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OHIO BAPTISTS ORGANIZE  
WITH FORTY CHURCHES

HAMILTON, O.--(BP)--Over four hundred messengers, representing forty Baptist churches and eleven Baptist missions from over the state of Ohio met in Hamilton at the West Side Baptist Church, January 8, 1954, and organized the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

A constitution and budget of \$72,520 was adopted. Officers elected were: John Kurtz, pastor, Westwood Baptist Church, Dayton, moderator; Orden Rice, pastor, Blue Ash Baptist Church, Blue Ash, first vice-moderator; E. A. Petroff, pastor, West Side Baptist Church, Hamilton, second vice-moderator; Bunyan Wallace, pastor, Miamisburg Baptist Church, Miamisburg, recording secretary; Omar Roberts, pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Dayton, assistant recording secretary; and Gerald K. Ford, pastor, Main Street Baptist Church, Wadsworth, historical secretary.

On program were Courts Redford, Atlanta, Ga.; S. F. Dowis, Atlanta, Ga.; Lewis W. Martin, Atlanta, Ga.; W. C. Boone, Louisville, Ky.; Eldred M. Taylor, Louisville, Ky.; J. P. Edmunds, Nashville, Tenn.; and Porter Routh, Nashville, Tenn.

The next meeting of the convention will be at Westwood Baptist Church, Dayton, November 2-3, 1954.

In the keynote address, Judge Eugene Siler, moderator of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, stated the purpose of the organization in three statements. First, witnessing for Christ, evangelizing the lost souls and enlisting the unenlisted in service for Christ. Second, to follow Christ, as the author and finisher of our faith. Third, to look to God as the source of our strength and spiritual leadership. Judge Siler presided over the meeting until officers were elected.

Ray Roberts, Dayton, under whose leadership as pioneer missionary for the White Water Association of Baptists has grown from nineteen churches to the present number in a year and a half is slated to be elected by the Executive Board of the state convention, to the position of executive secretary and superintendent of missions and evangelism. George Fletcher, Dayton, O., will be employed by the Executive Board as secretary of religious education.

Headquarters for the organization were established in the Ludlow Building, Dayton. The Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn., established a book store in the building last year.

SIX STATES MAINTAIN  
CHAIRS OF BIBLE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Six Southern Baptist state conventions maintain twenty-eight Chairs of Bible on non-Baptist college campuses, according to a recent survey made by the Baptist Press.

The survey revealed that the schools have a total budget of \$112,916; 1,457 students enroled; 63 courses taught in Bible; 31 teachers; 22 courses taught in religious education; and 6 in Gréek.

Texas maintains 17 Chairs of Bible, 6 of them full-time. They have enroled 731 students this year.

Missouri maintains six; New Mexico, three; Illinois, two; and Oregon-Washington and Alabama one each.

Listed below is the breakdown by schools:

STATE	NO.TEACHERS	ACCREDITATION	BUDGET	NO.COURSES IN BIBLE	NO.COURSES IN REL.EDU.	ENROLMENT
ALABAMA						
Univ. of Ala.	1	Same	\$10,601	1	1	100
ILLINOIS						
So.Ill.Univ.	3	Same	16,205	16	15	212
Univ. Of Ill.	1	Same	9,410	3	1	13
MISSOURI						
Cent.Mo.St.Col.	1	Same	8,200	3	0	76
SE Mo.St.Col.	1	Same	9,400	2	2	48
SW Mo.St.Col.	1	Wm.Jewell Col.	9,400	4	1	48
Univ. of Mo.	1	Same	12,400	3	1	76
NEW MEXICO						
Univ. of N.Mex.	1	Hardin-Simmons	9,300	4	0	58
E.N.Mex.Univ.	2	Same	11,350	7	2	79
A&M.Col.	1	Hardin-Simmons	6,450	3	0	16
TEXAS						
17 Tex.State Schools	17	Schools themselves	--	17	0	731
ORE-WASH.						
Univ.of Wash.	1	Baylor Univ.	10,200	--	-	Unknown

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TEXAS FOUNDATION HEAD RESIGNS

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--A. B. Culbertson, executive vice-president of the Baptist Foundation of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, resigned from his position effective March 1.

Culbertson, Fort Worth attorney, came to the Foundation in January, 1951. He signed the original charter in 1931 which established the organization. As a member of the board for twenty years and as director of the foundation he saw endowment investments for Texas Baptist education and benevolent institutions increase from a few thousand dollars to more than \$20,000,000. Last year the foundation r turned more than \$800,000 to denominational activities.

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BOOK ON COMMUNISM  
WILL BE PUBLISHED

RICHMOND, Va.--(BP)--The Baptist Missionary Education Council, an agency for the production and utilization of missionary materials, in session here approved publication of a book on Communism. The book will be written by Ralph Phelps, president of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark.

Publication of three books on medical missions, two study books on Cuba, a picture study book on Panama, and a primer on Catholicism was also authorized by the group.

New officers elected for the Council are: William J. Fallis, book editor, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., chairman; Mrs. William McMurry, book editor, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala., vice-chairman; and Miss Elizabeth Minshew, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, was re-elected secretary.

The Council voted to meet next year at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

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GRAND CANYON COLLEGE  
TO BORROW \$440,000

PHOENIX, Ariz.--(BP)--Application for a forty-year, low interest loan of \$440,000 from the Housing and Finance Agency of the federal government by Grand Canyon College was approved by the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona, recently. The money will be used to build a dormitory at the college.

Other action taken by the board included, approval of the sale of eighty acres of Grand Canyon College land, the creation of a \$25,000 revolving fund to be operated within the framework of the Trust and Memorial Fund, and the appointment of the convention committees to function during 1954.

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BAPTIST BRIEFS

TENNESSEE MAN  
GOES TO TEXAS

FORT WORTH, Tex.--(BP)--William B. Lucas, educational director, First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., resigned to accept the position of director of education, Tarrant County Baptist Association, Fort Worth, Tex.

Lucas, who once managed a chain of lumber yards in Texas, is president of the Tennessee State Baptist Sunday School Convention and associational Sunday school superintendent in Chattanooga.

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THIRTY RADIO STATIONS  
ADD "THE BAPTIST HOUR"

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Thirty radio stations were added to those now broadcasting "The Baptist Hour," bringing the total number of stations carrying the weekly program to 390, Paul M. Stevens, director of the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, announced.

The newly acquired "Baptist Hour" stations are located in twelve states and Alaska.

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FURMAN PRESIDENT HONORED

GREENVILLE, S.C.--(BP)--John Laney Plyler, president, Furman University, was honored with a Doctor of Letters degree by the University of South Carolina recently.

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