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Baptists Pack Rio  
For World Congress

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL--(BP)--Baptists active in religious leadership on all continents will meet here June 26-July 3 for the 10th Baptist World Congress.

Edgar F. Hallock, missionary in Brazil and general chairman for arrangements, said 20,000 delegates from 67 countries are expected for the eight-day meeting.

They are representatives of a total Baptist membership of more than 23 million in 107 countries, according to figures issued by the Baptist World Alliance headquarters office in Washington, D. C.

Congress meetings will be held in massive Maracana Ginasio, Rio's grand sports palace seating 20,000. The final service--with Evangelist Billy Graham as speaker--will move to 155,000-place Maracana Stadium where world championship soccer matches once drew more than 200,000 seat-holders and standees.

Rio Baptist would like to equal that soccer attendance record, and they already are busy at work stirring up enthusiasm for Graham's coming. Special buses and trains have been arranged to bring Brazilian Cariocas from all cities and towns within commuting distance of Rio.

Downtown Rio and Copacabana hotels already are booked to capacity for the foreign visitors. Brazilian Baptists, leaving the hotels for their visitors, will be housed in gymnasiums, schools, and churches throughout the metropolitan area--sleeping on cheap mattresses they buy for \$1.50 each.

A staff of 300 interpreters has been recruited to handle translation into English and Portuguese--the Congress' official languages.

Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Va., president of the Baptist World Alliance, has announced the Congress theme as "Jesus Christ Is Lord," taken from Philippians 2:11.

A selected delegate from each of the 67 countries represented at the Congress will march across the huge Maracana Ginasio platform alongside the flag of his respective country in a roll call of nations, opening the Congress Sunday, June 26.

As each country is named, the delegate will turn to a microphone to repeat--each in his own language--the full text of the theme passage: "Every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Addresses, reports of work accomplished, and a planning sessions for future cooperative work in spreading the Christian gospel and meeting human needs to the end of the earth, constitute the 96 hours of meeting scheduled for the week. Sixty countries are represented by program speakers.

All delegates will meet in plenary sessions each morning and evening. Group sessions are scheduled each afternoon.

Among early arrivals for the congress will be 42 Australians who left Sydney by ship Mar. 15 and have since traveled in North America. A chartered plane of 70 European and African Baptists will arrive June 22. Registrations indicate about 2000 from the United States will attend, most of them making the Rio congress one of many stops to Baptist mission fields throughout Latin America.

Though this is the 10th Congress to be held since the Baptist World Alliance was founded at London in 1905, it is the first held outside North America and Europe and the first ever held in what is considered "mission territory."

Mission Association  
Committees Urged

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Mission committees in associations are vital to the acceleration of mission services in institutions, according to Arthur B. Rutledge, of Atlanta, chairman of the 1962 emphasis of the Baptist Jubilee Advance on church extension.

Some associations have appointed a committee within the missions committee to give special attention to getting churches and pastors interested in this work.

"In addition to our associational committee, I am suggesting that the local churches designate some person in the missions committee of the local church to be responsible for the promotion of institutional work," said William I. Barkley, superintendent of city missions in Baltimore, Md.

"There are 28 churches serving in 25 institutions (in Baltimore)," said Barkley. "The work in institutions is on a purely voluntary basis. I took a list of institutions and gave to each church one or more institutions asking that they assume responsibility for them. Some churches responded; some did not."

A letter from another Maryland pastor, Elmer H. Pryor of First Baptist Church, Girdletree, reveals that holding services in the county jail has been a project of the young people for two years.

"I am present to advise, encourage, and help with the personal work," says Pryor. "The services are strictly a young people's project."

The Brotherhood sponsors jail services two Sundays a month in Refugio, Tex., says pastor Randolph Acrea. The men meet at the church for prayer, then go to the jail and divide into as many groups as they have sections of people. Acrea reports that several people have accepted Christ through these efforts.

An account of the ministry of the Laurel River Baptist Association in Kentucky to the patients of the state tuberculosis hospital near London by associational missionary Verner Barnett reveals the co-operation of the churches in this project. Interest in a ministry at the hospital started at the associational pastors' conference. The pastors now alternate at a weekly preaching service. The Woman's Missionary Societies in the association meet material needs of the patients and conduct an active visitation program.

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Cuban Baptists Plan  
Revivals, Clinics

(6-17-60)

HAVANA, Cuba--(BP)--Cuba Baptists plan an increased evangelistic effort for the next nine months, according to Herbert Caudill of Havana, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board superintendent of Cuban work.

The plans include four provincial evangelism clinics in September, and Baptist Jubilee revivals for November and February. The clinics will be how-to-do-it preparation for the revivals.

The Baptist Jubilee revival is an associational evangelistic emphasis for Southern Baptists through 1964, the year of Baptists' third jubilee of organized work on the North American continent. It differs from other revivals in that it is a clearly-defined evangelistic program for an association and the churches in the association.

The announcement of the Cuba emphasis came from a recent meeting of Cuban leaders and C. Y. Dossey, of Dallas, associate in the evangelism division of the Home Mission Board.

Eual F. Lawson of Dallas, also an evangelism associate, will conduct the clinics Sept. 11. Vernon Yearby of the Dallas evangelism office will direct revivals in Havana Nov. 6-20. Evangelists for the revivals will come from the three other Cuban provinces where Southern Baptists work.

Dossey, Lawson, and Yearby will each direct revivals Feb. 12-26 in the provinces of Pinar Del Rio, Matanzas, and Las Villas.

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Oklahoma Baptist  
Chapel Honors Raley

SHAWNEE, Okla.--(BP)--A \$1 million chapel under construction on the Oklahoma Baptist University campus here will be named in honor of University President John W. Raley.

Decision was made by Oklahoma Baptist University trustees, Raymond Gary, chairman of the trustees and former governor of Oklahoma, said. The board of directors of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma had recommended that the action be taken at its meeting in May.

"We have received many letters urging this recognition of Raley's life of service," Gary said.

The trustees also approved a recommendation by Raley that the chapel-auditorium be named in honor of Andrew Potter, late executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

The building will house a 2,000-seat auditorium, which will provide a forum for cultural events as well as a worship center for the university. It also will include a meditation chapel, recital hall, four lecture halls, rehearsal halls for band and drama, and 20 teaching studios.

More than half of the chapel building's cost has been pledged, Gary said.

Raley, who became president in 1934, is dean of Oklahoma college presidents. Only six presidents of four-year colleges in the United States have had a longer term of office. During his administration, the Baptist college has grown from a two-building campus to one with property evaluation of approximately \$7 million.

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10-Year Expansion  
For Belmont College

(6-17-60)

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Belmont College here will embark on a 10-year capital improvements program, the first phase of which is expected to require a million dollars.

Tennessee Baptist Convention, which owns and operates Belmont, voted in November to continue development of the school on its present historic, 30-acre campus. It is near Peabody and Scarritt Colleges and Vanderbilt University.

"Great advantages have come to Belmont through proximity to and intellectual exchange with other members of the Nashville university community," Herbert C. Gahart, Nashville, Belmont president, said. "These advantages are expected to become increasingly significant and place a premium upon our present location."

The first million dollars of the program is expected to pay for modernization of an existing dormitory and for expansion of library and gymnasium facilities.

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London Baptists Say  
'Thank You' To South

(6-17-60)

LONDON, England--(BP)--London Baptists mailed a thank you note to Southern Baptists on behalf of three of their ministers.

The ministers--W. Charles Johnson, W. G. Channon, and C. R. Goulding--returned to London after visiting Southern Baptist churches and convention offices this spring.

The council of London Baptist Association of churches expressed "its sincere thanks and appreciation of the wonderful welcome given to our brethren." The council was grateful for the fellowship between the British and United States Baptists and prayed for Southern Baptists "God's Richest Blessing."

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Revival Jumps Off  
To Good Beginning

ERIN, Tenn.--(BP)--The tent revival at Erin Baptist Church got off to a jumping-good start.

Evangelist John Humphrey arrived from nearby Clarksville, Tenn., by parachuting from an airplane into a field just outside town. A West Point graduate and experienced "jumper" with the 101st Airborne Infantry, Humphrey resigned his officer's commission to enter the ministry.

Nearly all Erin turned out for the jump. It took special clearance from aviation officials and a 'chute borrowed from a Roman Catholic chaplain to make the parachuting possible.

Humphrey, who plans to enter Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth in the fall to study theology, is pastor of Little West Fork Baptist Church just outside the gateway to Fort Campbell, a military base on the Tennessee-Kentucky boundary.

He was stationed in a parachute company at Fort Campbell before he left the Army.

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Record Summer Student  
Group Takes To Field

(6-17-60)

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Southern Baptists' largest group of student summer missionaries, 525, are at work under the direction of the denomination's Home Mission Board.

The students are at work in areas from Florida to Alaska and from California to New York. They are supported by the Home Mission Board and state Baptist Student Unions. However, all are directed by the mission board. Besides students from most of the United States there are others from the Philippines, the British West Indies, the Bahamas, Hong Kong, Japan, Cuba, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, South American nations, and Jordan.

"This program provides the student an opportunity for in-service mission training and at the same time greatly augments the ministries of our regular missionaries during the summer months. It is of great importance to all of our mission causes," Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, said.

The students must have two years of college or one year of seminary and be at least 18 years of age. They are paid \$25 a week for their services. Transportation and most expenses are provided.

The work includes 10 weeks of religious surveys, personal visitation, starting churches and missions, all phases of church organizational work, good will centers, vacation Bible schools, and other similar projects.

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Folks & facts.....

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.....Full accreditation has been granted to the Oklahoma Baptist University nursing program by the National League for Nursing, James R. Scales, Shawnee, Okla., executive vice-president, announced.

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Commission Chooses  
Kentucky Pastor

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Edwin F. Perry, pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., is the new chairman of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Perry was elected at the annual session of the Commission, meeting at Commission offices in Nashville. He succeeds Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president of Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., whose term as a Commission member ended recently.

The new vice-chairman of the education agency is Fred E. Neiger, director of Baptist Student work and professor of Bible, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

The Commission elected as its new recording secretary Hayward Highfill, pastor, Eastland Baptist Church, Nashville.

The Commission confirmed the election of two executive staff members, both of whom joined the staff since the last annual meeting. They are Rabun L. Brantley, Executive secretary, and John A. Barry, Jr., associate executive secretary, both of Nashville.

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Church Music Can  
Bind Young People

(6-17-60)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.--(BP)--"Church Music could become the common band that binds young people together as much as rock 'n roll," in the opinion of the young Oklahoman who wrote the music for the anthem being used in Southern Baptist vacation bible schools this summer.

He is C. L. Bass of Midwest City, adjacent to Oklahoma City. He is minister of music at Carter Park Baptist Church.

"Appreciation of good music, like religion, is more caught than taught," Bass believes. "As long as children are surrounded by good music and their parents show love for good music--by listening to it, talking about it, and expressing their views on it--the children can't help being affected," he says.

As for rock 'n roll, Bass thinks "young people band together and want to conform and that through this medium they have something in common to cling to."

"I think church music could become the common band that binds young people together as much as rock 'n roll," he declared. "I think the main reason it hasn't is a shortage of enthusiastic choir directors.

"If a choir director is enthusiastic about his work, the kids will see there's something to it." Bass believes. "Choir directors can play an important part in christian witnessing to young people--and older people, too, for that matter,"

Although Bass is now serving as a church music director, he feels his "calling from the Lord" is school teaching--in the field of music.

"I feel there is a definite need for Christian teachers, not only in music, but in all fields," he says.

Bass is a graduate student at University of Oklahoma, Norman, and holds a degree in music education from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. He taught junior and senior high school vocal music two years at Syracuse, Kan., before beginning his graduate work.

He wrote music for the anthem, "Trust in the Lord", with words from Psalm 37:3-5 for this year's vacation Bible schools.

In addition to this anthem, Bass has had two other compositions, one a prize-winning anthem, and several arrangements published by Broadman (Southern Baptist) Press. These have appeared both in the monthly magazine, "Church Musician" and as sheet music.

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### Trustees Recommended For Dallas Baptist College

DALLAS--(BP)--The proposed Dallas Baptist College, long delayed by the search for a campus location, finally got off the ground with the approval of three recommendations by the executive board of the Dallas Baptist Association.

The association voted unanimously to recommend to the committee on nominations for institution boards that a sub-committee be selected to nominate the college's trustees.

The trustees will be elected by messengers to the Baptist General Convention of Texas meeting at Lubbock for their annual gathering Oct. 31-Nov. 2.

Ralph Bacon, superintendent of missions for the Dallas Baptist Association, said that the election of the college's trustees at the state convention would enable the trustees to select a college president before the 1961 convention meets.

The Dallas Association's executive board also approved a \$3 million fund raising campaign in 1961, and authorized the Community Service Bureau of Dallas to help conduct the fund drive.

The campaign will begin Jan. 9, 1961, and will continue for six months. The Dallas Chamber of Commerce had previously approved a May, 1961, date for the fund drive.

C. E. Colton, chairman of the Dallas Baptist College steering committee, said that a site for the college campus would probably be selected within the next three weeks.

The committee was believed to be considering two locations, one in Oak Cliff, south Dallas, and the other near Richardson, just north of Dallas.

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### Folks & facts . . . . .

. . . . William Rossell, professor of Old Testament at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, will spend a year in the Middle East teaching in the new Southern Baptist Seminary at Beirut, Lebanon, beginning Oct. 4. He will teach Old Testament and Biblical introduction in the school, the first Baptist seminary in the Arab lands. About 25 students are expected to enroll for the first term. (BP)

Evangelism Plans  
Suggested By Autrey

DALLAS--(BP)--The Baptist Jubilee revival plan and an increased emphasis on soul winning will implement world evangelism and can be achieved by every association adopting the program and setting annual dates through 1964, according to C. E. Autrey of Dallas, director of the division of evangelism of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Southern Baptists were challenged to "a greater stewardship of time, talent, and money" to proclaim the gospel at the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Miami.

A world evangelism resolution asked renewed dedication to specific programs of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, a five-year program culminating in 1964, the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work in North America.

"The division of evangelism welcomes this resolution," Autrey said. "It reinforces our program of evangelism."

The Baptist Jubilee revival plan is an associational evangelistic emphasis through 1964. It differs from other revivals in that it is a clearly-defined evangelistic program for an association and the churches in the association.

The programs of the Baptist Jubilee Advance are: stewardship and enlistment in 1961, church extension in 1962, world missions in 1963, and the third jubilee year celebrated in 1964.

"The Baptist Jubilee revival will help implement and focus attention upon these programs and emphases," Autrey said. "The genius of a Baptist Jubilee revival will be 'Togetherness.' This means the churches and missions in an association will together locate prospects, proceed according to the plan of work in preparation and conduct evangelistic services for two weeks, beginning on the same date and closing on the same date."

The evangelism division has prepared Baptist Jubilee revival tracts giving detailed information and committee assignments.

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Folks & facts. . . . .

. . . . .Floyd Allen Craig has been named superintendent of photographic and printing services for the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary public relations department, Fort Worth. Craig has served with the seminary's public relations department for the past two years as photographer, taking more than 7,500 pictures during that time. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and is a May graduate of the seminary's school of theology. (BP)

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Texas Baptists Name  
Father of the Year

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.,--(BP)--A Baptist leader here who has invented an array of mechanical equipment to brighten his paralyzed daughter's life has been named 1960 Texas Baptist father of the year.

He is Cecil A. Ray, superintendent of missions for the San Antonio Baptist Association.

Working nights, the 38-year-old minister has designed and built a unique motor-powered chair, three iron lungs, chest respirators, rocking beds, mechanical desks and assorted other chairs and bathing equipment.

His daughter, 12-year-old Susan Ray, has been able to move only her hands and toes slightly since a critical polio attack in 1952. She deftly drives the motor-powered chair around the Ray home by tripping sensitive switches with her fingers and toes.

By tilting her head from side to side, little Susan touches other electrical switches that move a specially-designed desk before her sling-supported hands. She can now write and is learning to paint, thanks to her father's ingenuity.

When Ray began to plan the unique motor chair for Susan, he realized that he must not neglect his young son because of his daughter's handicap.

Lanny, his nine-year-old son, was the first youngster in the neighborhood to have his own gasoline powered "go-car." His dad built it soon after developing plans for Susan's motor chair.

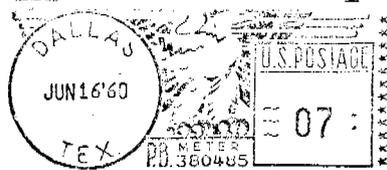
A committee selected Ray for the honor "because of his significant applications of Christian faith in helping his daughter overcome severe handicaps."

The father of the year is a graduate of Howard Payne College at Brownwood, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. Before coming to San Antonio as associational missions superintendent, he pastored Baptist churches in Ballinger, Rowena, Sulphur Springs, and Lubbock, Tex.

The award is sponsored each year by the Baptist Standard, state denominational newspaper, and the 1½ million-member Baptist General Convention of Texas.

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