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Stewardship Agency  
Asks 1964 Allocation

NASHVILLE (BP)--The Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention reported here it wants to receive Convention funds for its operations beginning in 1964.

It also will ask the Convention's Executive Committee to allocate certain funds for operating expenses in 1962 and 1963, Chairman Robert L. Lee of Alexandria, La., said.

The Stewardship Commission, created by the 1959 Convention, does not now receive direct support from the Convention. It gets no Cooperative Program distribution, as do all other Convention agencies except the Sunday School Board.

The commission started off with a \$75,000 allotment from Convention reserves and has operated with that and with income from the sales of stewardship materials it produces. This includes Forward Program of Church Finance materials.

Executive Director Merrill D. Moore of Nashville said action of the 1959 Convention setting up the agency provides:

"This agency will be able to develop program plans and request operating funds on the same basis as other Convention agencies." The commission interprets this as the Convention's willingness to disburse funds to the stewardship agency when it becomes necessary, Moore said.

"The Convention assigned the commission three programs--stewardship development, Cooperative Program promotion and endowment and capital giving," according to Moore. "The publishing and sale of stewardship materials is a subsidiary operation."

In 1962, the agency expected \$265,000 income from all sources, including the sale of literature. It is expected to take \$174,000 to produce and handle the literature, leaving insufficient money to operate the three programs assigned by the Convention, Moore reported.

"The Convention never said Stewardship Commission funds must come from the operation of its stewardship services (literature sales)," the executive director said.

If the commission is included in the distribution of Convention funds, it expects to rely on this source for half its financial needs and on the income from sales of literature for the other half, Moore said.

In other action, the Stewardship Commission developed further plans for making October "Cooperative Program Month" in the Southern Baptist Convention.

It has suggested a four-week, Wednesday night prayer meeting study of the Cooperative Program during the month. On the first night, churches would study state uses of Cooperative Program money.

On the second night, they would consider agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. On the third and fourth nights, they would give emphasis to the SBC Home Mission and Foreign Mission Boards respectively.

States and SBC agencies would supply the churches with information about their work. It would be a month of prayer and study for the Cooperative Program, Moore said.

Summing up the meeting, Lee and Moore said, "The work of the commission (newest Convention agency) has been effectively launched and is now well under way. We are in a strong position to render supporting service not only to all Southern Baptist Convention agencies but also to every state convention and its work."

History Workshops  
For 1963 Announced

NASHVILLE (BP)--Workshops to study the Baptist heritage and religious liberty will be held in the summer of 1963 at two Baptist assemblies.

This was announced following the annual meeting here of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. The workshops will take place at Ridgecrest, N. C., and at Glorieta, N. M.

"The program will be designed to train specialists in these fields," according to Davis C. Woolley of Nashville, commission executive secretary. They will conduct programs on this theme during the Baptist third jubilee celebration ending in 1964, he continued.

Baptists of North America mark the arrival of the 150th year of their organized work in 1964. The convention whose founding they commemorate began in 1814.

The commission also reviewed plans for historical conferences at Glorieta and Ridgecrest later this summer. H. Leon McBeth, instructor in church history, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, will speak at Glorieta Aug. 9-15, and Pope A. Duncan at Ridgecrest Aug. 23-29. Duncan is professor of church history, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

"These lectures seek to answer several questions," Woolley announced. "Why have Baptists taken an unrelenting stand on religious liberty? What connection is there between true freedom and religious liberty? How did religious liberty come to America? Why was religious liberty not practiced by government before the United States of America was formed?"

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1300 Make Decisions  
In Lawton Crusade

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LAWTON, Okla. (BP)--More than 1,300 decisions, including 253 on profession of faith in Christ, were reported following a 15-day evangelistic crusade here led by evangelist C. E. Autrey of Dallas.

A peak attendance of 8,000 was reached on the closing night, despite threatening rain. "It was the largest group ever to gather for a religious service in southwestern Oklahoma," observers reported.

Autrey, director of the evangelism division for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, reported Mayor Wayne Gilley of Lawton spoke at the opening of the revival, and he proclaimed one day "Crusade Day" for the city.

Ray Atteberry of Lawton, associate editor of the Lawton Constitution said, "This helped put God back in the headlines in all of southwest Oklahoma." Papers gave the series of meetings front page space.

Twenty Baptist churches of the Lawton area cooperated in the crusade. They reported 188 people had joined them while the crusade was in progress. These included several Buddhists converted during the services.

"This was truly a great revival," reported H. Tom Wiles, pastor of the First Baptist Church. "I shall see the results of this in my church in the months to come."

Music, including a 650-voice choir, was under the direction of J. N. McFadden of Lyman, S. C.

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Swedish Turn Reins  
To Congolese Baptists

STOCKHOLM (BP)--All property of the Swedish Baptist Mission in the Congo was handed over officially to Congolese Baptist churches in a special service during the meeting of the Swedish Baptist Union here.

Two official representatives of the Congolese Baptist Convention were present to take part in the ceremony. Missionaries soon to leave for the Congo were presented.

Approximately 600 delegates attended the assembly. Guests brought greetings from Baptists in the United States, Great Britain and the Scandinavian countries.

At a missionary service, there were speakers representing Swedish Baptist missions in Japan, India and Congo. The two delegates from Congo gave testimonies and brought greetings.

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James E. Frost Returns  
To Training Union Post

(7-25-62)

FRESNO, Calif. (BP)--James E. Frost is returning here as secretary of Training Union work for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

He had resigned the same position June 1 to become pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Sacramento. In the interim, no one had been elected to succeed him.

"According to his own acknowledgement he made a step outside the circle of Divine will and sought to correct the mistake," wrote Editor J. Kelly Simmons of the California Southern Baptist, convention newspaper, in an editorial about Frost's return.

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's music library at Louisville is being replenished by a 7000-item collection of music materials once owned by the editor of a prominent monthly lay music magazine. The collection--a small working library in itself--comes from Everett Helm, editor of Music America. (BP)

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New Orleans Seminary  
Names New Assistant

(7-25-62)

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--J. Gordon Kingsley Jr., Liberty, Mo., associate in the public relations office of William Jewell College (Baptist) for two years, has been named assistant to the president at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He succeeds William C. Bolton who was appointed director of development for Northrop Institute of Technology, Inglewood, Calif.

With the coming of Kingsley, the area of institutional development will be expanded, according to an announcement from Seminary President H. Leo Eddleman. In this position Kingsley will coordinate and direct the plans adopted by the seminary's board of development and board of trustees, Eddleman said.

Kingsley is a bachelor of arts graduate of Mississippi College (Baptist) and holds the master of arts degree in English from the University of Missouri. He received his bachelor of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary.

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He has also taught in departments of English at Mississippi College and at Tulane University here.

In California, Bolton will be responsible for securing corporate support for Northrop's \$10 million expansion campaign. The institution has secured 125 acres near Los Angeles and plans an entirely new campus.

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Indiana To Consider  
\$24,500 Budget Hike

(7-25-62)

PLAINFIELD, Ind. (BP)--The State Convention of Baptists in Indiana will be asked to approve a \$24,500 increase in its annual budget.

The convention's executive board here voted to recommend a Cooperative Program goal for 1963 of \$153,000. The 1962 goal is \$128,500. The board also proposes that 26 per cent of 1963 receipts go to worldwide Baptist work through the Southern Baptist Convention.

The current SBC share is 25 per cent.

The total budget, counting allocations from SBC agencies for jointly sponsored field and mission work, is \$231,933.

The board heard that, as a result of a new work campaign, 20 new missions were established in Indiana during the quarter ending June 30.

It elected a new chairman, W. R. Davenport of Indianapolis, a college professor. He succeeds John J. Dorough, Clarksville minister, who moved to Florida.

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