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Seek Ways To Stretch
Loan Funds To Churches

ATLANTA--(BP)--Another evidence of Southern Baptists' growing pains is the fact that the Convention's Home Mission Board has more requests for church loan funds than it has money to lend.

The loans are used to build new churches, or, in some cases for existing churches to add other units.

The Convention's Cooperative Program is making available 4 million dollars during a 5-year period for these loans but even that may not meet the flood of requests.

The Home Mission Board, therefore, has been seeking ways to make its loan dollars go the farthest. At the board's request, a group of its executives will meet with representatives of the Convention's Executive Committee at Home Mission Board offices here Apr. 12.

The Home Mission Board is expected to present ideas it has for extending the loan service. The Executive Committee will advise them if the ideas conform to the business and financial plan set forth by the Convention.

John H. Williams, financial planning secretary for the Executive Committee, said that there are three factors causing a heavy demand on loan funds:

- 1) An increasing number of churches are seeking loans.
- 2) A "tight money" market makes it difficult for churches to borrow through banks, mortgage companies, and other commercial sources.
- 3) The Convention's movement to establish 30,000 new churches and missions between 1959 and 1964 is accelerating the need for loan funds.

G. Frank Garrison, Atlanta, the Home Mission Board executive handling loan applications, had this to say:

"The tight money market which has prevailed for some months has caused many churches, which could have secured financing elsewhere, to turn to the Home Mission Board as a last resort. This has resulted in the Home Mission Board's falling far behind with its closing. As of Feb. 29, the board had outstanding commitments to 110 churches, totaling \$1,800,000 and on Mar. 10 an additional \$430,000 in commitments were approved. Unless additional funds can be found in the almost immediate future with which to service loans to Southern Baptist churches, the board may find itself declining applications for loans. The result would be to close the doors to many churches desperately needing first and second units."

The eight Executive Committee representatives at the loan conference will include Chairman Kendall Berry of Blytheville, Ark.; Executive Secretary Porter Routh of Nashville; Williams, and W. Curtis English of Atlavista, Va., chairman of the loan study group from the Executive Committee.

Home Mission Board Executive Secretary Courts Redford of Atlanta and Garrison will be among the board's representatives at the Apr. 12 conference.

The loan fund primarily aids churches with limited ability to secure money through commercial sources. These are more often small and new churches.

Pioneer Educational
Director, Young, Dies

LAFAYETTE, La.--(BP)--William Estill Young, 63, one of the pioneers in the field of religious education and music among Southern Baptists, died here Mar. 21.

He had been ill for some time.

Young's last service with a church before retiring was with Lafayette's First Baptist Church as educational director. But his career for Christ dated back to the 1920's.

Funeral services for Young, who also served as an associate pastor in many of the churches, were held Mar. 23 at First Church here with pastor Perry R. Sanders officiating.

Burial was to be at Brownwood, Tex.

Young served his longest period at First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., and during that time was president of the Training Union Convention for the state of Texas.

Other churches he served were in Atlanta; Shreveport, La.; Oklahoma City; Humboldt, Tenn., and Memphis.

Young was a native of Owensboro, Ky. Survivors include Mrs. Young, a brother, and three sisters

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Churches Have Language Missions Responsibility

PHOENIX, Ariz.--(BP)--Effective language missions can be done only by local churches, not just Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

This statement was made by Loyd Corder of Atlanta, Ga. at a language missions leadership conference in Phoenix, Ariz. Corder is secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of language missions.

The conference was held to discuss improvements and techniques in leadership in language missions. Present were state Baptist directors of language missions and representatives of several Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

Corder estimates that there are 20 million people with other languages, in the United States. Southern Baptist work directly with 80,000 Chinese, 700,000 French-speaking people, 125,000 Japanese, 4,000,000 Spanish, and many smaller groups.

"Language missions in the United States make it necessary for Southern Baptist churches to demonstrate the genuineness of their mission motive and spirit," Corder said. "It is impossible to be sincere and serious about foreign missions while neglecting so great a need and opportunity as language people present in the homeland."

Corder asked that churches approach language missions in the framework of the total responsibility to their communities. Approaches will naturally follow these lines: 1) Win language people into the church program without adaptation of the program; 2) Adapt programs by providing interpreters or language classes and departments; 3) Where necessary, establish language mission stations, and 4) Give assistance to language churches already in the community.

There are now approximately 1000 language churches associated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Hugh A. Brimm, professor of Anthropology and sociology at Carver School of Missions and Social Work in Louisville, Ky., discussed cultural differences in language groups and the part these differences play in mission work. For example, in discussing the family structure, Brimm pointed to the American concept of uniting husband and wife at marriage, while for many groups it is the uniting of the two families from which the husband and wife come.

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Life Magazine Saves
Article For Later

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Life Magazine, which has been undertaking a major study of Southern Baptist Convention activity for an article, has postponed publication of the story till late spring or early summer.

Magazine editors said the postponement became necessary for Life to accumulate a wider assortment of pictures.

During the last year, magazine editors, reporters, and photographers have covered many miles from one part of the country to the other gathering information and photographs on all phases of Southern Baptist endeavor.

This included visits to tidelands missions in Louisiana and mountain missions in eastern Kentucky. One reported-photographer spent a week or more in central Mississippi to feature the church in its relationship to a typical Baptist family.

A photographer from the Life staff flew into Louisville, Ky., last May especially to take a panoramic shot of the 15,000 messengers attending one of the sessions of the 1959 Convention.

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100 Students Expected
For Seminary Study

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NASHVILLE--(BP)--Attendance of 100 is expected here Mar. 30-31 for the 14th annual Fellowship of Baptist Theological Students. They will meet on the campus of American Baptist Theological Seminary.

The conference, which is inter-racial, will attract students from the Southern Baptist Convention, American Baptist Convention, National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., and National Baptist Convention of America.

Theme of this year's meeting will be "The Task of the Baptist Church."

Among conference leaders are Paul O. Madsen, New York, associate executive secretary, American Baptist Home Mission Societies; Victor T. Glass, Atlanta, former acting president of American Seminary now with the department of work with National Baptists of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

J. C. Herrin, Southern area consultant, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, Chapel Hill, N. C.; Professor David S. Shannon, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va.; Charles L. Dinkins, Owen College, Memphis; H. Clayton Waddell, professor of social ethics, New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary; and other leaders from both races.

Some of the topics up for discussion by the students are, "The Task of Baptists as They Face the Ecumenical Movement," "The Task of Baptists as They Face Communism," and "The Task of Baptists as They Face Inter-Group Relations in Education, Denominational Co-operation, and Community Living."

Douglas J. Harris, from Carson-Newman College (Southern Baptist), Jefferson City, Tenn., and Kelly Miller Smith, pastor, First Baptist Church (National Baptist Convention), Nashville, will bring chapel addresses.

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REVISED SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
May 17-20, 1960
Miami Beach, Florida

Ramsey Pollard, President
William Robert Pettigrew, First Vice-President
Bruce Hays Price, Second Vice-President
James White Merritt and Joe Wright Burton, Secretaries
Porter Wroe Routh, Treasurer
Elmer F. Bailey, Director of Music for Convention
Kurt Kaiser, Organist
Charles Magnuson, Pianist
W. C. Fields, Press Representative

GENERAL THEME: "Required of Stewards . . . Found Faithful." (1 Cor. 4: 2)

TUESDAY NIGHT

"Found Faithful in Worship"

6:30 Music--Stetson University Chorus, Deland, Florida, Harold M. Giffin, Director
6:45 Song service
6:55 Scripture (Luke 24: 44-53) Robert L. Deneen, South Carolina
Prayer - John Robert Stiff, West Virginia
7:00 Welcome - C. Roy Angell, Florida
7:05 Response - C. E. Hereford, Texas
7:10 Report on Registration - Joe W. Burton, Tennessee
7:15 Committee on Order of Business - Bruce H. Price, Virginia, Chairman
7:20 Appointment of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, and Tellers
7:25 Memorial Service - W. Marshall Craig, Texas
7:45 Song service
7:50 Brotherhood Commission - George W. Schroeder, Tennessee, Executive Secretary
8:10 Chaplain's Commission - Alfred Carpenter, Georgia, Director
8:25 Song service
8:30 Music - Mrs. Martha Branham, Texas
8:35 Annual sermon - Ralph Herring, North Carolina
W. D. Wyatt, New Mexico, alternate

Benediction - Earl Stallings, Florida

WEDNESDAY MORNING

"Found Faithful in Administration"

9:00 Song service
9:10 Scripture (John 4: 31-38) Rheubin L. South, Arkansas
Prayer - Edgar T. Hutton, Maryland
9:15 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers
Response by Herbert Gezork, President Andover-Newton Theological Seminary,
Massachusetts
9:35 Executive Committee - Administrative, Porter Routh, Tennessee, Executive
Secretary
10:50 Music - Oklahoma Baptist University Glee Club, Shawnee, Oklahoma, Warren M.
Angell, Director
10:55 Election of Officers
11:15 Miscellaneous business
11:30 Woman's Missionary Union - Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Texas, President;
Miss Alma Hunt, Alabama, Executive Secretary
11:50 Song service
11:55 Music - Mrs. Robert Cliett, Georgia
12:00 President's address - Ramsey Pollard, Tennessee
Benediction - Dale Hufft, California

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

"Found Faithful in Prayer"

6:45 Southwestern Seminary Singers, Fort Worth, Texas, R. Paul Green, Director

- 7:00 Song service
 7:10 Scripture (Matt. 6: 5-15) James A. Overton, New Mexico
 Prayer - A. B. Van Arsdale, Alabama
 7:15 American Bible Society
 7:20 Education Commission - Rabun L. Brantley, Tennessee, Executive Secretary
 7:35 Sunday School Board - James L. Sullivan, Tennessee, Executive Secretary
 8:35 Song service
 8:45 Season of prayer - Clyde V. Hickerson, Virginia - Dale Cowling, Arkansas -
 James Coggins, Texas - Charles L. McKay, Arizona
 9:00 Music - Bill Carle, Texas
 9:05 Sermon - J. Ralph Grant, Texas
 Benediction - Robert N. Hammons, Oklahoma

THURSDAY MORNING

"Found Faithful with Life"

- 9:00 Song service
 9:10 Scripture (Rom. 12: 1-15) James O. Mathenia, Illinois
 Prayer - W. Landon Miller, Alabama
 9:15 Relief and Annuity Board - R. Alton Reed, Texas, Executive Secretary
 9:40 Historical Commission - Davis C. Woolley, Tennessee, Executive Secretary
 9:50 Election of officers
 10:00 Miscellaneous Business
 10:15 Radio - Television Commission - Paul M. Stevens, Texas, Director
 10:40 Song service
 10:45 Southern Baptist Seminaries
 Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary - Harold K. Graves, California,
 President
 Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary - Millard J. Berquist, Missouri,
 President
 New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary - H. Leo Eddleman, Louisiana,
 President
 Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary - Sydnor L. Stealey, North Carolina,
 President
 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary - Duke K. McCall, Kentucky, President
 Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary - Robert E. Naylor, Texas,
 President
 Carver School of Missions and Social Work - Nathan C. Brooks, Kentucky,
 President
 Seminary Extension Department - Lee Gallman, Mississippi, Director
 11:50 Music - Miss Jo Ann Shelton, Texas
 12:00 Sermon - Theodore F. Adams, Virginia
 Benediction - James P. Wesberry, Georgia

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

"Found Faithful in Vision"

- 2:30 Song service
 2:40 Scripture (Isaiah 6: 1-8) Ernest R. Wells, Texas
 Prayer - John D. Hartley, Jr., Missouri
 2:45 Report of Committee on Boards - G. Allen West, Tennessee, Chairman
 3:05 Report of Committee on Committees
 3:10 Election of officers
 3:25 Miscellaneous Business
 3:45 American Baptist Theological Seminary Commission - L. S. Sedberry, Tennessee,
 Executive Secretary
 3:55 Music - Al and Ivy Walsh, Georgia
 4:00 Sermon - Charles C. Bowles, Alabama
 Benediction - T. Earl Ogg, Louisiana

THURSDAY NIGHT

"Found Faithful in World Missions"

- 7:00 Song service
 7:10 Scripture (Matt. 28: 16-20) Eugene G. Clark, Virginia
 Prayer - Herbert C. Zachry, Kentucky

