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127 Ninth Avenue, North

Nashville, Tennessee

CITY MISSION CONFERENCE SET

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Fifty Baptist city mission specialists from all the larger cities of the South and West will meet here February 22-25. They will meet under the direction of Solomon F. Dowis, Atlanta, secretary of the Co-operative Missions Department, Baptist Home Mission Board.

Officers of the Conference are, A. L. Lowther, Oklahoma City, Okla., president, T. L. Sasser, Greensboro, N. C., vice-president, Blount Davidson, Montgomery, Ala., secretary, and Charles McLaughlin, Fort Worth, Tex., music director.

The men will study methods and techniques for strengthening their seven-point program: a fellowship hour in every home, more local mission stations, new churches organized, institutional services, ministry for minority groups, broken homes and juvenile delinquents, and program for military personnel.

Included on program are, J. N. Barnette, Nashville, Tenn., Elmer Dunham, Dallas, Tex., A. C. Miller, Nashville, Tenn., and Courts Redford, Atlanta, Ga.

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BIBLE TEACHING CLINIC TO BE HELD IN TULSA

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--A program to conserve the results of "A Million More in '54" will be offered to all those attending the Convention-wide Bible Teaching Clinic set for February 22-26, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla. The Clinic will be sponsored by the Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

"Bible material relating to current lessons will be analyzed and definite help given in lesson planning, teaching methods, and classroom procedure," J. N. Barnette, secretary of the Sunday School Department, said.

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COMMITTEE TO STUDY
WESTERN MISSION WORK

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The need of Western missions is greater now than it has ever been, according to six Southern Baptist leaders who have made a study of the areas where the Convention is doing pioneer mission work. They found the need so urgent that they recommended that the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention appoint a group of seven to see what can be done. Their recommendation was adopted.

Included in their report were four observations as follows:

First, There are twenty-four states known as western and pioneer states in our nation with a total population of 64,000,000, 62 per cent of whom, or approximately forty million people are unchurched. These people are in the main Caucasian in blood and American citizens, and therefore constitute a great missionary challenge and a gigantic potential in world evangelization when won to our Lord and our churches. Also in these twenty-four states there are Southern Baptist churches seeking fellowship and service through our respective state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention. It is conservatively estimated that there are hundreds of thousands of Southern Baptist laymen and their families who have moved into these states and that most of them will be lost to the Baptist cause unless we follow them immediately with an aggressive missionary program.

Second, we would call your attention to an apparent providence of God for our day. It is the fact that over against some 20,000 settled pastors in our churches, we have approximately 9,000 young preachers in our Southern Baptist schools and our five seminaries, many of whom are already looking to the western and pioneer states as the fields of their life ministry. This fact is both revealing and interesting in the light of the serious shortage of candidate ministers of other major evangelical denominations. Many of them have seminaries and facilities with exceedingly small student bodies. We have seminaries and exceedingly large student bodies without the means for adequate facilities.

Third, We would record here our profound gratitude to God for His blessings upon the western and pioneer state conventions in their work. Illinois was recognized in 1910; New Mexico in 1912; Arizona in 1928; California in 1942; Kansas in 1948; and Oregon-Washington in 1949. While all of these conventions

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had meager beginnings, it is significant that since they were recognized, they have organized 1,088 churches and received into their churches 244,226 new members. Another significant fact is that they contributed through the Nashville office during the past twelve months the sum of \$484,412 while at the same time receiving approximately \$249,000 for aid in their work from the Sunday School Board and the Home Mission Board. This does not include the Home Mission Board's program of direct missions in these states.

Fourth, This is no ordinary day or hour in our national and world life. These are extraordinary men and methods. No "business as usual" tempo will get the job done that is confronting us in the West--East--North or South today. The eyes of the world are upon Southern Baptists. This is our day. We are at the bat! We must not strike out when so many millions in our nation are depending upon us for the Gospel message. They need a sympathetic ear to their appeal for the assistance and encouragement we can give. But despite our unprecedented progress and need for advance in these states, we have reached almost a stalemate. Our two great sustaining agencies through the past years of progress in these conventions, the Sunday School Board, and the Home Mission Board, have indicated their inability due to limitations of funds to add any appreciable amount for advance in our several State conventions. We have the deepest sense of gratitude to our Sunday School Board and the Home Mission Board including their leadership personnel. We would have been helpless in the past without them. We desperately need their help today. They are our lifeline. But we realize that they have problems and limitations just as we have.

Therefore in the light of these facts and others just as forceful and challenging, we humbly petition this body to name a committee of seven which would include if possible a representative of the Woman's Missionary Union, the Sunday School Board, and the Home Mission Board to study this critical and opportune situation confronting us in the western and pioneer states and seek to suggest loans to meet these strategic and emergency needs in our conventions in this critical hour of our national life and world need.

The committee consisted of S. G. Posey, California, Noel Taylor, Illinois, N. J. Westmoreland, Kansas, Henry Stagg, New Mexico, Willis J. Ray, Arizona, and R.E. Milam, Oregon-Washington.

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BAPTIST BRIEFS

NEW WMU SECRETARY

HONOLULU--(BP)--Miss Itsuko Saito was elected to serve as the first WMU executive secretary of the Hawaii Baptist Convention, recently.

She is a graduate of Baylor University and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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BAPTIST BRIEFS--Cont.

LOUISIANA CHURCH GIVES
\$21,340 TO WORLD MISSIONS

SHREVEPORT, La.--(BP)--Highland Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., gave \$21,340 for world missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in December. R. O. Cawker is pastor.

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CUTLINE FOR ENCLOSED MAT--(BP)--Miss Jo Alice Haigh assumed her duties as editor of Storytime and The Sentinel, Department of Sunday School Curriculum, Baptist Sunday School Board, January 1. She succeeds Miss Willie Jean Stewart.

Miss Haigh, a native of Colorado, attended Colorado Woman's College and received the Bachelor's degree from the University of Denver.

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FUTURE - DATE

(SEMI-ANNUAL LISTING OF MAJOR BAPTIST MEETINGS AND OBSERVANCES)

JANUARY, 1954

JAN. 8	HAMILTON, O.	ORGANIZATION OF OHIO STATE BAPTIST CONVENTION
JAN. 17-22	SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION	WMS FOCUS WEEK
JAN. 24	SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION	KNOW YOUR DENOMINATION DAY
JAN. 28	NEW ORLEANS, LA.	BOARD OF DIRECTORS SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOSPITAL

FEBRUARY, 1954

FEB. 1	NASHVILLE, TENN.	BOARD OF DIRECTORS SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION
FEB. 6	LOUISVILLE, KY.	SECOND SEMESTER SOUTHERN SEMINARY
FEB. 7	SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION	BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE SUNDAY
FEB. 9-11	BILOXI, MISS.	SOUTHERN BAPTIST PRESS ASSOCIATION
FEB. 14-20	SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION	YWA FOCUS WEEK
FEB. 16-17	NEW ORLEANS, LA.	BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY
FEB. 19	WAKE FOREST, N.C.	BOARD OF TRUSTEES SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY
FEB. 22-25	NASHVILLE, TENN.	CITY MISSION CONFERENCE
FEB. 22-26	TULSA, OKLA.	BIBLE TEACHING CLINIC

MARCH, 1954

MAR. 1-	SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION	WMU WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS AND ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING
MAR. 8-9	DALLAS, TEX.	SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION SECRETARIES CONFERENCE
MAR. 10	DALLAS, TEX.	RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD
MAR. 16-17	LOUISVILLE, KY.	BOARD OF TRUSTEES SOUTHERN SEMINARY

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MAR. 23	NASHVILLE, TENN.	COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION
MAR. 23-24	NASHVILLE, TENN.	JOINT MEETING OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MAR. 28	SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION	HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS DAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL AND OFFERING

APRIL, 1954

APRIL 4-11	SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION	YOUTH WEEK IN CHURCHES
APRIL 14	NASHVILLE, TENN.	AMERICAN SEMINARY COMMISSION
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MAY, 1954

MAY 2-9	SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION	CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK
MAY 9-15	SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION	G. A. FOCUS WEEK
MAY 30-JUNE 1	ST. LOUIS, MO.	WMU ANNUAL MEETING

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JUNE 2-5	ST. LOUIS, MO.	SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
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BAPTIST FEATURES

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THE POWER OF AWAKENED CONSCIENCE BY: Albert McClellan

Early in December the Associated Press carried the following story concerning sale of liquor on military property.

"An order putting all military officers' clubs and messes on government property out of the bottled liquor business was issued by the defense department yesterday.

"Deputy Defense Secretary Roger Kyes signed a directive which will end a privilege exercised by the navy for many years and by the army and air force since December 1.

"No further purchases of liquor for sale in package or bottle form will be made by the military departments after January 1, Kyes decreed. Officers' clubs and messes will be permitted to sell liquor by the bottle until April 1 to dispose of stocks on hand.

"Thus ended an experiment begun by the army last September when for the first time in more than half a century it decided to allow liquor to be sold by the bottle to commissioned and non-commissioned officers in open messes."

Here is the simple truth. The temperance leaders of America became vocal against the vice and the government retreated.

It calls for two things:

(1) Letters of approval from every Baptist in America to Mr. Kyes, to President Eisenhower, and to Mr. Charles E. Wilson, secretary of defense.

(2) Determination of all Baptists to be more vocal against the organized evil of our land.

When we make up our minds to do it, we can silence the liquor and beer advertisers on radio and TV and we can give our news stands a much needed bath.

If the Baptist conscience will assert itself there will be a new holy day in America's moral life.

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