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South Carolina Sets
Goal of \$3,250,000

COLUMBIA, S. C.--(BP)--The State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina will be asked in November to move back toward an equal division of its basic missions budget between state and Southern Baptist Convention causes.

The general board of the convention, meeting here, voted to recommend a 1960 current operations budget of \$1,428,000, an increase of \$227,000 over the 1959 budget, with 55 per cent of the total going for state causes and 45 per cent for SBC causes.

The SBC's share of the operations budget would be \$162,000 more than the comparable figure last year. But it would be \$50,000 less than the comparable figure in 1958 before the 50-50 sharing policy for this basic budget area was changed to give state causes 60 per cent and SBC causes 40 per cent.

However, a nine per cent increase in overall giving through the Cooperative Program is expected to bring the total sent to the SBC this year within \$50,000 of the \$1,119,660 total for 1958, not counting the Lottie Moon offering and other designations. The increase came in the capital needs section of the budget to which funds are allocated after the needs for current operations and administration are met.

Overall, the Cooperative Program goal for 1960 was set at \$3,250,000, an increase of \$50,000 over the 1959 goal. This includes some \$1½ million for capital needs, with 40 per cent of this going for SBC causes, if the goal is met. In 1958 overall giving fell \$380,000 short of the Cooperative Program goal; this year increased giving promises to bring the total within \$200,000 of the goal. A strong economic upsurge provides hope that next year's goal will be exceeded.

Last year's action to substitute a 60-40 division of the basic operations budget for the traditional 50-50 policy followed convention decisions to build a new Royal Ambassador camp and to include a new home for the aged in a long-range capital needs program.

The 1959 state convention, to be held Nov. 10-21 in Columbia, will be asked to change its name from State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina to South Carolina Baptist Convention.

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Commission Reaffirms
Howard's Name Origin

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Was Howard College, Alabama Baptists' institution at Birmingham, named for the English philanthropist, John Howard?

Friends of the college wanted to be certain, so they called on the Southern Baptist Convention Historical Commission here for help. Ready and able to find out the answer was Davis C. Woolley, commission executive secretary, who last year was a member of the Howard College faculty.

Checking papers in the year 1842, Woolley found a statement about the founding of Howard College. It reported that the college's name was "in honor of the distinguished philanthropist, John Howard."

Howard, of Bedford, England, was a leading humanitarian of his day. He erected model cottages for his tenants and furnished schools for children during his lifetime (1726-1790), thus improving living conditions. Later a high sheriff, Howard advocated prison reforms and hospital improvements.

Woolley said that the answer to the question of where Howard got its name is an example of the historical research services which the commission can provide.

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Agency Head Returns
From Visit To UN

NASHVILLE--(BP)--A Baptist agency head returned here from New York City with a better understanding of the United Nations after attending meetings there and becoming acquainted with UN officials.

A. C. Miller, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Christian Life Commission, is the denomination's alternate observer to United Nations.

Among other business on Miller's list during the UN visit was the plan for a commission-sponsored seminar on United Nations at the UN itself sometime next year.

Miller reported that he also met a number of the other non-governmental observers at the UN, some of whom represented other Christian faiths. He attended or received reports and briefings on committee meetings and sessions of the Security Council.

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Southeastern Dedicates
Its \$50,000 Pipe Organ

WAKE FOREST, N. C.--(BP)--Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here dedicated its new \$50,000 Reuter pipe organ in a service held in the Seminary chapel.

The organ is the gift of the late Walter M. Williams and his wife, Flonie Cooper Williams, of Burlington, N. C. A member of the seminary board of trustees almost from its beginning, Williams served continuously until the time of his death in May of this year. Mrs. Williams was present at the dedication service.

Southeastern Seminary president, Sydnor L. Stealey, presided over the service. Ray Cooper Euliss, nephew of the donors, was at the organ console. Euliss presented the organ to the Seminary, playing organ selections which had been favorites of his uncle.

Following the prayer of dedication and an anthem by the combined seminary choirs, the dedication recital was given by H. Max Smith, artist in residence.

President Stealey, in paying tribute to Williams, said, "His life encouraged and exemplified three great things: man's need for an ever-increasing knowledge of God, the beauty of a life filled with the spirit of Jesus Christ, and the wonderful benefits of unfeigned love and willing service to mankind."

Williams, who is considered a pioneer leader in North Carolina's textile industry, was also active in the religious, educational, and civic life of the state. He had served as a trustee for Wake Forest College and of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital, both in Winston-Salem. His philanthropies were numerous and widespread, including gifts and donations to schools, hospitals, and orphanages. An active member of his local Baptist church, Williams also served the denomination on an associational and statewide level.

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Associational Minutes
Requested For Records

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Minutes of Baptist associations of churches continue to be recognized as one of the valuable sources for materials used by Baptist historians. Clerks of the associations have been designated as the most important officers for recording Baptist history.

The research and statistics department of the Baptist Sunday School Board and the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention have co-operated in magnifying work of the clerks by encouraging better methods of securing and keeping records.

Clerks have been reminded to mail copies of associational minutes, as soon as printed, to their state historical society and Baptist college libraries, as well as to the research and statistics department and the Southern Baptist Historical Commission in Nashville.

The Historical Commission has underway a project of microfilming all recoverable minutes of every Baptist association on record. The current schedule includes microphotographing all Kentucky associational minutes.

In order to complete this project, copies of many minutes not on file in Kentucky nor in Nashville are being secured on loan from the American Baptist Historical Society at Rochester, N. Y. When these minutes have been filmed by permission of the American Baptist Historical Society, it is possible that the most complete file available will be on permanent record by microfilm.

The American Baptist Historical Society is one of the oldest historical agencies and has an unusually fine collection of Baptist materials. Clerks of associations have been requested to send also to Rochester a copy of their printed minutes when the minutes are mailed to the state and Southern Baptist historical collections.

Clerks have also been reminded to secure authority of the association for microfilming the entire historical file of minutes of the association. If this has already been done, the project can be kept up-to-date by having an additional film made every five years.

The more widely the record of Baptist achievement is shared with other historical agencies and libraries, the greater will be the opportunity for historical study and accurate historical research in the years ahead.