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### Kansas City To Have \$3,300,000 Hospital

KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BP)--Missouri Baptists plan to open their newest hospital here about Nov. 1, the Baptist Memorial Hospital of Kansas City.

The \$3,300,000 institution, located at 6601 Rockhill Rd., has been 15 years in developing. Its first equipped unit of six floors will contain 183 beds and 20 bassinets. It will ultimately have 11 floors and 300 beds.

On Nov. 27, 1944, a group of men met together and dedicated themselves to building a hospital. With faith and determination, they laid out a 25-year master plan. They needed land enough for a complete plant with all necessary buildings, adequate off-street parking, room for future expansion and in a desirable part of the city. The land had to be accessible to both residential and industrial centers.

The committee found a 23½-acre tract. Individuals bought up the land. It cost \$85,000 in 1949, and is now worth \$500,000.

Construction began on the foundation and two sub-floors in 1953. These two sub-floors offer unique facilities in case of atomic attack or other disasters. A floor area of 81,000 square feet has been equipped with self-sustaining facilities, water, electric generators, and air-purifying machinery. Complete operating rooms, patient rooms, and food and medicine storage areas are kept in readiness.

All this preparation seemed ironic from 1954 to 1956, when construction halted for lack of funds. Some of those who had given generously wondered if it would be finished.

In June, 1956, another fund-raising drive for \$600,000 to be raised locally was launched. Missouri Baptists were asked to take over the project and invest \$1,200,000. For this they got the 23½ acres of land, a half-million dollars in completed construction, and another million dollars in old and new pledges. In February, 1957, Goldman S. Drury was employed as executive director.

Six of the 11 floors will be completely furnished in the latest, most efficient hospital equipment. Other floors will be completed as funds are available. The outside in complete now.

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### Ohio President Leads New Pittsburgh Work

ATLANTA--(BP)--A pastor-director for Southern Baptist work in Pittsburgh, Pa., Joseph M. Waltz, was elected by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A similar situation has existed in New York City since 1958, in which the pastor of an initial church directs the work of Southern Baptists in that area, surveying the field and establishing missions. Four missions have been established in New York area during that time.

Waltz, who will assume his duties Oct. 1, is presently pastor of a fast-growing, pioneer church in Fairborn, Ohio, and president of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

He is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, both in Kentucky.

The Pittsburgh Baptist Chapel which Waltz will serve was established in 1958 as a mission of a Baptist church in Weirton, W. Va. It now has over 100 members, and tentative plans for constituting the chapel into a church are set for Oct. 30.

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Graham To Address  
Miami Beach Session

ATLANTA--(BP)--Evangelist Billy Graham will be on the "Home Mission Night" program at the Southern Baptist Convention in 1960, announced Courts Redford, Executive Secretary, SBC Home Mission Board.

Graham said, when contacted, that he plans to attend the entire Convention at Miami Beach next year. This will be his second time to participate on "Home Missions Night." He was a featured speaker in 1956 when the Convention met in Kansas City, Mo.

"We are pleased at Billy's acceptance and feel that his presence on the program indicates his interest in world missions at home," Redford said.

Graham is a member of the Convention's Foreign Mission Board, one of Texas' representatives on that agency. His church membership is in Dallas.

The 1960 session of the Convention is scheduled May 17-20.

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East Germany Bars  
Students From Seminary

LONDON, England--(BP)--No more theological students from East Germany will be allowed to attend the Baptist seminary in Hamburg, Germany, the training college for candidates for the German Baptist ministry, the Baptist Times (British) reported here.

This news was announced at the college valedictory service to students who were leaving college this year. Present at the service were British Baptist young people who were staying at the seminary for the summer school, arranged by the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland.

As there is no British seminary in East Germany, the ban on students attending the Hamburg seminary will be a severe handicap to the churches of East Germany, the Times added.

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'Peace' Theme Picked  
By American Convention

GREEN LAKE, Wis.--(BP)--"The Things That Make for Peace" will be theme of the 1960 American Baptist Convention, set for June 2-7 at Rochester, N. Y., according to the Convention's program committee, which met at the American Baptist Assembly here.

Convention scripture chosen was Luke 19:42, which records the words of Jesus: "Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace!" Convention hymn will be "God of Grace and God of Glory."

Preacher of the Convention sermon will be August M. Hintz, pastor, North Shore Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill. He was named at the 1959 American Baptist Convention in June in Des Moines, Ia., at the same time Rochester, N. Y., was chosen Convention city.

Sessions will be held in the War Memorial Auditorium, an air-cooled building seating 8,000 to 10,000 persons.

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Baptist Press To Open  
Office In Atlanta

ATLANTA--(BP)--A Baptist Press regional office will be established in Atlanta, Ga., starting Nov. 1, according to W. C. Fields, Nashville, director of the news service of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The regional office will become the third such outlet, other than the home office in Nashville, for Baptist Press. News releases are now being furnished from Dallas-Fort Worth and Washington, D. C.

The SBC Home Mission Board voted its approval of the extension of the news service which will be a joint venture of the board, Georgia Baptist Convention, and the SBC Executive Committee.

The Home Board's division of education and promotion, directed by L. O. Griffith, will handle the Atlanta office. Walker L. Knight, secretary of the department of editorial service, will be regional editor. Mrs. J. C. Durham, also in the editorial department, will assist in the preparation of news releases.

Baptist Press is circulated to state Baptist papers, interested daily newspapers, and other news outlets. Theo Sommerkamp, Nashville, is assistant director for the national service.

W. Barry Garrett of Washington handles that office. Garrett, associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, reports news of government actions and religious liberty of interest to Baptists. He also carries news of local Baptist activities.

Regional editor in the Dallas-Fort Worth office is Lloyd Wright, public relations director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. This office reports news of Texas Baptists, the Home Mission Board's division of evangelism, SBC Radio-TV Commission, SBC Relief and Annuity Board, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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Salary Raises Feature  
1960 Arizona Budget

PHOENIX, Ariz.--(BP)--The executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona adopted a 1960 budget of \$287,460 to be presented to the annual convention session here in November for approval.

The board also approved transfer of language missionaries from the Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, to the Baptist General Convention of Arizona for administrative purposes; adopted a new associational mission plan for Arizona; raised salaries of all staff, missionary, and secretarial personnel, and elected three new missionaries.

The budget, with the exception of salary hikes, is essentially the same as the 1959 budget. These are the first substantial salary raises offered in several years.

The program committee of the board recommended the following percentage distribution of non-designated receipts through the Cooperative Program: Arizona convention operating expense, 58 per cent; Grand Canyon College here 24 per cent; Paradise Valley Baptist Ranch 1 per cent, and world missions 17 per cent.

Their recommendation also provided that any amount received in excess of the budget be divided 50 per cent for world missions and 50 per cent for the indebtedness on Paradise Valley Baptist Ranch.

Jim Goins, pastor, North Tucson Baptist Church, Tucson, was elected missionary to serve Grand Canyon and Little Colorado Associations. Goins was area missionary in eastern Arizona prior to becoming pastor of the Tucson church.

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Foy Rogers of Bellevue, Tex., was chosen as missionary for Gila Valley and San Carlos Associations. He has been serving as missionary in Texas.

Jim Godsoe, pastor, Mountain Park Baptist Church, Phoenix, was elected missionary for Mt. Graham and Cochise Associations. Godsoe was formerly a missionary to the Spanish in New Mexico and was pastor of First Baptist Church, Clifton-Morenci, prior to accepting the Phoenix pastorate.

Transfer of language missionaries to Arizona convention for administrative purposes does not increase the financial responsibility of the local convention. The Home Mission Board will continue to pay salaries and support the work.

This change is in accordance with a new policy of the Home Board to place all mission endeavor within the states under the direct administration of state conventions.

On Jan.1, both the local and Home Mission boards will accept the present employees. New personnel will be employed jointly. The state executive board will make appointments of qualified persons with concurrence of the Home Mission Board.

Other actions of the executive board placed the stewardship department, the foundation, and the trust and memorial fund into one department; set up a committee to work with the editor of the weekly Baptist Beacon to study the possibility of printing the Beacon with Convention facilities, and provided for the convention executive secretary to attend the Baptist World Alliance Congress in 1960.

The children's home board made a report to the executive board but future action was delayed until after the Grand Canyon College board meeting. It was felt necessary to confer with the Baptist college group concerning a future location of the children's home. In past board action, it was decided to erect the first unit on convention property adjacent to the college campus.