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Second Generation
Big Cities Church

CHICAGO--(BP)--The first of the "second generation" churches of the "Big Cities" program of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board was born in Chicago Jan. 8.

Lamon Ave. Baptist Church, a mission of First Baptist Church of Wheeling, was organized on that date. The Wheeling church is a product of the "Big Cities" program.

In 1958 Chicago became the first city in the "Big Cities" program, receiving \$200,000 for the purchase of mission sites. The money was interest-free for two and one-half years. Since then, San Francisco, New York, Seattle, and Detroit also have received appropriations.

Ten missions and churches were started in Chicago, ringing the city, as a result of the "Big Cities" program.

Now the Lamon Ave. church is the first offspring from one of these churches. The mother church in Wheeling, started in 1959, became a church in April, 1960. The church also sponsors an institutional mission that can not grow into a church.

W. M. Pinson is pastor of the mother church, and William A. Powell is pastor of the Lamon Ave. group. Powell is also superintendent of city missions in Chicago.

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Summer Missions seeks
Ministerial Students

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ATLANTA--(BP)--More than 300 ministerial students are needed for the 1961 summer mission program of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

This announcement was made by Nathan Porter, of Atlanta, associate secretary of the personnel department of the board. He said, "this is the greatest opportunity that ministerial students have ever had to render missionary service to the denomination."

These 300 will increase the total student mission force to 800. The highest number of students on the field in any previous year has been 525.

"The reason for the emphasis on ministerial students," Porter said, "is that they will become a part of the 30,000 Movement in establishing and strengthening missions and churches in pioneer areas."

Funds have been appropriated by the mission board to care for the enlarged number of students, and requests from the field for such workers have been submitted to the director of the summer mission program.

Applications, many of which have already been received at the mission board, must be in Atlanta by Feb. 1, Porter announced.

Students must be at least 18 years of age and have completed their sophomore year of college in order to qualify. Application forms can be secured from local Baptist student union directors or directly from the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St. N. W., Atlanta, Ga.

The summer missionaries will serve from June 12 to Aug. 18 in every state except Hawaii. They are directed by state and home mission personnel. The work they do is comparable to that of regular mission personnel.

Travel expenses to and from the field, plus \$25 a week salary, are cared for by the mission board. Local forces provide living expenses.

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Brochure Prepared
On Nursing Schools

NEW ORLEANS--(BP)--The Southwide Baptist Hospital Association has produced a brochure showing where students may study nursing in Southern Baptist hospitals.

The booklet is entitled, "Nursing Education in Baptist Hospitals." It is available by writing the association in care of Southern Baptist Hospital, 2700 Napoleon Ave., New Orleans.

The 23 schools of nursing in Baptist hospitals range from a single collegiate school of nursing to several vocational schools offering preparation for licensed practical nurses.

The majority of the schools offer three-year diploma courses.

Supplies of the brochures are being provided to Baptist state convention offices and to counselors of church-related vocations. In addition to listing each school of nursing, the brochure names the person who is to be contacted at each school for further information.

It also reports the number of students who may be admitted to first-year classes.

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Rural Committee
Clarifies Status

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ATLANTA--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board was asked to assume responsibility for the work and future of the long range rural church committee at the annual meeting of the group in Atlanta.

A special committee, asking that the group's relationship be clarified, received approval of its recommendation that the Home Mission Board determine the membership and carry full obligation for the program.

The long-range committee, formed in 1952, has had a membership representative of most agencies and groups within the Southern Baptist Convention.

"The long-range rural church committee has had a significant history," Chester L. Quarles of Jackson, Miss., chairman of the committee since its beginning, said. "The committee began its work by making a series of very serious studies of various phases of church and community life in rural areas. On the basis of these studies a 25-year program, divided into five progressive periods, was projected. This has been promoted by the Home Mission Board."

The 25-year goals set by the committee covered full-time, trained pastors; church property, community contribution, stewardship, co-operation with minority groups, and specialized courses in colleges and seminaries on rural work.

The change in status of the committee, according to one member, should "provide an opportunity to enlarge the committee as well as an opportunity for Baptists to focus attention upon strategic areas of dynamic change in rural life."

Southern Baptists were urged by a vote of the committee "to capitalize upon every channel available to them (tracts, periodicals, meetings, preaching, etc.) to place upon the hearts of all our people the challenge and the opportunities of our rural areas."

Present members of the committee were invited by Arthur Rutledge, Atlanta, director of the mission board's division of missions, to return next year for the annual meeting of the committee. Quarles will continue to serve as chairman.

According to Quarles, "The change in the status of the long-range committee will probably accelerate the promotion of the new church development ministry which emerged from the findings of the committee."

The development ministry, released in booklet form last October, has already been accepted by 18 states which have more than 25,00 churches.

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