

November 3, 1961

**Birmingham Votes \$3600  
For California Help**

BIRMINGHAM (BP)--Nine young persons belonging to Birmingham's First Baptist Church spent the summer helping Southern Baptist work to grow in California. Result: The Alabama church has voted to sponsor three missions started by its young people.

The new missions are located in Orangevale, Parlier and San Diego. The Birmingham church will send \$3600 in 1962 to help finance this new work. This will be over and above the church's regular missions expenditures, its mission chairman said.

He is Hobart H. Grooms Jr., son of a United States District Court judge and Baptist lay leader.

Grooms said several young persons hope to return to California next summer under the student missionary program provided by the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board.

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**Enrolments Increase  
At Baptist Schools**

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NASHVILLE (BP)--71 Southern Baptist seminaries, colleges and schools have enrolled 54,806 regular students this fall, compared to 52,494 in the fall of 1960, or a gain of approximately 2.3 per cent.

The total for the year will run several thousand additional after second semester registrations are in, Rabun L. Brantley, Nashville, executive secretary of the Convention's Education Commission, reported.

All types of schools showed increases except the seminaries, which dropped from 4925 to 4560 regular students. Even with this decline, the Southern Baptist Convention's seminaries enroll 29 per cent of all seminary students in the country.

The total enrollment figure for the fall, including specials and extension students is 62,828 compared with 61,986 last year, Brantley added.

Comparative figures for the different types of schools are: senior colleges, 36,789 this year compared to 35,509 in 1960; junior colleges, 10,612 to 9383; academies, 2315 to 2205; Bible schools, 530 to 472.

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**Full Capital Funds  
Outlay Doubtful**

(11-3-61)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Southern Baptist Convention agencies are assured of their full share of operating funds for 1961 through the Cooperative Program, but what they will get in capital funds remains doubtful.

Receipts from state Baptist offices in October were \$1,487,776 making the 10-month budget total \$14,436,395. The Convention requires \$13,938,500 to meet operating allocations to the agencies this year.

The Convention also planned to distribute \$4,575,000 in capital funds to 12 agencies, but this apparently must be curtailed. The Convention has only two months left to reach this sum.

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"The Convention has provided that all operating funds are to be paid before the final capital needs distribution is to be made," Treasurer Porter Routh said here. "Each agency will receive its proportion of the capital needs funds after all the operating funds are paid as long as the funds are received."

The advance section of the Cooperative Program budget, when the two SBC mission boards share exclusively all receipts through year's end, is entered only after operating and capital needs are fully met. It will probably not be entered in 1961.

The largest single distribution of capital funds was to be allocated the church extension loan fund of the Home Mission Board--\$900,000. The Foreign Mission Board was to have gotten the next highest, \$800,000, followed by Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., with \$700,000.

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, was scheduled to receive \$500,000 for capital needs in a full budget distribution. Eight other agencies also were to be provided capital funds in lesser amounts.

The year-to-date Cooperative Program income is running \$102,259 ahead of 1960, or .71 per cent more.

October, 1961 dropped behind October, 1960 and September, 1961 in monthly Cooperative Program receipts for SBC agencies from state convention offices. The October, 1960 income was \$1,489,309. September's receipts were \$1,527,808.

Designated funds through October were 7.13 per cent ahead of 1960 after October. The comparative totals are \$12,008,169 and \$11,209,122.

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(With Enrolment Story)

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The Education Commission's statement of regular enrolment as of Oct. 1 which it asks from seminary registrars.

Seminary	1961	1960
American Seminary	68	75
Carver School	51	41
Golden Gate Seminary	273	288
Midwestern Seminary	261	310
New Orleans Seminary	718	720
Southeastern Seminary	658	699
Southern Seminary	827	908
Southwestern Seminary	1704	1884
Totals	4560	4925

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....John Riddle of Kannapolis, N. C., first baseman for the Mars Hill College (Baptist) Lions, is an All-American. He was named to the 1961 first team All-American by the National Junior College Athletic Association. (BP)

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Mississippi Bequest  
Favors Baptist Work

JACKSON, Miss. (BP)--Four Baptist schools have recently received assets with a total value of about \$200,000 from the estate of the late Miss Jennie Stevens, Canton, Miss.

Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss.; Clarke Memorial College, Newton, Miss.; New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, inherited approximately half of the estate after the payment of inheritance taxes and the cost of administration.

Miss Stevens during her lifetime made many gifts to churches, Baptist schools and other Christian causes.

Miss Stevens bequeathed the residue of her estate as follows: one-third to Blue Mountain College, one-third to Clarke Memorial College, one-sixth to New Orleans Seminary and one-sixth to Southern Seminary.

The major portion of the residue in the estate, which has now been transferred to the four schools consists of certain mineral interests in a tract of land at Tinsley, a part of the giant Tinsley oil field, the oldest producing field in Mississippi.

These interests are bringing in approximately \$20,000 per year, which will now go to the four schools according to the proportion stated in the will.

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As West Expands, So  
Does Seminary Ministry

By Carl M. Halvarson  
For Baptist Press

The rush is still on to California. California, to which in the Fifties over three million people migrated from all parts of America. To which even now 1500 new residents a day come pouring in!

California, the Golden State, which claims everything--climate, resources, wealth. California, whose 17 million inhabitants represent a cross-section of every state in the Union.

California, about which these comments have been made:

By Frank McCullough, who in the Saturday Evening Post called attention to the "continental tilt" created by this population shift. Who pointed out the exploding West may shape a new course and destiny for America.

By novelist-historian Wallace Stegner, also in the Post, who declared: The West "contribute regionally to the national culture? We are the national culture, at its most energetic end."

By California's own governor, Edmund Brown, who wrote in the same Post issue, "History appears to have selected our state as the theater in which to give humanity a vision of its future."

California, about which the question may be asked: In this fast-growing state, which may cradle a new national life and culture, are spiritual foundations being laid? And what stake do Southern Baptists have in its future?

Right now, California seems to be moving ahead without too much concern for the gospel of Jesus Christ. The surge of people has brought about a new secular culture and technical revolution in which material progress abounds everywhere.

Actually, with its unchurched millions, the West could be called a non-Christian culture. Church membership percentages are the lowest in the nation.

One of the biggest stakes Southern Baptists have in California is Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. Started by California Southern Baptists in 1944 and becoming a Southern Baptist Convention institution in 1950, it stands on a brand new \$5.6 million campus on Strawberry Point in Marin County across the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco. It receives mail at Mill Valley, Calif.

Built with faith, fortitude and the giving of "Mr. Average Southern Baptist" through the Cooperative Program, Golden Gate Seminary is helping meet these tremendous spiritual needs.

As Seminary President Harold K. Graves points out, "Golden Gate Seminary is already in this future that is shaping up in California as the new national culture."

He refers, of course, to the hundreds of graduates trained at Golden Gate Seminary who are on this Western scene in frontiers of missionary outreach. Nearly half the Southern Baptist churches in California have been established by seminary students or alumni.

"If only young people across the Southern Baptist Convention could see a vision of the great spiritual needs of the West," said Golden Gate student Ken Daugherty, "they would answer this 'come and help us' call."

Daugherty came from Missouri first as a student summer missionary worker.

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Distance fails to isolate California from Eastern points, or to limit Golden Gate students from west of the Mississippi River, Pat Hancock, who comes from Florida, put it this way:

"A sure and constant conviction that the West should be my place of service led me to Golden Gate Seminary."

Next June, messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention's annual session at San Francisco may see first-hand what is happening in California and Golden Gate's role in these events.

Even Ramsey Pollard of Memphis, former SBC president, after a trip to the West Coast, said, "I know of no place a young person can invest his life more wisely than in California."

Messengers will be invited to visit Golden Gate's nearby campus, meet its faculty and students and see its modern academic and housing facilities. They will see what capital funds through their Cooperative Program built here in the late 1950s when the school moved across the bay from Berkeley, Calif.

Nearly 30 buildings make up the Golden Gate campus. They include an administrative building, four classroom buildings able to care for over 700 students (1960-61 enrolment was 351), cafeteria, dormitories for men and women, family residences, a fire station and homes for the president and business manager.

Its student services include a child care center, infirmary, bookstore, student store, post office, snack bar and barber shop.

Golden Gate Seminary offers the bachelor of divinity, master of theology, master of religious education and bachelor of church music degrees.

During 1961, Golden Gate will have received \$307,000 toward operating expenses, this coming from the SBC Cooperative Program. This was expected to increase approximately \$20,000 in 1962.

"Additional student family housing is still the major need of the seminary," President Graves reported to the 1961 session of the Convention at St. Louis.

Some are wondering, "How soon will California dominate the United States?" For Southern Baptists, an even more important question is, "How soon will Christians be predominant in California?"

In sending out its graduates to preach to the many races and nationalities of California and other Western states, Golden Gate Seminary influences the rapid development of this area for Christ.

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President Proclaims  
Thanksgiving Day

WASHINGTON (BP)-- President John F. Kennedy is asking the head of each family to tell his children the story of the first New England Thanksgiving this year.

The President said that this would "impress upon future generations the heritage of this nation born in toil, in danger, in purpose, and in the conviction that right and justice and freedom can through man's efforts persevere and come to fruition with the blessing of God."

The Presidential proclamation set Thursday, November 23, as a day of national thanksgiving. A Congressional resolution of Dec. 26, 1941 designates the fourth Thursday in November of each year as Thanksgiving Day.

In his proclamation the President recounted many of the "blessings" God has bestowed on America. He quoted Psalm 92:1, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord."

However, "in the midst of our thanksgiving," the President said, "let us not be unmindful of the plight of those in many parts of the world to whom hunger is no stranger and the plight of those millions more who live without the blessings of liberty and freedom."

The President pointed out that the United States had been able to share with some of the suffering world through the Food-for-Peace Program and through the United Nations Freedom-from-Hunger Campaign. To the world, he said, "we can offer the sustenance of hope that we shall not fail in our unceasing efforts to make this a peaceful and prosperous world for all mankind."

The President appealed to Americans to make Thanksgiving "not merely a holiday from labors, but rather a day of contemplation." He asked that the day be observed with reverence and prayer.

"Let us by our example, as well as by our material aid," the President concluded, "assist all peoples of all nations who are striving to achieve a better life in freedom."

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Complete text of the Presidential Proclamation follows:

THANKSGIVING DAY, 1961  
By the President of the United States  
of America  
A Proclamation

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord."

More than three centuries ago, the Pilgrims, after a year of hardship and peril, humbly and reverently set aside a special day upon which to give thanks to God for their preservation and for the good harvest from the virgin soil upon which they had labored. Grave and unknown dangers remained. Yet by their faith and by their toil they had survived the rigors of the harsh New England winter. Hence they paused in their labors to give thanks for the blessings that had been bestowed upon them by Divine Providence.

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This year, as the harvest draws near its close and the year approaches its end, awesome perils again remain to be faced. Yet we have, as in the past, ample reason to be thankful for the abundance of our blessings. We are grateful for the blessings of faith and health and strength and for the imperishable spiritual gifts of love and hope. We give thanks, too, for our freedom as a nation; for the strength of our arms and the faith of our friends; for the beliefs and confidence we share; for our determination to stand firmly for what we believe to be right and to resist mightily what we believe to be base; and for the heritage of liberty bequeathed by our ancestors which we are privileged to preserve for our children and our children's children.

It is right that we should be grateful for the plenty amidst which we live: the productivity of our farms, the output of our factories, the skill of our artisans, and the ingenuity of our inventors. But in the midst of our thanksgiving, let us not be unmindful of the plight of those in many parts of the world to whom hunger is no stranger and the plight of those millions more who live without the blessings of liberty and freedom. With some we are able to share our material abundance through our Food-for-Peace Program and through our support of the United Nations Freedom-from-Hunger Campaign. To all we can offer the sustenance of hope that we shall not fail in our unceasing efforts to make this a peaceful and prosperous world for all mankind.

NOW, THEREFORE I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America, in consonance with the joint resolution of Congress approved December 26, 1941, which designates the fourth Thursday in November of each year as Thanksgiving Day, do hereby proclaim Thursday, the twenty-third day of November of this year, as a day of national thanksgiving.

I urge all citizens to make this Thanksgiving not merely a holiday from their labors, but rather a day of contemplation. I ask the head of each family to recount to his children the story of the first New England Thanksgiving, thus to impress upon future generations the heritage of this nation born in toil, in danger, in purpose, and in the conviction that right and justice and freedom can through man's efforts persevere and come to fruition with the blessing of God.

Let us observe this day with reverence and with prayer that will rekindle in us the will and show us the way not only to preserve our blessings, but also to extend them to the four corners of the earth. Let us by our example, as well as by our material aid, assist all peoples of all nations who are striving to achieve a better life in freedom.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this twenty-seventh day of October in the  
(Seal) year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-one, and of  
the Independence of the United States of America the one  
hundred and eighty-sixth.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,  
Secretary of State.

Russian Authorities  
Close Baptist Church

WASHINGTON (BP)-- Soviet authorities have taken over and closed the Agenskalna Baptist Church in Riga, capital city of Latvia and now incorporated into USSR, according to the Baptist World Alliance here.

The report was made in the November issue of the Baptist World, publication of the Baptist World Alliance.

The Agenskalna church reportedly had its last service Sunday, September 3.

"Only three Baptist churches out of eight in Riga remain open as places of worship," the Baptist World story states.

With the annexation of Latvia into the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in 1940, the Agenskalna church, as were all other churches, was "nationalized." The congregation was given permission to "use" the building. Then this past September, according to the Baptist World, "Soviet authorities ruled that they needed this building, and the permission was revoked."

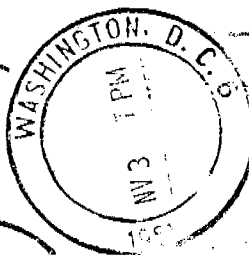
The Agenskalna church building is termed "one of the best and most modern Baptist buildings in the Baltic area." Its cornerstone was laid in 1914, and the construction was completed without any outside assistance between 1918 and 1920.

The Baptist World Alliance office says there were 11,931 active members of 104 Baptist churches in Latvia at the time of its absorption into the Soviet Union. The Agenskalna church had approximately 500 members.

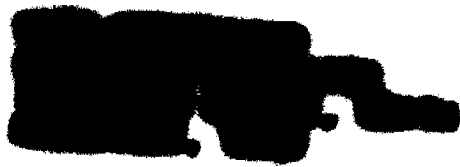


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WINGS FOR CHRIST--Ministerial students at Southern-Baptist related Grand Canyon College in Phoenix fill pulpits around Arizona by flying to their church sites. Six of the 12 students in the "Wings for Christ Flying Club" have had flying experience in the military services. Two have at least 2000 hours each in the air as pilots. (BP) Photo

Cutlines to Golden Gate Seminary feature

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**Soles and Souls--While training to preach a gospel to win men's souls, seminary students earn expense money by working at a variety of jobs. One of them, Lyn Lowry of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, fits a prospective customer with shoes in a store at Mill Valley, Calif., close to the Golden Gate campus. (BP) Photo**