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One Million Baptisms Goal For Jubilee Year

GLORIETA, N. M.--(BP)--Southern Baptists hope to win twice as many people to Christ in 1964 as in 1959, state and Southern Baptist Convention evangelism leaders reported her .

A goal of one million baptisms during 1964, the climaxing year of Baptist Jubilee Advance, was adopted by state secretaries of evangelism in conference with the division of evangelism of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

"Based on reports to date, Southern Baptist churches will baptize more than 500,000 converts this year," Leonard Sanderson of Dallas, secretary of evangelism for the Home Mission Board, declared.

"Southern Baptists realize the necessity for winning more to Christ now than during any other time in our history," Sanderson continued.

He said the state secretaries of evangelism accepted the goals "enthusiastically."

Soul-winning goals for the period 1960-64 total 3,650,000 converts, starting with a 1960 goal of 550,000 and increasing yearly until the million goal of 1964.

The evangelism leaders were in special conference here during the annual Home Missions Conference week at Glorieta Baptist Assembly. More than 1500 persons registered for the week.

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Brotherhood Annual Published For Leaders

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(BP)--A new publication designed to insure effective Brotherhood programs in 1960 made its appearance early this month among Southern Baptist men.

The Brotherhood Commission began distribution of the BROTHERHOOD HANDBOOK, an annual for pastors, educational directors and officers of church Brotherhoods.

The 112-page publication provides helps and source material that will improve the planning sessions of Brotherhood programs, James M. Sapp, the editor, predicted. The book is in three colors---green, orange and red.

The books are being mailed from the offices of the Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tenn., at \$1 for single copies and 85 cents each when sold in lots of five or more.

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OHIO PASTOR KILLED IN CHURCH BUILDING

DAYTON, Ohio--(BP)--George H. Riggs, pastor of the Westwood Baptist Church here was shot to death in the church office early Wednesday, August 5.

Detectives of the Dayton Police Department theorize that Riggs went to investigate prowlers, stumbled over a stool in the darkness and dropped the shotgun he was carrying, apparently causing it to discharge. He was shot in the head.

The church, largest among Southern Baptist Churches in Ohio, had been troubled with prowlers for several months. The pastor's home is next door.

There were indications that Riggs interrupted a burglary. An adding machine and an electric typewriter were found in the hallway outside the office. An electric clock had been pulled from the wall and was lying in the office. It had stopped at 4:20.

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The authorities indicated that the burglars had probably returned to the office to get the clock when Riggs interrupted them.

Mrs. Riggs stated that her husband had left the bedroom of their home about 4:15 a.m. to go nearby to the church building to investigate a noise. When he did not return in an hour she became alarmed and called the educational and music director, David Roddy.

Roddy found the body in the church office.

The Westwood Church has approximately 2,000 members and has one of the largest church auditoriums in Dayton.

Riggs moved here in February from Louisville, Ky. where he had been pastor of the Victory Memorial Baptist Church for 12 years. He was 40 years old.

A native of Calhoun, Ky., he was a graduate of Western State Teachers College, Bowling Green, Ky., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Interment was at Calhoun, Ky.

He is survived by his wife and two children.