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KANSAS BAPTISTS UP
MISSION GIFT GOAL

WICHITA, Kan.--(BP)--Kansas Baptists at the annual convention here voted to raise the 1954 Cooperative Program goal to \$62,680 to be divided 80 per cent to state causes and 20 per cent to Convention-wide causes. An Advanced Budget totaling \$18,320 to become effective only after the Operating Budget is met was also voted. The 1954 Operating Budget is to go into effect after an indebtedness of approximately \$4,000 is liquidated.

The convention also passed a resolution: "That we Southern Baptist ministers of Kansas who are messengers to this convention declare our loyalty as American citizens, our uncompromising opposition to Communism and our willingness to be investigated by any congressional committee functioning in this capacity. We are not sympathetic with the attitude expressed in some circles that the loyalty of ministers should not be questioned. We feel that ministers should be the first to stand up and be counted on this question."

George D. McClelland, pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Wichita, was re-elected president.

The 1954 convention will meet in Hutchinson, November 9-11.

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OKLAHOMA ADOPTS
\$1,600,000 GOAL

TULSA, Okla.--(BP)--Oklahoma Baptists voted a \$1,600,000 budget for next year. The action was taken at the annual convention of the Baptists meeting here November 10-12. The \$1,600,000 will be divided, after administrative deductions, \$800,000 to state causes and \$800,000 to Convention-wide causes.

The convention also voted to "go on record as favoring the erection of a home for aged people and to encourage gifts toward its ultimate reality."

E. F. Hallock, pastor, First Baptist Church, Norman, Okla., was elected to serve as president of the group for 1954.

A total of 2,616, of which 1,361 were messengers, attended the convention. Next year's convention will be held at First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

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SOUTHERN AND NATIONAL, INC. BAPTISTS
JOIN TOGETHER IN PLAN OF EVANGELISM

CHICAGO, Ill.--(Bp)--Southern Baptists have taken another forward step in a joint endeavor with the National Baptist Convention, Inc. in the field of evangelism.

The Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has given financial support to the employment of an evangelistic secretary for the Negroes, and laid the groundwork for the development with the National Convention a plan for evangelism.

Working together in planning the project are J. H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention, Inc. and C. E. Matthews, secretary of evangelism for Southern Baptists.

W. C. Trotter, pastor, Gospel Temple Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., is to be the secretary of evangelism with offices in Chicago. He is ^a well-known leader among National Baptists. His work is to be under joint direction of the two groups.

The plan of evangelism being developed calls for state and district chairmen of evangelism, regular state evangelistic conferences, and intensive effort in both mass and personal evangelism.

"It is my opinion that this is the greatest forward step ever taken by white Baptists to help the Negroes in the promotion of evangelism," Dr. Matthews said. "I am simply overwhelmed with joy at this venture. We have been working at it for years. The finest spirit possible prevails between Dr. Jackson, president of their convention, and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention."

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OKLAHOMAN RESIGNS
STATE POSITION

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.--(BP)--Ira C. Prosser, secretary of the student work and director of the Department of Church Music, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, has resigned. He plans to enter other fields of service.

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LOUISIANA BAPTISTS ADOPT
\$1,011,300 MISSION GOAL

SHREVEPORT, La.--(BP)--Louisiana Baptists in session here adopted a Cooperative Program goal of \$1,011,300 to be divided 57½ per cent to state causes and 42½ per cent to Southern Baptist causes. The convention was held in the First Baptist Church, Shreveport, November 10-12.

The Pelican state Baptists also voted to build three new buildings valued at \$360,000.

While in session the Baptists commended Governor Robert Kennon and Police Superintendent Francis Grevemberg for their stand against gambling in the state of Louisiana.

W. L. Sewell was re-elected to serve as president for 1954. The convention will meet next year in Istrouma Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, November 16-18.

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TENNESSEE ADOPTS
\$2,250,000 BUDGET

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Tennessee Baptists in session here adopted a Cooperative Program goal of \$2,250,000 to be divided 69 per cent to state causes and 40 per cent to Convention-wide causes.

Long-range plans to increase Cooperative Program gifts annually to \$4,000,000 by 1961, and baptisms to 50,000 by 1960 were made by the Tennesseans.

The convention also approved a campaign for two and one-half million dollars for Tennessee Baptist schools to be promoted in 1954, and the new minister's retirement plan proposed by the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A. Roy Green, Nashville, was elected as the 1954 president. The convention will meet in Nashville, November 9-11.

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TENNESSEAN GOES TO
FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Rogers M. Smith, for the past nine years student union secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will serve as field representative for the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He will be associated with the Department of Mission Education and Promotion and his territory will be world-wide.

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J. HOWARD WILLIAMS TO BE
INAUGURATED NOVEMBER 24

FORT WORTH, Tex.--(BP)--The inauguration of J. Howard Williams as president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will be held in Fort Worth, Tuesday, November 24, 1953.

Appearing on program will be W. W. Barnes, emeritus professor of church history, Southwestern Seminary; Edgar Deen, Mayor, city of Fort Worth; L. D. Anderson, pastor, First Christian Church, Fort Worth; James N. Morgan, pastor, North Fort Worth Baptist Church; Forrest C. Feezor, executive secretary-treasurer, Baptist General Convention of Texas; W. R. White, president, Baylor University; Allan Shivers, governor, state of Texas; L. L. Carnett, president, Texas Baptist Benevolences, Dallas; E. C. Brown, pastor, First Baptist Church, Blytheville, Ark; Roland Q. Leavell, president, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La.; J. W. Storer, president, Southern Baptist Convention, Tulsa, Okla.; and Walter Alexander, executive secretary, Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, Tex. J. M. Price, director, School of Religious Education, Southwestern Seminary, will preside at the morning session, and A. J. Holt, president of the Seminary's board of trustees will preside at the evening session.

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FLORIDA BAPTISTS TO GIVE
\$80,000 TO NEW HOSPITAL

TAMPA, Fla.--(BP)--Florida Baptists in session here voted to give \$80,000 to the Southern Baptist Hospital now under construction at Jacksonville.

The convention also voted to build a children's building at Children's Home, and to purchase sites for a boy's dormitory and an R.O.T.C. drill ground at Statson University, De Land, Fla.

The convention adopted a Cooperative Program goal of \$1,110,000 to be divided 50 per cent to state causes and 50 per cent to Convention-wide causes.

Resolutions calling on the governor of the state for strict enforcement of existing liquor control and gambling laws of the state, and urging the president to rescind the recent military order allowing sale of liquor on military posts were made.

Extensive plans for the celebration of the convention centennial in 1954 were also made by the Baptists.

Harold G. Sanders, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, was elected president. The convention will meet next year at Daytona Beach, November 16-18.

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SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS
UP MISSION GIFT GOAL

CHARLESTON, S.C.--(BP)--A Cooperative Program goal of \$2,250,000 was adopted by South Carolina Baptists at the annual convention here November 10-12. The goal consists of three parts: (a) \$240,000 for general causes, (b) \$1,140,500 to be divided equally between state and Southern Convention causes, (c) \$764,500 to be divided 60 per cent to state causes and 40 per cent to Southern Convention causes.

Wallace R. Rogers, Charleston, was elected president of next year's convention. The convention will meet in Greenville, November 9-11.

Attendance at this year's convention reached 1,213.

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NORTH CAROLINA PLANS
BUILDING PROJECTS

GREENSBORO, N. C.--(BP)--North Carolina Baptists will build a new headquarters building in Raleigh and a student center at North Carolina State College, Raleigh. Action was taken at the annual state convention in session here to borrow in the name of the Convention an amount not to exceed \$475,000 for the new headquarters and \$45,000 for the purchase of the student center.

A Cooperative Program goal of \$2,200,000 was voted by the convention, to be divided 59 per cent to state causes and 41 per cent to Convention-wide causes.

Other convention action included, (a) authorization of the borrowing by three institutions of the convention in the following amounts, \$3,000,000 by Wake Forest College, \$250,000 by Mars Hill College, \$200,000 by Campbell College. This borrowing to supplement other funds for building purposes, (b) the inclusion of the Orphanage in the Cooperative Program for a part of its support beginning in 1955, (c) provision for the establishment of a Department of Church Music in 1955.

Douglas M. Branch, Rocky Mount, was elected president. The convention will meet November 16-18, 1954, in Charlotte.

Attendance at this year's convention reached 2,625.

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