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Furman Rated Best
Chance At Title

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Football experts say only one Southern Baptist college football team has a chance of winning its conference title this year--the Purple Paladins of Furman University.

The Greenville, S. C., school belongs to the Southern Conference. Another Baptist team in the same conference, University of Richmond (Va.), has a larger squad than last year but a more rugged schedule.

Baylor University in Waco, Tex., has been ranked fourth in the always-tough Southwest Conference. Texas University is favored to be king of this conference.

Wake Forest College of Winston-Salem, N. C., tackles the new season minus the services of All-American Quarterback Norman Snead. Because of this, the Deacons are predicted to finish a lowly seventh in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

But Coach Bille Hildebrand sees things differently. He expects to fare better in the conference standings due to more balance and a better club than the school fielded a year ago.

California Baptist College in Riverside reenters the gridiron picture after an absence of six years.

Two Southern Baptist colleges--Carson-Newman College of Jefferson City, Tenn., and Mississippi College of Clinton--clash in Jackson, Miss., in November in a televised fray.

In North Carolina, Campbell College at Buies Creek moves into senior college competition this year. It has played before in junior college ranks. Sister Mars Hill College at Mars Hill will join in the four-year ranks in 1962.

Chowan College, junior college at Murfreesboro, N. C., placed one back on Little All-America last year--Bobby Gray. The Braves hope to keep up the tempo Gray set for them in the 1960 season.

Coach Bob King of Furman intends to attract fan interest by grooming Tom Campbell as a potential All-America fullback for 1961. Campbell, a senior, has the experience of past Southern Conference competition.

Furman, winner of only four games in 10 outings last year, expects to have a winning season under the direction of Campbell, Quarterback Bill Canty--who is noted for his quick passes, and distance-punter Doug Watkins.

At Baylor, they don't shoot the Bull, even though they talk about him a lot. The Baylor Bull is none other than Ronnie Bull, termed by Coach John Bridge as the best all-around back in America. Baylor, you remember, made it to the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla., last New Year's.

Hardin-Simmons University of Abilene, Tex., says anything can be an improvement this year after a dismal 0 won, 10 lost season a year ago. It was Coach Howard McChesney's first season with the Border Conference "11" and he aims to do better this year.

The Cowboys' only consolation last year was having the nation's No. 1 passer on their team--Harold Stephens, who completed 145 of 256 attempts for 1254 yards. Stephens graduated though.

Georgetown (Ky.) College plays Howard College of Birmingham, another Baptist school, in the Alabama city.

Coach Bennie Williams of Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Tex., disagrees with the experts. "Our attitude is that of being a contender for the Lone Star Conference crown," he announced.

Ray Jacobs, little All-America tackle for Howard Payne last year, returns to bolster the Savage line this season.

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Baptists In Poland
Dedicate Building

(9-23-61)

WARSAW, Poland (BP)--Warsaw, the capital of Poland, was 85 per cent destroyed in World War II and now is governed by a communist puppet regime.

Yet even in this Iron Curtain atmosphere, Baptists have signs of progress. Polish Baptists have dedicated a spacious new chapel and headquarters building.

J. D. Hughey, Southern Baptist missionary serving as president of the Baptist seminary near Zurich, Switzerland, attended the dedication.

"The building is of a modern type and an architectural asset to Warsaw," he reported. "It rises in the midst of ruins and new buildings in a city which was 85 per cent destroyed during the war."

Back of the chapel, which seats almost 500, are Baptist Union offices, seminary quarters and apartments for Baptist leaders. The building cost \$120,000, gifts and voluntary labor by members being supplemented by substantial contributions from Baptist groups in other European countries and the United States.

Dedicatory services lasted three days. A choir of 40 singers, from Baptist churches throughout Poland, sang at each of the services, a total of 24 numbers.

Sunday services were followed by a gala dinner in a leading hotel of Warsaw, at which honored guests were the architect, building contractors, church lawyer and foreign visitors.

Baptist leaders and guests were courteously received in the government office of religious affairs, Hughey added. The mayor of Warsaw had the same group for coffee and friendly conversation.

Alexander Kircun, pastor of Warsaw Baptist Church and president of the Polish Baptist Union, has led for several years in the project for building a Baptist church and denominational center in the capital. The membership of the Warsaw church is 140 and of the Baptist Union approximately 2500.

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Anonymous Letter
Comes From Bulgaria

(9-23-61)

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (BP)--A visitor to Yugoslavia brought with him an anonymous letter which indicates Baptist work to some extent survives in Bulgaria, a Balkan country behind the Iron Curtain.

"Dear Brethren in Christ Jesus," begins the letter from Bulgaria to Baptists in Yugoslavia and elsewhere. "We, believers in Jesus Christ and members of the Baptist churches in Bulgaria, greet you all in his very precious name.

"The Lord has, in his unspeakable goodness and love, kept his hand on us. Although we are small in numbers, we keep the light burning which our Lord has lit in our hearts.

"We rejoice in our living Lord Jesus, who conquers death and hell, sin and Satan, and who leads us to victory.

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"For the coming of the kingdom of God we continue to pray together with you and all true believers. Please remember us in your prayers.

"United with you, through the love of Jesus Christ, until he come and we all be united with him. 2 Timothy 3:12."

The Scripture reference reads: "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

Regular reports have not been received from Bulgarian Baptists since 1941. At that time they numbered only 676. Some Baptist and other evangelical ministers were imprisoned several years ago. The first Baptist churches were established in Bulgaria in the 1880s. Indigenous groups arose about 20 years later.

Bulgarian Baptists received support for several years from the German-speaking convention (now the North American Baptist General Conference) in the United States. The present communist regime does not permit such outside contacts for Bulgarian nationals.

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Bragging Won't Awe
California Residents

(9-23-61)

NASHVILLE (BP)--"Californians won't care what church back east you serve as pastor," warned Harold K. Graves, president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Speaking to leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention here, he was outlining what they might expect to find when the 1962 Convention meets in San Francisco next June.

"The people out there don't want to know how big we are or how powerful we are. But they will want to know, 'Do you have the answer to our problems?'"

"They will not be impressed with our size or budgets, but with the genuineness of our faith as shown in our individual lives."

Graves also expressed the hope messengers making the trip West would not only look upon it as an enjoyable trip, but as a missionary pilgrimage.

E. W. Hunke Jr. of Phoenix told the group information centers would be set up in Southern Baptist churches located in towns where U. S. designated east-west highways enter the eastern border of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona.

Information would be given regarding points of interest as well as Southern Baptist mission work. Similar centers will be operated in the major cities of the Arizona convention, Hunke said. Hunke is state missions secretary for the convention.

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Carolina Considers
Weekend Convention

(9-23-61)

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP)--North Carolina Baptist leaders took under advisement here a proposal to set up a council on pastors and churches.

Purpose of the council would be "to aid in reducing the large number of pastorless churches and churchless pastors."

The executive committee of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention also received a second major proposal for study. Hold the annual state convention session on a weekend for better lay attendance, its supporters suggested.

Current sessions of the North Carolina convention and other state conventions among Southern Baptists are held in midweek, although in some states the closing session falls on Saturday.

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The pastor-church council would be a "clearing house," according to its proponents. It would have no authority over pastors or churches. It would provide information about churches needing pastors, and about ministers in search of churches to serve.

E. H. Moore, Plainfield, executive secretary of State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, said this convention session runs from Thursday night through noon Saturday.

A move to meet earlier in the week was defeated, he explained. "The messengers felt by having a Saturday session more laymen and women, also students from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, could attend."

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Octagon Approved
For Building Design

(9-23-61)

(Picture accompanies)

NASHVILLE (BP)--An octagon-shaped, or eight-sided, building has been approved as the new Southern Baptist Convention building here.

It will house the Convention's Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Foundation and Christian Life, Education and Stewardship Commissions. The five organizations are presently housed in space in Baptist Sunday School Board buildings here.

In approving the plans, the Executive Committee indicated construction would begin about Jan. 1 with completion hoped for by Jan. 1, 1963.

The three-story building will front on James Robertson Parkway in the Capitol Redevelopment Center near the Tennessee State Capitol. It is downtown, about one mile from present Sunday School Board buildings.

No offices of the Sunday School Board are affected by the move. The estimated \$700,000 construction cost will come from a building fund set up by the Sunday School Board for rehousing these offices. The property on which it is to be located cost another \$148,000.

The type of construction and landscaping will be settled later. A number of new office buildings, including that of International Business Machines (IBM), are being built along the expressway. The site is across the street from the new Nashville auditorium, under construction, and close to two new downtown motels.

The architects' plan calls for about 40,000 square feet of floor space. The Executive Committee will use the first floor, which will also have an auditorium. The auditorium will be named in memory of the late Austin Crouch of Nashville, first executive secretary of the Executive Committee.

The auditorium, in the center of the first floor, will seat 250. Desks, similar to those used in legislative halls, will be provided for members of the Executive Committee and the agencies for their annual or semi-annual business meetings.

A parking area will take care of 55 or 60 cars.

The Executive Committee and four agencies employ a total of about 35 persons.

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Anniversary Gift

(9-23-61)

NASHVILLE (BP)--The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention here presented its executive secretary, Porter Routh, and Mrs. Routh with a silver punch bowl and serving set. The gift honored Routh for 10 years of service as staff head of the organization.

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Churches Asked To Pray
On Special Day, Oct. 8

NASHVILLE (BP)--Southern Baptist churches have been asked to use Oct. 8 as a day of "unceasing prayer to God" in light of "the unprecedented plight of our frightened, confused world."

The Executive Committee of the Convention here issued the request.

The prayer would be for repentance, for divine pardon and deliverance, for the United States President and local officials, for members of the armed services, for fellow Christians around the world, and "for our avowed enemies, that through Divine intervention, they may turn unto God."

The plea was signed by Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and by John H. Haldeman, Miami, chairman of the Executive Committee.

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Interpretive Film
Being Considered

(9-23-61)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Southern Baptist public relations leaders here are thinking about producing a film "to interpret and secure understanding of Southern Baptists and their total work."

The Convention's Executive Committee assigned the study to its public relations staff, headed by W. C. Fields of Nashville.

Many of the Convention's agencies produce films, but these concern their own special work. The film under consideration would encompass the broad aspects of Southern Baptist activity, it was explained.

Persons attending the Southern Baptist Communications Conference here saw a Seventh-Day Adventist film, in color, which depicted the worldwide activities of that denomination in many fields.

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Folks and Facts.....

(9-23-61)

.....Samuel E. Maddox, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala., was to move to St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 1, succeeding Adiel J. Moncrief as pastor of First Baptist Church there. (BP)

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Advice to Editors:

(9-23-61)

In Baptist Press story of 9-21-61, p. 2, re Annie Armstrong Offering, please make the following correction:

The goal is 14 per cent higher than 1961 offering receipts. (Changes the 14 per cent from referring to 1961 offering goal.) Thank you.
Baptist Press, Nashville office.

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A CALL TO PRAYER

Mindful of the unprecedented plight of our frightened, confused world, the President and the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, in session in Nashville, Tennessee, September 20, 1961, issue a call to every pastor and every member of every church in the Convention to unite in prayer on October 8, 1961, and thereafter to continue in unceasing prayer to God that, in humility, repentance and obedience, we may claim His pardon, His healing, and His deliverance; and, that we unite in prayer for the President of the United States and all leaders in local, state and national responsibility, and all members of the armed services; that we pray for our fellow believers and friends in every nation; and, further, that we unite in prayer for our avowed enemies that, through Divine intervention, they may turn unto God, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, and join with His trusting children throughout all the earth in the prayer: "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done."

Herschel H. Hobbs, President
Southern Baptist Convention

John H. Haldeman, Chairman
Executive Committee

HOTELS AND MOTELS IN SAN FRANCISCO WHERE RESERVATIONS ARE AVAILABLE

Rates quoted are as of April 1, 1961 and may be subject to slight variation

HOTELS

Hotel	Address	Single	Double	Twin Bed	Parlor Suite
Beresford	635 Sutter	\$ 5.00- 6.50	\$ 6.50- 8.00	\$ 7.50- 8.00	
Californian	405 Taylor	8.50-11.00	10.50-13.50	11.50-14.00	\$22.00-25.00
Canterbury	750 Sutter	10.00-16.00	12.00-18.00	14.00-20.00	25.00-50.00
Carlton	1075 Sutter	5.00- 6.00	6.50- 7.00	7.50- 8.00	
Cartwright	524 Sutter		8.50	9.50	
Chancellor	433 Powell	7.50	9.50	10.50	
Colonial	650 Bush	8.00-12.00	12.00-15.00	15.00-20.00	20.00-25.00
Continental Lodge	2550 Van Ness	14.50	16.50	18.50	32.50
Del Webb's Townehouse	9th & Market	14.00-20.00	16.00-22.00	18.00-24.00	35.00-55.00
Don	345 Taylor	5.50	7.00	8.50	
Drake Wiltshire	340 Stockton	10.00-12.00	12.00-14.00	16.00	25.00-45.00
El Cortez	550 Geary	8.00-10.00	10.00-12.00	11.00-14.00	20.00-28.00
Federal	1087 Market	5.00- 5.50	7.00- 7.50	8.00	
Fielding	386 Geary	7.00- 9.00	9.00-11.00	10.00-14.00	20.00-25.00
Gaylord	620 Jones	8.50	11.00	12.50-15.00	
Grant	753 Bush	6.00	8.50	9.50	
Jack Tar	Van Ness-Geary	14.00-24.00	14.00-24.00	16.00-30.00	32.00-54.00
King George	334 Mason	7.00- 8.00	8.00-10.00	10.00-14.00	20.00
Lankershim	55 Fifth	5.00- 6.00	6.00- 7.50	7.50- 8.50	
La Salle	225 Hyde	6.00	7.00	8.00	15.00
Leland	1315 Polk	4.00- 6.50	5.50- 8.50	7.50-10.00	
Maurice	761 Post	7.00- 9.50	9.00-11.50	9.50-12.00	18.50-19.50
New Dalt	34 Turk	6.00- 6.50	8.50- 9.50	9.50-10.50	
Olympic	230 Eddy	6.00- 9.00	7.50-11.00	9.00-10.50	19.00-21.00
Oxford	16 Turk	7.00- 8.00	9.00-10.00	10.00	
Powell	17 Powell	5.00- 6.00	6.00- 7.50	7.50	
Pickwick	85 Fifth	8.00	10.00	12.00	
Richelieu	Van Ness-Geary	7.00-12.00	8.00-16.00	10.00-16.00	20.00-25.00
Roosevelt	240 Jones	6.00- 8.00	7.00- 9.00	9.00-10.00	
St. Francis	Union Square	12.00-23.00	14.00-22.00	17.00-26.00	30.00-55.00
Senate	467 Turk	5.00- 6.00	6.00- 7.00	8.00- 9.00	
Senator	519 Ellis	5.50	6.50	7.50	
Sheraton Palace	Mkt-New Mtgy.	9.85-15.00	13.85-19.00	13.85-19.00	25.00-75.00
Sir Francis Drake	450 Powell	11.50-16.50	13.50-18.50	16.50-21.50	36.00-51.00
Spaulding	240 O'Farrell	6.00- 8.00	7.00- 9.00	8.00-10.00	
Sutter	191 Sutter	5.50- 8.00	7.00-10.00	8.00-11.00	
Whitcomb	1231 Market	7.00-12.00	9.00-16.00	10.00-16.00	20.00-60.00
Worth	641 Post	7.00	8.00	10.00	
YMCA Hotel	351 Turk	5.00	7.00	7.50	

MOTELS

Beach	4211 Judah	7.00-10.00	8.00-12.00	9.00-12.00	12.00-25.00
Becks Motor Lodge	2222 Market	8.00-12.00	10.00-14.00	12.00-16.00	
Civic Manor	825 Polk	10.00-14.00	12.50-14.00	14.50-18.50	
De Ville	2599 Lombard	10.50-12.50	12.50	12.50-14.50	18.00
Downtown	111 Page	7.00- 8.00	8.00- 9.00	9.00-10.00	
Holiday Lodge	Van Ness-Wash.	12.00-20.00	14.00-22.00	14.00-22.00	24.00-40.00
Mart	101 Ninth	10.00	12.00	14.00	16.00-20.00
Nob Hill	1630 Pacific	8.00-10.00	10.00-14.00	12.00-18.00	20.00
Oasis	900 Franklin	12.00-14.00	14.00-16.00	14.00-18.00	27.50-40.00
Rancho Lombard	1501 Lombard		12.50-16.50	12.50-16.50	36.00
Richelieu	Van Ness-Geary	10.00-12.00	12.00-16.00	16.00	16.00-22.00
Safari	860 Eddy	8.00-10.00	8.50-12.50	12.00-16.00	22.00-32.00
Wharf	2601 Mason	10.00-14.00	12.00-14.00	14.00-20.00	20.00-32.00

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NO MINIMUM RATES, or any specific rate within the full price range quoted, can be guaranteed when your reservation is confirmed. Hotels make every effort to give you the requested rate. However, this is governed by prior check-outs and availability of such rooms on the date of your arrival.

ALL REQUESTS SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A

DEPOSIT CHECK for \$10.00 per room made out to the S.B.C. HOUSING BUREAU, Room 300, 61 Grove St., San Francisco 2, Calif. Due to the existing crowded conditions, hotels cancel unclaimed reservations by 4:00 p.m. Therefore, a deposit is requested to insure that your reservations will be held on your arrival date—whatever the hour. Your deposit will be credited to your account. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH. Reservations will be confirmed if application is received by May 21, 1962.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations must be received 15 days prior to the meeting for refunds of your deposits to be made by the hotel. If sufficient time is not allowed for the hotel to reassign space, all of the deposit is forfeited.

Do not submit application till after Dec. 1.