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127 Ninth Avenue, North

Nashville, Tennessee

BAPTIST BOOK STORE
MOVES BACK HOME

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The Baptist Book Store in Nashville has moved back home. Formal opening at its new location, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, was held recently.

It was located in the Executive Building, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, from the close of World War I until 1940 when the first two floors of the Administration Building were completed, at which time it was moved to that building.

A highlight of the open house was an informal dedication program in the store. W. F. Powell presided. On program were; Harold J. Purdy, Clifton J. Allen, J. Marvin Crowe, Gaye L. McGlothlen, John H. Williams, Harold E. Ingraham, and Harold Gregory, all of Nashville.

When the store was first opened it was a small book nook of the Sunday School Board covering an area of approximately 650 square feet. The new store covers the entire first floor of the Executive Building or an area of 6750 square feet. Approximately \$75,000 was spent on remodeling and fixtures in preparation for relocation of the store.

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GEORGIA BAPTISTS PLAN
NEW BUILDING PROJECT

MACON, Ga.--(BP)--Georgia Baptist at their annual convention here renewed authority to the Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention for \$1,400,000 loan for erection of a professional building adjoining Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta.

The Georgia Baptist Foundation reported it now holds assets of \$1,616,091, an increase of \$284,685 over last year.

A Cooperative Program goal of \$1,613,000 was set to be divided 50 per cent for state causes and 50 per cent to Convention-wide causes.

Searcy S. Garrison, pastor, Bull Street Baptist Church, Savannah, was re-elected president. Next year's convention will meet November 16-18 in Augusta.

Attendance reached 3,000 this year.

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MISS. WOMAN'S COLLEGE
TO BE FOUR-YEAR COED

JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--Mississippi Baptists will rename and make Mississippi Woman's College a four-year coeducational college. Action was taken at the annual Mississippi Baptist Convention in session here. The college, located in Hattiesburg, is now a four-year girl's school.

A Cooperative Program goal of \$1,500,000 to be divided 55 per cent to state causes and 45 per cent to Convention-wide causes was adopted. All receipts above \$1,400,000 will be divided 66 2/3 per cent to Convention-wide causes and 33 1/3 per cent to state causes. The 1953 Cooperative Program goal of \$1,200,000 was reached by the mississippians.

The Baptist Record reported a circulation of 82,221 and a profit of \$13,264 during 1953.

Other adoptions included a new, modernized constitution and a new minister's retirement plan.

John E. Barnes, Hattiesburg, was re-elected to serve as president of the group. Other officers elected were E. C. Edwards, Tutwiler, first vice-president, Wyatt Hunter, McComb, second vice-president, and George Gay, Ripley, secretary re-elected.

Two thousand attended the convention which met at the First Baptist Church.

Next year's convention will be held in Jackson.

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STUDENT SECRETARIES
TO MEET IN NASHVILLE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The Baptist State Student Secretaries Seminar will be held in Nashville, December 14-16, according to G. Kearnie Keegan, secretary, Department of Student Work, Baptist Sunday School Board.

Orin Cornett, executive secretary, Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, will speak on "Partners in a Great Task," and lead a discussion on the B.S.U.'s part in Southern Baptists' program of Christian education.

Following messages by Courts Redford, executive secretary, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, and Elmer S. West, Jr., secretary for missionary personnel, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., the Student Summer Service Program will be discussed.

Plans and goals for the 1954 conventions will be outlined.

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ALABAMA BAPTISTS SET
\$1,894,000 MISSION GOAL

MONTGOMERY, Ala.--(BP)--Alabama Baptists in session here voted a 1954 Cooperative Program goal of \$1,894,000 to be divided 54 per cent to state causes and 46 per cent to Southern Baptist causes.

Action was taken to authorize Howard College to borrow \$1,500,000 to start building on the new campus in order that the college may move to its new site within five years, and if possible within three years. The over-all cost of the buildings of the minimum plant is estimated at \$7,172,000.

Oscar A. Davis, pastor, First Baptist Church, Gadsden, Ala., was elected president of the convention. The convention will meet next year at Mobile, November 16-18.

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STATE MUSIC SECRETARIES
WILL MEET IN DECEMBER

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Goals for 1954 for the promotion and organization of the associational, state, and local church music programs will be established and a program launched to realize them will be made when the Baptist state music secretaries hold their annual conference in Nashville, December 14-16. The conference will be under the direction of W. Hines Sims, secretary of the Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

The revision of some of the church music training course texts and pamphlets will be considered and a Standard of Excellence for a church music department will be discussed.

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ARKANSAS BAPTISTS
TO BUY CAMP SITE

HOT SPRINGS, Ark.--(BP)--Arkansas R.A.'s and G.A.'s will have a new camp. Final action was given the Executive Board to select and secure a site for the camp at the annual Arkansas Baptist Convention in session here.

A total Cooperative Program goal of \$1,190,460 to be divided 55 per cent to state causes and 45 per cent to Convention-wide causes was adopted. All funds received above the Cooperative Program goal plus \$10,000 which is designated to the Memorial Baptist Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., will be divided 50-50 between the Southern Baptist Convention and capital needs of state institutions.

W. O. Vaught, Little Rock, was elected president. The convention will meet next year in Little Rock. One thousand and one attended this year's meeting.

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TEXAS BAPTIST PASS
NO CURTAIN OF SECRECY

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.--(BP)--The following was adopted by the Baptist state convention in San Antonio, recently.

"Southern Baptists have no curtain of secrecy behind which any clergy can hide on the issues of communism. Baptists have advocated complete religious freedom since the time of Christ; and are in accord with any sincere investigation concerning communism among the clergy, or in any other realm of religious, economic, professional, and other phases of life.

"Throughout religious history Baptists have been in the forefront of those who stood for free church, free state, and liberty of conscience. This concept is utterly incompatible with slave state ideals of communism, which always results in the curtailment of individual liberty."

"We do not believe that blanket charges against the clergy or any other group is either factual or fair," David M. Gardner, editor, Baptist Standard said. "We believe that any investigator who is so free in giving the public the number of communists among the clergy ought to be able to give their names.

"We are not foolish enough to assume that Baptists have never been imposed on by imposters. We have been, and there might be such among us now," Gardner said, "but we assert that we do not and will try not to shield such unworthy characters from public exposure.

"We make bold to assert that it would be impossible for any person to be a Baptist and a communist at the same time. One would be forced to renounce his faith in Christ and the Baptist conviction of the dignity and freedom of the individual to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience before he could become a communist."

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JET ACE ENTERS MINISTRY

DENISON, Tex.--(BP)--From knocking Russian migs out of the air over Korea to winning souls to Christ has been the recent experiences of Jet Ace, Capt. A. E. Vancil, jet pilot instructor at Perrin Air Force Base.

During a revival conducted at First Baptist Church here by C. Wade Freeman, superintendent of evangelism for Texas Baptists, Vancil decided that he would enter formal training for the ministry just as soon as he is released from active duty with the Air Force.

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MISSION GOAL SET
BY ARIZONA BAPTISTS

TUCSON, Ariz.--(BP)--Arizona Baptists voted a Cooperative Program goal of \$308,250 for 1954 at the annual meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona. The goal will be divided 32 per cent to Convention-wide causes and 68 per cent to state causes.

Other convention action included (1) approval of the convention's holding two regional conventions. One in Colorado, one in Utah the first week in May 1954, looking forward to the constitution of conventions in outlying states. That when these states, or state, decide to become conventions, that at their request not to exceed one year prior to date of convention, that one-half of cooperative receipts coming to this convention from the churches in those states be set aside for operating expenses of their new convention upon its organization, (2) reaffirmed convention's position for the complete separation of church and state as set forth in the constitution of the United States and interpreted by the Supreme Court, (3) call for Arizona senators to use influence to the utmost in the United States Senate to bring end to sale of alcoholic beverages in all army posts, at home and abroad, (4) urged pastors and churches to dedicate 1954 as year of doctrinal emphasis.

Jack K. Maben, Glendale, was elected president. Next year's convention will meet at Colorado Springs, Colo.