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Sunday School Board Lists Its 18 Programs

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention seeks to do its work through 18 major programs.

James L. Sullivan, the agency's executive secretary here, outlined those 18 programs in tentative form to a select group of top Baptist leaders meeting as guests of the board.

He said its "backbone of support and financial strength" is its program of publishing. The board furnishes graded Sunday school and Training Union quarterlies, music material, church bulletins, films, books, and church supplies.

Two other programs are listed with publishing as income-producing although at the present time the other two have not quite attained that goal. They are Book Store operation in the various states and operation of summer assemblies at Glorieta, N. M., and Ridgecrest, N. C.

Although the two assemblies bring in \$250,000 a year less than they cost, according to Sullivan, "They are one of the greatest investments in our denominational life." They provide a place for Baptists to meet together and consider their witnessing activities.

The board's education and service programs--15 of them-- "are financed by income from the programs of publishing, Baptist Book Store operation, and assembly operation," Sullivan said.

He emphasized that the program outline, "carefully-worded" by the board, is tentative. It was prepared for the program committee of the S B C Executive Committee to be a part of the S B C Agency Manual later on.

These education and service programs are: Sunday school work, Training Union work, student work, church music ministry, family life, church-related vocational guidance.

Church administration, general tract distribution, church architecture consultation, church library promotion, church recreation, research and statistical analysis.

Library research, co-operative work with state boards, and Southern Baptist Convention support through funds supplied to its operating expenses.

In a companion address, Albert McClellan, of Nashville, described "program budgeting," now a policy of the S B C. After a Convention-directed survey of its work, it voted to ask agencies to submit outlines of their programs. These are considered along with the agencies' annual budgets.

The new method of programming does not "assume everything is fixed once and for all," McClellan added. "People change; styles change; concepts change. Programs must be more flexible than objectives." McClellan is program planning secretary of the Executive Committee.

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Foundation To Aid
Churches, Students

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ATLANTA--(BP)--Home Mission Board officers here said a North Carolina couple gave money to Southern Baptists where they need it most--for training preachers and for founding new churches.

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Properties valued at \$216,783 were conveyed to the P. C. Rodwell Foundation, Inc., established by Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Rodwell of Charlotte. The property includes a motel and real estate to be sold and re-invested. Rodwell, a Baptist deacon for 45 years, is in real estate and construction business.

An annual income of \$20,000 from the foundation is anticipated. It may aid 12 to 20 ministerial students and start one or two new churches each year, according to C. C. Warren of Charlotte. Warren is director of Southern Baptists' movement to establish 30,000 new missions and churches by 1964.

Funds for students will be handled through mission grant programs of the six Southern Baptist theological seminaries.

Church funds will go through the Convention's Home Mission Board and be subsidized by church loan funds of the mission board and states co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention.

"In this day, when countless 'Isms' are bidding for the minds of men, the wisest investment anyone can make is in aiding God-called ministers in their preparation to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ which is the hope of the world," Rodwell said.

Rodwell invited others who share this view to invest in the foundation.

Places for churches or missions will be selected by the directors of the foundation in co-operation with the Home Mission Board. It is likely that most of them will be in areas recently entered by Southern Baptists in the North and West, Warren said.

The five directors are Warren, Rodwell, Courtney Mauzed of Charlotte, vice-president and trust officer of a bank; Fritz D. Hemphill of Hendersonville, N. C., head of Fruitland (Baptist) Bible Institute, and Charlotte attorney William E. Poe.

The Rodwells have established an additional trust fund, consisting of the remainder of their estate, to go into the foundation after obligations to their children are fulfilled. This would bring the total investment to more than \$500,000, Warren said.

"We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Rodwell for their missionary concern and vision that will continue to provide resources where they are most needed until Christ returns," Courts Redford, Atlanta, board executive secretary, said.

"The board will seek to make all income from this source produce the largest possible spiritual dividends."

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Warns Against Modern
Day Tower Of Babel

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NASHVILLE--(BP)--The "most dangerous philosophy" abroad in Southern Baptist life is the desire to build modern-day Towers of Babel, an Ohio leader claimed here.

Ray E. Roberts, Columbus, executive secretary of State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, referred to the account in Genesis of the Tower of Babel.

"The first thing a great majority of preachers want to do is to build themselves a tower and make a name for themselves," Roberts said.

"We must combat this trend," he added. "We won't win a lost world to Christ by building prestige, or by expanding the way supermarkets do. We grow by giving away."

Roberts addressed a conference of Baptist leaders sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

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Dayton Church Sign
Of Great Lakes Area

By the Baptist Press

Dolan Henry was one of several Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary students who became interested in work on a Southern Baptist frontier--Ohio.

He graduated from the Fort Worth school in May, 1957, and moved almost at once to Dayton, to launch a new church in a growing suburb of that city.

With the aid of salary supplements from the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, and a Fort Worth church, Henry was able to start out as a full-time pastor.

The Fort Worth church, under guidance of R. Cal Guy, professor of missions at the seminary, gave an "over and above" offering for the new work. This paid Henry's moving expenses to Dayton and supplemented the new work for a brief time.

Huber Heights Baptist Church of Dayton was organized Aug. 18, 1957, with 29 charter members. The budget for 1958 was set at \$13,365 and the church gave \$1,281 to the Cooperative Program. In 1959, its budget was \$21,795 of which \$3221 went through the Cooperative Program.

In 1960, it adopted a budget of \$32,582 and set aside \$4176 for worldwide missions through the Cooperative Program. The church conducted the Forward Program of Church Finance for its 1961 budget of \$67,408. This included another boost in Cooperative Program giving.

Huber Heights Church has baptized 117 converts in the past three years. Its present membership is 282, but the Sunday school enrolment is 575.

Through the church site fund of the Home Mission Board, Baptist leaders secured a 5-acre tract soon after Henry moved to Dayton. The church built its first unit in 1958 and entered its second unit in 1960. Both are educational buildings with a temporary auditorium. The second unit cost \$200,000.

Having celebrated only its third birthday, this Dayton church has already sponsored a new mission in St. Marys, Ohio, 30 miles away. There was no Baptist church in St. Marys. Some of Huber Heights' best church leaders drive the 60-mile round-trip each Sunday to aid the new mission.

The 1961 budget of the Dayton church calls for a supplement to this mission, and for funds for another mission it hopes to establish during 1961. Funds may be used to provide a pastor for one of the missions.

The parent church in Dayton now has a full-time minister of music and education, also a graduate of Southwestern Seminary. He plans to begin a graded choir program and to develop more Sunday school departments.

Ohio is one of the eight Great Lakes states in which Southern Baptists have been busy during the 1950's and promise to be even more active in the '60's. There are more than 1200 churches in the eight states--Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York.