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News Summary, Foreign Mission Board Report
Richmond, Va.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board needs to appoint nearly 700 missionaries in the coming years to attain its goal of 2,000 active missionaries under appointment by the close of 1964.

Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen of Richmond, Va., told the 1960 Southern Baptist Convention there are now 1381 (as of Dec. 31) missionaries serving in 44 countries. Last year, 144 new missionaries received appointments.

He outlined four programs of work in which foreign missionaries engage:

1) Evangelism and church development, including all phases of church and denominational life.

2) Schools, including kindergartens through senior colleges and seminaries. The 1002 schools have 151,276 students.

3) Medical work--this includes hospitals, clinics, and dispensaries which minister to 260,000 patients a year.

4) Publications. More than 14 million pieces of printed material are available each year in many languages.

"The Foreign Mission Board has before it in 1960 needs in excess of $20 million," according to Cauthen. "All available funds will leave unmet more than $3 million of these needs."

The Cooperative Program, financial plan of Southern Baptists, provides the foundation support for the Board's operating budget, although $2½ million from the special Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions goes into the operating budget.

Capital needs lean on the Lottie Moon Offering for most of their support. The Cooperative Program provides $800,000 for 1960, but Cauthen said that over $7½ million in needs exist.

"Sustained advance in world missions depends largely upon prayer. Southern Baptists will do well to focus attention upon all possible ways to harness the prayer potential of every church and individual," Cauthen declared.

The work of the Board overseas is grouped in three areas--Latin America; the Orient; and Europe, Near East, and Africa (combined).

Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin-America, said 494 missionaries serve there. They are in 15 countries.

The second Latin American Missions Conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Feb. 9-12 was one of the highlights of 1959. The 65 missionaries attending it considered field work, theological education, religious education, publications work, and stewardship among other subjects.

The Baptist World Congress, scheduled for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 26-July3, 1960, has been one of the most anticipated events. "For some seven weeks, virtually all of the missionaries' time will be consumed in seeing after from 3500 to 5000 Baptist guests," it was reported.

Those attending the Congress usually schedule visits to mission areas before and after the Congress dates. Southern Baptist missionaries also have assisted in planning the Congress.

"As large as the task is, the missionaries regard the summer of 1960 as an opportunity to give an account of their stewardship to a large number of Southern Baptists, as well as Baptists from other groups, who will be seeing one of their major areas of work for the first time," Means added.

One of the most effective methods of proclaiming the gospel in Latin America is by radio. Programs include recorded sacred music, sermons, brief devotionals, Scripture quotations, 'spot' announcements, and dramatic presentations.

Spanish Baptist Publishing House, El Paso, Tex., serves approximately 100,000 Spanish-speaking Baptists in 41 countries.

In Brazil, where Portusese rather than Spanish is the national language, another publishing house is maintained. It is the "largest (Southern Baptist) publication enterprise anywhere in the world." The Baptist Publishing House serving Brazil is located in Rio.

J. Winston Crawley is secretary for the Orient area. There are 464 missionaries in 12 nations or territories, it was reported.

"Southern Baptist mission work in the Orient showed during 1959 more extension to new places than in any recent year," according to the report. Missionaries began their work in Pakistan and Vietnam. The Foreign Mission Board acted to place missionaries on Okinawa.

The Asia Baptist Graduate Theological Seminary in Hong Kong had its formal beginning in 1959. "In its early years the seminary will function through an apprenticeship arrangement for graduate suudy at various Baptist seminary locations in east and southeast Asia."

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Japan Baptists celebrated their 70th anniversary of Southern Baptist work in 1959. The convention reorganized and entered a new headquarters building in Tokyo.

"In the field of publications the outstanding event in our Orient missions during 1959 was the dedication of the new publication building for Baptist literature work in Indonesia," it was stated.

In a special supplementary report, the Board presented its position on Southern Baptist work in Hawaii, the 50th state.

Anticipating statehood for several years, the Board worked toward transferring responsibility for Baptist work in Hawaii to the Hawaii Baptist Convention. A policy statement called for ending formal Board responsibility in Hawaii at the end of 1960, "with provision for continuing aid in finances and personnel to provide strength during a period of transition."

Hawaii convention began assuming initiative for projects once started by the Foreign Mission Board. The convention called an executive secretary on a full-time basis.

The 423 missionaries in the Europe, Africa, and Near East area are chiefly in Africa where 335 are under appointment. There are 50 in the Near East and 38 in Europe. They were stationed in 12 countries as of Jan. 1, 1959, but three new countries were entered in 1959--Portugal, Nyasaland, and Northern Rhodesia.

Couples were appointed near the close of 1959 to serve in Guinea and in France.

Nigeria with 336 organized churches and combined membership of 42,691, is one of the largest fields in this area. Services are held regularly in more than 1000 places in the country. Most of the organized churches are self-supporting. The Nigeria convention operates an extensive educational system, according to the report, with limited assistance from missionaries, largely at the advanced level.

Where there is a church, there is usually a day school to provide education for Baptist children and for children from other homes in the community. The 463 elementary schools enroled 84,000 children. There are 30 secondary schools enroling 5,500. Seven teacher training centers provided 278 graduates for the educational work in Nigeria. Baptist schools employ 3000 teachers. The Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary at Ogbomosho is recognized "as the strongest institution south of the Sahara."

Visits by a team of preachers and laymen from Mississippi were made to Spain and Italy in the summer of 1959. The group conducted revivals and other services.

European Baptist Theological Seminary at Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, had its largest enrolment--55 students. They came from 17 countries. During the summer session, there were 63 students from 14 countries.

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BAKER J. CAUTHEN is executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board, located in Richmond, Va. After serving as a missionary himself from 1939-45, Cauthen became area secretary for the Orient under the board. He served as area secretary until 1953 when he was elected executive secretary. Cauthen is a native of Huntsville, Tex., born Dec. 20, 1909. He was educated at Stephen F. Austin Teachers College, Nacogdoches, Tex.; Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

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Press Information

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Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Wake Forest, N. C.

"Completed plans for the tenth anniversary was the big story at Southeastern Seminary during 1959," President S. L. Stealey declared in his annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention here today.

During 1960-1961 the founding and the opening dates of the school will be appropriately celebrated. Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina was actually founded in 1950 but did not begin its first classes until 1951.

According to President S. L. Stealey, many outstanding Baptist leaders such as Dr. Ramsey Pollard, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Walter Pope Binns, President of William JewellCollege, and Dr. Samuel H. Miller, Dean of the Harvard Divinity School have been invited to speak.

The main target for the Tenth Anniversary celebration will be the improvement and strengthening of the library. To this end, appeals are being made to friends, alumni, faculty, students and administration for $100,000 in Capital Funds and $250,000 Endowment.

Southeastern Seminary continues to grow with the enrollment last year reaching a total of 786. These students came from 27 states and the District of Columbia and from six foreign countries. The number of women students more than doubled.

Southeastern Seminary is unique among Southern Baptist theological institutions in that is has operated from the beginning on a unified basic curriculum. It has no separate schools of music or religious education. Under the present program, majors in any special vocation such as theology, missions, religious education are taken either under the bachelor of divinity or the master of theology programs. The music curriculum is being strengthened yearly.

There are now 25 full-time and 8 part-time members of the faculty.

Added to the faculty last year were Dr. Emily K. Lansdell, former missionary and president of the Carver School of Missions and Social Work, and Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, for many years professor of preaching at Southern Seminary.

1959 was also a banner construction year for in that time fifty new duplex apartments were completed, the Ruby Reed Child Care Center was finished and occupied, and the Walter M. Williams memorial pipe organ was installed in the chapel.

The paramount need at Southeastern Seminary at the present time in the way of facilities, according to President Stealey, is a girls' dormitory. The fact that the enrollment of women more than doubled last year, has created a very serious situation for the Seminary. To add to this problem, the prospects for another increase in the number of girl students is in evidence for next year.

President Stealey concluded his message to the Convention by pledging "to carry on to the utmost of our ability the work of a sound and progressive theological education for Southern Baptists and for our God."

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S. L. STEALEY was born in 1897 in Martinsburg, W. Va., the son of a Baptist minister. He serves as president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Stealey joined the Southern Seminary faculty in 1942 to teach church history, following a period as pastor of several Baptist churches. He was later elected president of the Southeastern Seminary, established in 1950.

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Other immediate building needs include a student activities building and a children's building for pre-school children of married students.

Cowden Hall, the school of church music building, is being totally renovated and refurnished at a cost of $500,000 and will be ready in the Fall, 1960.

Students came to Southwestern Seminary from 38 states including Alaska and Hawaii, the District of Columbia, and 15 foreign countries. More than 200 universities and colleges are represented in the student body, with 1,925 men and 469 women. In the three schools of instruction, there were 1,427 in the school of theology, 810 in the school of religious education and 157 in the school of church music.

The report explained the three programs of study offered at Southwestern. The first is a basic program of theological training which leads to the bachelor of divinity degree in theology, the master of religious education degree in religious education, and the bachelor or master degrees in the field of church music. Seventy-three percent of the students (or 1,759) are enrolled in this area of study.

The second program provided advanced and graduate study which leads to the master of theology, doctor of theology or the doctor of religious education degrees. Eight percent (or 198) were enrolled in this program.

The third program is designed for those who come to seminary without college preparation.

The report stated that Fleming Library on the campus is staffed by 66 people and contains 225,000 volumes and 260,000 feet of microfilm. Nine thousand volumes were added this year.

Faculty members added during the year included Gene Lacoste Munn, in New Testament; Harold Dill, youth education; and William Greenlee, research librarian.

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Information to Editors

Concerning Reports of Agencies

Each year a question arises about the Convention's action concerning the reports of its agencies and committees.

A few of these reports contain recommendations. These are placed before the Convention for adoption, revision, or rejection. When the Convention has voted upon them in some way, the action taken can be said to be the position of the 1960 Convention.

However, most of the reports contain no recommendations. In such cases, the Convention simply votes "to receive" the report of that committee or agency. Receiving the report does not mean the same as adopting it; for the Convention is not called upon to adopt reports. Thus the Convention will vote either "to receive" or "not to receive" the report. "Receiving" a report, which often contains very newsworthy statements, does not mean that the Convention has "adopted" the position of the agency. However, the Convention does reserve the right to change the body of a report.

In other cases, a lengthy report may be followed by a few summary recommendations. The recommendations may touch only a small portion of the total report. The Convention can be said "to adopt" the recommendations but still only "receives" the remainder of the report not contained in the recommendations.

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News Summary, CARVER SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AND SOCIAL WORK
Louisville, Ky.

Several physical improvements have been at Carver School of Missions and Social Work here during the year, President Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., of Louisville noted in his report to the 1960 Southern Baptist Convention.

The school library moved into the second floor of the James P. Boyce Centennial Library at adjoining Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The academic building, named in memory of the late M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, will be ready for occupancy for summer school this year.

More than two acres next to the campus have been bought for future development, Brooks continued.

He said Carver is engaged in three major programs--specialized missionary training, social work training, and denominational services. The school held a conference in April on two themes of Baptist institutional care--work with the aging, and child care work.

Brooks said that the American Association of Schools of Religious Education ruled Carver School does not fall within the framework of its accrediting program. The Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools has asked a representative from a school of social work already accredited by the association visit the Carver campus. The next steps toward accrediting by this association will follow this visit. The Southern Association indicated, however, interest in four areas; 1) faculty; 2) student enrolment; 3) field instruction, and 4) undergraduate program, Brooks added.

Management survey projections for development of Carver School called for nine men and 68 women students to be enroled during the academic year. Five men and 65 women actually enroled.

"The need for the specialized programs of the school is pointed up by the fact that as of Jan. 1, 1959, only 122 of the 517 men serving as foreign missionaries were serving as pastors," according to Brooks. "The 1161 other missionaries were serving in various evangelistic, church related, and other capacities, many of which call for preparation other than that included in the bachelor of divinity program of the seminaries."

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NATHAN C. BROOKS, Jr., is president of Carver School of Missions and Social Work. He took office June 15, 1958, the first president elected under operation by the Southern Baptist Convention. He is a native of Bridgeton, N. C., born Oct. 13, 1911. Brooks is a graduate of Wake Forest College in North Carolina, and of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was pastor of First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., when called to head Carver School. He has held pastorates in Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia, South Carolina, and Louisiana also.

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CONVENTION PICTURE POSSIBILITIES

NOTE: The pressroom staff will do as much as it can to provide picture help on request.

CONVENTION ON WIRE: A picture of the dozens of wire recorders set up in a special room. These recorders are owned by preachers who take the sermons back home with them for two purposes (1) to share the convention with those who could not come and (2) to study the sermons with the view of improving their own.

OLDEST AND YOUNGEST BAPTIST PRESENT: Picture of the oldest member of a Baptist church and the youngest member of a Baptist church posed with Ramsey Pollard, the Convention president. This is an excellent way to show the democracy of the Convention since all three have an equal voice in the affairs of the convention.

WOMEN LEADERSHIP: A picture of the Woman's Missionary Union president, Mrs. R. L. Mathis, together with all the other officers posed with Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, Ala, the executive secretary. The WMU meeting precedes the Convention session.

THE CONVENTION PRAYS: Close-up of a man leading the convention in prayer. Best time Tuesday night or Wednesday morning.

REGISTRATION OF MESSENGERS: An excellent opportunity for close-up shots. From behind registration booth on Tuesday night or Wednesday morning.

CHAPLAINS WORK: Dr. Alfred Carpenter is director of the Chaplain's Commission. It is his duty to properly relate Southern Baptists to the United States armed forces and their chaplains. Southern Baptists also are assisting in placing chaplains for industry. Might be posed in connection with a picture of the chaplains present at the Convention. Usually also a display in the exhibit area.

BAPTIST AND THEIR PAPERS: Southern Baptists have twenty-eight state papers with circulation of 1 1/3 million. Their annual report comes at 9:15 a.m. Friday. Also they have a booth in exhibit hall.

BAPTISTS AND THEIR SUMMER ASSEMBLIES: Southern Baptists have two convention-wide assemblies, one at Glorieta, New Mexico, and another at Ridgecrest, N. C. E. A. Herron is manager of Glorieta and Willard K. Weeks is manager of Ridgecrest. For a number of years Ridgecrest has operated Camp Ridgecrest for Boys each summer and also Camp Crestridge for Girls. Tens of thousands of Baptists visit these assemblies; some weeks attendance exceeds 3000.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS PICTURE: G. Allen West, Nashville, Tenn., is chairman of the important Committee on Boards. This committee is charged with finding men to serve on all the boards and commissions of the Southern Baptist Convention. Anytime Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday.

BAPTISTS AND BIG GIFTS: Southern Baptists have organized the Southern Baptist Foundation charged with investing and keeping large capital gifts, annuities, etc. Dr. J. W. Storer, Nashville, Tenn., is executive secretary.

BAPTISTS AND MORALS: The Christian Life Commission is the agency charged with exploring and reporting to the convention on all moral issues such as gambling, liquor, race, world peace, labor-management, and other subjects.

BIBLES, BIBLES, BIBLES: Southern Baptists support the American Bible Society as the only extra-denominational enterprise behind which they throw their unified interests. They do this by encouraging the churches to give annually to the budget of the Society. Thomas T. Holloway of Dallas, Tex., is the field representative that does liaison work with Southern Baptists. Pose at Bible exhibit in book store area or at Society's own exhibit booth. Many foreign missionaries are given invaluable aid by society translations of the Scripture into the tongues spoken where they serve.

IN MEMORY OF THE DEAD: The Convention has a brief memorial service each year in memory of Baptist who died within the past year.

SICK BOOK: Picture of a nurse making an entry in the "sick book" at the convention. Treatments in the hospital room average about fifteen or twenty a day.

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NEW SERMONS: Picture of Baptist pastor taking time out to look over books in the Convention's book store area, possibly buying new book of sermons to study in order to improve his own.

MISSION LEADERSHIP: A picture of Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, Dr. Winston Crawley, and Dr. Frank Means, and Dr. H. C. Goerner, the executive secretary and field secretaries for the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board. The picture could be made at the Foreign Mission booth with new missionary appointees or either missionaries on furlough. Foreign mission night is one of the greatest inspirational moments of the entire convention.

FROM THE FIFTY STATES: Pictures showing how Baptists converge on Miami Beach from New York, Virginia, Maryland, Florida, Michigan, Oregon, Louisiana, Alaska, and Hawaii. Anytime.

OFFICIAL CONVENTION PREACHER: Dr. Ralph A. Herring, Winston-Salem, preaches this year's Convention Sermon.

SEMINARY PRESIDENTS: Southern Baptists have six regular seminaries. The presidents are Dr. Duke K. McCall, Southern; Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, New Orleans; Dr. S. L. Stealey, Southeastern; Dr. Harold K. Graves, Golden Gate, Mill Valley, Calif., Dr. Millard J. Berquist, Midwestern; Dr. R. E. Naylor, Southwestern. Report: Thursday morning.

LARGEST HISTORICAL LIBRARY IN THE WORLD: Baptists have set out to establish the largest church history library in the world. The man guiding this development is Dr. Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary of the Historical Commission. He might pose with one or two members of his commission. Report: Thursday morning.

THE BIGGEST BAPTIST MAGAZINE: Home Life Magazine, edited by Joe Burton, a mid-Westerner who has boomed circulation to 850,000. The magazine carries stories from many countries and deals with world problems. Dr. Burton makes good copy. He is also Convention secretary.

BEHIND THE SCENES ON THE PLATFORM: President Ramsey Pollard and Executive Secretary Porter Routh in informal conference together by the executive secretary's telephone.

CONVENTION THEME: A picture of the platform displaying the banner.

THE MAN BEHIND THE PROGRAM: A picture of Dr. Bruce H. Price, Newport News, Va., of the Committee on Order of Business. More than any other, Dr. Price is responsible for keeping the Convention running on time. Suggest one other program personality to pose with him.

THE PRESIDENT AND HIS PAGES: A picture of President Pollard and the boys who run his errands. These pages are members of the Royal Ambassador movement and many of them later become ministers, missionaries, and outstanding Christian laymen.

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES AT HOME: A picture of the foreign missionaries present looking over the foreign mission display in the exhibit hall or when presented Thursday.

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS: A picture of the thousands of books all of which will probably be purchased by the Baptists in their week of fellowship together.

SLEEPING BAPTIST: A picture of a tired little boy asleep in his pushcart and a tired mother fanning him to keep him asleep.

BAPTISTS OF ALL NATIONS: A picture of foreign students present for the convention including Mexicans, Indians, Japanese, Chinese, etc. Suggest using John H. Haldeman, Miami minister, as center.

COLOR PRINTERS: Pastors of churches placing orders for church bulletins at the Baptist Bulletin Service exhibit.

GIVE-AWAYS: Attendant in the Baptist Bulletin Service exhibit giving out samples of church bulletins.

ARCHITECTS TOO: Pastors from Southern Baptist churches looking at church building plans one of the services of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

PICTURE OF AUDIENCE: During any part of program, especially standing votes.

LAYMEN ON MISSION TOUR: Contact George Schroeder about laymen who have paid their own expenses to visit Southern Baptist Mission stations. Or see Roy Jennings of the pressroom staff.

STUDENT NURSES: Two or three student nurses from Southern Baptist Hospital in the Hospital Booth, perhaps discussing nursing careers with young people.

BIG SHIPMENTS: There are interesting facts regarding the volume of material shipped from Nashville to Miami Beach for the Convention. Most of it goes in the exhibit area.

FATHER-SON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: J. M. Price, Sr., and Jr., are both religious education men. J. M. Price, Sr., is retired director of the School of Religious Education at Southwestern Seminary and his son is director of the School of Religious Education at New Orleans Seminary. These two men, their ideas, and their organizations are having as large an impact on the churches of the Convention as any two men engaged in educational work.

INTEREST IN RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: Southern Baptists are interested in government action, particularly in the field of church-state relations and temperance. Southern Baptists and six other Baptist conventions jointly support a Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington. Dr. C. Emanuel Carlson is director of the committee. While the Convention itself provides no support, many individuals and churches help support the organization Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU). If interested in a second person, secure Walter Pope Binns, president of William Jewell College, a Southern Baptist school in Liberty, Missouri. Dr. Binns is chairman of the Public Affairs Committee of the SBC. W. Barry Garrett, associate director of the Joint Committee, is a good interview-photo subject.

MUSIC GROUPS: Musical groups are featured at some sessions. Take your pick if interested in photos. (See Convention Bulletin for complete listing.) Elmer F. Bailey Knoxville is director of Convention music. Hewas music director at President Pollard's church.

NEW OFFICERS: The Convention will probably re-elect its president this year. It will elect two new vice-presidents. Also the Woman's Missionary Union, the Religious Education Conference, the Church Music Conference, and the Pastors' Conference will elect officers.

SIGHTSEEING: Messengers to the Convention love to see the sights during offtime. They will visit beaches, buildings, gardens, and other places of interest in and around Miami.

BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE: Southern Baptists and six other Baptist groups in North America are taking part in a Baptist Jubilee Advance celebrating the 150th anniversary of the first nationwide Baptist convention (1814). Goals have been set by each convention. This could be interest center of photo of fraternal messengers from other Baptist groups. (See other information provided in press package for details.) Subjects: W. L. Howse, Merrill D. Moore, C. C. Warren.

CONVENTION PREACHERS: The man who preached the Convention Sermon when the Convention last met in Miami (1955) will most likely be in attendance at the 1959 Convention. He is Monroe F. Swilley, pastor of Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., . He might be posed with C. Roy Angell of Miami, who preached the sermon at the 1951 session of the Convention in San Francisco. Several other former Convention "preachers" can be included if more persons are needed.

BAPTIST WORLD CONGRESS: Baptists from many lands will meet June 26-July 3 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for the Baptist World Alliance Congress which convenes once every five years. This year, the Congress will elect a new general secretary for the Alliance, as Arnold T. Ohrn, present executive, has announced retirement. Joseph Nordenhaug, president of European Baptist Seminary, Ruschlikon, Zurich, Switzerland, has been nominated to succeed Ohrn. Ohrn has a Norwegian background. The Alliance's offices are in Washington, D. C. Possible other persons for picture: Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president o f the Alliance, who speaks Thursday at noon.

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REPORT OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION
J. W. Storer, Executive Secretary
Nashville, Tenn.

The Southern Baptist Foundation, an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, reported to the Convention that its trust assets now stand at $4,131,999.

These funds are entrusted to the Foundation by donors to Baptist causes and also include reserve funds of other Convention agencies.

The Foundation has a goal of $6 million in trust assets by the close of 1961, Executive Secretary J. W. Storer of Nashville, said in presenting the Foundation report.

During 1959, the agency settled an estate involving $70,896. It contained 320 acres of land in New Mexico of "undeterminable value," and made Baptists half-owners of a shopping center in Owensboro, Ky.

It reported other wills which name the Foundation as beneficiary without giving additional details about them.

"The Southern Baptist Foundation constantly reminds its clients that money or material possessions of every sort is a sacred trust and that the Foundation is a channel through which the trustee of God's Material blessings may translate it into service beyond the life span of his earthly life," Storer declared.

The Foundation experienced the highest average return on invested funds during 1959---5.09 per cent. It distributed new earnings in excess of $150,000 to beneficiaries.

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J. W. STORER is a past president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He became executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Foundation, with offices in Nashville, in 1956 following a 25 year pastorate of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla. He was once chairman of the special SBC committee on theological education. He also was pastor of churches in Tennessee, Virginia, and Mississippi. He was president of the Convention's Executive Committee prior to being elected president of the Convention, and was the first person in the Convention's history to hold both presidencies. He is a native of Burlington, Kans., born Dec. 1. 1884.

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For Information

Association Mission Superintendents Meet

A conference for superintendents of associational missions will convene May 17 in First Baptist Church in Miami Beach. More than 200 superintendents will attend.

While other conferences have been held for missions superintendents around the Southern Baptist Convention, this is the first such conference planned by the men themselves, according to Harold Gregory, Nashville, Tenn., associational superintendent.

The conference will start at 1:30 p.m. and end at 4. "The program is planned to deal primarily with the personal problems of the superintendents, with a minimum of promotional emphasis," Gregory added. Both rural and city missions leaders will be present.

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Such items as flash bulbs and large books often take up all the space.

Please do not hesitate to suggest to us any way in which you feel we may improve press accommodations or set up; only in this way can we be aware of any shortcoming and make an effort to remedy it.

We appreciate your kindness and consideration.

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For Information

1961 Proposed Budget
Passes $20 Million

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee is recommending a 1961 Cooperative Program budget goal of $20,013,500. This is an increase of $2,126,600 over the 1960 budget under which the Convention and its agencies now operate.

It is the highest budget goal in the Convention's history.

For operations of the agencies, the Executive Committee proposes that $13,938,500 be distributed. Another $4,575,000 is for capital needs, and the advance goal (after the operating and capital needs are met) is $1-1/2 million.

The proposed budget goes next to the floor of the Southern Baptist Convention at Miami Beach May 17-20 for approval.

As customary, it is understood that operating budgets will receive priority before final distribution of funds from the Executive Committee office. This is a provision to take care of the agencies' operating needs should offerings fall below present trends, and the budget not be raised.

However, the Convention for a number of years has been meeting its total operating and capital needs through the Cooperative Program in October or November, and the advance section has been going into effect.

Advance funds are distributed only to home and foreign missions, with home missions getting 25 per cent and foreign missions, 75 per cent. The budget year of the Convention corresponds with the calendar year.

The Convention's Foreign Mission Board would receive the greatest of any agency in 1961 through the operating section---$7-1/4 million compared with $6,290,000 this year. The Home Mission Board's operating allocation would be raised from $1-3/4 million this year to $2 million next year.

The six seminaries would share $3 million in 1961 under their special formula for distributing funds. Their total operating distribution for 1960 is $2,790,000.

Church extension loan funds for the Home Mission Board would receive the greatest capital outlay---$900,000, which is the same amount being distributed for this in 1960. These funds are used to help new churches and missions during the movement to establish 30,000 new churches and missions between 1959-64.

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., would receive another $700,000 next year to continue building its new campus. The schedule for this capital expansion was approved several years ago, but the amount is included in each annual budget.

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MEETING SITES, DATES FOR FUTURE CONVENTIONS

1961 -- May 23-26, Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Mo. (Last met there, 1954)

1962 -- June 5-8, San Francisco, Calif. (Last met this city, 1951)

1963 -- May 7-10, Kansas City, Mo. (Last met this city, 1956)

1964 -- May 18-24, Atlantic City, N. J. (Never have met this far East before)

Fish, Swim, Photography
While At Miami Beach

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.--(BP)--Fishermen, swimmers, photographers --- you won't want to leave your paraphernalia at home when you come here next May for the Southern Baptist Convention session.

May is one of the finest fishing months in waters around Miami Beach, so bring your tackle along for the spare hours before and after the convention.

It's only a few minutes to fishing grounds in the Atlantic for salt water enthusiasts. Fresh water fishermen will find a good spot not far away, too. Many will pass famous Lake Okeechobee on the highway to and from Miami Beach.

Many of the hotels here are located along the ocean beach and it's only a short run to the surf. In addition, many hotels also have fresh water swimming pools for those who prefer that.

Photographers can find interesting subjects everywhere. There are boats--the powerful sports cruisers that tow the water skiers through the bay, sailboats, fishing vessels, and ocean-going freighters.

The cameraman will also find beautiful flowers, palm trees, swanky homes owned by millionaires, luxury hotels with interesting architecture, parks, and other things which appeal to him.

To top this, adventures in dining await summer visitors at Miami Beach, Seafood, as you might expect, are the outstanding dishes for local menus. Heading the list of fish is the pompano, which is caught locally. Close behind it in popularity and in taste are yellowtail, sea trout, and red snapper.

Flowers are a hobby of nearly every Miami Beach home owner, many of whom spend as much of their spare time as possible in the garden or patio experimenting with their favorite flowers. Both hibiscus and orchid fanciers are organized into clubs, as are growers who favor palms. Schores of species of palms are found here.

Informality in dress is followed in Miami Beach during May. But despite the informality, nearly all hotels are restaurants require men to wear jackets and ties when they enter lobbies and restaurants after 6 p. m.

This informality makes it ideal for women conventioners to wear their lightest, coolest frocks and wash dresses. Those who prefer other sports as water-skiing and fishing will be glad to know that there are an abundance of golf courses, and courts for badminton and hand ball.

Speaking of flowers, the city of Miami Beach spends nearly $500,000 a year on its plantings and prunings in parks and parkways. A half-million flowering plants are set out by the park department each year, among them crimson poinsettia for Christmas and snow white croft lilies for Easter.

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Report of Seminary Extension Department
Jackson, Miss. -- R. Lee Gallman, Director

Once laymen were in the majority in courses offered by the extension department of Southern Baptist seminaries; now, ordained ministers outnumber laymen.

R. Lee Gallman, Jackson, Miss., director of the seminary extension department, reported this trend to the 1960 session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The number enroled this year are about the same number as were enroled in 1956. "Within the four-year span, however, the percentages of laymen and preachers have been reversed," he said.

In 1956, from 65 to 67 per cent of the enrolees were laymen; today, 65 per cent are ministers. According to Gallman, "this is a distinct achievement."

The Seminary Extension Department is an arm of the six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries set up to reach preachers who could not attend seminaries and colleges.

During the year of his report, Gallman said, 1750 of these men have been reached. It's estimated that withing the convention there are about 10,000 in this category. Some have a brief stay in college, but others failed even to complete high school.

The Seminary Extension Department does not conduct its extension centers in Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Virginia, and eastern Tennessee. In these states, local Baptist colleges conduct extension programs.

Ministers may also take work from the Seminary Extension Department by correspondence.

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RAWDON LEE GALLMAN was born May 19, 1908, at Clanton, Ala. He was educated at Howard College, Birmingham; Southwestern Baptist Seminary, and New Orleans Baptist Seminary. Ordained to the ministry in 1930, Gallman pastored churches in Alabama before assuming his present position in 1951.

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Reporting to the Convention on the progress of the seminary, the president, who was inaugurated in February, 1959, told the messengers that the chapel has already meant much to the spiritual life of faculty and students alike, as well as many townspeople who have joined the seminary family in worship.

Ramsey Pollard, Memphis, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was the principal speaker for the dedication service held Sunday after noon, Sept. 13, 1959.

A chapel appreciation service was held in connection with the 42nd convocation Thursday, Sept. 10, when Grady C. Cothen, pastor, First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., an alumnus of the seminary, delivered the principal address.

Those added to the seminary teaching corps were Vernon L. Stanfield, department of preaching; William A. Mueller, church history, and William H. Souther, school of religious education, all new faculty members; and Claude Howe, church history, and Mrs. William H. Souther, religious education, were retained as teachers.

Stanfield and Mueller formerly held positions on the factuly at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Souther was minister of education at the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., for 13 years; Howe received his doctor of theology degree last may from New Orleans Seminary, and Mrs. Souther held a position with the Sunday school department of Texas, Dallas.

New Orleans Seminary will graduate nearly 250 students before the completion of the academic year, Eddleman told the convention. Mid-term graduates numbered 55, May graduation was 180, and between 50 and 60 graduates are expected for summer commencement in July.

The enrolment in the three schools -- theology, religious education, church music--for a period beginning with the 1959 summer session but excluding the 1960 summer session was 1034, Eddleman said.

The president told the Convention, "Our practical activities department activates every student in grass roots level situations every week." "Students without church work are engaged in field mission activities, such as work in hospitals, rescue missions and jails, and pioneering, census taking, street preaching and other activities."

"The history of many churches in the New Orleans area constitutes a religious romance, being brought into existence during the last few years or decades by students or faculty of the seminary and today supporting generously the Cooperative Program."

In a closing statement the president said, "Bound to the lordship of Christ, the teachings of God's word; and motivated by a compassionate desire for the salvation of lost men everywhere, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary joins her five sister seminaries in doing everything possible academically and spiritually 'that the man of God may be made perfect' and that the young men and women you send us will be worthy to bear the torch flung to them by our forbears."

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H. Leo Eddleman is president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisiana. He is a native of Morgantown, Miss., and a graduate of Mississippi College (Baptist) and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He formerly taught both at New Orleans and at Southern Seminaries. Before becoming president of New Orleans Seminary, Eddleman was president of Georgetown College (Baptist) in Kentucky.

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Report of Commission on American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tenn.,
L. S. Sedberry, Executive Secretary

Pre-ministerial training; establishing a graduate school of theology; establishing units for in-service training---these are the three areas in which American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tenn., made progress during 1959.

This statement is from the report of L. S. Sedberry to the Southern Baptist Convention's 1960 session at Miami Beach. Sedberry is executive secretary of the Convention's Commission on the American Seminary.

The seminary for training Negro ministers and other religious workers is a joint operation of the S B C and the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A. Inc., the largest body of Negro Baptists. The Commission represents Southern Baptists in the seminary operation.

The seminary is also making progress toward accreditation by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, according to Seminary President Maynard P. Turner, Jr., as relayed by Sedberry.

Graduates are successful ministers and church leaders in the National Convention. "The school contributes to better race relations in the South," Sedberry continued.

"The financial support given the school by the National Baptist Convention has increased during recent years," Sedberry reported.

Two projects in capital needs are receiving attention. A $100,000 seminary chapel is the first project, and funds for it are in hand. Work will start when authorized by the Commission. The other is the need for student apartments since there is a shortage of off-campus housing in the area surrounding the seminary. "At least two units should be constructed this year, costing $25,000," he said.

Enrolment for 1959-60 is 81 students, including students from Central America, the West Indies, and South Africa.

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LELAND S. SEDBERRY is executive secretary of the SBC Commission on American Baptist Theological Seminary. The seminary and commission offices are in Nashville, Tenn. Sedberry is a native of Buena Vista, Tenn. He received degrees from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He has been a trustee of two Baptist institutions (not now in existence)--Tennessee College for Women, Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn. He also is past vice-president of Tennessee Baptist Convention.

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FOR RELEASE: 9:45 AM
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Report of Historical Commission, Nashville
Tenn., Davis C. Woolley, Executive Secretary

A change in administrative leadership of this agency was the highlight of the year since the last report to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Norman W. Cox retired as executive secretary and now is secretary emeritus of the Historical Commission. Davis C. Woolley of Birmingham succeeded Cox on Sept. 1, 1959.

The primary purpose of the Commission, Woolley said in his annual report to the 1960 Convention sessionat Miami Beach, "is to serve the history interests of Southern Baptists." It has two programs:

1) To secure and to preserve Baptist history materials.
2) To use these materials in the service of Southern Baptists.

Microfilm records make up one of the chief sources of Baptist history materials available through the Historical Commission, Woolley said. Because of microfilm, the Commission has on file "valuable and rare Baptist materials that otherwise could never have been secured." This project has required approximately two-thirds of the time and budget of the Commission.

The Commission also secures the printed records themselves--books, leaflets, letters, pamphlets, and other volumes. It has secured over 4000 biographies of Baptists in its "Operation Baptist Biography."

The archives and museum will assume more importance when the Dargan-Carver Library at Nashville moves into new and larger quarters, Woolley added. The library is a joint effort of the Commission and Baptist Sunday School Board.

Materials assembled by the Commission in written formor on microfilm are used by students in research for theses, books, etc. The Dargan-Carver Library provides many materials also for reference. The Commission is helping the Executive Committee of the Convention in a research study of Convention agencies. It aids other libraries and history centers. It sponsors a history writers conference at summer assemblies.

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DAVIS C. WOOLLEY is both historian and educator. Before becoming executive secretary of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1959, he was director of extension for Christian education at Howard College (Baptist), Birmingham, Ala. Woolley is a native of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and a graduate of Howard College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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Convention To Complete
Work Of Reorganization

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention moves into Miami Beach's new exhibition hall May 17-20 without expecting lengthy discussion on questions known to be coming before it.

But since any messenger to the Convention may bring up matters--even without advance notice--the possibility is always there that an unexpected issue may be debated.

The Convention's survey committee has made its report. This report, presented at Houston, Tex., in 1958 and at Louisville, Ky., last year, occupied attention of messengers at those sessions.

The 1960 Convention will be asked to implement the details following the broad action taken during the past two years. Some follow-through includes constitution and bylaw changes to activitate the survey recommendations.

It also includes electing members of the Stewardship Commission. A new agency, the Stewardship Commission was created by successive votes at Houston and at Louisville. After the new commission is elected, it will provide a staff to handle the work of the new agency.

The Convention's Executive Committee will present the suggested program under which the new commission will work. It is to encourage increased giving by Southern Baptists and to urge Baptists to remember Christian causes in their wills and annuities.

The Relief and Annuity Board of the Convention was to have had a change in name voted on at Louisville. Due to an oversight, it could not be handled at this session. Messengers at Miami Beach will vote on the proposal that the term "Relief" be dropped and that it be known as the Annuity Board.

The Executive Committee also will present the 1961 Convention Cooperative Program budget for adoption. This budget, which supports the operations and capital needs of the agencies, slightly exceeds $20 million.

Because of the need to reserve hotel space and a suitable auditorium, the Convention selects meeting sites well in advance. The Miami Beach Convention will vote on the 1965 site. Dallas has been recommended to the Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher.

Standing in the background are many possible questions. Only Convention time will tell if any actually develops. Any of the 10,000 to 15,000 messengers could propose a resolution or other action.

About eight Baptist state annual conventions took some type of stand on the religion-and-presidency issue last fall. Because of this, it is possible some messenger could ask the Convention also to take a stand.

Supporters of admitting messengers from Baptist churches in Canada could re-introduce their amendment to seat these messengers, presently barred by the constitution. Such an amendment was introduced once, but withdrawn because of a flaw in wording.

Taxation of church property is another potential business matter. The city of Nashville has asked the Sunday School Board of the Convention there to pay taxes on properties for the first time. The board objects, saying that property in religious use is legally exempt.

The Convention's Executive Committee looked into the matter of taxation during the past year. It reported the matter will be explored further in the fall when Baptist leaders gather in Washington, D. C., for a conference on religious liberty and church-state affairs.

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The taxation has had an important side effect. The Sunday School Board planned to extensively remodel one of its buildings in Nashville as an office building for the Executive Committee and other Baptist agencies also located in Nashville.

This is one of the properties on which taxes are asked. This has caused the Executive Committee to reconsider moving into the building. The Executive Committee has considered sites other than Nashville for relocation.

A Baptist editor in Washington recommended the nation's capital as the site for relocation. A midwestern editor, however, suggests moving in that direction.

If any move away from Nashville is made, it probably will be voted on at Miami Beach.

The Convention is expected to follow custom and to re-elect Ramsey Pollard of Memphis, Tenn., as president. He is pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis.

The Convention will hear reports that its Sunday school enrolment in churches--7,276,502--is largest among non-Catholic denominations; that the churches baptized a record 429,000 converts last year, and that church membership totals 9,485,276, second only to The Methodist Church. Giving too reached a record of more than $453 million to local church, state convention, and Southern Baptist Convention activities.

Each church in the Convention is entitled to a messenger to the Convention. Depending on membership and contributions by the church, it may have more messengers with a maximum of 10 from any one church.

Messengers do not bind the church from which they come to any action of the Convention, hence the word messenger rather than delegate.

The annual reports of all of the agencies will be printed in the Book of Reports which will be available to each messenger for $1.

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MIDWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY NEWS SUMMARY
Kansas City, Missouri

A new $2 million campus, a record cumulative enrolment of 296, and six new faculty members highlight the past year developments for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Millard J. Berquist, president of Midwestern, looks forward expectantly to erection of a much-needed classroom building, the addition of four men to the faculty, and an enrolment of 425 in the coming year.

Midwestern, Southern Baptists' newest seminary, enroled 150 ministers at its opening two years ago.

During the first eight months of 1959, four buildings were erected at a cost of $800,000 on the 215 acres which comprise the school's permanent campus. These include the administrative group --- library, auditorium, and administration building --- and the first unit of the classroom quadrangle.

This choice site, only 10 minutes from downtown Kansas City, with its buildings of weathered stone accented bycolorful sections of blue mosaic tile, is rapidly becoming one of the "show places" of the area. Largely responsible for the floral beauty of the campus is Cecil Pragnell, creator of the Glorieta (N. M.) Gardens. Pragnell is Midwestern's landscaping consultant. Pragnell plated 6000 tulips on the campus. They bloomed for the first time this spring.

Presently a classroom-student center building is under construction. Projected for the future, as funds become available, are the construction of student housing, dormitory, cafeteria, infirmary, and child care center.

Two hundred and ninety-six ministers enroled for classes at Midwestern during the school year, 1959-60. Berquist anticipates enrolment increasing to 425 next year as the third year of study toward a bachelor of divinity degree is added to the curriculum.

Because of this curriculum expansion, four new professors will be added to the faculty. Their subject areas are Christian ethics, psychology of religion, philosophy of religion, and Bible. One, Pierce Matheney, a doctoral candidate and instructor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., has already been elected by Trustees as assistant professor of Old Testament interpretation.

During the summer of 1959 six new professors joined the faculty: Roy L. Honeycutt, associate professor of Old Testament interpretation; George Thomason, associate professor of New Testament interpretation; Clifford Ingle, professor of religious education and church administration; C. DeWitt Matthews, professor of preaching; G. Hugh Wamble, professor of church history, and J. Morris Ashcraft, professor of theology.

The new institution initiated two special occasions. They are the "H.I. Hester Lectureships on Preaching," and four "missionary days" annually.

Theodore F. Adams, Richmond, Va., president of Baptist World Alliance, inaugurated the lectureships this spring.

On May 12, 1961, before the next session of the Convention, the seminary will send forth its first graduating class.

The seminary motto is "In the heart of America for the hearts of the World."

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MILLARD J. BERQUIST is president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Kansas City, Mo. He is a native of Kansas City, Kans., graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Berquist was pastor of First Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla., prior to accepting presidency of the new seminary.

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Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Louisville, Ky.

The school year of 1960-61 was a high point in the 101-year history of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

During this period the Seminary completed, occupied, and dedicated the $1-3/4 million James P. Boyce Centennial Library; inaugurated its first dean of the school of theology, C. Penrose St. Amant; increased the size of the faculty to the largest in history; began preparation for the construction of the new building for the school of church music, and made many other administrative and academic improvements.

In the following words of President Duke K. McCall, Louisville, the year's activities can be summed up: "A return to normalcy is perhaps the best phase for summarizing the current school year. It has been a happy and effective year in which spiritual and educational values have occupied the spotlight."

If any one event could be considered the highlight of the year of the Seminary it would probably be the dedication of the new library. This new building of 76,000 square feet serves as the hub of the campus. It has a seating space for 650 students and shelf space for 225,000 volumes.

This includes the Carver School of Missionsand Social Work library which is now housed in this building, making it a joint library for these two Southern Baptist institutions. (They have neighboring campuses.)

The Nicol Museum of Biblical Archaeology has been established in the library and the Billy Graham Room housing the full collection of papers and other materials of the famous evangelist was dedicated May 9, 1960.

The completion of the new library not only assured the Seminary adequate space for library expansion, but it also assured space now in process of renovation in Norton Hall for faculty offices, classrooms, and a small auditorium.

This additional space opens the door for additions to the faculty as required by qualitative academic standards for an institution of this size.

The first allocation of Cooperative Program funds for current operations has been made to the Seminary on the new equation developed by the presidents of six seminaries in consultation with three independent educators. This formula effectively channels available funds into the primary purpose of an educational institution, namely, its academic program.

The total faculty, 45 individuals with faculty status and 22 instructors, is the largest in the history of the seminary. A new statement on academic freedom and tenure was developed and approved by the trustees, administration and faculty.

The accrediting commission of the American Association of Theological Schools voted, after a report from a team of inspectors, to continue the accredited status of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The 1959-60 Seminary enrollment was 1288 students.

The school of theology has an enrollment of 762 with 25 faculty members, 7 instructors, 29 fellows and teaching assistants. Dale Moody has been appointed director of graduate studies and the requirements for both master and doctor of theology degrees have been strengthened.

The school of church music, with Forrest H. Heeren as dean, has 74 enrolled with 7 faculty members, 12 instructors, 2 fellows and teaching assistants. The new $500,000 church music school building will be under construction within a year and should be ready for occupancy in September, 1962.

The school of religious education, Allen W. Graves, dean, has 147 enrolled, with 7 faculty members, 5 instructors, 7 fellows and teaching assistants.

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DUKE K. McCALL, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., was born Sept. 1, 1914. He is a native of Meridian, Miss. He is a graduate summa cum laude of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., and received the master of theology and doctor of philosophy degrees at Southern Seminary. Before becoming seminary president, McCall was on the Southern Baptist Education Commission and was executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee. From 1943 to 1946 he was president of the Baptist Bible Institute (Now New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary). He is a member of the executive committee and the administrative committee of the Baptist World Alliance, and president of the National Temperance League.

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RADIO-TV COMMISSION
Fort Worth, Tex.

More than 22,000 hours of religious broadcasting is the annual total being dispensed by 849 stations which carry weekly the five radio programs and one television series produced by Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission.

The Commission began operation on a small scale as an investigative committee without funds some 22 years ago. Today, under the leadership of Director Paul M. Stevens, the Commission is helping to make Southern Baptists well-known as an evangelistic, progressive denomination throughout the world.

The Convention's decision to enter the field of television with a dramatic series probably put this unique agency in business on a large scale. That was four years ago last month (April, 1956), and the reach of the Commission, its budget, and its obvious missionary potential has grown by leaps and bounds ever since.

Actually, the Commission is a missionary service organization for the Convention. It preaches the gospel on radio and television and through the printed page every day in the year. It offers assistance to pastors, missionaries, teachers and anyone else interested in using the airwaves as a method of telling lost people of salvation through Jesus Christ.

The three main facets of the work are: 1) preaching on radio and television, which includes program production and distribution; 2) building an audience for the programs, which takes in all types of promotion and publicity; and 3) inquiries and counseling, which has to do with answering and following up mail which comes in response to the programs, and producing and distributing appropriate literature to those who write.

The Commission now produces five weekly programs for use on radio, each designed to meet the personal needs of some population group. The need for variety in programming grows in ratio to the world's popultion. The Commission seeks to reach a worldwide audience composed of many races and interests, through LA HORA BAUTISTA, a language broadcast and "Master Control", a religious variety program.

The television ministry of the Commission for Southern Baptists has taken the form of "The Answer," a series of 30-minute dramas on film, to date. Recently, however, the Baptist Hour Choir was video-tape recorded for wide distribution to pastors and local stations which produce a television program but need a musical group.

When funds are available, with some definite possibilities later this year, the Commission has plans for a preaching program, similar to "The Baptist Hour", for television; a children's television program with a soul-winning emphasis; a counseling program; an "adventure" series built around the thrilling exploits of Southern Baptist missionaries around the world for television.

"The Answer" is the most spectacular program produced by this Southern Baptist agency, and by far the most expensive (between $27,000 and $30,000 each film). At the same time, it reaches literally millions of individuals (estimated 50 million annually) in the intimate confines of their homes, causing them to consider the most important aspect of life. Thus, no actual monetary value can be assigned to such an activity as it renders its valuable service to the Kingdom of God.

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Director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, PAUL M. STEVENS, was reared in Mississippi. He was an Air Force chaplain for four years and has served as pastor of many churches in Oklahoma, Texas, and Georgia. He holds the bachelor's degree from Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and the master of theology degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ada, Okla., when elected director of the Commission in 1953.

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May 17-20 • Miami Beach

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, Carver School, Seminary Extension:
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—Warren M. Marshall, Jr., Georgia

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

"Found Faithful in Vision"

2:10 Sacred Concert—Campbell College Choir, Charles Horton, N. C., Director
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

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PROCEEDINGS
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA
MAY 17-20, 1960

Tuesday Night, May 17

1. The Stetson University Chorus, directed by Harold M. Griffin (Fla.) sang "Glory Now to Thee" *(Sleepers, Wake!)*, by Bach, "The Creation," by Richter, and "Praise Ye the Lord" *(Psalm 150)*, by Franck.

2. After presenting Kurt Kaiser (Texas), organist, Charles Magnuson (Calif.), pianist, and Tommy Lane (Tenn.), assistant director of music, Elmer F. Bailey (Tenn.), director of music for this session of the Convention, led in singing "To God Be the Glory," "I Love to Tell the Story," and "I Stand Amazed in the Presence."

3. Following this period of music, the One Hundred Third Session of the Southern Baptist Convention (one hundred and fifteenth year), meeting Tuesday night, May 17, was called to order by President Ramsey Pollard (Tenn.) in Miami Beach Exhibition Hall, Miami Beach, Florida.

4. Robert L. Deneen (S.C.) read Luke 24:44-53, and John Robert Stiff (W. Va.) led in prayer.

5. The Convention was formally welcomed by C. Roy Angell, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Miami.

6. Response was made by C. E. Hereford (Texas).

7. Secretary Joe W. Burton (Tenn.) reported an enrolment of 9,700 messengers. It was moved and carried that these messengers constitute the Convention and that duly accredited messengers from churches in co-operation with the Convention who arrive later be recognized as members of the Convention when they have enrolled on the basis of membership as set forth in Article III of the Constitution.

8. Bruce H. Price (Va.), chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Order of Business, which was adopted.

9. President Pollard announced the appointment of the Committee on Committees and Committee on Resolutions. (See p. 2 of Wednesday's BULLETIN for a list of these committees).

10. At the request of the president, Secretary James W. Merritt (Ga.) announced the appointment of the Committee on Tellers (see p. 2 of this BULLETIN for a list of tellers).

11. W. Marshall Craig (Texas) led the Memorial Service, following the singing of "Blest Be the Tie," led by Elmer F. Bailey. The Memorial Service closed with the singing of "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

12. The choir of the Bellevue Baptist Church (Memphis, Tenn.), directed by Tommy Lane (Tenn.) sang "Near the Cross" and "Hallelujah for the Cross."

13. George W. Schroeder (Tenn.), executive secretary, presented the report of the Brotherhood Commission, which was adopted. The presentation included a demonstration of Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador meetings by groups of men and boys.

14. Alfred Carpenter (Ga.), director of the Chaplains Commission, presented Wayne E. Oates (Ky.) who discussed the report of the Chaplains Commission and spoke for the chaplaincy. (The report of the Chaplains Commission is a part of the Home Mission Board report and will be considered for adoption when this report is presented.) A group of chaplains was on the platform during this period.

15. Mr. Bailey led in singing "When We All Get to Heaven" and, following the special musical number, led in singing "We praise Thee, O God."

16. The Bellevue Choir, directed by Tommy Lane (Tenn.), sang "Amazing Grace," "Wonderful Grace of Jesus," and "This Is the Day."

17. Mrs. Martha Branham (Texas) sang "Seeking for Me."

18. Following the reading of Matthew 15:21-28 by W. D. Wyatt (N.Mex.), who also led in prayer, Ralph A. Herring (N.C.) preached the Convention sermon, the subject of which was "Lifting Life's Limitations."

19. The Convention closed with prayer by Earl Stallings (Fla.) and the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" by the Bellevue choir.

Wednesday Morning, May 18

20. Elmer F. Bailey led in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," "Jesus Saves," and "On Jordan's Stormy Banks."

21. Rheubin L. South (Ark.) read John 4:31-38, and Edgar T. Hutton (Md.) led in prayer.

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Order of Business

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THURSDAY NIGHT

"Found Faithful in World Missions"

6:45 Sacred Concert, Mississippi College Choir, Jack Lyall, Director
7:00 Song Service
7:10 Scripture (Matt. 28:16-20)—Eugene G. Clark, Virginia
Prayer—Herbert C. Zachry, Kentucky
7:15 Southern Baptist Foundation—J. W. Storer, Tennessee, Executive Secretary
7:25 Music—Ed Miller, Tennessee
7:35 Executive Committee—Stewardship Promotion, Merrill D. Moore, Tennessee, Secretary
8:00 Foreign Mission Board—Baker J. Cauthen, Virginia, Executive Secretary
Benediction — Erwin L. McDonald, Arkansas

FRIDAY MORNING

"Found Faithful in Christian Convictions"

9:00 Song Service
9:10 Scripture (2 Tim. 1:6-14) — Thomas V. Wells, Tennessee
Prayer—Fred Tarpley, Mississippi
9:15 Committee on Denominational Papers—Louie D. Newton, Georgia, Chairman
9:30 Report of Time, Place, and Preacher Committee
9:35 Report of Resolutions Committee
9:50 Miscellaneous Business
10:10 Christian Life Commission
10:30 Song Service
10:35 Southern Baptist Hospitals—T. Sloane Guy, Jr., Louisiana, Superintendent
10:50 Committee on Canadian Baptist Cooperation — Courts Redford, Georgia, Chairman
11:00 Committee on Public Affairs—C. Emmanuel Carlson, District of Columbia, Executive Secretary
11:20 Committee on Denominational Calendar —Baker J. Cauthen, Virginia, Chairman
11:30 Baptist World Alliance—Arnold T. Ohrn, District of Columbia, Executive Secretary
11:55 Song Service
12:00 Sermon—Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma
Benediction—J. Truman Brown, Georgia

FRIDAY NIGHT

"Found Faithful in Witnessing"

6:30 Sacred Concert—Belmont College Glee Club, Dee Wayne White, Director
6:45 Song Service
7:00 Scripture (Acts 1:1-9)—U. W. Malcolm, Florida
Prayer—W. J. Stephenson, North Carolina
7:05 Presentation of Officers
7:10 Committee on Baptist Jubilee Advance —C. C. Warren, North Carolina, Chairman
8:00 Song Service
8:05 Home Mission Board—Courts Redford, Georgia, Executive Secretary
Music—George Beverly Shea, Minnesota
Message by Billy Graham
Benediction — Warner Earle Fusselle, Georgia

COMMITTEE ON TELLERS, 1960

John C. Mitchell, Virginia, *Chairman*
Fred Noe, Texas
James Sawyer, Florida
John Frantz, Missouri
Jack Lowndes, Georgia
Nane Starnes, North Carolina
George Caldwell, Alabama
Lewis C. Lowe, Illinois

In 1959, the Foreign Mission Board reported 1,381 missionaries now serving in 44 countries, with 144 new appointees in 1959 and a goal of 150 appointments for 1960. The Foreign Mission Board reported operating nearly 900 schools with more than 130,000 students and medical work ministering to more than 230,000 patients annually.

DATES

THURSDAY, MAY 19

New Orleans Alumni Breakfast—Hotel Seville, 7:00 a.m., tickets, $2.00.

Carson-Newman Alumni Breakfast — Surf Room, Shore Club Hotel, 8:00 a.m., tickets, $1.25.

Chaplains' Luncheon—Toby's Cafeteria, 674 N.W. 54th Street, Miami Beach 1:00 p.m.

Historical Commission Luncheon—National Hotel, 1:00 p.m.

Executive Committee Organization — Flamingo Room, Convention Hall, following adjournment of afternoon Convention session.

Baylor Alumni Meeting—DiLido Hotel, 10:00 p.m., Luau, $3.75 per ticket. Speakers: Billy Graham and W. R. White.

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22. The following fraternal messengers were presented: K. Erling Nielsen, youth secretary, Danish Baptist Convention, Copenhagen, Denmark; Rev. Alex Kenworthy, Australian Baptist minister, Melbourne, Australia. Mr. Kenworthy's wife and five-year-old daughter were also introduced. Winston Crawley (Va.) stated that Pastor Shuichi Matsumura of Tokyo, Japan, was officially elected a fraternal messenger from the Japan Baptist Convention and would be present for other sessions of this Convention. Dr. Herbert Gezork, president, American Baptist Convention, also a fraternal messenger, responded for the group. Albert E. Iverson, director, Protestant Relations, National Council of Boy Scouts of America, was also recognized and, on this the fiftieth anniversary of Scouting, presented a token of appreciation of the service of the Southern Baptist Convention to Boy Scout work.

23. At this point President Pollard turned the gavel over to Vice-president W. R. Pettigrew (Ky.).

24. Porter Routh (Tenn.), executive secretary, presented and discussed the administrative report of the Executive Committee and reviewed the work and progress of the denomination during the past year.

25. Kendall Berry (Ark.) presented Recommendation No. 1 of the Executive Committee report which, on motion, was adopted. (See p. 33 of the *Book of Reports* for a copy of this recommendation.)

26. James W. Merritt (Ga.) presented Recommendation No. 2, which was adopted. (See p. 33 of the *Book of Reports.*)

27. Frank Norfleet (Ky.) presented Recommendation No. 3, which was adopted. (See p. 33, *Book of Reports.*)

28. Ed J. Packwood (Ariz.) presented Recommendation No. 4, which was adopted. (See p. 33, *Book of Reports.*)

29. Perry F. Webb (Texas) presented Recommendation No. 5, which was adopted. (See p. 33, *Book of Reports.*)

30. A. Barnum Hawkes (Ga.) presented Recommendation No. 6, which was adopted. (See p. 33, *Book of Reports.*)

31. B. J. Martin (Texas) presented Recommendation No. 7, which was adopted. (See p. 34, *Book of Reports.*)

CONVENTION BULLETIN

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32. Rang Morgan (Kans.) presented Recommendation No. 8, which was adopted. (See p. 34, *Book of Reports.*)

33. James P. Wesberry (Ga.) presented Recommendation No. 9, which was adopted. (See p. 34, *Book of Reports.*)

34. Hugh Van Eaton (Ala.) presented Recommendation No. 10, which was adopted. (See p. 34, *Book of Reports.*)

35. W. Curtis English (Va.) presented Recommendation No. 11, which was adopted. (See p. 34, *Book of Reports.*)

36. Mrs. R. L. Mathis (Texas) presented Recommendation No. 12, which was adopted. (See p. 34, *Book of Reports.*)

37. Clyde V. Hickerson (Va.) presented Recommendation No. 13, which was adopted. (See p. 35, *Book of Reports.*)

38. Frank Norfleet (Ky.) presented Recommendation No. 14, which was adopted. (See p. 35, *Book of Reports.*)

39. Charles R. Walker (Ill.) presented Recommendation No. 15, which was adopted. (See p. 35, *Book of Reports.*)

40. Harold W. Seever (Ala.) presented Recommendation No. 16, which was adopted. (See p. 35, *Book of Reports.*)

41. W. D. Morris (N.C.) presented Recommendation No. 17, which was adopted. (See p. 35, *Book of Reports.*)

42. J. Ralph Grant (Texas) presented Recommendation No. 18, which was discussed by Dotson M. Nelson, Jr. (S.C.), Frank Tripp (La.), Rupert T. Coleman (Fla.), E. S. James (Texas), J. Ralph Grant (Texas), Louie D. Newton (Ga.), and G. Allen West (Tenn.), who moved that action be deferred one year. Motion adopted and action deferred. (See p. 35, *Book of Reports*, for a copy of the recommendation as presented.)

43. John H. Haldeman (Fla.) presented Recommendation No. 19, which was adopted. (See p. 35, *Book of Reports.*)

44. Mrs. Gordon Maddrey (N.C.) presented Recommendation No. 20, which was adopted. (See p. 36, *Book of Reports.*)

45. Alvin O. West (D.C.) presented Recommendation No. 21, which was adopted. (See p. 37, *Book of Reports.*)

46. F. Ralph Swanson (Md.) presented Recommendation No. 22. (See p. 1 of May 18 BULLETIN). On motion of Duke K. McCall (Ky.) this recommendation was amended by changing the line regarding Southern Seminary to read as follows: "Southern Seminary, $350,000, or one-third of the annual operating budget, whichever is higher." The recommendation, as amended, was adopted.

47. A. J. Burrell (Ga.) presented Recommendation No. 23, which was adopted. (See p. 39, *Book of Reports.*)

48. R. L. South (Ark.) presented Recommendation No. 24, which was adopted. (See p. 40, *Book of Reports.*)

49. Herschel H. Hobbs (Okla.) presented Recommendation No. 25, which was adopted. (See p. 40, *Book of Reports.*)

50. At this point the Convention extended the time for this order of business for ten minutes.

51. Owen Cooper (Miss.) presented Recommendation No. 25, which was adopted. (See p. 1, May 18 BULLETIN.)

52. Wayne Dehoney (Tenn.) presented Recommendation No. 27, which was adopted. (See p. 1, May 18 BULLETIN.)

53. A. Leroy Parker (N.C.) presented Recommendation No. 28, which was adopted. (See p. 2, May 18 BULLETIN.)

54. R. Archie Ellis (S.C.) presented Recommendation No. 29, which was adopted. (See p. 2, May 18 BULLETIN.)

55. Porter Routh (Tenn.) moved the adoption of the administrative report of the Executive Committee as a whole, with the exception of Recommendation No. 18. action on which was deferred one year. Motion adopted.

56. The Bison Glee Club, directed by Warren M. Angell, (Okla.), sang "Children of America," "Sit Down Servants," "Wherever He Leads I'll Go," and "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

57. The period for the election of officers having arrived, nominations for president were called for.

58. Herschel H. Hobbs (Okla.) nominated Ramsey Pollard (Tenn.) for reelection to a second term.

59. A motion prevailed that the secretary cast the unanimous ballot of the Convention for Dr. Pollard, and this was done.

60. Roy McCollum (Calif.) nominated W. O. Vaught (Ark.) for first vice-president.

61. Franklin Owen (Ky.) nominated Dotson M. Nelson, Jr., (S.C.) for first vice-president.

62. A motion that nominations be closed prevailed, and the Convention proceeded to ballot.

63. Walter Woodson (Va.) moved that the Executive Committee arrange for a nursery at subsequent sessions of tht Convention. Motion adopted.

64. Brooks Hays (Tenn.) presented a resolution regarding the Summit Conference and world peace.

65. Duke K. McCall (Ky.) moved to suspend the rules and that the resolution be acted on at this time. Motion adopted.

66. The resolution was then unanimously adopted.

67. J. T. Burdine (Ky.) moved that the secretary of this Convention, by telegram, assure the President of these United States of America of our continued prayers for him in these crisis days. Motion carried.

68. A. Leroy Parker (N.C.) presented a resolution from the North Carolina Convention regarding our foreign mission task, which was automatically referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

69. Applications from the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio and from the Kansas Baptist Convention for representation on the various committees, boards, commissions, standing committees, and special committees, as provided by the Bylaws of the Convention, were received and, as provided in Bylaw 18, referred to the Executive Committee, to investigate and make report to the next annual session of the Convention for its action.

70. Mrs. R. L. Mathis (Texas), president, presented and discussed the report of Woman's Missionary Union.

71. Elmer F. Bailey led in singing "Jesus Paid it All."

72. Mrs. Robert Cliett (Ga.), daughter of President Pollard, sang "Blessed Redeemer."

73. Vice-president Pettigrew presented Dr. Pollard for the president's address.

74. Secretary Burton informed the Convention that the tellers reported that the ballot for first vice-president of the Convention resulted in the election of W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas.

75. The Convention closed with prayer by Dale Huff (Calif.)

NOTICE!

In keeping with the Bylaws of the Executive Committee, the organization meeting of the committee will be held immediately following the close of the Thursday, May 19, afternoon session, in the Flamingo Room of the Exhibition Hall.

CHURCH MINUTES MICROFILMED

The Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, in cooperation with the Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, is operating a special microfilm camera provided by Recordak Corporation to microfilm church minutes during the Southern Baptist Convention.

Messengers who brought minutes into the booth on Monday or Tuesday can expect to have the finished microfilm print ready Friday. Microfilm laboratories in Miami will give two-day service.

Under the direction of the Florida Baptist Historical Society, as many minutes as possible have been secured from Florida churches to be microfilmed during the Convention.

Messengers will be able to watch microfilm photography being done at the Historical Commission's booth (No. 4).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

SECTION II: STEWARDSHIP PROMOTION

Recommendation No. 1

It is our conviction that the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists is the fundamental, effective, and indispensable channel of providing for the needs of all our work; and that we urge all Baptists to join in giving the Cooperative Program their loyal and undivided support.

Recommendation No. 2

That for educational and promotional purposes approval be given the statement: "The Cooperative Program, Sharing Christ With the Whole World," and that its use be encouraged.

Recommendation No. 3

That as heretofore authorized and adopted by this Convention there continue to be one Forward Program of Church Finance, but that approval be given three stages of application as follows:

Application A—Standard Pattern (the entire Forward Program). Churches would use all of the Forward Program materials and methods. This would be used immediately by every possible church, and would be considered an ideal toward which all churches would aim.

Application B — Intermediate Stage (using several Forward Program methods). Churches would adopt a budget and secure pledges. They would use all elements suggested in Application C, below, plus several others.

Application C — Initial Stage (using a few Forward Program methods). Churches would adopt a budget, and would use the more simple, basic elements of the Forward Program calendar.

Recommendation No. 4

That the Convention concur in the general objectives and specific goals for Baptist Jubilee Advance 1961 as printed in the Thursday issue of the Convention BULLETIN and as heretofore approved by the following:

Baptist Jubilee Advance 1961 Emphasis Committee; Southern Baptist Convention Jubilee Advance Committee, C. C. Warren, chairman; Stewardship Promotion Advisory Committee, Searcy S. Garrison, chairman; Stewardship Promotion Committee, Mrs. Gordon Maddrey, chairman; Promotion Conference, R. Archie Ellis, chairman; and the Executive Committee, Kendall Berry, chairman.

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STEWARDSHIP PROMOTION (Continued)

For the information of the messengers these general objectives and specific goals for 1961 are as follows:

1. General Objectives

(1) To win the lost to Christ.
(2) To lead each Christian to seek God's will for his vocation and to witness for Christ in his daily work.
(3) To lead many youth and young adults to respond to God's call to church-related vocations.
(4) To lead all church members to find a place of service in the church.
(5) To secure transfer of church membership to each nonresident church member to a Baptist church in his community.
(6) To magnify the place of the home in stewardship education.
(7) To emphasize increased giving with the tithe as a minimum.
(8) To lead churches to recognize and accept their stewardship responsibility for the spread of the gospel throughout the world.
(9) To develop attitudes of Christian stewardship in making of wills.

2. Specific Goals

(1) 5,000 young people making first-time commitments to church-related vocations during 1961.
(2) 1,200 new Christian wills written during 1961, which will include some missionary, educational, or benevolent cause sponsored by Southern Baptists, either state or Convention-wide.
(3) 750,000 persons transferring membership by letter to Southern Baptist churches during 1961, and 600,000 received by baptism in Southern Baptist churches during 1961.
(4) 3,300,000 persons making pledges in 1961 to the 1962 budget of their churches.
(5) 1,650,000 persons who, in signing a pledge in 1961, agree to tithe in 1962. (This will include those who are already tithers as well as those who sign to tithe for the first time.)
(6) $400 million pledged by Southern Baptists in 1961 to be given during 1962 through their church budgets.
(7) $55 million voted by churches in 1961 to be given during 1962 through the Cooperative Program.
(8) 3,000 Southern Baptist churches voting in 1961 to step up their gifts through the Cooperative Program by at least 2 per cent of their total budgets during 1962.
(9) There are three parts to this goal:
  a. 24,000 Southern Baptist churches adopting a budget in 1961 for the year 1962.
  b. 10,000 churches asking their members to pledge in 1961 for the 1962 budget.
  c. 5,000 churches using the Forward Program during 1961 to promote their 1962 budgets.
(10) One-half million study course awards in stewardship books in the church study course for teaching and training. The WMU will also promote study of their stewardship books.

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CONVENTION MUSIC

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 19

11:50 Soloist, Jo Ann Shelton, Fort Worth, Texas

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 19

2:10 Sacred Concert, Campbell College Choir, Charles Horton, Director
3:55 Duet, Al and Ivy Walsh, Atlanta, Georgia

THURSDAY NIGHT, MAY 19

6:45 Sacred Concert, Mississippi College Choir, Jack Lyall, Director
7:25 Soloist, Ed Miller, Kingsport, Tennessee

FRIDAY NIGHT, MAY 20

6:30 Sacred Concert, Belmont College Glee Club, Dee Wayne White, Director
8:05 Soloist, George Beverly Shea, Minnesota

TAKE THE SBC HOME WITH YOU

In other years an offering has been taken to help defray the expenses of the Convention. This year the **Books of Reports** will be sold for $1.00 each instead of the offering. This not only helps defray the cost of the Convention, it will assure that all who want **Books of Reports** may have them.

CONVENTION SONGBOOK

Song books for the Southern Baptist Convention are furnished each year by the Baptist Sunday School Board. The 50-page songbook being used here is a Convention edition of the **Baptist Hymnal.** The plates from the **Baptist Hymnal** were used to print this hymnbook.

If your church does not have the **Baptist Hymnal,** please contact your Baptist book store for complete information, or see page one of the souvenir edition.

The quantity of the souvenir edition is limited. So that we can all sing during this week, please leave your copy in the seat until the **LAST SESSION** of the Convention, when it is yours to take home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In cases of serious emergency, the names of persons affected or for whom there are emergency messages will be flashed on the screen during Convention sessions. **Only** the names will be flashed on the screen and the messages will be held at the information desk in the lobby. Persons whose names are flashed on the screen should go to the information desk—not to the projectionist on the floor of the Convention nor to the secretary on the platform.

REPRESENTATION FROM NEW STATES AND TERRITORIES

"When the co-operating Baptist churches in a state or territory have 25,000 members, they may file application for representation on the Executive Committee, boards, commissions, standing committees, and special committees as provided by the Bylaws of the Convention. This application shall be filed with the secretary before the annual meeting of the Convention, stating the number of members in the churches, the amount of money given to the work of the Convention during the preceding year, and other relevant information. The application shall be referred to the Executive Committee who shall investigate all matters pertaining to the request and make report to the next annual session of the Convention for its action."—Bylaw 18.

It is significant that when preparation was being made for the Baptist Jubilee Advance emphasis in 1960 on Bible study and training, Sunday school enrollment reversed a trend in percentage decline, and under the leadership of the Sunday School Board reported an enrollment of 7,267,502, a 2.5 per cent increase for the year and a 56.7 per cent increase for the decade. Training Union enrollment also reached a record high of 2,910,258.

CONVENTION SPEECHES

Many of the speeches made at the Pastors' Conference and the WMU Convention are compiled in a booklet which may be purchased for 75c. All available Convention speeches will be sold for 10c each.

Speeches will be sold in the Exhibition Hall lobby.

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Thursday, May 19

Cooperative Program Marks Thirty-fifth Anniversary
By Merrill D. Moore

On May 13, 1925, the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, created the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists. Thus on May 13, 1960, its thirty-fifth anniversary was reached..

M. E. Dodd, chairman of the Future Program Commission, presented the report of the commission, which said in part:

"13. Your committee would further recommend that from the adoption of this report by the Convention our co-operative work be known as 'the Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists' and that our Commission be known as the 'Commission on Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists.'"

This was headed "The First Annual Report of the Future Program Commission to the Southern Baptist Convention, a Summary of Progress in 1925 and Suggested Plans for 1926 Program Given by Body Named Year Ago."

On Thursday night of the Convention here at Miami Beach, the Executive Committee Promotion report at 7:35 p.m. will mark this significant anniversary of the Cooperative Program. Speaking on the theme, "The Cooperative Program, Sharing Christ With the Whole World," Dr. Douglas Hudgins, Pastor First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, will lead the Convention to look backward at the achievements through the Cooperative Program. At that time, he will report the amount, in hundreds of millions of dollars, which has been given by Southern Baptists through the Cooperative Program, for the support of Baptist missionary, educational and benevolent work in the states, in the Convention and throughout the world. He will also lead the Convention in looking forward to "Sharing Christ With the Whole World" through the Cooperative Program in the years of opportunity ahead.

In Kansas City in 1923 the Conservation Commission on the 75 Million Campaign, L. R. Scarborough, chairman recommended creation of a Future Program Commission. This was done, and M. E. Dodd named its chairman. The Commission reported in 1924. For some reason its report in 1925 was headed, "First Annual Report. . ." This report contained the above recommendation. The adoption of the report marked the birth of the Cooperative Program. At this session also the name of the Commission was changed to, "Commission on the Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists." J. E. Dillard was named chairman, Dillard in later years became director of promotion of the Executive Committee with the responsibility for promoting the Cooperative Program.

Of the thirty-nine members of the Future Program Commission who signed the report in 1925, only these are living today: Mrs. W. C. James, Virginia; W. H. Baylor, Maryland; R. B. Gunter, Mississippi; C. W. Stumph, New Mexico; Charles E. Maddry, North Carolina; J. B. Rounds, Oklahoma; Mrs. Berta K. Spooner, Texas; Mrs. H. W. Munger (Miss Laura Lee Patrick), Missouri.

The members who signed this historic report were:

M. E. Dodd, Louisiana, chairman; C. E. Burts, general director; J. F. Love, secretary, Foreign Mission Board; B. D. Gray, secretary, Home Mission Board; I. J. Van Ness, secretary, Sunday School Board; William Lunsford, secretary, Relief and Annuity Board; J. W. Cammack, secretary, Education Board; J. T. Henderson, secretary, Laymen's Movement; Mrs. W. C. James, president, Woman's Missionary Union; Miss Kathleen Mallory, corresponding secretary, W M U; E. Y. Mullins, president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; L. R. Scarborough, president Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; B. H. DeMent, president, Baptist Bible Institute; D. F. Green, state secretary for Alabama; J. S. Rogers, state secretary for Arkansas; S. B. Rogers, state secretary for Florida; A. C. Cree, state secretary for Georgia; B. F. Rodman, state secretary for Illinois; C. M. Thompson, state secretary for Kentucky; E. D. Solomon, state secretary for Louisiana; W. H. Baylor, state secretary for Maryland; R. B. Gunter, state secretary for Mississippi; A. J. Barton, state secretary for Missouri; C. W. Stumph, state secretary for New Mexico; C. E. Maddry, state secretary for North Carolina; J. B. Rounds, state secretary for Oklahoma; C. A. Jones, state secretary for South Carolina; O. E. Bryan, state secretary for Tennessee; R. S. Groner, state secretary for Texas; R. D. Garland, state secretary for Virginia. Members at Large include: E. Hilton Jackson, District of Columbia, W. A. Frost, Kentucky; Mrs. Janie Cree Bose, Kentucky; Mrs. Berta K. Spooner, Oklahoma; Miss Laura Lee Patrick, Georgia; Joseph T. Watts, Virginia; S. P. Brooks, Texas; C. C. Coleman, South Carolina; W. F. Yarborough, Mississippi.

> "Men have different gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them. There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served. God works through different men in different ways, but it is the same God who achieves His purposes through them all. Each man is given his gift by the Spirit that he may make the most of it."
>
> (1 Cor. 12:4-7, Phillips)

There are three different words in this passage referring to the impartation of Spiritual gifts. They are translated respectively in the K.J.V. by the terms: "gifts", "administration", and "operations". Gifts refer to the creative powers which God communicates to new believers when their new activity expands under the influence of the life of Christ. Administrations refer to the external offices with which certain individuals are put in charge. Operations designate the power which is inherent in the gifts, as these gifts are applied.

To illustrate the correlation of these three ideas, we may take a believer in whom the Holy Spirit has implanted the gift of music--to him has been committed the ministry of music with a view to the service of Christ. Its operation will be a vocal or a musical rendition and the edification thereby effected in the hearts of the believers.

We note also the emphasis that the activities that are developed from the use of the Spriitual gifts, under the control of God's Spirit, are not for our individual advantage but for the common good. Thus individual distinctions are not obliterated, but developed and directed for the service of the community. Marcus Dods in his comment on this passage aptly states that:

> Christian influence is not an external appliance that clips all men after one pattern. . .but it is an inward and vital power which causes each to grow according to his own individuality.

All importance of this truth to every leader in Spiritual things is apparent. The abilities with which God has blessed each of us, and that we have developed through seminary preparation, practical experience and through other media, as we exercise these gifts--it is not for our own selfish advantage, but for the glory of God and edification of those whom we lead. Each particular ability or task that each staff member may have is thus brought together in a common ministry that makes for a symphony of edification

Paul, in the same chapter, goes on to illustrate organic unity, using the human body as an example, Paul states:

> As the human body, which has many parts, is a unity and those parts despite their multiplicity, comprise together one single body, so it is with the Body of Christ.
>
> (1 Cor. 12:12, Phillips)

The principles put forth in this figure, so appropriate for the church at Corinth, are no less so for each of us in this common ministry, the church's ministry to be an effective ministry must be a unified ministry.

The figure of the body verifies the truth that our unity is vital, being neither a mechanical unity, nor a unity imposed by external force.

Having accepted the Spirit of Christ . . all are formed into one body--being no more isolated, and self-seeking with each man fighting for his own cause, but banded together for the promotion, thecommon good. No clash develops between the individual member's interest and the group's interests of which the individual is a part. As the individual member of the human body finds its life and function by cooperation with the rest of the physical body, so the individual church member learns that his well-being is best realized in cooperation with other members, andnot in isolation from them.

Paul states it this way:

> "The eye cannot say to the hand--'I don't need you.' Nor again, can the head say to the feet, 'I don't need you.' . .But God has harmonized the whole body by giving importance of function to the parts which lack apparent importance, that the body should work together as a whole with all the members in sympathetic relationship with one another."
>
> (1 Cor. 12:12, 24-25, Phillips)

A writer who deals with the matter from a philosophical point of view writes:

> "...He who has made the welfare of the race his aim has done so, not from a generous choice, but because he regards the pursuit of this welfare as his imperative duty. The welfare of the race is his own ideal, what he must realize in order to be what he oughtto be."[1]

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1. Professor Jones, Essays in Philosophical Criticism cited by Marcus Dods, Expos Bible, 1 Corinthians, p. 286

We who are church leaders may well take heed to this application; We are not be interested only in our particular sphere of interest. The welfare of each particular facet of the work is related to every other phase of staff interests. We find our greatest security and efficiency in helping to maintain the security and efficiency of all the other staff members.

> "The pastor cannot say the minister of music, 'I do not need you!' Nor again, can the minister of music say to the minister of education, 'I don't need you!' God had made harmony possible in staff functions, with endowments to each staff member of such importance that no one can say his or her work is unimportant. God has done this that the staff should work together as a whole with all the members in sympathetic relationship with one another."

Paul goes on to underscore the fact that this unity becomes a unity of sympathy when he states,

> "So it happens that if one member suffers all the members suffer with it, and if one member is honored all the members share a common joy."
>
> (1 Cor. 12:26, Phillips)

God hasten the day when there will be mutual rejoicing over a full choir and a full corps of officers and teachers; over superior choir ratings and standard Sunday School Departments; over new choir robes and new teaching aids; in souls reached whether it be through the medium of music, religious education, or the pulpit ministry, When there will be mutual regret over losing a good choir member and a good teacher; over poor attendance at choir rehearsal and at officers' and teachers' meeting, over inadequacies in any part of the staff's ministries.

When this happens there will not be the criticism of one staff member to another staff member or to anyone else. When this happens the unity perceived in the church's leadership will become a great incentive for unity in the church's fellowship.

Paul in a unique way, by means of this "body" figure portrays the fact that the efficiency of the body depends upon the multiplicity and variety of the members of which it is composed.

> "He says, "If the body were all one eye, what would be the sense of hearing? Or if the body were all one ear, where would be the sense of smell?"
>
> (1 Cor. 12:17, Phillips)

The higher we ascendin the scale of life the more numerous and more distinctly differentiated are the organs. In the lower forms one member discharges several functions, and the animal may use the same organ for locomotion as it uses for assimilation of food and digestion. In the higher forms each life activity is cared for by a specific organ.

The same truth is evidentin society. Among the primitive tribes of people each person was his own farmer, butcher, clothier, cook and priest. Each man did everything for himself.

But now we know that the various wants of society are supplied by individuals who are specialists in their respective fields of labor. The primitive church depended on the preacher to do everything. It fell on one man to do the work of the whole Christian body--to be eye, tongue, foot, hand and heart.

Ludicrous would be the situation

> ". . . If the church depended on the preacher to do everything--what would be the need of a minister of education? If everything depended upon the minister what would be the sense of a minister of music?"

There are diverse gifts and diverse specialists represented on a church staff. There need not be a swallowing up of their individuality or of their individual aptitudes. There can be a unity in the midst of diversity.

These gracious gifts of God--an alert mind, the loving heart, the strong will, a winsome personality, outstanding leadership gifts, superior musical ability, gifts of oratory--are bestowed for the purpose of building a united church in which every member will share in the benefits of the gifts which God has given to every other member.

These gifts are not bestowed to enable us to exploit others for our own advantage. Rather, they are given that we might minister to others. Only then can these gifts mean anything of value to us.

Paul thought of the body in terms of the medical science of his day, which held that the cohesion of the body was due first to the contact of one part with another and to the nerves and tissues which bound cells and the different parts together like cords. These ligaments not only held the body together but served as the channels by which its nourishment was received.

Paul, therefore, thought of the servants of Christ, who received the gifts of Christ, as binding the church together and conveying to every part of it the vitality and direction needed. Diversity of gifts and specialization among staff members must be present to bring this unity in the church membership.

A good illustration of the unity in a common ministry on a church staff may be found in our hymnbook. Charles Wesley, a Methodist, wrote many of the hymns we sing including "Come, Thou Almighty King," "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling", and "Jesus, Lover of My Soul". Martin Luther, founder of the Lutheran Church, wrote "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." "Holy, Holy, Holy", and "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" were written by Reginald Heber, a bishop of the Church of England. Isaac Watts, a British Nonconformist, was the author of "O God, Our Help in Ages Past", and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

Each of these writers with diverse gifts and diverse convictions found unity in expressing praise and devotion to a common Lord.

As God has blessed us with a diversity of gifts

> ". . .That Christians might be properly equipped for their service, that the whole body might be built up until the time comes, when in the unity of common faith and common knowledge of the Son of God, we arrive at real maturity. . ."

humility will teach each of us to recognize what is our true contribution. It will keep us from claiming gifts we lack, and will save us from pride in the use of those we actually possess.

Our sense of interdependence with others on the staff will teach us to use the aptitudes committed to us by God for the whole body. Whatever our special role may be, our service will be marked by concentration on the task committed to us, by zeal in discharging it adequately, and by that gladness of spirit which comes from accepting our proper place in the service of God.

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FROM VISION TO VICTORY

TEXT: ACTS 26:19

INTRODUCTION

This statement of eight words contains the secret of Paul's life, and it is also the secret of any life that is lived to the glory of God. A careful reading of the twenty-sixth chapter of Acts reveals the conversion, the call, and the commission of this great man. It relates to his defense before King Agrippa, where he witnessed to having both heard a voice and received a vision of the glorified Christ, and then gained a victory.

To the critic of the Christian religion, the conversion of Saul of Tarsus to Paul the Apostle, has been an enigma. The question was, how did this intellectual and dogmatic Jew become the devoted ambassador of a despised and rejected Christ? The only adequate and satisfying answer is given by Paul himself. That is, he had seen a "heavenly vision," and had not been "disobedient" to the call. If one should desire to express in a simple sentence the secret of this great man, whose courage and genius, as well as his faith and love made him the peer of the greatest, he could do no better than to recall the words spoken humbly but firmly before an unbelieving king: "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." Thus the life of Paul can be explained in two words, "vision and obedience."

The Christian life is not that of visionaries; men who see much but do nothing. It is a life that sees visions and pursues a distinct course of action. Vision goes before action and true action is loyalty to vision. James has reminded us that we are to be "doers of the word, and not hearers only."

There is a vast difference between a man with a vision and a visionary man. The visionary man relaxes under the control of imagination; the man with vision relinquishes control to Immanuel. The visionary man worships the pipe dream of his own creation; the man with a vision works the program of the Divine Creator. The visionary man emphasizes the emptiness of utopian romanticism; the man with a vision emphasizes the fullness of a useful revelation. At the burning bush, Moses was not revelling in the mirage of a daydream, but was receiving the mission of the Deliverer. In the temple Isaiah did not hear a call to enjoy a seance but heard a commission to engage in service. Paul's experience on the road to Damascus was not the illusion of a sick mind but an introduction to a sin-sick world. He was no idle dreamer or mere theorist, but one who converted "vision into victory." The visions of the Bible were vestibules to an arena where victories were to be won.

It is with these thoughts in mind that I ask you to consider with me the four-fold vision which God gave to Paul and which he so willingly and fully obeyed.

Consider the . . . .

I. *VISION OF A VICTORIOUS PERSON*

When Paul saw the glorified Christ, he asked, "Who art thou, Lord?" The question suggests he did not fully comprehend the Person before him, but one thing was inspiringly clear, that He is the "Master", as the word "Lord" implies. In response to the question asked there was an immediate reply, "I am Jesus." Paul was not the only one who was challenged to inquire, "Who is this?" It was asked on the street corners in Jerusalem long ago and the world has been asking it ever since. For nineteen centuries the life, death and resurrection of Jesus has demanded the constant and coherent consideration of mankind. It will take more than an academic speculation or theological theorizing to adequately satisfy a searching mind and a seeking heart. One may see the historic Jesus but to really know Him one must personally experience Him. For Paul to "see Him" was the work of a moment, to "know Him" was the effort of a lifetime.

Who is this Jesus? He is the rainbow after the flood guaranteeing His control of the elements of nature was never to be broken. Who is this Jesus? He is the pillar of fire in the wilderness wanderings, lighting the way by night and protecting by day. Who is this Jesus? He is the fourth person in the burning furnace preventing the flames of fire from singeing the hair of the faithful. Who is this Jesus? He shut the mouths of lions and made them into downy pillows for a trusting prophet's head. Who is this Jesus? He is the Mercy Seat covering the broken law that even God could not see it. Who is this Jesus? He met Moses on the mountain top and left such a glory on his face that it must be veiled that mortal man could look upon him. Who is this Jesus? He is the root out of dry ground, who became the "Lily of the Valley" and the "Rose of Sharon" towering tall toward the sun like the cedars of Lebanon. Who is this Jesus? He is the one of whom the angels sang, "Unto you is born a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Who is this Jesus? He found men dead and left them alive, found them in sorrow and left them with a song, and found them in darkness and left them with the light of the world in their hearts. Who is this Jesus? He caught Paul up into the third heaven and showed him things not lawful for tongue to tell. Who is this Jesus? The One who eagerly arose from his throne of glory to welcome home the soul of the first martyr. Who is this Jesus? He met John on the Isle of Patmos and showed him such visions that he fell at His feet as one dead. Who is this Jesus? God said, "This is my beloved son, hear ye him." As we listen to this person we shall find the next phase of the vision which is a Victorious Purpose. For He is the Alpha and Omega of it all. From Him, in Him and to Him all must be, or all will fail.

Consider the . . . .

II. *VISION OF A VICTORIOUS PURPOSE*

The purpose of the glorified Christ is expressed in the following words, "for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness." God saved Paul and saves all men with a purpose and for a purpose. The vision was not given to Paul merely for his own benefit anymore than God saves men for their own comfort. Jesus said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit." (John 15:16a)

The word "minister" means an "under-rower," one who sits with his fellow oarsmen in front of the captain and takes the oar-stroke from him. So Christ would make of each of us an under-rower to take the cadence from Him in "all things." We are to go where He sends, we are to speak what He wishes, we are to be what He wants us to be. He is seeking the lost, and we are to seek them with Him. He is opening doors to pagan lands and He is depending on us to enter and tell of His love.

We are to be witnesses to "these things" which appeared in the vision of conversion and of "those things" which Christ will reveal more gloriously as an all-sufficient Saviour, guide, friend and deliverer. Therefore, we should not shrink from the difficult, the dangerous, or the painful, for He will be with His own, and in "all things" reveal Himself.

John Bunyan said, "He could pray for a darker, damper dungeon because, as his physical discomforts increased, his spiritual joys were multiplied."

This purpose reveals not only a vision of conversion and service, but also a vision of a sinful world. Paul was to "open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins." When Paul saw the Lord, then it was that he saw the true spiritual condition of people as they walked in blindness, darkness, bondage, and sin. What a tragedy for people to lose their sight! Not to be able to see the sun, stars, flowers, and faces of loved ones is indeed a pity, but to be blind to the power God, person of Christ, and place of Heaven is a greater catastrophe than to be blind to the sun, stars, and friends. Soul blindness is more pitiful than physical blindness. Thank God there is a remedy which can open eyes to eternal truths. It is in the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ for therein is the power of God to deliver from darkness into light.

Oh, that God would help us to see the whole world in darkness and guilty before Him and needing to receive the forgiveness of sins. If Christians really believed what God's Word teaches about Hell, none could sleep for thinking about the millions going there. The fact of an eternal judgment should send us hurriedly to men everywhere to snatch them as brands from the burning. Instead of bothering our heads about social reform, the universal fatherhood of God, and brotherhood of man, we should be preeminently concerned about regeneration and saving the souls of men who are destined to the eternal tortures of Hell if they reject mercy offered them through Jesus Christ.

God help us not to lose sight of this aspect of the vision. May we always be sensitive to the purpose of the Lord and respond as readily as did Paul who no sooner had a vision of the Saviour than he saw the vision of service to a sinful world and was not disobedient unto that heavenly commission.

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III. *VISION OF A VICTORIOUS POWER*

Jesus made it perfectly plain that His purpose for Paul and His followers was to witness of Him to the whole wide world. This is a tremendous task, a task that no Christian is fitted for until he has been endued with power from on high. No group of Christians, then

morning that he died he voiced another secret of his long and faithful life as he said, "If we live the eternal life now, we will always." Such is our faith about life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

into subjection. Using the figure of an athlete he says, "Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us and run with patience the race that is set before us."

or now, is capable of carrying the gospel to a needy humanity without this special heavenly enduement. The Lord commanded His own to wait until God, who is the source of all power, should breathe on them with the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Up to now, we have had a picture of a victorious Person, a projection of a victorious purpose.

What a vision of power! What Christ came to present, the Gospel proclaims and the Holy Spirit perfects.

Consider the . . . .

IV. VISION OF A VICTORIOUS PLACE

How tragic are the lives that for lack of self-discipline fall short or go to pieces under the stress of temptation and fail to measure up to the high standards of Christian living. In the face of the temptations and tensions of our day we need more disciplined and dedicated lives—lives that God can use, lives that will bear a faithful witness to the difference that Jesus makes.

An old story of St. Francis illustrates the importance of this. You recall it was he who said, "There is no use going anywhere to preach, unless you preach everywhere you go." We are told he went with an invading group to Egypt where he constantly bore witness to his Saviour. Many thought him a fanatic but they tolerated him. One day he visited the Moslem king to bear his witness to Christ. The Moslem was amazed that he would come, but was deeply impressed with the sincerity and humility of the Christian and his witness. Later when the invaders sued for peace and the chance to go home, the Moslem king said, "I am letting you go free for the sake of the one man among you whose faith is not belied by his deeds." The disciplined life of a faithful witness was the key to life for others as well as for himself.

God grant that our lives will measure up and that nothing in our way of life or in our witness will keep others from acknowledging Christ as Lord. How wonderful it would be if others could say of us as Henry M. Stanley said of David Livingstone, "When I saw his patience, his unwearying zeal, and the changed lives of the Africans about him, I became a Christian without his ever saying a word to me about it."

If you would be faithful in your stewardship with life you must expend it. Is not that what the Saviour meant when he said, "He that would save his life shall lose it, but he that will lose his life for my sake and the Gospel's shall find it." Expendable is a war-time word. Anything in the hands of a military commander is expendable whether it be men or materials or machines. All are expendable to gain or hold an objective. Such was the spirit of our beloved Theron Rankin who said as he faced the coming of war in China, "It may be that some of us must die for Christ in this generation." Certainly that was the spirit of the Master. As someone has well said, "People followed Jesus because they knew he wanted nothing for himself but everything for them."

Only as you are willing to be expendable for Christ's sake can you really find all that your life can mean to others and to Him. Not long ago a young student came forward in our service as we were singing the invitation hymn "I Surrender All." He was already a Christian but he came to dedicate his life to full-time Christian service. When I asked him to put his dedication in his own words he simply said, "I surrender all." His coming brought to mind the day when J. Lewis Shuck heard a missionary speaker in Richmond. As they took an offering for missions he put into the plate a slip of paper simply saying, "I give myself." But when he gave himself he helped to open the door to Southern Baptist mission service in China.

We, too, are called to expend ourselves, both to go into all the world and to help take the Gospel into all of life. Our day calls us not just to send missionaries, but to live with a sense of mission; not just to pass resolutions but for a Christian revolution; not just for words but for deeds; not for mere profession of our faith, but the practice of it in daily life and the application of the truth of Christ to the times in which we live. We must match our lives against the life of our day and Christ's truths with the tensions of our times.

What challenges we face that call for the best we have to give in our own and in other lands. Christian forces are faced with such age-old problems as the curse of liquor and problems of immorality. Now as never before we are facing racial problems and tensions, and some are wondering if the age-old dream of peace on earth and good will amongst men can ever become a reality. In the face of all this, must not our churches be channels of healing love and understanding, not seeking just to maintain the status quo or to give some superficial answer to the tensions of life, but to demonstrate and foster genuine good will and brotherhood and peace based on the principles and spirit of our living Lord. We need to pray as did my brother Earl for "the world that is not yet but ought to be." He phrased his prayer in this way:

> ". . . Bless, O Lord, our great nation, and grant that we may ever share in the fulfillment of the prayer of the ancient prophet that 'justice may roll down as waters and righteousness as a mighty stream.'
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> "Correct us, O Lord, where we are wrong. Confirm us wherever we may be right. Grant us wisdom to distinguish thy will and courage to do it. Give to each of us a steadfast heart which no unworthy affection may drag down, a clear vision which cannot be warped away from truth, a firm loyalty which cannot be tempted aside.
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> "As we have mastered nature, so that we might gain wealth, help us now to master the social relations of mankind that we may gain justice, peace, and a spirit of brotherhood.
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> "Remind us that only the humble may house thee, only the pure in heart can see thee, only the merciful may know thee, only the brave can experience thee, and only the patient may serve thee truly.
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> "*Grant us a vision of the world that is not yet but ought to be,* and in loyal devotion to its appearing grant us the peace of those who strive for it in spirit and in truth. Amen."

Only as we expend our lives, choosing to use them and lose them for Christ's sake can we enjoy life as our Lord did. You remember that Jesus "for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross despising the shame." That same joy can be ours only as we lose ourselves and take up our cross and follow him. Do you remember the story Stanley Jones tells of a preacher who came complaining of his lot and wanting to do more. He said, "My members are crucifying me," to which Stanley Jones replied, "Our Lord didn't come down from His cross." The pastor went back with a new spirit and devotion and the next year won two hundred new members to Christ and His church and found a whole new joy in his life and ministry.

As we are faithful with life and use it and lose it for Christ and His Kingdom, we shall find it again. Those who would save their lives and make the most of their one life must say with Paul, "I am crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live but Christ who liveth in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me."

He that is faithful unto death does receive the crown of life and can claim the promise of the Christ who said, "I go to prepare a place for you and because I live you too shall live." However, we need not wait for the promise of immortality in some future life. We know life eternal here and now and the inner joy and peace that only the Living Christ can give. We shall be more faithful with life here and now as we live it with an eternal perspective and with a dedication like that of one of our missionaries to China who prayed: "Lord send me anywhere, only go with me; put any burden on me, only sustain me; sever any earthly tie save that which binds my heart to thee."

Yes, we have but one life to live. If we are to be found faithful with that one life we must accept it as a gift from God and better it by the help of God. We must consecrate it to the service of God and discipline it by the power of God. We must expend it to the glory of God and we shall find it again by the grace of God in Christ Jesus.

Then in confident expectation we can sing:

> "God of grace and God of glory,
> On Thy people pour Thy power;
> Crown Thine ancient church's story,
> Bring her bud to glorious flower.
> Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,
> For the facing of this hour.
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> Lo! the hosts of evil round us
> Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
> Fears and doubts too long have bound us,
> Free our hearts to work and praise.
> Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,
> For the living of these days,
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> Set our feet on lofty places;
> Gird our lives that they may be
> Armored with all Christ-like graces
> In the fight to set men free.
> Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,
> That we fail not man or Thee!

It is required of stewards that a man be found faithful with life. Thank God that through a living and loving Christ we can keep faith. This will be brought home anew to many of us in Rio de Janeiro next month as we see the huge statue of Christ the Lord on Corcovado in the very heart of the city. The figure seems to tower over that vast city in blessing and benediction. But one who sees the many who go unheeding on the streets below can but cry,

> "O Master, from the mountainside
> Make haste to heal these hearts of pain
> Among these restless throngs abide
> O tread the city streets again."

God grant that, though the figure will stay on the hilltop, the Living Christ may walk the streets in spirit and in truth and in the hearts of those who are faithful in their stewardship with life.

> "That sons of men may learn His love
> And follow where His feet have trod
> Till glorious from the heaven above
> Shall come the City of Our God."

To that end it is required of stewards that they be found faithful "with life." God grant it may be so in our lives.

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"THE WORLD IN OUR HEARTS"

By W. Douglas Hudgins, Pastor

Since we last met *in this magic city the world has entered a new* epoch in history. This new era began with a definite date; an achievement on man's part in the marvelous progress of science. The date? October 4, 1957, the day the Russians startled the world with their launching of the first man-made satellite. With that probe into the limitlessness of the universe mankind entered into the Space Age and today the fevered rush of major nations to explore the planets gives little leisure to astronauts and researchists and causes many to wonder how long it will be before we are making regular trips to the Moon or Mars. Truly, the nuclear era has flowered into the Space Age.

In the two and a half years of this new epoch in human progress the universe has been more on our mind than the world has been on our hearts. A sense of the material aspect of the universe seems to have mankind in its grasp; the essentially spiritual aspects of the human soul seem to have been forgotten. Men who once desired to go to Heaven seem now to desire more a round trip to Mars, to Venus, or to Saturn, or to plan a vacation on the Moon. So conscious have we become of the limitlessness of the universe we seem to have grown unaware of the plight of human personality that lives all about us here on this planet. In our quest for distance we have lost a sense of direction; in our determination of conquest we have forgotten a dedication of spirit; in our problems concerning outer space we have subverted the problems of the human race. A sense of materialistic paganism seems to have engulfed us all and the welfare and destiny of man's soul appear to have faded from the consciousness of the casual Christian.

Without being aware of it the more than 8 million members of our churches, and the hundreds of us pastors and preachers have been engulfed in the evident pressures of our rapidly shrinking world and, in our desperate search for a positive spiritual anchorage, we undoubtedly have lost something of the sense of "mission" that once characterized us as a people. In our laudable determination to conduct the affairs of our Lord in the most efficient manner that business wisdom dictates we have developed highly admirable programs and institutions. And the spirit of co-operancy within the gigantic religious structure of our Convention has produced accomplishments that are almost beyond belief. Much of what we have been able to accomplish has been made possible by a simple proportion of sharing called the Cooperative Program.

For a full generation the Cooperative Program has been synonymous with the Southern Baptist Convention. The vast majority of those attending this Convention have never known any other organized mission pattern. In 1925, a short 35 years ago, at its session in Memphis, Tennessee, the Cooperative Program was born. A committee of wise and valued men, after several years of intense study and the reconciling of many divergent ideas, brought to this body their findings, and, after much discussion, Southern Baptists adopted the idea of the Cooperative Program as the organizational channel through which their mission activities were to be carried out. Special offerings for the various institutions, agencies, and mission bodies were to be discontinued and the money given by the individual churches to mission causes was to be divided proportionately among all segments of our work according to the pattern set by each annual session of this body. History will reveal that this single action back in 1925 probably will go down as one of the greatest actions ever taken by this or any other religious body.

Universal acceptance did not come at once. There was some opposition; there was a great deal of the spirit, "We will wait and see." Gradually, however, the wisdom of such a plan was evident, and by 1932, according to the records of the Convention, all mission funds for Southwide causes were channelled through one central office. To Southern Baptist institutions, agencies and mission causes we have given through the Cooperative Program approximately $164 million since the year 1932. But this is just part of the story. For state causes, in all the states, and for SBC causes a total of approximately $483 million has been given through the Co-operative Program in these thirty-five years since that historic day, May 13, 1925! The growth of our Southern Baptist program of mission effort is one of the marvels of our time. This Convention, in its action yesterday, adopted for 1961 a total mission budget of 20 million dollars! And, let us constantly remember, this is without spasmodic, highly emotional appeals for individual causes. It is a plan of mission giving.—proportionate and fair,—to ALL segments of our work. It reaches into every section of the world and includes everything we are attempting to do as the largest single organizational body of Christian people in the world.

We must not forget that this plan of missionary co-operation includes the work we are doing in our various State Conventions. The Cooperative Program enables the local church proportionately to share in the work of each State Convention and the Southern Convention. The percentages of division are determined by the states in their respective conventions, and while this Southwide division in some of the newer areas is necessarily small, it is to be remembered also that some states approach the fifty-fifty figure in their sharing.

Whatever the proportion of division, the mission dollar from the individual church in the local Association makes possible the mission program of the individual state and the work of this convention throughout the whole world. What marvels God has allowed us to accomplish through the all-inclusive and proportionate method of mission giving known as the Cooperative Program!

But, my brethren,—WE DO NOT GIVE *TO THE COOPERATIVE* PROGRAM! How we need to change that impression among our people. We do *not* give TO it; we give THROUGH it. Through it to every phase of our mission effort to the ends of the earth. The Co-operative Program is not an END; it is a MEANS. It is not an OBJECT; it is a CHANNEL. It is not a MOVEMENT; it is a MECHANISM. It is not a WORK; it is a WAY. It is not an INSTITUTION; it is an INSTRUMENT. It is not the PASSIONATE PREACHING OF THE POWER OF CHRIST; it is an impersonal division of financial resources THAT MAKES SUCH PREACHING POSSIBLE. It is not THE MEASURE OF OUR STEWARDSHIP; it is a business method of MANIFESTING OUR STEWARDSHIP.

What really IS the Cooperative Program? It is a MEANS; a means of "Sharing Christ With the Whole World"! That is, and always has been, the purpose and object of this method of mission giving. For what is,—and always has been,—our Southern Baptist objective in the Cooperative Program? To do just that: to share Christ with the whole world!

For the past several years many of you in this assembly have experienced a growing feeling that in spite of our many expansions and outreaches we may have come, though unintentionally to regard the Cooperative Program too impersonally. Perhaps in supporting a proved and dividend-producing method we have lost the urge, the pull, the need, the challenge of the individual mission cause itself. In support of a PLAN we may have overlooked the COMPASSION of a PERSON. This we must never do.

So,—at this 1960 Convention,—it is my privilege to present to you a new and distinctly qualifying phrase for our mission giving: "The Cooperative Program; Sharing Christ With the Whole World". It is not the purpose of any executive, committee, commission, agency, board, or individual to change the *pattern* of our procedure. No one has just come forward with any plan that supersedes our present pattern of co-operant giving and sharing. The addition of this new promotional phrase is recommended for your adoption as an effort to vitalize and personalize our mission giving with the passion of a Living Lord who alone can be the answer to our world need! "Sharing Christ With the Whole World."

What does that really mean? Is it just a catch-phrase,—a new slogan? Is it merely a pious sounding shibboleth to raise a few more dollars? Or, is it in itself a succinct statement of our concept of missions?

Yes,—the universe is much on our minds,—but the *world* must be on our *hearts!* Humanity must be given a real and adequate hope for the present as well as the future. That hope we have. It is the same as expressed by Paul to Timothy when he said (I Tim. 1:1) "The Lord Jesus Christ (is) our hope". Because of what He is; of what He taught; of what He did; of what He suffered; of what He achieved in His atoning death; of what He validated in His resurrection; of what He is doing now; of what He promises yet to do,—because "in Him is there salvation and in none other" (Acts 4:12). He is and ever will be our hope. If such He is we MUST share Him with millions throughout the homeland and the world who possess Him not.

Sharing Christ with the whole world must begin in the local church. Missions must be a part of our Christian experience. Local needs must be met; community opportunities recognized; territorial problems must be solved. Within the states multi-phased mission activities must be carried on, schools and colleges maintained, orphanages provided, hospitals established, and education, evangelism, and stewardship promoted.

From the state we unite our local gifts with those from other similar bodies and share in our Southern Baptist endeavors throughout the nation and the world. We become partners with hundreds of Home Missionaries as they represent our Lord to millions in this nation who know Him not. We have a part in the seminary training of hundreds of young people for various types of ministry. We heal humanity's hurt through the Hospital Commission, give retirement security to God's servants through the Annuity Board, send the preached word by radio and television, undergird our educational institutions, seek guidance in the solution of our social problems, guard the principle of the separation of church and state, preserve the essentials of our history, and share fellowship with Baptists throughout the world. We reach out to 44 nations of the earth through more than 1,400 missionaries and seek constantly to increase this personnel by challenging our finest young people to commitment in missionary dedication.

All of this, my brethren, is what we are trying to do in "girdling the globe" with the transforming power of the gospel of Christ. This is sharing Christ with the whole world. This is the Cooperative Program!

This session of our Convention is here assembled in the first year of the 1960's. The opening year of a new decade! It IS a Decade of Destiny! What we do,—or fail to do,—in this decade of the 60's will, in my judgment, determine the destiny of our Southern Baptist future,—and what the Christian forces of America do in this decade will determine our fate as a nation. The 1960's; a Decade of Destiny! Let this year be long remembered as the date in history in which we revitalize our Cooperative Program by utilizing it as a channel through which we will "Share Christ With the Whole World."

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C O R R E C T I O N

In the story "Cooperative Program Marks Thirty-fifth Anniversary at Miami Beach Convention" please make these corrections in the paragraph beginning,

"Of the thirty-nine members of the Future Program Commission . . . only these are living today . . . " :

1. Add J. S. Rogers, Arkansas

2. Delete the name of Mrs. Berta K. Spooner, Texas, deceased.

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The world is on the threshold of the "golden age of communication" now that the satellite called Tiros III has been placed in orbit, stated Dr. Paul M. Stevens, director of Southern Baptists' Radio-TV Commission this morning. Stevens was speaking during the time alloted for the Commission to report to the Convention.

"Worldwide radio and worldwide television are now realities, not just possibilities," he said. "Southern Baptists must be alerted and must prepare themselves adequately to make use of these facilities at once," Stevens urged.

"In view of present day tensions and world conditions, mission work by way of radio and television may be the only means of witnessing to large areas of our world which are now, or soon may be, closed to our present mission methods," Stevens told the Southern Baptist audience.

He pointed out that the Radio and Television Commission, the denomination's agency located in Fort Worth, Tex., is trying to provide itself with adequate facilities "to meet the fearful eventualities of our generation."

Stevens told of the Commission's five radio programs and one television series and urged immediate expansion of this phase of Southern Baptists' mission program.

"God is blessing Southern Baptists' efforts to use radio and television as evangelistic tools," he said. " But we have barely started in our job. The history of Christianity is irrevocably tied to the history and the instruments of communication. This must remain true as we Southern Baptists seek to communicate the Gospel to the world."

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GENERAL RELEASE AMS THURSDAY MAY 19

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., May 17--Perhaps the time has come when Southern Baptists should be weighed instead of numbered, a Texas pastor told more than 12,000 messengers to the 103 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention last night in Convention Hall here.

J. Ralph Grant, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbeck, said a church is not to be measured for greatness by the beauty of the architecture, the size of the congregation, the amount of its budget, or the eloquence of its ministry, but by its people who live truly and serve faithfully. He added:

"God forbid that the time should come when our church buildings would become chancelized, sermons intellectualized, music sterilized, services ritualized, evangelism paralyzed, missions penalized, and the sinfulness of sin minimized.

"Someone has observed that the early churches were known for their poverty and power, while too many of our modern churches are known for their wealth and weakness. We live in an age of guided missiles and misguided men."

God meant for his children to be praying, consistent, happy, missionary, spirit-filled people, Grant said.

Earlier, the messengers heard their president, Ramsey Pollard, just re-elected for a second one-year term, shout he was " a little bit tired of hearing certain groups in this country fold their hands and piously cry out against bigotry and persecution in America."

He told of visiting Spain, Portugal, Italy and South America where he found religious intolerance and persecution. In Madrid, Spain, the doors of 30 Protestant and Baptist churches had been closed because of an alliance between the Roman Catholic hierarchy and the Spanish government, he said.

"I want to tell you Roman Catholicism must repent of her sins, and she must come with clean hands and admitting her own sin in the field of religious persecution and bigotry before she can raise a finger at us who claim that religious freedom is not only for Baptists and Protestants but that religious freedom is for all men."

A resolution calling upon world leaders tobase their peace negotiations on a spiritual foundation was approved by the messengers after its introduction by Brooks Hays, immediate past president of the convention and a former Arkansas congressman.

The messengers also dealt with issues on the lighter side, including a request by a weary Virginia pastor to establish nursery facilities. He said he was tired of trying to keep up with his energetic four-year son.

Messengers also approved 18 other recommendations and a 1961 record-breaking budget of $20,013,500.

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Ministers' Wives Conference

Mrs. Robert G. Lee, wife of one of the most eminent Southern Baptist pulpiteers, has received the distinguished service award for 1960 presented by the Ministers' Wives' Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Her husband, Robert G. Lee, recently retired after 32 years as pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn. Mrs. Lee was first lady of the Convention for three years while Dr. Lee served as Convention president.

Like her husband, Mrs. Lee is a native of South Carolina. Reared in a Christian home, Bula Gentry Lee was one of six children.

Dr. Lee says of her: "She has made it possible in a very beautiful way for us to have a home in every house in which we ever lived. She has shared uncomplainingly every battle I fought for the cause of Christ"and in the dedication to one of his books, he writes, "To my wife, whose loving and unselfish companionship has been to me a hive of sweetness, a fountain of joy, a lamp of light, a harp of music, a garden of rare flowers, enabling me to face life's perilous situations with strength and to fight life's battles with a braver heart."

In other events among the conference women, Mrs. James Latimer of Boonville, Ind., was introduced as "the long looked-for minister's wife who came to the convention and left her husband at home!" He is pastor of Main St. Baptist Church.

Mrs. Jess Moody of Owensboro, Ky., presented the conference award to Mrs. Lee. Mrs. Max Morris, wife of the pastor of South Miami (Fla.) Baptist Church, presented Mrs. Lee with a bouquet of orchids on behalf of the "divinity dames" of Miami.

The new conference officers are: Mrs. C. DeWitt Matthews, Kansas City, Mo., president; Mrs. Moody, vice-president; Mrs. John Daly, Marks, Miss., secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. J. Winston Pearce, DeLand, Fla., recording secretary.

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION OFFICERS, 1961

PRESIDENT: Dr. Ramsey Pollard(re-elected for 2nd term,) pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: Dr. W. O. Vaught, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock and immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference.

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SECOND NIGHT LEDE THURSDAY AMS MAY 19

MIAMI BEACH, FLA., MAY 17--The Baptist Sunday School Board, accused in a proposed resolution of affiliation with the National Council of Churches, got a roaring vote of confidence here Wednesday night from 12,300 messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The decisive action of the messengers practically killed any chances of serious consideration of the resolution. It was scheduled to be presented Thursday morning by J. M. McDonnel, pastor of Clay Road Baptist Church at Houston, Texas.

The proposed resolution would "direct and instruct the Sunday School Board to sever all relations and connections with the National Council of Churches in the present affiliation in the uniform Sunday School lesson series..."

The question was brought before the convention while the annual report of the Sunday School Board was being presented by its executive secretary, James L. Sullivan. When he asked for questions from the messengers, a man asked him to explain the resolution which he found in his seat on the convention floor.

That's when Sullivan replied that the Sunday School Board was no more affiliated with the National Council of Churches "than with the Atomic Energy Commission."

After a lengthy explanation of how the Sunday School's uniform lesson series are developed, Sullivan suggested the messengers choose a new executive committee and administrator of the agency if they had no confidence in the present ones.

The messengers responded with vigorous applause for the present group.

The uniform lesson plans are developed and written by Southern Baptists, Sullivan said.

"It is true that the sequence and the golden text of Sunday School lessons are developed by Baptists and some denominations that are in the National Council of Churches," he explained, "but participation in this plan does not require membership in the council."

The sequence plan, developed and copyrighted in 1922 by the International Council of Religious Education and National Council of Churches, costs the Sunday School Board $14,000 a year in copyright fees.

"The Sunday School Board is using the same system it has used through all the years. Not one thing has changed," Sullivan continued. "Some people have gotten the idea that we buy pre-written lessons and distribute them or buy pre-written outlines and fill them in.

"Every word is written by a Baptist. Last year, 1,695 Baptist writers were needed to write all of our Sunday School material."

Sullivan also reported on recent tax assessments levied by the city tax assessor at Nashville.

The agency paid city taxes on only a parking lot in 1959 but got a bill for taxes on all the religious property this year, Sullivan said.

When the agency didn't get tax relief from the Nashville Board of Equalization, an appeal was made to the State Board of Tax Equalization where it is now pending.

The new interpretation of the city tax statute could cost Baptists $300,000 a year, Sullivan said.

Strangely, the county tax assessor interpreted the law as exempting church property from taxation, Sullivan said.

The Sunday School Board's report preceded an address by J. Ralph Grant, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, on what Christians ought to be.

Perhaps the time has come when Southern Baptists ought to be weighed instead of numbered, he said.

A church is not to be measured for greatness by the beauty of the architecture, the size of the congregation, the amount of its budget, or the eloquence of its ministry, he added, but by its people who live truly and serve faithfully. He continued:

(pick up 3rd graph "God forbid....."

By Roy Jennings, Brotherhood Commission, Memphis.

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For Immediate Release

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.-- (BP)-- Southern Baptist Seminary alumni, in their annual meeting here in connection with the Southern Baptist convention, elected the following officers May 18:

Edwin L. Skiles, pastor of First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas, president; Hansel Stembridge, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va., vice president; Inman Johnson, of the faculty of Southern Seminary, secretary; and Claude U. Broach, pastor of St. John's Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Cort Flint, pastor of First Baptist Church, Anderson, S. C., Harold G. Sanders, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla., and Erwin L. McDonald editor of Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine Little Rock, Ark., members of the executive committee.

Under a new bylaw adopted by the alumni association, the president-elect will serve as a member of the executive committee for the coming year, being installed as president at the next alumni meeting. In the ensuing year, G. Allen West, pastor of Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, will continue to serve as president.

In other actions, the alumni voted to designate all funds given through its Living Endowment fund-raising program toward financing sabbatical leaves for members of the Seminary faculty and adopted a goal of $20,000 to be raised by the alumni fund-raising campaign for the coming year.

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By Erwin L. McDonald

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For Information

Florida Baptists Pick
New Training Leader

Miami Beach, Fla.--(BP)--Florida Baptists (May 13) picked a new state secretary of Training Union work-- Clifford J. Smyly. He will assume his new duties June 15, succeeding the late O. K. Radford.

Smyly, already connected with the Florida Baptist Convention staff at Jacksonville, was elected at a special meeting of the convention's state mission board here.

For the past seven years, Smyly has been associate in the Sunday School department of the convention board. He is a native of Mississippi, and a graduate of Mississippi College and of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

During 22 years as a pastor, he served churches in several cities including Blue Mountain, Mississippi and Canal Point, Florida.

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r. s. jones death

As R. S. Jones, foreign missionary, walked slowly across the Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, he was stopped by B. B. McKinney, noted music editor for the Sunday School Board.

"What are you going to do now?" McKinney asked. Jones was in bad health--he had to give up thinking about returning to the Foreign mission field.

"I don't know," Jones replied, "but whereever He leads I'll go."

McKinney was so inpressed with Jones' reply, he returned to his room and wrote the now famous song "Whereever He Leads I'll go."

A short time later, Jones was elected an officer of the Relief and Annuity Board. Three years ago, he retired, still in failing health. But he never failed to let God lead him.

On May 19th, in Murray, Kentucky, R. S. Jones, foreign missionary and denominational leader, again heard the Lord call.

Only this time, it was to go home--to his heavenly reward.

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MIAMI BE ACH, Fla. May 20 -- A resolution insisting that "a public official should be free from sectarian pressures" was approved here today by messengers to the 103rd annual Southern Baptist Convention.

Debate on the controversial issue snarled Convention proceedings for 42 minutes.

A flurry of amendments, some interpreted by observers as attempts to aim the statement more directly at Roman Catholic Senator John Kennedy's presidential candidacy and others to make it more general, generated lengthy discussion.

As amended, the resolution said: "We reaffirm our conviction that a man must be free to choose his own church and that his personal religious faith shall not be a test of his qualification for public office.

"Yet, when a public official is inescapably bound by the dogma and demands of his church, he cannot consistently separate himself from these.

"This is especially true when that church maintains a position in open conflict with our established and constituted American pattern of life as specifically related to religious liberty, separation of church and state, the freedom of conscience in matters related to marriage and the family, the perpetuation of free public schools and the prohibition against use of public monies for sectarian purposes."

The most vocal critic of the original resolution was a Virginia Baptist editor, Dr. Reuben Alley of Richmond. He objected to the resolution's implication that all public officials are "inescapably bound by the dogmas and demands of his church."

"That's simply not true," Alley said. "Only when a man's religious beliefs are contrary to our constitutional guarantees do those beliefs become of concern to voters."

He insisted that a Baptist office seeker would not be bound by his church affiliation.

"Baptists," he said, "have no dogmas."

"However," he said,"some persons are not free from church dogmas!' He cited an editorial attributed to Ossevatore Romano, Vatican newspaper, which said "the Roman Catholoc religion is a force that commits and guides the entire existence of man."

"The Catholic may never disregard the teaching and directions of the church but must inspire his private and public conduct in every sphere of his activity by the laws, instructions and teachings of the hierarchy," said the editorial.

Other resolutions approved today encouraged greater world evangelistic efforts by the denomination, praised work of the American Bible Society and commended Protestants and Other Americans United, a national organization formed to contest violations of the church-state separation principle.

A resolution opposing "pending legislation which would provide public tax funds in the form of grants to sectarian nursing schools" was referred to the denomination's Public Affairs Committee.

Messengers also approved a Christian Life Commission report which urged Southern Baptists to "make use of every opportunity to help Negro citizens to secure" equal rights.

"The commission wishes to again reaffirm its historic emphasis upon the biblical principle of the value of human personality as taught by our Lord," the report said. "In the light of recent efforts on the part of Negro citizens in many areas in securing equal rights, especially the right to vote, the Commission urges our Southern Baptist people to make use of every opportunity to help Negro citizens to secure these rights through peaceful and legal means and to thoughtfully oppose any customs which may tend to humiliate them in any way."

Earlier, the Convention voted to hold its 1965 meeting on June 1-4 in Dallas, Texas. Evangelist Billy Graham was selected to deliver the '65 Convention sermon. Dates for intervening Conventions had previously been selected.
Registration was estimated at 12,698 messengers this morning. The meeting concludes Friday night.
By Lloyd Wright

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Immediate Release

By John Bloskas

Following his fiery and somewhat controversial speech to the Southern Baptist Convention, President Ramsey Pollard was approached by a fellow minister:

"Since your speech, Doctor, I've had more people take me for you," the preacher said.

Pollard, who is pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn., smiled and replied:

"Better watch out from here on out, you might get clobbered."

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RESOLUTION

Submitted by Messenger Maurice L. Bates
Squiresville Baptist Church
Owenton, Ky.

Be it Resolved that the Southern Baptist Convention in 1960 annual session at Miami Beach, Fla. recommend that every local Baptist association elect an Associational News Reporter, who is a member of the Associational Executive Board, to keep news of the actions of the annual associational and periodic Executive Board meetings in all of the newspapers published within the association, with copies of each news release from each association being sent also to their state Baptist paper.

RESOLUTION

submitted by Harvey T. Whaley, pastor
Calder Baptist Church, Beaumont, Texas

Be it resolved by this convention that we respectfully suggest the inaopropriateness and the inadvisability of expressing in public statements, either from this platform or in the public press, vague and generalized doubts and suspicions concerning the integrity of the dedicated men and women who serve on the faculties and in the administrations of our schools and colleges, universities and seminaries and that we suggest that any known and supportable facts concerning reported doctrinal or other irregularities be s ubmitted to the boards of trustees of the institutions where these irregularities are alleged to exist.

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For Information

Registration at the 103rd annual Southern Baptist Convention soared to the 13,679 mark Friday Morning, topping all previous records. Previous high registration was recorded in 1953 at Houston when 12,976 messengers were counted.

Convention Secretary, Joe Burton said late registrations may push the total even higher.

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(Early Lede)

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. May 19--A plea for churches to probe deeper into problems of members was issued here today by the president of the Baptist World Alliance.

Churches must not seek to maintain the status quo or to give "some superficial answer to the tensions of life," said Dr. Theodore F. Adams, also pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, Va.

Racial problems and tensions, combined with age old problems such as the "curse of liquor and immorality" make it imperative that churches demonstrate and foster genuine good will, brotherhood and peace" based on the principles of our living Lord," he told messengers to the 103rd annual Southern Baptist Convention.

"Some are wondering if the age-old dream of peace on earth and good will among men can ever become a reality," said Dr. Adams.

As alliance president, the Virginia pastor represents more than 23 million Baptists in more than 100 countries. His address concluded the fourth general session of the convention.

Earlier today the messengers heard reports from its Dallas-based Relief and Annuity Board, two commissions and its six theological seminaries.

More than 12,300 messengers have registered for the meeting, nearly over-flowing Miami Beach's huge convention hall. Evangelist Billy Graham will conclude the meeting Friday night with an address.

Dr. Adams, speaking on the subject "Found Faithful With Life," pleaded for "more disciplined and dedicated lives...lives that God can use.

"How tragic are the lives that for lack of self-discipline fall short or go to pieces under the stress of temptation," he said.

"To enjoy life", he told the messengers, "you must expend your lives, use them and lose them for Christ's sake."

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