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Dr. Fred F. Brown,  
1933 President, Dead

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--A Convention president who "did as much as any other one man" to save Southern Baptist agencies died in Knoxville Aug. 9 at the age of 78.

Dr. Fred F. Brown, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church of this city, died at his home here after a long illness.

Funeral services were to be conducted at First Church, Knoxville, Aug. 11, with Pastor Charles A. Trentham officiating. Burial was to be in Knoxville.

Dr. Brown was the only president of the Southern Baptist Convention never to preside over an annual session. This was due to a great extent to the fact that he impaired his health during his strenuous efforts to make Southern Baptists solvent. He was elected at St. Petersburg, Fla., in 1932 but illness prevented his presiding in 1933 at Washington, D. C.

"Dr. Brown made a tremendous contribution to the Convention during the depression years," Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary of the S B C Executive Committee, said.

When Southern Baptists, through their Promotion Committee, looked to him "to lead Southern Baptists in a campaign to pay their debt, to magnify the ~~every member~~ canvass, and to enlist one million tithers, . . . he threw himself, without reserve, into the campaign," according to Routh.

The Knoxville church, which he joined in 1921 as pastor, granted him leave with salary to serve the Convention for a year. He traveled extensively.

Once before, the church he served as pastor had granted him a leave for service beyond its community. The church at Sherman, Tex., which he served from 1917-1921, enabled him to respond to President Woodrow Wilson's request that he conduct a preaching mission overseas during World War I.

Dr. Brown, a native of Glenville, N. C., played on the first football team Wake Forest College (Baptist) in that state fielded since the Civil War. He secured his master of arts degree from Wake Forest.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, granted him the master and doctor of theology degrees. He served churches at Harrodsburg and Frankfort, Ky., before moving to Sherman, Tex.

He retired in 1946 after 25 years with the Knoxville church and became its pastor emeritus, continuing to lead in services and conferences among Baptists whenever he could.

He preached the sermon for the Southern Baptist Convention in 1926 at Houston, Tex. Dr. Brown served as trustee of Carson-Newman College (Baptist), Jefferson City, Tenn., for 25 years, and led in the movement that later became the Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

He was chairman of the S B C Executive Committee in 1933. His most conspicuous service was in the debt-clearing campaign of depression times.

Dr. Brown is survived by his wife, Nona Lee Dover Brown, formerly of St. Louis; his son, Dr. Fred F. Brown, Jr., Knoxville physician, and by four daughters.

Counseling, Guidance  
Conference Announced

NASHVILLE--(BP)--How does the pastor counsel people on guilt and forgiveness?

The subjects of guilt and forgiveness, as well as the task of the religious counselor, will be presented here during the annual Southern Baptist Counseling and Guidance Conference Sept. 26-28.

Professor Robert Elliott of Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Tex., will discuss the place of guilt and forgiveness in pastoral care. Myron C. Madden, New Orleans, chaplain and clinical educator at Southern Baptist Hospital there, will define the theological task of counselors.

Special groups meeting at the same time will include the Southern Baptist Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, and workers in the fields of juvenile delinquency and broken homes, marriage and family counseling, pastoral care, social work, research, and vocational guidance.

Christian counselors from all areas of Baptist life will attend the sessions.

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Arkansas Sets Budget,  
Adds Education Plans

(8-10-60)

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.--(BP)--The executive board of Arkansas Baptist State Convention here approved a budget of \$1,675,000 for 1961. The budget, including 36 per cent, or \$603,000 for Southern Baptist Convention agencies, will be presented to the annual meeting of the state convention in Fayetteville, Ark., in November.

The total is \$25,000 greater than this year's budget.

The board will recommend that the state convention continue to support Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Ark., independent junior college as it has for several years, but that the college not be received as a convention institution at this time. The new budget has an item of \$33,165 for the Walnut Ridge school.

Of the \$1,072,000 recommended for the institutions and agencies of Arkansas convention, the largest amount--\$285,797--is recommended for Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark., the convention's senior liberal arts college.

In addition, the balance of funds which have been accumulating for Baptist educational use in Pulaski County (Little Rock) for a possible branch of Ouachita College, are being turned over to Ouachita for capital needs, subject to approval of the November convention. This will approximate \$20,000 by the end of this year.

The board recommends the annual Thanksgiving offering for Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, Monticello, Ark., which was to be discontinued after this fall, be continued instead through 1961.

A liberalization of the convention's bylaws to allow institutions more freedom in purchasing property is being recommended for convention approval.

Under a further recommendation, ministerial students and students preparing to serve as ministers of music, who are employed by churches co-operating with the Arkansas convention, would be allowed to participate in the Annuity Board retirement program of the Southern Baptist Convention with the state convention paying such students' dues.

The board also recommends that favorable action be taken to provide full-time ministers of music with participation in the Southern Baptist Protection Plan.

Erwin L. McDonald, editor of Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, and Lawson Hatfield, secretary of the state Sunday school department, both of Little Rock, were permitted to participate in an evangelistic crusade in Scotland next April and to tour the Holy Land afterward. The crusade will be directed by Lewis E. Clarke, pastor at Smackover, Ark.

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Folks & facts.....

.....Mrs. William P. Davis, wife of the secretary of the department of Negro work of Mississippi Baptist Convention board, died Aug. 1 after an extended illness in Jackson, Miss. (BP)

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.....George P. Donaldson, president of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Tifton, Ga., and Baptist deacon there, will receive the honorary degree, doctor of laws, from Mercer University, Macon, Ga., at summer commencement Aug. 20. (BP)

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Coggin Warns About  
Destructive Forces

(8-10-60)

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--"We stand at our point of gravest danger of being deprived of the freedom which we enjoy," a Southern Baptist minister warned 3000 persons here.

"There are two forces abroad in our land today, namely Communism and Roman Catholicism, which would deprive us of the blessed heritage which has been ours," the speaker continued.

James E. Coggin, pastor of Travis Ave. Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., declared, "We as Christian workers need to be keenly aware and alert to these powerful forces. In the political campaign for this year, we have much at stake as American citizens."

Coggin addressed the second Southern Baptist Sunday School Conference week at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

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