

September 17, 1959

Brotherhood Building  
Open House Oct. 11

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(BP)--An invitation to Southern Baptists to tour their new Brotherhood Commission building at 1548 Poplar Ave. here Oct. 11, has been extended by George W. Schroeder, executive secretary.

Schroeder said the recently completed two-story addition to the national headquarters of the Southern Baptist Convention agency raises its building investment here to more than \$250,000.

The addition is composed of more than 90,000 square feet.

A huge table 24 feet long and six feet wide dominates the conference room. There also is a lounge.

Schroeder said the new addition is needed to keep pace with the growth of the commission. The organization, one of the nation's largest laymen's groups, has more than quadrupled its membership in Southern Baptist churches in the last 10 years. Another 15 per cent increase is expected this year.

Current enrollment in the men and boys' organization is more than 600,000.

Schroeder attributes the rapid growth of the Brotherhood movement to new efforts by Southern Baptist men to shoulder their share of religious work.

The Royal Ambassador organization, composed of boys 9 to 16, once responsibility of the Woman's Missionary Union, was transferred to the care of the Brotherhood Commission two years ago.

A dedication service will be held in the conference room of the new building Oct. 12 at 8 p.m.

Principal speaker will be Porter Routh of Nashville, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

Also participating in the service will be Grant Davis of Springfield, Mo., member of the Brotherhood Commission; R. L. Sherrick of Memphis, Commission chairman; Lawson H. Cooke of Memphis, former Commission executive secretary; John W. McCall of Memphis, chairman of the Commission's executive committee; George Wheeler of Carbondale, Brotherhood secretary of Illinois; F. M. McCance of Memphis, building committee chairman; Rep. Eugene Siler (R) of Williamsburg, Ky., Commission member; J. S. Dudley of Bluefield, W. Va., Commission member, and Kendall Berry of Blytheville, Ark., chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

Earl Holloway, minister of music at First Baptist Church here, will sing the dedicatory hymn.

-30-

Carver Service Marks  
New Building Start

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--Carver School of Missions and Social Work here held a "construction ceremony" to mark the erection of its new \$226,000 academic building.

Construction had been under way two weeks at the time of the ceremony. Completion is anticipated in eight or nine months.

Carver President Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., presided. Participating in the program were B. L. Williams of Johnston City, Ill., chairman of trustees; R. E. Garst of Louisville, the building contractor; Fred Morgan, Louisville, architect; W. C. Boone, Louisville, executive secretary, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky; Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Executive Committee, and Miss Marylu Moore, president of the Carver student body.

-more-

Miss Moore is the daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries in Italy.

Duke K. McCall, president of next-door-neighbor Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, brought the message of the day. He praised the "new look" at Carver, both in physical facilities and in the survey recently completed defining the purposes of the school.

The two-story, air-conditioned academic building will be approximately 51 by 110 feet in size.

-30-

#### Golden Gate Plans Cornerstone Ceremony

MILL VALLEY, Calif.--(BP)--Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here, now occupying its new campus on Strawberry Point, looks forward to its cornerstone-laying service Sept. 29, marking the completion of the first stage of development.

Program participants will include Golden Gate President Harold K. Graves; Isom B. Hodges, founding president who now resides at San Lorenzo, Calif., and B. O. Herring, Graves' predecessor and now professor of Bible at Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex. Each of these men will place objects of special significance in a copper box built behind the cornerstone-slab to be placed at the northeast corner of the administration building.

The occasion will initiate six days of open house to which the public is invited. Classes and school functions will continue as scheduled after the first day in order that visitors may get a true picture of seminary life.

On Sept. 30, Charles L. McKay, Phoenix, executive secretary, Baptist General Convention of Arizona, will be principal speaker at the first missionary day of the year. It will be one of four special days set aside during the year for mission emphasis.

-30-

#### Staid Annual Tells Delightful Story

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was delighted that the parent Southern Baptist Convention held its 1959 session here in May, when the seminary observed its 100th birthday.

No one knew just how delighted the century-old institution was until the Annual, officially reporting the minutes of the Convention, was published recently.

According to the published record, a visiting college choir sang to Conventioners the anthem "O Thou in Whose Presence a Century Old Southern Takes Delight."

As any quick-thinking church musician will tell you, the name of the song is "O Thou in Whose Presence My Soul Takes Delight." Footnote: It's a century-old Southern melody.

-30-

#### Memphis Agency Names New Director Of Art

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(BP)--John C. Sullivan of Nashville, former artist for the Baptist Sunday School Board, has been named art director of the Baptist Brotherhood Commission here.

Sullivan, 45, assumed his new duties Sept. 1.

-more-

In recent months Sullivan worked in the Sunday School Board job printing section doing design and finished art assignments for record albums, posters, pamphlets, book jackets, brochures, leaflets, and program booklets. He had been with the Sunday School Board five years.

Sullivan is a graduate of Atlanta Art Institute and took extensive training at Chicago's American Academy of Art, Chicago Art Institute, and Chouinard Art Institute, Los Angeles.

At the Brotherhood Commission, he will supervise the preparation of the art for the agency's major publications, Brotherhood Journal, Ambassador Life, Ambassador Leader, and Brotherhood Handbook.

-30-

#### Southeastern Reports Enrolment Increase

WAKE FOREST, N. C.--(BP)--722 students have completed registration at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here for the fall, according to Dean O. T. Binkley. Total registration was expected to go beyond 735 before the Sept. 21 deadline.

This will mark the ninth straight year that Southeastern has shown a substantial increase in enrolment. The biggest increase in enrolment came this year in the women's division. Every dormitory room has been filled and several girls have found rooms in private homes.

According to President S. L. Stealey, a new dormitory for girls is a "must." President Stealey will recommend to the trustees that work get under way as soon as funds can be secured.

The opening convocation lecturer this year was Eduard Schweizer, professor of New Testament at the University of Zurich.

-30-

#### S. H. Jones Addresses Student Convocation

TIGERVILLE, S. C.--(BP)--S. H. Jones, editor of The Baptist Courier, South Carolina weekly, in his convocation address at North Greenville Junior College here urged students to cultivate a sense of responsibility.

Jones of Greenville, suggested that the students work at and stay with the task of getting an education. "That is the purpose of college," he added. "Anyone can quit, but it takes fortitude to stick to anything."

Another suggestion of the Baptist leader was for the students to choose the hardest courses available at the college rather than trying to find easy ones.

In addition, the editor advised the students not to think that they were just now preparing for life, for they are living each day in their little portion of eternity. Therefore, they should be prepared for life today rather than at some future day.

As a final suggestion, Jones stated that the students should develop their spiritual life, finding out what God wants them to do. "Live your life so it will not have been lived in vain," he concluded.

North Greenville Junior College is operated by the Baptist convention of South Carolina.

-30-

#### Folks & facts.....

.....One-fifth of all new motion pictures, filmstrips, and other audio-visual media released during the past year were produced primarily for church and church school use, according to the 34th Annual Blue Book of Audiovisual Materials.

.....Joseph H. Jackson, pastor, Olivet Baptist Church, Chicago, has been re-elected president of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc. This largest group of Negro Baptists held its 1959 convention in San Francisco. -30-

Methods Of Training  
For Ministry Discussed

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--Contending that specialized training for the Christian ministry should begin in college rather than in the theological seminary, the Association of Baptist Professors of Religion is urging a complete overhaul of traditional thinking.

The association has attacked the traditional belief that the liberal arts college should provide only the "broad background" for theological study. A spokesman of the organization, Past President William Angell, associate professor of religion at Wake Forest College, expressed an "acute sense of dissatisfaction with the present level of Biblical knowledge of the average man completing seven years of work in college and seminary."

He pointed out that the Association at an August meeting at Ridgecrest, N. C., gave its endorsement to a proposal that Baptist seminaries give a series of tests in Old and New Testament studies to incoming freshmen, in order to put men with adequate college background in advanced sections.

Jack Flanders, chairman of the department of religion at Furman University and new president, is co-chairman of the committee set up to prepare entrance tests in the New Testament field, with Frank Stagg, of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. The Old Testament committee is headed by William H. Morton of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, with Allen Easley, dean of the school of religion, Wake Forest College, as co-chairman.

Morton has complained that the so-called "broad background" curriculum in colleges which neglects adequate study of religion and philosophy fails to give "adequate depth of preparation" for students who intend to enter the Christian ministry.

He pointed to a survey of theological students at Wooster Theological Seminary which indicated that only those students who did their major work in religion in college felt that they had a sufficiently "borad background" for seminary work. Without exception, Morton said, those students who did not major in religion felt that they were inadequately prepared to enter the seminary.

Morton said that the National Association of Biblical Instructors is in complete accord with the Baptist professors in the conviction that all seminary students should receive at the college level strong grounding in religion and philosophy, together with basic training in history, literature, with emphasis on the social sciences.

O. William Rhodenhiser, secretary of the Baptist Professors Association, said there were at least two good reasons for beginning Biblical studies in college:

(1) "'The theological grasp of all knowledge,' which is the aim of theological education, is seriously crippled in most instances if a man is not making disciplined progress in his Biblical studies at the same time that he is taking college courses in such subjects as history, psychology, sociology and literature. He needs the stimulation of being confronted with secular and Christian views of life simultaneously in the college atmosphere."

(2) "The seminaries cannot be graduate schools in religion if the seminary student comes with a Sunday school level of Biblical knowledge. The deeper training in advanced Biblical studies and the relationship of Biblical knowledge to Christian sociology, pastoral counseling, and other related fields must pre-suppose that the minister-trainee already has an essentially clear grasp of the literature and great ideas of the Christian faith."

-30-

Folks & facts.....

.....Ira Lee Baker, assistant professor of journalism and English, Furman University, Greenville, S. C., was re-elected president of the American Association of Teachers of Religious Journalism at the annual meeting held recently at the University of Oregon.

-30-

# BAPTIST FEATURES

PRODUCED BY BAPTIST PRESS  
NEWS SERVICE OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION  
127 NINTH AVE., N., NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE AL 4-1631

Theo Sommerkamp, *Assistant Director*

September 17, 1959

Strife-Torn Little  
Rock Hears Graham

By Erwin L. McDonald

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.--(BP)--God has used Evangelist Billy Graham and his associates to perform miracles in this city the name of which has become the synonym for racial strife around the world.

A week that opened with bombings that had Little Rock back on the front pages of the newspapers around the globe, closed with the manifestation of a power far greater than any man-made explosives--the power of the Holy Spirit moving in the hearts of people.

As Billy Graham stood at the speaker's platform in War Memorial Stadium here and looked out upon nearly 1,000 men and women who had come as "inquirers" in response to his invitation to repent and accept Christ as Savior, he declared:

"The name of Little Rock has been flashed across front pages around the world in connection with racial strife here. As I look out at this wonderful sight and see these people of both races standing together here at the foot of the Cross, I challenge the newspapers to send this around the world."

Pointing to the timeliness of the two services conducted here, Graham declared to the 30,000 present for the afternoon meeting, "You and I are not here by accident. God has brought us to this place at this time." He reminded his congregation that his appearance here, under the auspices of the Greater Little Rock Ministerial Association, had been arranged many months ago.

The great uneasiness that had gripped the city following the Labor Day bombings of two office buildings and a city-owned station wagon had passed with the solution of the bombings by the Little Rock police and representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at mid-week.

There was even a favorable change in the weather, which had seen high temperatures and thunderstorms for several days. By Saturday night -- time for the first service -- the temperature had dropped to the low 70's and the atmosphere had cleared. Cloudy skies Sunday afternoon, with the temperature still in the 70's, gave the evangelist ideal conditions.

Open threats of Little Rock segregationists to stage a demonstration of protest against Graham for permitting his services to be "integrated" failed to materialize, but the circularization of down-town Little Rock with anti-Graham hand bills may have cut down some on attendance.

The manager of the stadium estimated the Saturday night attendance at 20,000 and the Sunday crowd at 30,000. The number of people responding to the invitations totaled 450 for the night service and 986 Sunday afternoon.

There is no way of knowing what difficult days still are ahead for Little Rock, but it is the consensus of the church people who co-operated in the Graham services that the response of the people to the Graham services is the most hopeful development since the current crisis began.

Graham used well-known passages of Scripture for his texts: John 3:16 for the Saturday night service, when he was speaking on "Love," and Matthew 24 and Genesis 6, Sunday, as he spoke on "The End of the World."

Pointing to the fact that people today in America are living much as people lived in the days of Noah, the evangelist declared that illicit sex relations constitute a greater threat to our national security than communism.

He cited the great prevalence of lawlessness, with men taking the law into their own hands and using force to gain what they want.

-more-

He warned that spiritual influences are greatly neglected by people today. Many go to church on Sunday with an outward appearance of sainthood that sprouts angelic wings, but shed their wings and haloes on Monday for their demonic pitchforks, he said. Many regular church attenders make it a practice to lie and cheat all week, he continued.

The Little Rock engagement was the first for the evangelist in more than three months. He told the congregation that the result of preaching again after a long rest was a sore throat.

Graham appeared to be in good physical trim and was wearing a decided tan from days of sunning on his private acres near Montreat, N. C.

How long does Billy Graham plan to go on at the clip he has set for himself over the last several years?

"I realize that it will be a physical impossibility to go on indefinitely," Graham replied. "I have studied the lives of a number of evangelists of the past and I find that the average tenure of their ministries was about 10 years."

"Well," said the tall blond, now 40, "I am no longer being billed as the boy evangelist, and I have had my 10 years. Nothing would please me more than to settle down as pastor of a church."

you  
"Where would you find a church that could seat the people who would come to hear you?" another reporter asked.

"That might not be a problem," smiled Graham. "People might not be able to take me on a regular basis."

-30-

#### Traffic Judge Gives Graham Illustration

One of Billy Graham's favorite illustrations was related by his staffer, Charles Riggs, to volunteer counselors for the Little Rock crusade.

While driving through a small Southern town sometime ago, Billy was stopped by a traffic cop.

"You were driving 40 in a 30-mile zone," charged the policeman.

"Sorry," replied Graham, "I am guilty. How much is the fine?"

"It'll be \$10," said the officer, "but you'll have to appear in court."

The policeman escorted the "culprit" down town to a barber shop, where the judge, a justice of the peace, was plying his trade of barbering. The judge motioned for Graham to be seated and proceeded to finish a haircut for the client who happened to be in the barber chair at the time.

Then the barber laid aside his clippers, stepped over to a table and, assuming the full dignity of his office as JP, called the court to order.

The policeman gave his testimony and the judge asked the defendant, "Guilty or not guilty?"

"Guilty," replied Graham.

"That'll be \$10," replied the judge, "a dollar a mile for every mile you're making above the limit."

Graham pulled his billfold out of his pocket and was about to pay the fine when the judge saw the name "Billy Graham" on the ticket. "Billy Graham?" he mused. "Don't I know you?"

"I certainly hope not!" responded Billy.

Then it dawned on the JP. "Are you the evangelist Billy Graham?" he asked.

-more-

And on having this confirmed, he turned out to be a Graham fan who had been a regular listener to the Graham broadcasts for years.

As the judge warmed up, Graham slipped his billfold back into his pocket and relaxed.

But soon the demeanor of the judge was stern again. "You have violated the law," he said, "and the penalty must be paid."

Sorrowfully Billy brought out his money again. But the judge motioned for him to put his money back into his pocket. "The fine must be paid," he said, "but I am going to pay it for you." And he took \$10 out of his own pocket and attached it to the ticket. Then he took Billy out and bought him a steak dinner.

"That," says Billy, "is how our heavenly Father deals with a penitent sinner."