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Ohio Now Eligible
For Board Members

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.--(BP)--Ohio will be recognized at the 1960 Southern Baptist Convention here as eligible to have one member each on the Convention's Executive Committee and its four general boards.

The constitution of the Convention permits representation on the five administrative groups when membership of affiliated churches in a state body has totalled 25,000.

The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, with offices in Columbus, has 200 churches in Ohio, West Virginia, western Pennsylvania, and western New York State. It was organized as a state convention in 1954 from churches formerly co-operating with the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

Recognition of Ohio's eligibility for members of the five groups follows by one year similar recognition of Kansas. The four general boards are the Sunday School Board, Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, and Relief and Annuity Board.

Messengers attending the 1960 session will vote on the report of the Convention's Committee on Boards nominating representatives from Ohio and 21 other state Baptist bodies.

Indiana is expected to be next in line for such recognition. Organized a year ago, the state Convention of Baptists in Indiana has affiliated churches with memberships totalling more than 20,000.

State Baptist bodies not yet eligible to have representatives include Indiana, Oregon-Washington, Colorado, Michigan, Alaska, and Hawaii.

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Nelson, Past American
Secretary, Succumbs

(1-14-60)

ST PAUL, Minn.--(BP)--Funeral services and burial took place here for Dr. Reuben E. Nelson, 54, who retired last year as general secretary of the American Baptist Convention.

Nelson died Jan. 7 in New York City of a heart attack. Poor health was a factor in his decision not to seek re-election as general secretary of the convention, a post he had held since the office was created in 1950.

Nelson was a native of Lake Elizabeth, Minn., and was ordained to the ministry at Central Baptist Church, St. Paul, in 1930. Central Church was site of funeral services. He also was former executive secretary of American Baptists in Minnesota.

(As general secretary of the American Convention, Nelson's post compared in many respects to that of the executive secretary of the Executive Committee within the Southern Baptist Convention.)

Edwin H. Tuller of New York City was elected by American Baptists to succeed Nelson.

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Folks and facts.....

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....."A church without a mission is like a home without a child."--Pastor Harry Lee Powell, Elyria, Ohio, at constituting of Victory Baptist Church as 1200th church of Southern Baptists in eight Great Lakes states.

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Convention Having More Inspirational Moments

NASHVILLE--(BP)--To provide more inspirational moments during the 1960 Southern Baptist Convention, the Committee on Order of Business has scheduled a series of sermons at the close of morning, afternoon, and evening sessions.

The order of business, or schedule, of the 1960 Convention was announced here by Bruce H. Price of Newport News, Va., chairman of the Committee on Order of Business.

The order of business is subject to adoption by the Convention session on its opening night, Tuesday, May 17, in Miami Beach, Fla.

Three of the messages have already been announced. They are the annual Convention sermon, the address of the Convention president, and a message from Evangelist Billy Graham.

Ralph A. Herring, pastor of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., was elected last year to deliver the formal Convention sermon at the Tuesday night session.

President Ramsey Pollard of Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., will deliver his address at noon Wednesday, closing that morning's session.

Graham will speak during the Home Mission Board's report to the Convention at the final session, Friday night, May 20.

Others selected by the Committee on Order of Business to deliver messages include J. Ralph Grant, Lubbock, Tex., Wednesday night; Theodore F. Adams, Richmond, Va., president of the Baptist World Alliance, Thursday morning; Charles C. Bowles, Birmingham, Ala., Thursday afternoon, and Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City, Friday morning.

The Thursday night session is climaxed by the report of the Convention's Foreign Mission Board, whose presentation is always considered one of the leading inspirational periods.

Theme of the 1960 Convention session, "Required of Stewards . . . Found Faithful," introduces the Baptist Jubilee Advance emphasis for 1961 on stewardship and enlistment.

The Wednesday night session has been scheduled to reproduce, as nearly as possible on a mass scale, the prayer meeting which takes place during mid-week in Southern Baptists' more than 31,000 co-operating churches.

To emphasize the religious education (corresponding to the Wednesday study periods for Sunday school officers and teachers in the churches) program of Southern Baptists, reports of its Education Commission and Sunday School Board have been scheduled Wednesday night.

A song service and 15-minute "season of prayer" will follow the Sunday School Board report, after which Grant will deliver his message.

Election of officers will be held Wednesday morning, with additional periods at other sessions as needed. If the Convention follows tradition, however, President Ramsey Pollard will be re-elected to a one-year term.

With Wednesday afternoon free of sessions, the Committee on Order of Business has provided time for seminaries and colleges to have their alumni luncheons and for other special groups to meet.

When the Southern Baptist Convention last met in Miami in 1955, there were 10,837 registered messengers from churches and total attendance was about 15,000.

Ohio Gets Kentucky
Man To Be Secretary

MIDDLETOWN, Ky.--(BP)--W. C. Dudley, Middletown, associate in the Training Union department of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, has resigned.

He will become secretary of church music and Training Union work with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio (Southern Baptist). He will assume his new office in Columbus, Ohio, Mar. 1.

The Ohio convention will split duties now handled by George W. Fletcher which include Sunday school, Training Union, church music, and church building consultant work.

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7 States Gave More
In Cooperative Funds

(1-14-60)

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Seven states gave more than \$1 million last year to the Southern Baptist Convention portion of Cooperative Program receipts, according to figures compiled here by Convention Treasurer Porter Routh.

Texas led the states with \$3,291,651. Georgia followed with \$1,449,542, while North Carolina came third with \$1,333,675. Others in the top group included, with their amounts:

No. 4, Tennessee, \$1,280,392; No. 5, Alabama, \$1,081,110; No. 6, South Carolina, \$1,063,820, and No. 7, Oklahoma, \$1,002,069.

The top 10 states were rounded out by No. 8, Virginia, \$990,509; No. 9, Florida, \$947,132, and No. 10, Louisiana, \$835,445.

In designated giving, Texas again led with \$2,736,707. Only other state to cross the \$1 million figure was North Carolina with \$1,075,574.

In totals of the two--Cooperative Program and designations--Texas led with \$6,027,000. The next nine in order, with amounts, were: North Carolina, \$2,408,000; Georgia, \$2,233,000; Tennessee, \$1,836,000; South Carolina, \$1,643,000; Alabama, \$1,612,000; Virginia, \$1,592,000; Florida, \$1,417,000; Oklahoma, \$1,385,000, and Louisiana, \$1,301,000.

With the exception of Hawaii and South Carolina, all states having conventions affiliated with Southern Baptists forwarded more through the Cooperative Program. In designations, all states but Arizona sent more. In totals, Arizona and South Carolina fell below 1958.

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SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
May 17-20, 1960
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

Ramsey Pollard, President
William Robert Pettigrew, First Vice-President
Bruce Hays Price, Second Vice-President
James W. Merritt, Senior Secretary
Joe W. Burton, Secretary
Porter W. Routh, Treasurer
Elmer F. Bailey, Director of Music for Convention Session

GENERAL THEME: "Required Of Stewards . . . Found Faithful."

TUESDAY NIGHT

"Found Faithful in Worship"

6:45 Song service - Elmer F. Bailey, Tennessee
6:55 Scripture - Robert L. Deneen, South Carolina
Prayer - Wilford W. Lee, Tennessee
7:00 Welcome - C. Roy Angell, Florida
7:05 Response - C. E. Hereford, Texas
7:10 Report on Registration - Joe W. Burton, Tennessee
7:15 Committee on Order of Business - Bruce H. Price, Virginia, Chairman
7:20 Appointment of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, and Tellers
7:25 Memorial Service - W. Marshall Craig, Texas
7:45 Song service
7:50 Brotherhood Commission - George W. Schroeder, Tennessee, Executive Secretary
8:10 Chaplain's Commission - Alfred Carpenter, Georgia, Director
8:25 Song service
8:30 Annual sermon - Ralph A. Herring, North Carolina
W. D. Wyatt, New Mexico, alternate
Benediction - Earl Stallings, Florida

WEDNESDAY MORNING

"Found Faithful in Administration"

9:00 Song service
9:10 Scripture - Rheubin L. South, Arkansas
Prayer - Edgar T. Hutton, Maryland
9:15 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers
9:35 Executive Committee - Administrative, Porter Routh, Tennessee, Executive Secretary
10:50 Song service
10:55 Election of officers
11:15 Miscellaneous business
11:30 WMU
11:50 Song service
11:55 Special music
12:00 President's address, Ramsey Pollard, Tennessee
Benediction - Dale Hufft, California

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

"Found Faithful in Prayer"

7:00 Song service
7:10 Scripture - James A. Overton, New Mexico
Prayer - A. B. Van Arsdale, Alabama
7:15 American Bible Society
7:20 Education Commission
7:35 Sunday School Board
8:35 Song service
8:45 Season of prayer - Clyde V. Hickerson, Virginia - Dale Cowling, Arkansas
James Coggin, Texas - Charles L. McKay, Arizona
9:00 Sermon - J. Ralph Grant, Texas
Benediction - Robert N. Hammons, Oklahoma

THURSDAY MORNING

"Found Faithful with Life"

- 9:00 Song Service
- 9:10 Scripture - James O. Mathenia, Illinois
Prayer - W. Landon Miller, Alabama
- 9:15 Relief and Annuity Board
- 9:35 Historical Commission
- 9:45 Election of Officers
- 10:00 Miscellaneous Business
- 10:15 Radio - Television Commission
- 10:40 Song service
- 10:45 Southern Baptist Seminaries (including Carver School of Missions and Seminary
Extension Department)
- 11:50 Special Music
- 12:00 Sermon - Theodore F. Adams, Virginia
Benediction - James P. Wesberry, Georgia

Thursday Afternoon

"Found Faithful in Vision"

- 2:30 Song service
- 2:40 Scripture - Ernest Wells, Texas
Prayer - John D. Hartley, Jr., Missouri
- 2:45 Report of Committee on Boards - G. Allen West, Tennessee, Chairman
- 3:05 Report of Committee on Committees
- 3:10 Election of officers
- 3:25 Miscellaneous Business
- 3:45 American Seminary
- 3:55 Song service
- 4:00 Sermon - Charles C. Bowles, Alabama
Benediction - T. Earl Ogg, Louisiana

THURSDAY NIGHT

"Found Faithful in World Missions"

- 7:00 Song service
- 7:10 Scripture - Eugene G. Clark, Virginia
Prayer - Herbert C. Zachry, Kentucky
- 7:15 Southern Baptist Foundation
- 7:25 Special Music
- 7:35 Executive Committee - Stewardship Promotion
- 8:00 Foreign Mission Board
Benediction - Erwin L. McDonald, Arkansas

FRIDAY MORNING

"Found Faithful in Christian Convictions"

- 9:00 Song service
- 9:10 Scripture - Thomas V. Wells, Tennessee
Prayer - Fred Tarpley, Mississippi
- 9:15 Committee on Denominational Papers
- 9:30 Report of Time, Place, and Preacher Committee
- 9:35 Report of Resolutions Committee
- 9:50 Miscellaneous Business
- 10:10 Christian Life Commission
- 10:30 Song service
- 10:35 Southern Baptist Hospitals
- 10:50 Committee on Canadian Baptist Cooperation
- 11:00 Committee on Public Affairs
- 11:20 Committee on Denominational Calendar
- 11:30 Baptist World Alliance
- 11:55 Song service
- 12:00 Sermon - Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma
Benediction - J. T. Brown, Georgia

FRIDAY NIGHT

"Found Faithful in Witnessing"

6:45 Song service
7:00 Scripture - U. W. Malcolm, Florida
Prayer - W. J. Stephenson, North Carolina
7:05 Presentation of officers
7:10 Baptist Jubilee Advance
8:00 Song service
8:05 Home Mission Board
Message by Billy Graham, Texas
Benediction -Warner Earl Fusselle, Georgia

Committee on Order of Business

Tom F. Digby, Arkansas
James E. Boyd, Florida
Perry F. Webb, Sr., Texas
Franklin P. Owen, Secretary, Kentucky
Enoch C. Brown, Vice-Chairman, South Carolina
Bruce H. Price, Chairman, Virginia

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Kennedy Confirms
Poling's Report

By W. Barry Garrett*

WASHINGTON--(BP)--Senator John F. Kennedy (D., Mass.), an announced presidential candidate, has confirmed the report of Daniel A. Poling, editor of the Christian Herald, that he had turned down a speaking engagement at an inter-faith meeting upon the advice of a Roman Catholic bishop. "Poling's facts in the story are correct," said Kennedy, "but his conclusion was wrong."

Following a speech at the National Press Club, Kennedy was asked by several newspaper correspondents if he had accepted a speaking engagement in Philadelphia in connection with the "Chapel of the Four Chaplains," and if he had refused, was it on the advice of Roman Catholic bishop Dennis Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia.

Kennedy, a Roman Catholic, said that the answer to both questions is "yes." He emphasized that Poling's facts were correct but that his conclusion was wrong. Previous newspaper reports were that Kennedy's office had reported the Poling story was inaccurate.

"I was invited to the occasion as a Roman Catholic, not as a public official," Kennedy said. "One of the problems was that the meeting was held in the sacristy of the Baptist church."

The occasion took place in Philadelphia in 1950 and it was a banquet marking the end of a financial drive for building the "Chapel of the Four Chaplains." Later in 1951 President Truman was the main speaker at the chapel's dedication.

Left unanswered by Kennedy was the constantly recurring question as to whether his Roman Catholic faith would restrict his appearances at non-Catholic events if he were elected President of the United States.

In May, 1959 the Report From The Capital, monthly newsletter of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, reported a Roman Catholic public official's duty to his church in relation to his civic responsibilities. The occasion was a question and answer column conducted by Msgr. Thomas J. Riley in The Pilot, official organ of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, Mass.

In reply to a question on Catholic attendance at fund raising social functions of non-Catholic churches Riley said that Catholics are forbidden to participate in such activities. In his discussion that followed, the control of the "church" over the activities of Catholic public officials is clearly stated.

"It will be wrong for Roman Catholics to take any active part in their properly religious activities, or to cooperate actively and formally in their efforts to maintain themselves in existence and to promote their religious objectives," Riley said in reference to non-Catholic churches.

Exceptions can be made in the case of public officials or business men, Riley said, but "any such exception should meet with the approval of the local ecclesiastical authorities, and Catholics, of whatever status, should be prepared to yield their judgment whenever there might be any question of the propriety of their presence at the non-Catholic social function."

In commenting on the above position the Report From The Capital said, "This subordination of personal judgment to local ecclesiastical authorities creates intricate problems for any Roman Catholic politician in any public office and especially for a devout Roman Catholic who might be an occupant of the White House. His appointment secretary, apparently, would be expected to keep in close contact with the archbishop of Washington."

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