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BIRMINGHAM CHURCH MAKES  
NON-RESIDENT INVENTORY

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--(BP)--The Woodlawn Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., Frank W. Wood, pastor, recently did a complete inventory on their non-resident member problem. The results were startling. They located 740 names and made a strong effort to contact every one of them.

Letters were addressed to 200 non-resident members, sixty-six of which were returned "wrong address." Names of 400 others were sent to pastors or churches in cities where these "lost sheep of the house of Israel" were thought to reside. Fifteen of these letters were returned. Some pastors acknowledged the letters with appreciation for the information and a promise to endeavor to locate and enlist these lost members.

It was discovered that twenty-five non-resident members had united with other churches already--seventeen Baptist and eight other denominations--as far back as twenty years ago and their names were still carried on Woodlawn membership rolls. Fourteen members to whom letters were addressed requested letters of dismissal to join churches where they were residing.

Wood said he received not one letter from other churches or pastors regarding their non-resident members living in Birmingham. "An honest effort was made with a degree of success; but, as we begin our new church year, the non-resident church membership problem is still with us. Of our total membership, 692 are either non-resident or their whereabouts are unknown to us. There are still an estimated 400 non-resident Baptists living in our church territory. All of which means we must continue to try to deal carefully with the problem and work diligently toward a solution of it."

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BOOK STORE MANAGERS'  
TO MEET IN MARCH

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Approximately fifty people are scheduled to meet in Nashville, March 22-26, 1954, for the Book Store Managers' Conference, according to Harold E. Ingraham, business manager, and John H. Williams, director, Book Store Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

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WORKSHOP DATE SET

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--September 3-4, 1954, was set for the second annual Family Life Workshop, according to Orin Cornette, program chairman.

The workshop, to be held in Nashville, will be sponsored jointly by the Education Commission, the Christian Life Commission, and the Home Curriculum Department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

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SPECIAL BAPTIST PRESS CORRECTION:

NOTE TO EDITOR: In the tentative schedule of meetings for Nashville in December, the name "C. C. Warren" should be substituted as chairman of the Executive Committee on Wednesday, December 16, 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., and also on Thursday, December 17, 9:30 a.m.

May we suggest that if you plan to publish this list to wait until the final schedule is sent to you in about ten days.

Albert McClellan

CORRECTION:

In the article entitled "California Southern Baptists Increase Mission Gift Goal," dated November 13, there is one correction that should be made before publication.

In paragraph 5, line 1, "\$32,000," should read "\$432,000."

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