

November 1<sup>7</sup>, 1961Utah, Idaho Reset  
Organization Date

SALT LAKE CITY (BP)--Southern Baptists in Utah and Idaho have reset the date on which they hope to form an independent state convention. The new date is November, 1964.

The target date was selected by Baptists attending a regional fellowship her of the two-state area. Churches in Utah and Idaho are now affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Arizona.

The two-state region now has 32 churches and 23 missions, most of them in Utah. Nevada, which formerly made it a three-state fellowship, is no longer a part.

Baptists in southern Nevada--the Las Vegas area--prefer to remain affiliated with Arizona convention indefinitely, it was reported. Churches in western Nevada--the Reno, Carson City areas--are cooperating with the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention policies which the board follows to give financial assistance to new state conventions are:

A record of five years cooperative relations with Southern Baptist work.

A minimum membership of 12,500 in 70 churches or 10,000 in 50 churches. (The Utah-Idaho total membership is presently less than 5000.)

A practice of the churches making up the new convention giving at least 10 per cent of their total budgets to the Cooperative Program, the financial plan for state conventions and the SBC.

Two years of regional fellowship, under sponsorship of an existing state convention.

A fund established by the churches with which to begin independent convention operation.

Utah, Idaho and Nevada Southern Baptists hoped to become an independent convention in 1959, but the effort folded. "It seems doubtful that the churches within the area are financially able to shoulder the heavy load without greater assistance," J. Kelly Simmons, then editor of the Baptist Beacon, Phoenix, Ariz., wrote of the 1959 effort.

The 1961 meeting of the fellowship elected W. F. (Bill) Thornton, pastor at Kearns, Utah, president. It will hold its 1962 fellowship Nov. 5-6 at Idaho Falls, Idaho.

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Women's Role In 30,000  
Movement Spelled Out(11-1<sup>7</sup>-61)

BIRMINGHAM (BP)--The newest of a series of "how-to-do-it" tracts on Southern Baptists' 30,000 Movement has been released by Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention with offices here.

The leaflet, "Woman's Missionary Union in the 30,000 Movement," spells out areas of participation for the organization in the denomination's effort to start 20,000 missions and 10,000 churches by 1964.

The women's groups are asked to participate in surveys to discover mission sites and to help in starting the missions.

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Suggestions ask that the women "begin looking at the neglected sections of the community, the overlooked rural areas nearby, the forgotten minority groups, and institutions housing lonely people of special need."

The leaflet is distributed free by state Woman's Missionary Union offices.

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One-Two Punch Leaves  
Baptist 11's Groggy

By the Baptist Press

Baptist football teams met the nation's one-two punch and came out groggy.

Baylor staggered under the blows of Texas' Longhorns, rated best in the nation at this point in the season. The score was 33-7 and was another step in Texas efforts to win the Southwest Conference and play host in the Cotton Bowl.

Second-ranked Alabama played all its men in crushing University of Richmond, 66-0. Richmond never landed a single scoring punch against the Crimson Tide, going only as far as the 22-yard line and that against reserves.

It was the highest score Alabama has made since 1951.

In junior college ranks, Chowan College at Murfreesboro, N. C., lifted Baptist post-season bowl hopes by downing William and Mary freshmen, 30-7. The Chowan 11 has indicated an interest in the Junior Rose Bowl game and hopes the selection will come their way.

Chowan completed its football season with an 8-1 record in games.

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Baptist Scores Saturday:

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- Texas 33, Baylor 7
- Alabama 66, Richmond 0
- Furman 29, East Carolina 8
- Chowan College (N. C.) 30, William and Mary freshmen 7
- Wake Forest 24, Virginia Tech 15
- William Jewell 20, St. Mary's 10
- Ouachita 6, Arkansas Tech 6 (tie)
- Tarleton 29, Corpus Christi 8
- Southwest Texas State 23, Howard Payne 0
- McMurry 27, Hardin-Simmons 14
- Mississippi College 35, Carson-Newman 14 (both Baptist)

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....Bryan Simmons, 85, first superintendent of Mississippi Baptist Hospital; former president, Clarke Memorial College (Mississippi Baptist) and twice president, Mississippi Baptist Convention, died Nov. 13 at Laurel, Miss. (BP)

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