

FROM REGIONAL OFFICE

103 Baptist Building, Dallas 1, Texas
Telephone: Office — R1verside 1-1996

June 1, 1962

May SBC Receipts Show Gain Over 1961

NASHVILLE (BP)--May, 1962, Cooperative Program receipts for the Southern Baptist Convention were reported at \$1,546,839, up about \$100,000 over receipts during May the year before.

The statement from the office of SBC Treasurer Porter Routh here included \$1,481,073 as being received through designated channels during May, 1962. This was less than \$2,000 more than the amount by this means received during May, 1961.

For 1962 to date, Cooperative Program income stands at \$7,750,089 compared with \$7,177,146 at the five-month mark of 1961--a gain of 7.98 per cent.

Designations, which are \$11,872,920 for the year 1962 thus far, run 11.03 per cent more than the \$10,692,934 reported at this stage a year ago.

Total collections through both means--undesignated (Cooperative Program) and designated--stand at \$19,623,010, up 9.81 per cent over the five-month, 1961 amount.

Disbursements to agencies thus far in 1962 include \$13-1/3 million to the Foreign Mission Board and \$3,326,626 to the Home Mission Board. No other agencies have reached the million mark.

Four states have given less through the Cooperative Program to SBC activities than they did during 1961 at this point--Arizona, Colorado, Kansas and Kentucky.

Figures from Routh's office do not include local church collection totals nor Cooperative Program and designated funds kept for use by 28 state Baptist conventions cooperating with the SBC.

--30--

Mississippi Men Tour State Mission Points

(6-1-62)

JACKSON, Miss. (BP)--Sixty-eight Mississippi Baptist men made a three-day tour of state Baptist institutions and mission points May 31-June 2. The Brotherhood Department sponsored the venture.

E. L. Howell, executive secretary of the department, said that the tour included visits to the Baptist Building, Baptist Children's Village, and Baptist Hospital, Jackson; Mississippi College, Clinton; Clarke College, Newton; Carey College, Hattiesburg; Sophia Sutton Assembly for Negroes near Prentiss; and Gulfshore Baptist Assembly at Pass Christian. In addition, the group saw first-hand mission activities with the Chinese, Latin Americans and Indians.

--30--

Mission Board Raises
Loan Ceiling to \$50,000

ATLANTA (BP)--The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has doubled the maximum amount of loans which it will make from its church building loan fund and its church extension loan fund.

The increase in the limit from \$25,000 to \$50,000 will enable the Mission Board to serve many churches which could not be assisted formerly.

According to Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, the increase was made necessary by increased building costs and the need on the part of churches for additional facilities.

"The former \$25,000 limit is no longer adequate to provide even a first unit for many relatively new churches," Redford said. "The larger \$50,000 limit will make it possible for a growing church to build a second unit of its overall church plan."

He added that in a case where the Home Mission Board owns the church site, the larger loan will make possible the inclusion of the Board's investment in the site with a loan for building purposes; providing, of course, the total loan needed will not exceed 75 per cent of the appraised value of the site and building.

The authorization of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for the Board to borrow an additional \$1,800,000 for the account of its church extension loan fund makes it possible to assist a larger number of churches not over seven-years old.

Churches that qualify are encouraged to apply at once in order to share in this increased service provided by the Home Mission Board.

Loan applications are approved on the basis of the value of the applying church's property, the size and strength of the congregation, and the church's ability to amortize the loan while continuing to meet its current operating and mission budgets.

During recent months the Home Mission Board has helped approximately two churches per day in financing their buildings. As of April 30, loans were outstanding from the Board's several funds to 931 churches in the total amount of \$10,489,219.48.

--30--

Folks and facts.....

(6-1-62)

.....Robert T. Miller has been named the new head of the political science department at Baylor University, Waco, Tex. He succeeds A. P. Cagle who died of a heart attack May 5, while working on election returns of the Democratic Primary. Miller, who has been teaching at Baylor since 1946, is a graduate of the university and the University of Texas. He will assume the position on Sept. 1. (BP)

--30--

Texas Board Approves
Record Missions Budget

DALLAS (BP)--A record breaking \$14,876,807 budget for world missions in 1963 has been approved here by the Texas Baptist Executive Board.

In addition the 192-member board elected five men to key positions within the state denominational organization.

Richard T. "Dick" McCartney, director of public relations for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma since 1958, was elected to a similar post with the Baptist General Convention of Texas. He replaces Lloyd Wright who resigned earlier this year to serve with the Peace Corps in Washington, D. C.

O. D. Martin of Houston, District 4 missions secretary for the Texas convention, was named director of the denomination's Stewardship Division, replacing George Shearin who joined the Baptist Foundation of Texas as associate secretary.

Kenneth Day of Detroit, Mich., superintendent of missions for the Baptist State Convention of Michigan since 1957, was chosen associate in charge of Texas Baptist missionary extension ministries.

Victor Nelson Varner, minister of education of the Central Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., is Texas Baptists' new associate in charge of associational and district Sunday School promotion.

Named associate director of the Division of Student Work for the Christian Education Commission was Harles Edwin Cone, director of the Baptist Student Union at the University of Houston since 1960.

The Cooperative Program budget, which will be submitted to the state convention meeting in Fort Worth Oct. 30-Nov. 1 for final approval, is nearly a half-million dollars more than in 1962.

The largest allocations will be to world-wide causes, \$3,605,000; State Missions, \$1,407,691; Christian Education, including Texas Baptists' eight colleges and universities and one academy, \$2,903,893; and Human Welfare, including four children's homes and eight hospitals, \$1,918,545.

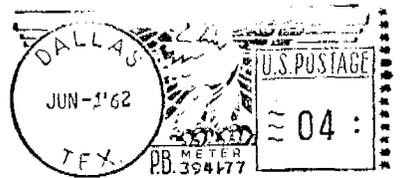
The Board also approved a request by Valley Baptist Hospital, Harlingen, to expand its facilities to include a geriatric program. The hospital proposes to pay the city of Harlingen \$60,000, the highest appraised price, for 60 acres of land and a deserted Air Force Base hospital building, classified as surplus property.

Dr. T. A. Patterson, Texas Baptist executive secretary, told the Board that \$1½ million will be needed to afford the greatest possible outreach for the 1963 Japan Baptist New Life Movement. The minimum requirement for the nationwide Japan evangelistic crusade was set earlier at \$300,000.

He said 140 to 150 preacher-laymen teams will be needed for revival meetings in churches of the country instead of the 120 originally considered necessary.

BAPTIST PRESS

103 BAPTIST BUILDING
DALLAS 1, TEXAS



Mr. Theo Sommerkamp
127 Ninth Avenue, N.
Nashville 3, Tennessee

A CO-OPERATIVE TEXAS AND SOUTHERN BAPTIST NEWS SERVICE
WATCH FOR THE (BP) CREDIT LINE