

August 31, 1961

Home Mission Offering
\$8000 Beyond Goal

ATLANTA (BP)--The annual Annie Armstrong Offering for Southern Baptist home mission work has gone over the goal of \$2,470,000, according to Courts Redford of Atlanta.

Redford, executive secretary of the denomination's Home Mission Board, reported total receipts of \$2,478,064.

The offering, sponsored by Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, does not close until Dec. 31. "Judging from the dates funds have come in during recent years," said Redford, "it looks as though the offering may exceed the goal by \$50,000 to \$100,000."

All funds over \$2,220,000 not otherwise designated are earmarked for the board's church site fund to augment the special emphasis on church extension in 1962.

This special offering helps support Southern Baptist mission work in the 50 states, Cuba, Panama and the San Blas Islands. Other funds for the board's support come through the denomination's unified budget plan, the Cooperative Program.

The goal for the offering was boosted 13 per cent above last year's receipts.

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R. G. Puckett, Ohio
Editor, Leaves Paper

(8-31-61)

COLUMBUS, Ohio (BP)--Editor R. G. Puckett of the Ohio Baptist Messenger here has resigned effective Sept. 25 to become pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dunedin, Fla.

Puckett, a native of Kentucky, was pastor in Ohio prior to becoming editor of the state paper. He is a graduate of Western Kentucky State College, Bowling Green, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He held pastorates in Kentucky prior to going to Ohio.

The first person to be assigned the paper as his primary responsibility, he came to be editor in 1958. Since that time the paper has doubled its circulation (currently 6000) and frequency of publication.

Now a semi-monthly publication, the budget committee of the Convention has recommended that the paper become weekly in 1962.

In addition to editor's tasks, Puckett served as secretary of Baptist student work in Ohio.

"Dunedin is located in Pinellas County, America's fastest-growing county as revealed by the 1960 census. First Baptist Church affords a challenge in growth in the home church and in the establishment of missions in the area," Puckett emphasized.

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One Man's Family
Teaches All 3 R's

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. (BP)--Ouachita College (Baptist) here hired itself a college, complete in one family.

The members of the Farnsworth family from Tennessee offer all the three R's--readin', 'ritin' and 'rithmetic.

Clyde H. Farnsworth will head the department of economics and be chairman of the business administration division.

His wife will be associate professor in elementary education, geography and remedial reading.

Their daughter, Miss Carolyn Farnsworth, will be assistant professor of English.

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Miss Alma Hunt Back
After Medical Leave

(8-31-61)

BIRMINGHAM (BP)--Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union here, returned to work the last week of August after a three-month medical leave of absence.

The Union is auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Miss Hunt had been recuperating in Roanoke, Va., after her doctors discovered a heart condition which could have resulted in serious heart damage without proper treatment.

One of Miss Hunt's first official duties was to participate in a week-long staff meeting. Together with Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, Tex.--the organization's president--and 12 staff personnel from the Birmingham office, she conducted the meeting to make plans for the coming year.

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Baptists Join Jews'
New Year Celebration

(8-31-61)

ATLANTA (BP)--When the Jewish high holy days are celebrated this September in the United States, many Jews will receive cards from Baptist friends.

In fact, as the Jewish New Year was celebrated on Sept. 11 and the day of atonement on Sept. 21, Jews received invitations to visit Baptist churches about to start a new year in their church organizations.

Most churches and associations close out the year in September and start fresh with October, dating their statistical reports at this time and electing new officers.

Billy Mitchell of Atlanta, in charge of Jewish work with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has urged Christians to greet Jewish friends during this season with the expression of "Happy New Year."

He also urged them to secure the holiday cards for these occasions in any department store or card shop and mail them to Jews of their acquaintance.

The Jewish New Year, called Rosh Hashana, is celebrated on the first day of the month Tishri. According to Mitchell, the name is a combination of Hebrew words meaning "The head of the year."

He says this is one of the two "high holidays" of the Jewish year, the other being Yom Kippur, or the day of atonement which comes 10 days after Rosh Hashana.

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American Baptists Pick
Freedom Theme In 1962

GREEN LAKE, Wis. (BP)--The American Baptist Convention has already picked the theme for its 1962 session in Philadelphia.

Meeting here, the program committee chose, "Proclaiming the Gospel of Freedom." It is taken from Luke 4:18-19. The session is scheduled May 23-27.

A cavalcade of freedom will go from Independence Square in Philadelphia to the new national offices of the American Convention in suburban Valley Forge, Pa., on the Saturday of the Convention session.

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Come On Over, Say
Baptists In Hawaii

(8-31-61)

HONOLULU (BP)--Honolulu Southern Baptists are preparing their welcome bouquets for their brethren from the mainland who will be in San Francisco for the 1962 Southern Baptist Convention.

"Messengers to the 1962 Convention June 4-8 will find the shores of Hawaii beckoning," wrote Stanton H. Nash of Honolulu, executive secretary of Southern Baptist work in the 50th state.

"Jet travel makes the short 4-1/2-hour hop too great a temptation for those who have journeyed from the Midwest and the East Coast," he said hopefully.

The tab for those with the lure of Hawaii appealing to them: \$133 one-way is the least expensive fare. Service is by jet on any daily flight, economy class. Double the figure if you don't want to stay in the Islands permanently.

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Folks and Facts.....

(8-31-61)

.....First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., observed a "Frank Tripp Day" on the 50th anniversary of Tripp's ordination as a minister. Tripp is former executive secretary-superintendent of Southern Baptist Hospitals, New Orleans, and former pastor of the Montgomery church. (BP)

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Brotherhood Gives
Laymen World View

Editors: This is the second in a Baptist Press series on SBC agencies.

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Join the Brotherhood and see the world!

Last year 55 Baptist laymen made a foreign mission tour to Mexico. This trip was the seventh of a series which began in 1954.

In Mexico the men saw the problems facing Baptists who work in that predominately Roman Catholic country. Too, they got some insight as to how Baptist mission work functions all over the world.

Aim of such tours is to give Baptist laymen a clear view of mission needs. They return to their churches anxious to make their world mission program better.

A comparatively new program, but one with much promise, is the pioneer missions tours jointly sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

These tours, which were begun in 1958, are work tours. Baptist men go at their own expense to work for one week under the guidance of a regional missionary in a pioneer area.

Here they attempt to help establish new missions and churches and to promote Southern Baptist work in every way possible. This year, more than 500 men will make the tours into such areas as New York, Ohio and Colorado--where Southern Baptist work is young and small.

Next year more than 1500 Baptist men are expected to ask for similar assignments.

Such programs as these give men a firsthand look at missions. The Brotherhood Commission, in cooperation with state Baptist Brotherhood leaders, has sponsored many tours to other foreign mission fields and pioneer areas of home mission work.

Only a few of the laymen enroled in church Brotherhoods around the Southern Baptist Convention may make such trips personally. But they "see the world" and its need of Christ in another way.

They see it through the literature published by the Brotherhood Commission from its office in Memphis. They "see it" in the form of reports from laymen who have made the tours.

They see it depicted at such conferences as the Second National Conference for Southern Baptist Men in Memphis Sept. 13-15. They see it as they sponsor Royal Ambassador and other local church mission programs.

The laymen normally meet monthly in their church for a Brotherhood program emphasizing Royal Ambassadors, Christian witnessing, personal stewardship or world missions. At the close, they usually get an opportunity to take part in a community activity related to the program.

Royal Ambassador boys usually meet weekly in chapters to take part in a progressive program of missionary education.

Each year the Brotherhood Commission writes and publishes millions of words to aid men and boys in their missionary education. Besides preparing books, tracts and pamphlets, the Brotherhood Commission also publishes three magazines--Ambassador Life,

a monthly publication for Royal Ambassadors; Ambassador Leader, a quarterly publication for Royal Ambassador counselors, and Brotherhood Journal, a quarterly publication for men.

Two years ago the commission began producing an annual, the Brotherhood Handbook, which provides program helps and other aids for Brotherhood officers.

Many training programs and conferences are sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission singly or in cooperation with other agencies. Among these are the Brotherhood training programs at Ridgecrest (N. C.) and Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Assemblies and the national men's conference.

The Second National Conference of Southern Baptist Men was expected to draw more than 10,000 men. The first conference was held in 1957 in Oklahoma City, attracting over 6000 men.

The purpose of these conferences is to acquaint Baptist men with their denominational program and to challenge them to study and speak out on important current issues.

The Royal Ambassador organization is composed of boys 9 through 16. It was once the responsibility of Woman's Missionary Union, Convention auxiliary. The Brotherhood Commission took it over in 1955. The new boys' program also will provide for 17-year-old boys.

Working on the solid foundation of early Brotherhood leaders, Executive Secretary George W. Schroeder has led the commission through its greatest years of growth. Schroeder, a layman and a deacon, has spent over 22 years in Brotherhood work.

Brotherhood work began in 1907 as the Layman's Missionary Movement. In 1926, the program was revised, expanded, and given a new name--the Baptist Brotherhood of the South.

The slogan of the Brotherhood Commission is "A Million Men for Christ." Although there was a time when a million men was only a dream, it approaches reality now. Currently the Brotherhood Commission is preparing programs for almost 700,000 men and boys. And the combined enrollment is increasing each year.

The Brotherhood Commission shares in the Cooperative Program budget of the Southern Baptist Convention. For 1961, it was allocated \$179,500 through the operating funds and \$50,000 for capital needs.

The commission also receives income from the sale of magazines and other published material.

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ADVICE TO EDITORS:

In Baptist Press Feature release mailed 8-25-61, "Ladies Boost Baptist World Mission Cause" (first of series of features on SBC agencies), please insert the following paragraph after paragraph 20 which begins..."Realizing the Cooperative Program" and ending..."promotion of the Cooperative Program."

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While Woman's Missionary Union of Southern Baptist Convention receives no direct Cooperative Program assistance, some state Woman's Missionary Union offices do. In one large state alone, for instance, the state organization receives \$46,050 a year from Cooperative Program funds, considerably more from that state's part of the Cooperative Program than they return to it for work in the state.

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Cutlines to picture with Brotherhood feature.....

(8-31-61)

NATURE'S DISH-DRYER--Only a few sticks and lashing were needed to fashion a dryer and storage unit for camping utensils at a training session for laymen. The Brotherhood men learn campcraft so they may lead Royal Ambassador boys in their new program. (BP) Photo.

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