operatively with Negro Baptists.

The Southern Baptist Convention strongly emphasizes education in its work with Negroes. All six of the denomination's seminaries plus Carver School of Missions and Social Work are open to Negroes; seven of the state Baptist colleges are, and the SBC is part owner and operator of a Negro seminary.

The big emphasis of the Home Mission Board's department of work with National Baptists is to provide trained leadership for Negro churches through teacher-missionaries.

These figures are part of the first total study made of Southern Baptist work with Negroes through every channel of the denomination's life. The study, made for the SBC Advisory Council on Work with Negro Baptists, has just been released for publication.

The survey covered work by churches, associations, state conventions, SBC agencies, and other SBC groups. This is the fifth in a series of seven news releases dealing with this study, which was made in 1959 for work done in 1958. The survey was conducted by the research and statistics department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

This release presents the educational phase Southern Baptist co-operation with Negroes. Succeeding news stories will present the work of SBC commissions and other groups and a projection for the future.

More than 150 Negroes are enrolled in the seminaries and colleges, according to figures released by Lee Gallman, of Jackson, Miss., director of the Southern Baptist seminary extension department. The colleges which accept Negro students are Oklahoma Baptist University, Wayland Baptist College in Texas, Grand Canyon College in Arizona, California Baptist College, Georgetown College in Kentucky, Hannibal-La Grange College in Missouri, and Southern Illinois College of Bible.

The seminaries also sponsor an extension department, encourage their students to work in local Negro Baptist churches during schooling, and other activity.

Students at Carver School of Missions and Social Work in Louisville, Ky., work directly with Negroes in the field instruction program, and assist in the educational programs with groups of Negroes in missions and churches.

The state Baptist colleges invite Negroes to speak at various functions, share in varied Baptist Student Union activities, evangelistic endeavors, and in state and national assemblies, as well as summer mission work already reported in other stories. Texas Baptist students last year sent an interracial evangelistic team abroad.

The 26-year-old American Baptist Theological Seminary at Nashville, Tenn., is owned and operated jointly by the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc., and the SBC.

This joint enterprise resulted from a petition by National Baptist leaders asking that Southern Baptists join hands with them in the training of ministers and religious workers for Negro churches.

The seminary value at Nashville is now \$750,000. The SBC gave \$70,000 for operation expense in 1959 and will give \$80,000 this year. The present enrolment is 81, a 32 per cent increase over last year.

Scholarship funds strongly assisted by the Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union, helped 29 seminary students in 1958 and 47 in 1959.

The seminary program gives a bachelor of arts degree for four years work past high school, a bachelor of divinity degree for three years past college, and has extension units for in-service training for pastors. Last year, 16 extension units enrolled 320.

Additional educational aid is provided Negroes by the SBC Education Commission, which has given advice and made surveys for Negro Baptist schools. In recent months the Commission assisted Owen College in Memphis to become accredited and has advised American Seminary and three other colleges.

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Downtown Churches'  
Week-Day Programs

(3-19-60)

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Downtown churches were urged to start week-day programs, in addition to regular services, that would minister to the changing heart-of-the city population.

"More than 1000 Southern Baptist churches are located in the inner city area," said Clovis A. Brantley of Atlanta, superintendent of mission centers for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. "These churches all face a changing situation; many must adapt or die."

Brantley was speaking to a select group of mission center directors in Atlanta for the first conference for these men in this area. All of these men work in the inner city area.

The mission center concept is a recent development brought about by the urbanization of the United States and the consequent moving out of churches and population from the heart of the cities.

A mission center, according to Brantley, ministers in these areas: education, clubs, Bible study, human welfare, visitation, recreation, music, and special activities in addition to the regular services of any church.

Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, told the directors that there should be 600 churches with weekday programs in addition to 200 goodwill and mission centers, 12 rescue missions, and five homes for un-wed mothers by 1975.

"Poverty, crime, delinquency, sickness, immorality, boredom, sin, and spiritual needs have multiplied. The inner city is not so much a matter of geography, as it is the changed section where the greatest accumulation of human need is," Brantley said.

"Too many of us try to ignore and escape from the responsibility of 'new neighbors' in the inner city," he added. "Yesterday we prayed for the souls of underprivileged and for the minority friend. Today, as our new neighbor, he is a problem newcomer, who causes us to move to another and a 'safer' neighborhood."

Some leaders in this field have decried the lack of use of church plants during weekdays, whose capacity is realized only one day out of seven.

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CORRECTION

For story of Mar. 15 headed "Woman's Missionary Union's Books." Ninth paragraph, second line should read "wife of Blue Mountain College president-elect". . . add word "elect."

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Gulfshore Ready For  
Missionary Assembly

PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss.--(BP)--Gulfshore Baptist Assembly here will be used for the annual pastors' and missionaries' assembly Apr. 25-29, instead of Kittiwake assembly, as originally scheduled, it has been announced by W. R. Roberts, Jackson, director of Mississippi Baptist assemblies.

A careful re-study of plans underway to remodel and equip the facility reveals that progress has been sufficient to open the facility for use for the pastors and missionaries' assembly, instead of June 6 for the first Royal Ambassador camp.

A total of \$73,605 had been reported as of Mar. 15 in the current statewide campaign to raise \$100,000 to remodel and equip the facility. The campaign closes Mar. 31, according to W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, campaign director.

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Newman To Direct  
Training Work

(3-19-60)

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--A professor who has pioneered in relating ministerial students to the work of Southern Baptists will direct the efforts of the denomination's Home Mission Board in church development and in-service training.

Lewis W. Newman of Texas Baptists' University of Corpus Christi will become an associate in the department of associational missions on July 1, and will serve as superintendent of church development and in-service training. A native of Corpus Christi, he attended the university where he now teaches, and has a bachelor's degree in speech and a master's degree in Bible from Baylor University, and the bachelor of divinity, and master and doctor of religious education degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

In announcing the election of Newman, M. Wendell Belew, Atlanta, secretary of the associational missions department, said, "The field of church development includes the church achievement program. This program at the present time is designed to assist churches in communities of less than 2500 population.

"A program of church achievement conducted by churches of our Convention can have a revitalizing impact upon the whole Convention."

Newman has taught at the university for the past five years and has directed a Christian service indoctrination program for the school and Texas Baptists. He has pioneered in developing churches and in helping churches to be related to a total world missions enterprise.

Outlining the need for training for pastors and relating them to the work of the denomination, Belew said, "It is hoped Newman will lead in establishing a training program, especially on college campuses, whereby ministerial students can become acquainted with the denominational program."

Before teaching in Corpus Christi, Newman was a pastor of churches in Texas, and served three years with the Nation's Air Force. In accepting the position he said, "The challenge of the task is inspiring and yet the responsibility involved is sobering. After much prayer and consideration my wife, our two sons, and I are all of the conviction that this is the will of God. With that as the motivating factor, I am anxious to be about the Master's work."

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Restrictions Proposed  
For California Paper

FRESNO, Calif.--(BP)--California's survey committee will recommend that the Baptist weekly newspaper function as a separate agency of the executive board and that the board establish "specific conditions" under which its editor may comment "adversely" on Baptist affairs.

The survey committee will report to a special session of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California here in May.

Concerning the state paper, California Southern Baptist, edited by Floyd Looney of Fresno, the survey group recommends that the executive board operations committee:

- 1) "Define more clearly the editorial policies of the paper.
- 2) "Reaffirm the essentiality of the state's paper serving as a promotional medium for all programs.
- 3) "Reaffirm the essentiality of the editor's maintaining cooperative relations with the operating heads of all institutions and agencies of the general convention.
- 4) "Establish specific conditions under which the editor can comment adversely upon programs actively supported by the general convention.
- 5) "Define the 'watchdog' responsibilities of the editor in 'keeping an eye' on all denominational developments.
- 6) "Stress the use of the paper to promote harmony and improved fellowship.
- 7) "Appraise the material in the paper annually to determine how well the editor is carrying out his responsibilities.
- 8) "Consider the possibility of establishing an editorial subcommittee to work with the editor and, if necessary, be responsible for establishing the broad editorial policies of the paper."

In addition, the survey committee states: "Just as academic freedom in a college or seminary should never be construed as license to 'attack,' the editor, like the faculty member, should have only limited freedom of expression. He should not have the power to destroy."

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Program Writers  
In Birmingham

(3-19-60)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--(BP)--Program writers for Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention periodicals will attend a three-day conference at W M U headquarters in Birmingham, Mar. 28-30.

Eugene L. Hill, Richmond, Va., secretary of missionary education and promotion for the Convention's Foreign Mission Board and Loyd Corder, Atlanta, secretary of language missions for the SBC Home Mission Board will be resource guests.

General sessions and separate departmental meetings have been planned. The general sessions will emphasize program techniques, methods of research, and rules of good writing. In department meetings time will be used to discuss the areas to be studied during 1960-61, relating the topics to the specific age group.

"This is the first such meeting to be held by Woman's Missionary Union," states Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, executive secretary. "We hope to make it an annual event."

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Week Starting Apr. 3  
To Honor R. G. Lee

MEMPHIS--(BP)--Many Southern Baptist Convention leaders will pay honor to one of their number here the week beginning Apr. 3 when Robert G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis, observes his 50th anniversary as a minister.

Lee is retiring Apr. 10 after serving as Bellevue Church's pastor for 32 years. W. Ramsey Pollard of Knoxville, Tenn., president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will succeed Lee at Bellevue, second largest Southern Baptist affiliated church and largest east of the Mississippi River.

Pollard will preach the evening sermon on Apr. 3 at Bellevue during the day honoring Lee. Lee is the only three-term president of the Southern Baptist Convention elected in recent times. He was president in 1949, 1950, and 1951.

Robert Greene Lee became a minister on Apr. 3, 1910, when an ordaining council met in Fort Mill, S. C.

Former Southern Baptist Convention President J. D. Grey of New Orleans, and executive secretaries of several Convention agencies will be present here for the tributes to Lee.

Agency executives include Baker J. Cauthen, Richmond, Va., Foreign Mission Board; Courts Redford, Atlanta, Home Mission Board; James L. Sullivan, Nashville, Sunday School Board; and George W. Schroeder, Memphis, Brotherhood Commission. Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary, SBC Executive Committee, also will be present.

United States Sen. Strom Thurmond (D., S. C.) and newly-elected Louisiana Gov. Jimmie Davis will attend a layman's banquet during the week. Sen. Thurmond's father, then governor of South Carolina, was a member of the church Lee served as pastor in that state. Davis professed faith in Christ during a revival in Louisiana at which Lee was preacher.

Lee delivers his final sermon Apr. 10. On Apr. 17, Pollard preaches his first sermon as Bellevue Church's pastor; he is presently pastor at Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville.

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#### Georgia Man Reads Bible Through In '60

JONESBORO, Ga.--(BP)--A Georgia man is probably the first Southern Baptist to read his Bible through in 1960, a goal the denomination has set for every member as a part of the Baptist Jubilee Advance emphasis on teaching and training.

Warren Dixon of Jonesboro, Ga., completed reading his Bible before the first two months of 1960 had passed.

Attending a survey Bible study, Dixon said, "The pastor gave such an intriguing study of the entire Bible that I decided I would read it through and try to live by what I read."

During the weeks following early January when he began reading, Dixon suffered several calamities.

On Jan. 19, while pushing a stalled car, he was hit by another car. Harnessed in the hospital bed, Dixon read one or two books of the Bible each day. On Jan. 31, a blood clot formed in one lung; this kept him under an oxygen tent in critical condition until Feb. 10.

"I read all the names, numbers, and hard words to be sure I took adequate time in reading, said Dixon. "When I could not pronounce a word or name, I'd grunt twice."

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'Better Spirit' Seen  
At Southern Seminary

By Erwin L. McDonald

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--Southern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees, in their first annual meeting of the school's second century, took note here of a new spirit of harmony and dedication among the seminary faculty, staff, and students.

Several actions designed to place the seminary on an even better academic footing included:

Provision for estates totaling close to \$400,000 to be added to the seminary endowment, income from this amount to be used for purchase of books for the seminary library and for maintenance of the library. These funds are from the estates of two daughters of Dr. James P. Boyce, one of the founders and the first president of the seminary.

Restriction of the number of students admitted for graduate study to no more than five students at any one time for each professor of the graduate school faculty.

Increasing the salary scale \$1000 to bring the maximum salaries in the various categories more in line with the current cost of living.

Providing a systematic method of allowing sabbatical leaves for members of the faculty for study at other institutions or on other fields.

Took the first step toward construction of a new music school building to be located on the seminary campus proper. The \$360,000 building is to be ready for use by September, 1962.

Announced clearing of title of Norton estate being sold to Louisville Presbyterian Seminary for its new seminary site.

Empowered a committee to secure a home for the seminary president, who now lives on the Norton estate.

Elected several new professors, their names not to be released until their acceptance.

Voted to make seminary facilities available for special conferences and workshops.

J. Lamar Jackson, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., was re-elected chairman of the trustees. Ernest L. Honts, pastor of Talbot Park Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va., was named first vice-chairman and chairman of the executive committee; Franklin P. Owen, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky., was named second vice-chairman; Leo T. Wolford, Louisville, Ky., business executive, was re-elected secretary; and P. H. Bufkin, Jr., Louisville, treasurer of the seminary, was named treasurer.

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Billy Graham Denied  
Use Of Israel Hall

(3-19-60)

TEL AVIV, Israel--(BP)--Highways and byways may have to be evangelist Billy Graham's "auditoriums" if he is to speak to any very large crowds in Israel.

The evangelist, who has been conducting a crusade in African nations, was expected in Israel Mar. 17 for four or five days of sightseeing.

He has consented to speak three or four times, but the Baptist Press learned that one of Israel's cities has declared that he may not conduct meetings in its auditorium.

The committee sponsoring his coming to Israel is the United Christian Council of which Baptists are a member. The committee applied for use of Frederick Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv, perhaps the largest hall in the nation seating 3000 persons.

This auditorium was closed to Billy Graham's use.

Graham was expected to also visit Nazareth, Haifa, and Jerusalem. The meeting in Nazareth will be outside, the Haifa meeting in a large Anglican church seating about 1000, and the meeting in Jaffa in a small, 500 capacity church.

In Jerusalem, the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) building can accommodate 700 or 800, and will be the meeting place, according to the information given Baptist Press. Capacities of all the meeting places may be considered very small by comparison with the crowds which have turned out around the world to hear Graham.

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Three English Ministers  
Supply Southern Pulpits

(3-19-60)

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Three British Baptist pastors are speaking in pulpits of Southern Baptist churches during March and April on a five-week visit to the United States.

The visiting Baptist leaders from England are W. Charles Johnson, London, secretary of London Baptist Association and chairman of the governing council of Spurgeon's College; C. Ronald Goulding, graduate of Spurgeon's College, vice-chairman of its governing council, and pastor of Haven Green Baptist Church in London, and W. G. Channon, pastor at Purley in Surrey and former president of London Association.

The London Association numbers 270 churches. All three are members of various Baptist councils and other church groups in England.

Johnson will speak at churches in Washington, D. C.; Tulsa, Oklahoma City, and Little Rock, Ark. He will speak before student bodies of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla.

Goulding will preach in Washington; Greenville, S. C.; Atlanta; Shreveport, La.; and Fort Smith, Ark. He will appear at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Channon will preach in Washington; Charlotte, N. C.; Birmingham; New Orleans; Houston; and Memphis. He will also visit Dallas.

Each of the English Baptist ministers will visit various Baptist offices in Nashville the week ending Apr. 18. Johnson and Goulding also will attend sessions of the Sunday School Convention of Southern Baptists in Fort Worth in late March.

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Need Methods To Reach  
Apartment Dwellers

(3-19-60)

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--"Urban renewal and the multi-storied, plush apartment buildings are reversing the trend to suburbia, and Southern Baptists must develop methods to reach the apartment dweller," Clovis Brantley of Atlanta said, following a meeting of specialists in inner city work.

"Many of these apartments are closed to visitors without appointments," said Brantley, who is superintendent of mission center work for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. His work is in the city missions department. "In Seattle, Wash., this problem was overcome by telephone surveys," he said.

A Philadelphia city planning director, Edmund H. Bacon, recently told religious leaders that "the movement of persons back into the city from the suburbs has already started." He also said, "Many 'inner city' churches may expect large growths in membership in the next few years."

Southern Baptists must be prepared for this return by maintaining qualified staffs in the downtown church, Brantley warned. "In many cases the denomination may need to assist these churches in keeping such staffs. The aid will have to come from associations, state conventions, and The Southern Baptist Convention."

"In times past the downtown church has mothered the suburban churches, and now the time is approaching when the daughters must help the parent," he said.

The church that stays in the inner city will be ready for this movement back, if it has kept a strong program, he said, emphasizing that the church that has moved from town will find it too expensive to move back.

"Churches must adapt to these changes in the city," Brantley said." In some cases two stories of these apartment buildings can be secured for a church, if leaders are alert at the planning stages. Without proper planning the opportunities will be lost, and thousands of these apartment dwellers will be untouched by Christianity."

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California Expects  
578,500 Members

(3-19-60)

FRESNO, Calif.--(BP)--Total Southern Baptist church membership in California should reach 578,500 by the year 1980 according to projections made by a Baptist survey committee.

The survey group of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California also predicts 1660 churches affiliated with the convention in 1980.

The 1960 figures given by the committee are 172,600 members in 760 churches. This indicates a membership increase to more than three times the present and more than twice the number of churches during the two decades ahead.

Giving through the Cooperative Program should be approximately \$3.8 million by 1980 compared with the committee's \$915,000 listed for the current year.

These figures will be reported by the committee along with its recommendations for future California Southern Baptist work. The convention will meet here in special session in May to hear the report.

Among the survey committee's recommendations are the following:

---That the executive secretary and executive board of the convention prepare an organization manual of the convention's work.

---That laymen and women have increased representation on committees and boards of the California convention.

---That the convention's headquarters office remain in Fresno "with the eventual acquisition of a California Southern Baptist building . . ."

---That Jenness Park Assembly be developed to a greater extent and that the convention give serious consideration to a second assembly site later at a coastal location, giving it assemblies in the mountain area as well as at the seashore.

---That there be three major divisions of work: division of church services, division of cooperative missions, and division of stewardship. That the division heads be co-equal in status and be designated assistant executive secretaries.

---That California Baptist College at Riverside, Calif., "become a high quality institution before other institutions are created or authorized." That the Christian higher education program of the convention be directed by trustees responsible for the entire program rather than for a single institution.

---That the children's home program be changed to a child care program, recognizing that it is directed toward disturbed children, not orphans. "That not later than 1965 the policy promoting inclusion in individual church budgets cease and that cooperative program funds be used to assure minimum operational needs."

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