

May 12, 1962

**Kentucky To Conduct
Special Fund Campaign**

MIDDLETOWN, Ky. (BP)--The Executive Board of Kentucky Baptist Convention approved here a multi-million dollar capital needs drive to benefit Kentucky Baptist churches, Baptist student centers and the state assembly.

While the final goal has not been adopted, it is expected to approach \$10 million. Professional fund-raisers will be employed and the campaign will probably start next year.

The board also voted to recommend a 1963 convention budget through the Cooperative Program of \$2,620,000. Subject to final vote by the convention itself in November, the money will be divided with 64-1/2 per cent staying in Kentucky, the balance going to Southern Baptist Convention activities.

A priority item of \$47,000 for new Kentucky Southern College (Baptist) in Louisville is in the budget proposal.

The board further suggested a plan to convert Magoffin Baptist Institute at Mountain Valley, Ky., into a literacy and literacy training center. Located in the mountains of eastern Kentucky, the school has been shut down for lack of students.

The board's plan requires the action of Magoffin's trustees, since it would turn the title of the school over to the convention. The school occupies 1800 acres, has four or five buildings including gymnasium, dormitories and classrooms.

The revamped Magoffin program would also include arts and crafts education and expanded mission activities through an adjacent church.

The board continued plans for "Cooperative Program Day" in Kentucky churches June 24, with a statewide goal of \$150,000. Changes in the convention's fiscal year have caused it to run about \$98,000 behind the amount needed to meet the current budget.

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**Autrey Encouraged
By Evangelism Trends**

(5-12-62)

ATLANTA (BP)--If present trends in evangelism continue, Southern Baptists may record one of their "most fruitful years" in winning the non-Christian to faith in Jesus Christ.

The prediction was made to the executive committee of the denomination's Home Mission Board by C. E. Autrey of Dallas, director of the agency's evangelism division.

"Many churches and some associations have reported more baptisms so far this year, than during the entire 12 months of last year," he said.

He was basing his comment on reports following evangelistic meetings held during the spring, traditionally a time of concentrated efforts in evangelism by the churches of the denomination.

Last year, Southern Baptist churches baptized 403,315 converts. This was one convert for every 25 members, and was an increase of nearly 17,000 over the previous year.

Autrey attributed the trend to a rising spiritual concern among church members, to an increased emphasis on personal soul-winning, and to a cooperative, concentrated effort in evangelism by all convention agencies and groups.

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Clergy Travel Rules
For Convention Given

By the Baptist Press

Clergy railroad books for all territories will be honored, as usual each year, for round-trip travel by train to the Southern Baptist Convention.

This means if you live east of the Mississippi River, holding a Southern or Eastern clergy permit but not a Western permit, you may use your clergy on Western railroads during the Convention period, May 15-June 5 (plus 30 days allowed before ticket expires).

There are two important conditions. First, it must be a round-trip ticket if you do not have a Western clergy book. This, however, will permit you to go one route and come back another from a common origin and return point.

Second, Southern or Eastern clergy books can not be used to buy tickets within exclusively Western clergy territory. For instance, a Baltimorean could buy a ticket from Baltimore to San Francisco and return at Baltimore during the period with only an Eastern book. He could not fly to Kansas City, and use his Eastern book from that point, however, because Kansas City is in Western territory.

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Home Mission Receipts
Exceeding 1961 Gifts

(5-12-62)

ATLANTA (BP)--Financial support by Southern Baptist churches for the Convention's home mission work has increased through every channel from which the support comes.

The announcement was made here by Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board. He cited increased giving by the churches through the Cooperative Program, the Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions and designated gifts.

"On every hand, we are witnessing an increased interest by Southern Baptists in missions," Redford said. "This interest is not only manifest in their financial support but also in the more important areas of personal involvement through prayer and participation in mission work."

The "most spectacular" increase in support was in the special March offering supported by the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. Receipts through April 30 from the Annie Armstrong Offering totaled \$598,235, a gain of 37 per cent over the same period last year.

However, Redford indicated that factors other than increased giving often enter into such reports, and he said an additional \$638,745 from this offering had been received so far in May, for a total of \$1,236,980. This is almost half of the goal of \$2,910,000.

A special feature of the offering was support for the Latin-American refugee ministry of Southern Baptists, and all above the goal will be divided between the refugee ministry and the board's church site loan program.

The Cooperative Program receipts received by the mission board were up nine per cent over the same period last year, with \$253,412 received.

Designated gifts were also up nearly 8 per cent, with \$19,982 received.

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Car 54, Where Are You?
In The Aisle; In What?

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--A Volkswagen came cruising down the aisle of the chapel at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Most surprised of all this event were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ebhomielen of Nigeria, to whom Midwestern students, faculty and friends were giving the car. Ebhomielen will graduate this year and return to Africa to preach.

The car that come down the chapel aisle is not the actual car they will receive. Because of problems transporting the car abroad, the Ebhomielens received a gift certificate to use in securing a car of the same make in Nigeria.

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Folks and Facts.....

(5-12-62)

.....James W. McClendon, associate professor of systematic theology and philosophy of religion at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., has been given a \$2100 fellowship grant by the American Association of Theological Schools, the first faculty member of the seminary to receive such a fellowship. He will study at Oxford University in England. (BP)

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C O R R E C T I O N

To feature story of May 10, entitled "Messenger Of Peace/Gives Life In Service"

Please delete pgh 12 entirely (beginning "Yes," said Dave solemnly...etc. ending "about religion.")

Substitute the following pgh for it to correct technical error in wording.

"Yes," said Dave solemnly, "I have." But Dave did not believe he would be eligible for appointment as an engineer or a physicist, or was unaware that such were considered for appointment by the Foreign Mission Board. "The Peace Corps needs engineers," he added, "but it has very strict rules against proselytizing, or even witnessing to anyone over there about religion."

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Thank you.

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.....One of the recent innovations of the 30,000 Movement, reported by Director C. C. Warren, is a church's holding a Saturday morning Bible class. The first time it met, 46 attended, of whom 40 were children. Twenty of these children were unchurched. They met on Saturday because it was not possible to reach them at any other time, according to Warren's information. Warren, retired Charlotte, N. C., minister, leads Southern Baptist Convention efforts to establish 30,000 new churches and missions. (BP)

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