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Warren Reports 10,252  
Started In 30,000 Movement

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--Southern Baptists have started 10,252 missions and churches since the beginning of the 30,000 movement on June 1, 1956, according to C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C., director of the movement.

The 30,000 movement, a mammoth program to establish 20,000 missions and 10,000 churches by 1964, originated from a challenge to the Southern Baptist Convention by Warren when he was president of the denomination in 1956. Later he was given directorship of the program.

Warren announced at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly during Home Missions Week the new figures, which include 3,399 new churches and 6,853 new missions. The totals are released twice each year by Warren from reports given him by 30,000 chairmen in the states. The total last January was 9,601. This is an increase of 651.

"We're moving, but we have got to move faster," Warren said. "We have considerably slowed down in the last six months, despite a better spirit, a better organization, and more evidence of stronger determination.

"There's only four and a half years to go. This goal can positively be reached, but we will not do it by staying in the rut of business as usual. This requires an accelerated effort."

Arthur Rutledge of Atlanta, Ga., chairman of the 30,000 committee for the denomination, and director of the missions division of the Home Mission Board, suggested at Ridgecrest that churches give major emphasis during the remaining part of 1960 to starting institutional missions. This is the present six-month emphasis in the movement.

"Since a mission is any place an individual is sent by a church to preach or teach," Rutledge said, "every church can have a part in the 30,000 movement."

The figures released by Warren indicated the following breakdown by states:

State	New Churches Organized	New Missions
Alabama	127	171
Alaska	16	27
Arizona	55	147
Arkansas	59	87
California	220	458
Colorado	66	131
Cuba	2	40
District Of Columbia	6	4
Florida	171	259
Georgia	108	126
Hawaii (Included in Foreign Mission report)		
Illinois	155	429
Indiana (Began Jan. 1, 1959)	20	39
Kentucky	110	247
Kansas	27	42
Louisiana	89	111
Maryland	27	83
Michigan	48	80
Missouri	88	304
Mississippi	68	53
New Mexico	38	111
North Carolina	127	152
Ohio	127	215
Oklahoma	83	191
Oregon-Washington	48	91
Panama Canal Zone	5	10
South Carolina	77	166
Tennessee	122	184
Texas	228	426
Virginia	63	62
Foreign Missions	1,019	2,452

Agreement Reached  
On Study Materials

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Baptist extension educators and the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention have reached an agreement on credit for extension classes paralleling church study course books.

The material, including 200 books developed by the Sunday School Board for teaching and training in the nearly 32,000 Southern Baptist churches, is also used by the seminary extension department of Southern Baptist seminaries and by Baptist colleges in their extension programs.

The statement worked out between the two groups says that:

"Agreements have been reached among Sunday School Board and college and seminary extension department personnel whereby credit of the church study course for teaching and training may be received for extension department study provided the requirements of the church study course for teaching and training are met."

The Sunday School Board said that while the church study course materials were designed primarily for church-sponsored programs, "it recognizes the contributions which are being made to the training of individuals by the extension departments and centers of Southern Baptist colleges and seminaries."

"Workers of the Sunday School Board responsible for the development and promotion of the church study course for teaching and training would encourage church members and leadership to participate wholeheartedly in the program of training offered by the church study course for teaching and training, and where possible, to take advantage also of the training opportunities offered by the extension departments of the colleges and seminaries," the statement continued.

"The agreement was developed to show there is no competition but co-operation instead in the use of these study course books," according to W. L. Howse of Nashville, head of the board's education division.

Extension programs reach ministers and church staff members who lack qualifications or opportunity for full-scale college and seminary education. Enrollment usually includes also some lay persons desiring additional Bible study. The extension educators have often taught courses parallel to Sunday School Board's study course books, for which extension students want both college or seminary extension credits and Sunday School Board study awards.

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Business Committee  
Invites Suggestions

(8-25-60)

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Committee on Order of Business for the 1961 Southern Baptist Convention will meet here in September to plan the program of activities.

Committee Chairman James E. Boyd, pastor, First Baptist Church, Pahokee, Fla., invites suggestions and recommendations for the committee to consider.

The Committee on Order of Business sets the times for S B C agencies to report, for transaction of business, and for inspirational messages during the Convention.

Suggestions should be sent to Boyd at Pahokee or to Porter Routh, executive secretary, S B C Executive Committee, Nashville.

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Golden Gaters Visit  
Alcatraz Penitentiary

MILL VALLEY, Calif.--(BP)--Three women from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here have been to Alcatraz, the maximum security federal prison isolated on an island off San Francisco.

It wasn't for the reason most persons take the boat to Alcatraz, committing a major violation of federal laws.

These three--one a faculty member's wife, another a student's wife, and the third the daughter of a staff member of the seminary--went there to conduct vacation Bible school for children of federal employees operating the prison.

Mrs. Wallace Beasley, who's seeing hubby through the seminary, served as principal of the vacation Bible school, assisted by the two other women--Mrs. Harry Koontz and Miss Carole Suffern.

Mrs. Beasley, a resident of Oakland, Calif., for 15 years, became acquainted with Alcatraz Prison two months ago when her husband took over the chapel service at Alcatraz Protestant Community Church on the island.

Together they hold Sunday school and morning worship services for prison employees and their families. "We hope to start a young people's meeting on Sunday evenings too," she remarked, "especially since we had 17 teenagers enrolled in Bible school, with at least 10 attending each day."

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Four Cities To Start  
Youth Rehabilitation

(8-25-60)

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--Four cities--one each in California, Kentucky, Georgia, and Texas--will start Southern Baptist juvenile rehabilitation programs within the next year if present plans materialize, according to J. V. James of Atlanta, Ga., superintendent of Juvenile rehabilitation for the denomination's Home Mission Board.

Covington, Ky.; Fresno, Calif., Macon, Ga., and San Antonio, Tex., anticipate new programs in the near future as part of their city missions activities. September is the date set for the Covington program and January, 1961, for San Antonio.

Fifteen of Southern Baptists' 17 juvenile rehabilitation directors in cities across the country attended the second annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Juvenile Rehabilitation Association at Ridgecrest, N. C.

The directors meet for fellowship, to exchange ideas, to encourage other programs, and for training. In a week-long workshop, led by James, the group discussed methods and procedures in dealing with the delinquent, and to study relationships with churches, associations, and Convention agencies.

The juvenile rehabilitation programs, located in metropolitan areas, enlist sponsors in local churches for children who are in trouble. The sponsor gives guidance to the child, ministers to the spiritual needs of the family and seeks to enlist the entire family in a church program.

"We have grown from five programs three years ago to where we now either have work set up or in the process of being set up in 30 cities (associations)," said James in reporting progress of juvenile work among Southern Baptists.

"We hope to set up programs of juvenile rehabilitation in each of the 77 cities having city missions programs just as rapidly as funds are available," said James.

The juvenile rehabilitation group re-elected Charles W. Hawkes of Houston, Tex., chairman. Hawkes has served as juvenile rehabilitation director of Union Baptist Association in Texas for 4 years. C. E. Scarbrough of Atlanta, juvenile rehabilitation director for the Atlanta Baptist Association was elected vice-chairman; and Morris Elliott, Miami, Fla., director of Miami Association's juvenile rehabilitation, was elected secretary.

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Belmont Students Unhurt  
By Spectacular Blaze

NASHVILLE--(BP)--About 20 men students living in a hall at Belmont College here escaped without personal injury when lightning sparked a fire in the building.

College President Herbert C. Gabhart estimated damage at from \$200,000 to \$500,000. "If we have to tear the building down and start over, the cost of replacing the hall will be \$500,000," he said. "If we can renovate, cost probably will not exceed \$200,000."

Gabhart announced the fall term at the Baptist college will begin on schedule.

Hail Hall, which the lightning struck, housed the music and drama departments. The third and fourth floors were destroyed. Smoke and water damaged other parts of the building.

It was estimated that 14 of the 20 pianos on the hall's second floor could be saved.

The fire came on a Sunday evening when the students were attending church or were out of town for the weekend. Edil Magalhaes, a student from Brazil, saved his passport, birth certificate, and other important papers from his room.

The hall was about 25 or 30 years old.

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30,000 Recognition  
Provides Dramatics

(8-25-60)

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--The audience witnessed a dramatic moment during the home missions week conference here when C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C., rose to present the first missions organized during the Southern Baptist Convention's 30,000 Movement.

Just as Warren, director of the Movement, prepared to announce two churches which apparently had tied for the honor, a member of the audience stood to report that still another mission should receive it.

Home mission leaders were planning to announce that Western Heights Baptist Mission of Waco, Tex., and Gray Baptist Mission, Gray, La., were the first.

However, Associational Missionary W. F. Chambless of Conway, S. C., then dramatically announced from the floor that North Conway Baptist Mission had been formed at 3 P. M. on June 3, 1956.

The missions Warren had prepared to announce were both organized at 11 A. M. June 10, 1956, seven days after the Conway claim. Warren's declaration halted. He went into huddle immediately with Arthur Rutledge, Atlanta, chairman of the 30,000 committee; L. O. Griffith, Atlanta, chairman of publicity for the Movement, and Courts Redford, Atlanta, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board.

"What should we do now?" they asked. They held a conference with Chambless and sure enough the North Conway Mission beat Western Heights of Texas and Gray Mission of Louisiana.

In the evening session of the conference, Warren officially declared North Conway Mission as the first started in the 30,000 Movement, which began June 1, 1956.

The recognition followed an intensive six-month effort by the denomination to locate the first mission and the first church organized as a part of the Movement which ends in 1964, the 150th anniversary of nationally organized Baptist work in North America.

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The mission had only seven people present at the beginning, and 37 present for Sunday school the first Sunday. The mission baptized 40 people in the first six months before its constitution as a church on Dec. 7, 1956.

Located in a transient residential section, the mission has received over 500 members since its beginning, more than 150 of those by baptism. Harvey M. Johnson is pastor of North Conway Baptist Church, which was sponsored as a mission by First Baptist Church, Conway.

The Western Heights Church, of which J. Henry Brown has been its only pastor, reports a membership of more than 400. One member said, "All of us went out and knocked on the doors of the homes in the community."

The Gray Baptist Mission was started in a home and led by Hugh Young. It later moved into an old bar, and presently has its own building. Four young married men in the mission have decided to preach; three are in school preparing themselves, and the fourth plans to enter the ministry as soon as possible.

The first church started as a part of the Movement was recognized two weeks earlier in special services at home mission week at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, N. M. The church is Northtown Baptist Church in Spokane, Wash., and has started five missions since its own organization.