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**JANUARY MISSION GIFTS  
SHOW INCREASE OVER '53**

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The close of the first month in 1954 saw a 13.59 per cent gain in Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program receipts over the first month of 1953, according to Porter Routh, executive secretary, Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. A total of \$976,083 was received in January, \$116,813 ahead of January, 1953's Cooperative Program receipts of \$859,269.

Designated gifts received for the month totaled \$1,275,244, a gain of \$371,991 or 41.18 per cent over \$903,253 received for the same period last year.

Arizona, Arkansas, District of Columbia, South Carolina, and Virginia were the only states not showing an increase in gifts to the Cooperative Program when compared with the same period last year. Texas led the states with a high of \$125,000.

**COMPARISON 1953 and 1954 RECEIPTS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION  
January, 1954**

	<u>Cooperative Program 1954</u>	<u>Cooperative Program 1953</u>	<u>Designated 1954</u>	<u>Designated 1953</u>
Specials	.868.28	1,281.23	--	--
Alabama	41,645.27	38,732.18	28,474.54	18,061.67
Alaska	300.00	244.58	--	--
Arizona	2,103.93	2,500.00	5,000.00	7,212.95
Arkansas	27,618.88	50,667.23	63,540.72	52,495.96
California	5,000.00	1,454.67	--	9,566.07
District of Columbia	2,833.29	4,299.56	4,880.41	5,044.29
Florida	70,940.65	40,392.60	43,158.19	23,245.89
Georgia	78,758.59	52,565.88	134,750.96	122,403.35
Illinois	20,967.35	16,547.94	12,416.24	12,512.99
Kansas	1,004.76	678.07	1,324.95	742.10
Kentucky	55,461.43	46,570.32	65,115.29	46,765.44
Louisiana	44,011.69	26,103.47	80,828.89	75,649.65
Maryland	8,138.62	6,323.88	60.00	--
Mississippi	50,235.23	37,596.74	46,116.05	41,607.99
Missouri	78,071.87	48,757.09	38,486.49	32,488.50
New Mexico	--	--	--	--
North Carolina	58,568.71	49,120.44	119,554.94	130,244.02
Oklahoma	74,989.31	67,246.20	98,408.02	86,439.18
Oregon-Washington	--	--	--	--
South Carolina	73,587.30	80,835.69	6,954.32	8,980.56
Tennessee	76,592.85	67,169.25	31,077.50	24,575.20
Texas	125,000.00	104,166.66	286,888.57	19,592.69
Virginia	79,385.32	116,015.82	208,208.60	185,624.57
Totals	976,083.33	859,269.50	1,275,244.68	903,253.07

CHURCH EMPLOYEE RECEIVES  
RECOGNITION FOR SERVICE

STATESVILLE, N. C.--(BP)--Back in 1933 a young Negro applied for the job as janitor and general handy man at Western Avenue Baptist Church here. The applicant was Junious Summers, who started his first day by keeping up the fire in the furnace. For the past twenty years, as regular as clockwork, he has continued to keep the building and premises in tip-top condition.

Members of the church congregation, feeling twenty years service deserves recognition, declared a "June Summers Day." At the morning worship service "June," as every one knows him, and his wife were honored guests of the church.

"I belonged to another denomination, before coming here to work," "June" said, "but now I am a Baptist."