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MISSISSIPPI PASTOR GOES
TO GASTON AVENUE CHURCH

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--Harold G. Basden, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., was called as pastor of Gaston Avenue Baptist Church here. He will assume the Dallas pastorate January 3, 1954.

Basden, a native Tennessean, was graduated from Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., and received the Th.D. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

He served as dean of men at Mississippi College until he went to the Jackson church.

He succeeds W. Marshall Craig who resigned to enter the evangelistic field after twenty-six years as pastor of the church.

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SEMINARY HAS
NEW PROFESSOR

WAKE FOREST, N.C.--(BP)--John T. Wayland, pastor, First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro, N. C., was named as professor of religious education at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. He will assume his duties January 1, 1954.

Wayland is a graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

He is chairman of the board of trustees of North Carolina Baptist Homes.

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TULSA BOOK STORE
MANAGER NAMED

TULSA, Okla.--(BP)--Mrs. O. S. Allen was named manager of the Baptist Book Store, Tulsa, Okla., succeeding Miss Virginia Martin who was transferred to Memphis, Tenn., as manager of the book store there.

Mrs. Allen, a native of Oklahoma, received her education in Tulsa and attended Oklahoma Baptist University.

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W. DOUGLAS HUDGINS TO SPEAK
ON CBS "CHURCH OF THE AIR"

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., will be featured speaker on the "Church of the Air," weekly religious radio program of the Columbia Broadcasting System, Sunday, December 6.

Originating in the studios of the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, the program will also include music by the "Baptist Hour" choir under the direction of John D. Hoffman.

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TEXAS BAPTISTS TO HAVE
NO MORE CONVENTIONS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.--(BP)--Texas Baptists will have no more conventions. Action was taken at the annual state convention of the Texans recently.

A resolution passed to that effect stated: "That the affiliated six state Baptist conventions, organized and promoted by the Baptist General Convention of Texas, are sufficient to meet all of our Baptist denominational needs; and that if and when there seems to be a need for another state convention or state organization of any type or name, that the proposals be studied by the Executive Board of this convention, and recommended by it to the Baptist General Convention of Texas."

"We can spend so much time in conventions reporting what we have accomplished in the past and in planning programs for the future, until we have no time left to do the job before us at present," David M. Gardner, editor, Baptist Standard, said.

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KENTUCKY BAPTISTS PLAN
BOARD OF CHILD CARE

OWENSBORO, Ky.--(BP)--The board of trustees of Spring Meadows Children's Home and the board of trustees of the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home will amend their charters so that, effective January 1, 1954, the board of trustees of each home shall be identical with the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care. This plan will provide an interlocking single board which would be equally

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responsible for the affairs of each children's home. Final action was taken at the annual convention of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

A Cooperative Program goal of \$1,700,000 to be divided 58 per cent to state causes and 42 per cent to Convention-wide causes was adopted.

The Association went on record as approving the setting up of a Convention of Southern Baptists in Ohio. The date for the new organization is set for January 8, 1954.

Judge Eugene F. Siler, Williamsburg, was re-elected moderator.

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VIRGINIA BAPTISTS ADOPT
\$1,760,000 MISSION GOAL

ROANOKE, Va.--(BP)--Virginia Baptists at the annual meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia adopted a \$1,760,000 budget for 1954. The recommendation adopted is as follows: "We recommend that our budget for 1954 be \$1,760,000; that our Operating Budget for 1954 be \$700,000, an increase of \$50,000 over 1953; and that our Capital Needs Budget be \$350,000.

"We recommend that the first \$800,000 Cooperative Program distributable funds be divided on a 50-50 basis; then the division change to 75 per cent Virginia--25 per cent Convention-wide until we have raised our Operating Budget of \$700,000 and Capital Needs Budget of \$350,000; then all of the Cooperative Program distributable funds will be divided 75 per cent for Convention-wide and 25 per cent Virginia for Advance Program."

The Association also approved federal legislation to permit pastors to participate in Social Security on voluntary basis.

R. F. Hough was elected president for next year.

One thousand and seventy-nine attended the convention.

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