

September 28, 1962

Arkansas Board Calls  
For \$2,106,600 Budget

LITTLE ROCK (BP)--The executive board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention has approved a \$2,106,600 budget for 1963 and will present the budget for approval of the state convention meeting here Nov. 5-7.

The budget, an all-time high, would provide \$1,089,478 for operation of institutions, agencies and departments within the state; \$73,000 in capital needs for state causes; \$177,500 for Christian education in the state, and \$100,000 in special Thanksgiving offering for the Arkansas Baptist Home for Children, Monticello.

Provided for causes of the Southern Baptist Convention, outside the state, would be \$666,621.

Three new employees were engaged for the Baptist Student Union. Paul Larsen will be student director at Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway; Nancy Philley, the first full-time student director at Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia, and Bob Worley, director at Arkansas Agricultural and Mechanical College, Monticello.

The board voted to commission lay employees of the board under provisions set up by the Southern Baptist Convention at its meeting in 1961 following conferences with representatives of the Internal Revenue Service.

The missions department was authorized to employ, beginning next January, someone to promote the church development ministry.

Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, was given permission to borrow \$650,000 for the erection of two new dormitories, the loans to be paid back on a 40-year, self-liquidation plan. This must be approved by the state convention.

The board voted to continue a study on the advisability of establishing a home for aged, and to "look with favor upon the establishing of some sort of retirement home for the aged."

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Missing Persons Info  
Wanted About Hymnal

(9-28-62)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Missing: biographical information about eight persons who wrote words or tunes for hymns appearing in the Baptist Hymnal.

Only their names are known and the approximate years they wrote.

Further information about these unknowns is wanted by the church music department of the Baptist Sunday School Board here.

Since few, if any, of the persons will still be living, the information will have to come from relatives or friends.

Here is the listing of the persons, the names they wrote under, the hymn title, the year they wrote, and the hymn number where their work can be found in the Baptist Hymnal:

George Atkins, who wrote words for "Brethren, We Have Met To Worship," hymn number 368, about the year 1835.

E. W. Blandy (also sometimes Blandly), words for "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," number 361, about 1875.

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Mrs. A. L. Davison, words, "Purer In Heart, O God," number 369, about 1875.

J. K. Alwood, words and probably music for "The Unclouded Day," 484, about 1875.

J. Calvin Bushey, tune, "O Why Not Tonight?," 234, about 1880. It's thought he was a singing school teacher in Ohio in the late 19th Century.

C. R. Dunbar, music, "I'll Live For Him Who Died For Me," 359, 1880.

Mack Weaver, collaborator with the late B. B. McKinney in writing "Lord, Lay Some Soul Upon My Heart," 332, around 1940.

S. C. Kirk, words, "Our Best," 437, about 1900.

Information should be sent to W. Hines Sims, secretary of the church music department, 127 Ninth Ave. No., Nashville.

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Cuban Sources Reveal  
Hunger, Suffering

(9-28-62)

ATLANTA (BP)--Reports from undisclosed sources in Cuba reveal acute hunger and suffering among the island's inhabitants, which one source calls "just a horrible dream that is all too real."

Another writes, "It is pathetic for our children the way they cry for rice and now comes the announcement over the radio that rice has been cut another half pound."

The reports were received here by the department of language groups ministries of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, which supervises the denomination's work in Cuba.

With the hunger has come disease compounded by regimentation, militarism and the influx of the communists.

As another says, "You would never recognize Cuba--such heartache, such sadness, so many imprisoned, so much sickness, so much hunger, and I mean real hunger."

Soap, toothpaste and deodorant have become luxury items. "Soap and toothpaste come once about every four months--one tube to a family, one bar of soap to a person. We have been washing our dishes with ashes."

But the disease seems hardest of all to bear, since it strikes first among the young. "Two epidemics of flu and gastritis have taken 15 children," one writes. "I spent most of my last salary buying coffins and blood to help. Medicine is so hard to get, and when you do it is of such inferior quality."

Another says, "The Russians that have come in have the people panicky and all night long we hear their rumble, and such arms. This country is armed to the teeth. The hate and indoctrination is satanic, to say the least."

One child prayed, "Lord, please just let me have enough rice once to feel full."

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Survey Of Mississippi  
Shows Rural Unchurched

(9-28-62)

ATLANTA (BP)--Religious surveys of more than 40 per cent of Mississippi reveal nearly half of the rural, white population is unchurched.

The information was released here by Leonard G. Irwin of Atlanta, secretary of the survey and special studies department of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Irwin's department has been cooperating in the survey of Mississippi with the state's Baptists and other Christians. All major cities have been surveyed during the past two years except Greenville and Vicksburg.

The survey indicated 64 per cent of the urban population are local church members but only 55 per cent of the rural people are. Of those above nine years of age, 9 per cent in the cities and 20 per cent in the country are non-church members.

Of those under nine, 15 per cent in the cities and 50 per cent in the country are not in Sunday school. Both groups have 12 per cent of the church members without local church affiliation.

The latest area survey was greater Hattiesburg, and according to Orrin Morris of Jackson, director of surveys for Mississippi Baptists, 62.4 per cent of the population belonged to churches or, if under nine years, are in Sunday school. Another 9 per cent are members of churches outside the area.

Morris said the survey found 20 per cent of the church members were inactive. The largest denominations are, in the following order: Southern Baptists, Methodists, Roman Catholics and Presbyterians.

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Pilot Telephone Survey  
Finds 50,000 Churchless

(9-23-62)

CHICAGO (BP)--A pilot telephone survey has discovered the religious affiliation of 205,000 residents of the suburban areas which surround Chicago, revealing that 50,000 of them are unchurched.

"This survey method was amazingly successful," according to Leonard G. Irwin of Atlanta, director of the survey. "We used only 550 people to contact between 85 and 90 per cent of the people in the areas we surveyed."

Irwin is secretary of the department of survey and special studies for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Although the survey used methods developed by his department, other denominations participated.

"The telephone survey proved to be an effective tool for large metropolitan areas, especially where there is limited personnel available," he said.

More than 50,000 people, or 26 per cent were unchurched, according to the survey, with only 3 per cent of those called refusing to give information and only 7 per cent not at home.

Of the 74 per cent who were members of churches, 45.8 per cent were Catholics; 11.5 per cent Methodists, 13.4 per cent Lutherans, and only 3.5 per cent Baptists of any type.

Southern Baptists in the Chicago area will use the information to find possible mission points for church sites, according to Bill Powell, superintendent of missions in Chicago.

Irwin, who is a veteran of statewide and smaller area surveys using door-to-door methods, said the telephone technique had been used earlier this year in Arizona, but this was its biggest test in the Great Lakes area.

In conducting the Chicago survey, other denominations in the area were asked to participate. The area was divided into six divisions, and pages of a telephone book were given to each group for preparation of cards and then for telephoning.

Irwin taught a select group the techniques and these, in turn, taught larger groups. The phoning started on Saturday and all cards were in by Wednesday. More than 50,000 calls were made in the survey.

Processing of the cards was done in a central church in each division, and each church cooperating received a list of all non-church members in its area.

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Irwin said the survey taught some lessons. First, the need was evident for a better arrangement of questions to eliminate misunderstanding. Second, it takes 25 calls for a surveyor to learn the technique of telephone surveying. Third, he needs better instructions for the caller.

He listed these advantages of a telephone survey over the door-to-door method: Large areas can be surveyed with limited personnel, apartments that are otherwise closed can be entered, and information is more quickly gained.

The disadvantages were: Contact is limited to those homes with phones, information is more general, and person-to-person contact is lost.

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19 Churches In SBC  
Have Over 5000 Members

(9-23-62)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Nineteen churches in the Southern Baptist Convention have more than 5000 members each, according to the latest figures.

The continuing leader is First Baptist Church, Dallas, with 12,477 members. It had 12,108 members last year.

Belle vue Baptist Church, Memphis, remains the second largest (and largest east of the Mississippi River). It has 9256 members compared with 9480 a year ago.

The largest is First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., with 7984. Last year, it was fourth largest with 7821 members.

First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex., third in 1961, ranks fourth this year. It has 7762 members compared with 8540 reported a year ago. Figures are based on the table, "Selected List Of Churches," from the magazine, Quarterly Review.

Rounding out the top 10 in membership--of which seven are Texas churches again--are First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Tex., 6959; Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, 6824; First Baptist Church, Beaumont, Tex., 6704.

First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., 6560; Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala, 6343, and First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, 6051 members.

As it was 12 months before, 11 of the top 19 in size are in Texas.

Completing the list of those over 5000: First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., 6039; Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, 5933; Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, 5697.

South Main Baptist Church, Houston, 5519 members; Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, 5441; First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La., 5350.

First Baptist Church, Atlanta, 5130; Second Baptist Church, Houston, 5080, and First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., 5071.

Central Baptist Church, Miami, reported 5003 members last year and completed a list of 20 churches above 5000. However, the latest count was 4992 members, a loss of only 11, but enough to leave it below 5000.

Eight states are represented in the 19 churches on the 5000-plus list.

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Individuals To Sponsor  
Baptist Unity Meeting

WASHINGTON (BP)--A Conference on Baptist Unity will be held at Calvary Baptist Church here Oct. 26-27.

The conference is being sponsored by a volunteer group of pastors and laymen from both the American and Southern Baptist Conventions, according to Edwin H. Frey, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

The sponsors "are concerned with exploring the possibilities for closer cooperation between the two groups," he added. They report it is open to attendance by pastors and laymen from both Conventions.

"Opportunity will be given at the conference to discuss such matters as differences in theology, polity and culture," Frey said. There will be parallel addresses on the topic, "What Seems To Divide Us." One address will present the American Convention viewpoint and the other the Southern Convention's.

Other topics, Frey continued, will include alien immersion, open communion, open and associate membership and administrative differences.

The five conference speakers listed are Clarence W. Cranford, Calvary Church pastor and former president of the American Convention; William L. Lumpkin, pastor, Freemason Street Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va.

Norman Maring, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia; Edwin H. Pruden, pastor, First Baptist Church here, and James E. Tull, professor of theology, South-eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

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Mississippi Relocates  
Its Children's Village

(9-28-62)

JACKSON, Miss. (BP)--The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board voted here to relocate the Baptist Children's Village. The question now goes to the convention session in November for final approval.

The proposal calls for disposing of the present property. The new site would be a 145-acre tract in northwest Jackson. Paul N. Nunnery, Jackson, superintendent, said a modern child care village will be put up there.

"A thorough economic feasibility study made by one of the outstanding land management and realty firms in the South has convinced all concerned that money may be realized from the disposition of the present (Jackson) site sufficient to defray the cost of the completed new plant," Nunnery added.

He said several buildings on the present property are inadequate for modern child care needs and several are in bad repair. These were given as reasons for relocating the village.

The board also adopted a record \$2.7 million convention budget for 1963. Divided into three sections, the new budget--subject to convention okay--would furnish \$919,500 for the Southern Baptist Convention agencies; \$1,531,900 for operation of Mississippi work, and \$334,600 for capital needs in the state.

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Counselors Talk Over  
Church's Divorce Stand

NASHVILLE (BP)--Are churches stressing pre-marital counseling too much and giving too little attention to counseling on marriage problems leading to divorce?

In refusing to marry someone because of an earlier divorce, can a minister create the attitude that the church has rejected this couple? Will it make them so hostile to the church that future spiritual contact is impossible?

Does the pastor have sole freedom to decide whether he should perform a ceremony when someone has previously divorced? Or is this a matter the church should set a policy on for the pastor to follow?

These were among the sensitive questions on divorce and remarriage raised during a section meeting at the Southern Baptist Counseling and Guidance Conference here.

The section included ministers, professors at seminaries, editors of denominational magazines and persons engaged in full-time church counseling positions.

There was no complete agreement on the answers to these controversial issues. The conference group had no intent to recommend a policy. Its purpose was to bring the touchy question into the open to see the many angles involved in it.

The participants, to a great extent, were thinking aloud and voicing past personal experiences. Their comments were often phrased as questions rather than as firm statements.

Other sample quotes included:

"What about remarrying parties whose previous marriages were not Christian marriages? Parties who now have accepted Christ and who want their new marriage to be a Christian marriage?"

"Is there ever a case in which a minister should advise or give assent to a divorce? If so, would this be interpreted as the church sanctioning divorce?"

"Why will some pastors refuse to remarry persons who've been divorced, yet let them be members of the church and even teach boys and girls in Sunday school?"

"When does a divorce start?"

Some participants indicated their practice by the following statements:

"I don't counsel to save the marriage. I counsel to save the individuals involved."

"I refused to remarry a couple in the community because of a previous divorce. Now there are three children in the home who do not come to church. I have the feeling my spiritual contact with these children may be hurt by my refusal to remarry the couple."

"My church voted to permit me under certain circumstances to remarry previously divorced persons. But I always insist on at least three conferences with the couple before I perform the ceremony."

"Before I marry a couple I do not know, I always ask: 'Why do you want your marriage performed by a minister of the gospel? Is it just because I'm more convenient than the justice of the peace who lives on the other side of the mountain?'"

Another added: "I ask, 'Do you want to marry and have a Christian home or do you just want to get married?'"

"I have limited my remarrying of divorced parties to members of the church. I do not want to become a marrying parson."

The Counseling and Guidance Conference meets annually. The section on marriage and family counseling discussed divorce, juvenile delinquency, and the effects of alcoholism on marriage during the 1962 session.

Other sections took up vocational guidance, pastoral care and Christian social work.

P. H. Anderson Accepts  
Bethel's Presidency

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. (BP)--P. Harris Anderson, 51, dean of the Mercer University (Baptist) denomination extension services for 11 years, will assume the presidency of Bethel College here.

Graduating from Mercer in 1933, Anderson went to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary where he earned three degrees--the bachelor of divinity, the master of theology, and the doctor of theology.

He returned to Georgia and was a professor of Christianity at Tift College (Baptist), Forsyth, from 1948 until 1951. Then he assumed his present position at Mercer, located in Macon.

As dean of the denominational extension services, Anderson has had charge of 40 extension schools in all parts of the state. In addition he has been an associate professor of Christianity on the Mercer faculty.

He has served as pastor in Louisiana, South Carolina and Georgia.

He is a member of the Southern Baptist Historical Society, Adult Education Association of the United States, the Georgia Adult Education Council (of which he is president), Southern Baptist Association of Teachers of Religious Education and the Southern Baptist Association of Adult Educators.

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Counseling Conference  
Chooses Delamarter

(9-28-62)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Walter Delamarter of Fort Worth is the new president-elect of the Southern Baptist Counseling and Guidance Conference.

As president-elect, he will become the president after the conference's 1963 meeting. Delamarter is director of the Edna Gladney Home.

The conference, meeting in Nashville, welcomed N. Eugene Mandrell of Walhalla, S. C., as president for the coming year. He has been president-elect. Mandrell is pastor of First Baptist Church, Walhalla.

It reelected Foy Valentine of Nashville as secretary-treasurer and elected Miss Velma Darbo, also of Nashville, to the new post of recording secretary.

Valentine is executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Miss Darbo is editor of Upward, published by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The conference is held annually in Nashville. Over 100 persons attended the 1962 meeting. They included pastors, editors, hospital chaplains, seminary teachers, marriage counselors and workers in children's homes and homes for unwed mothers.

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## THIRTY BIG IF'S

(Released by Baptist Press)

Will Southern Baptists reach the goal of starting 30,000 missions and churches through December of 1964?

The effort to start these missions and churches began in 1956, when the Convention was challenged in church extension efforts by its president, C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C.

Since 1956 Warren has been made director of the 30,000 Movement, and to date more than half of the goal has been reached.

When the question of reaching the goal was posed to Warren, he replied, "I may have to say we wouldn't, but I will never say we couldn't." Then he added the following if's.

1. IF the Jubilee Advance Committee of the Convention continues to stand behind us;
2. IF the 30,000 Committee, with Arthur Rutledge, chairman, and L. O. Griffith, director of publicity, continues their excellent promotion;
3. IF the state executive secretaries wholeheartedly encourage it;
4. IF the state 30,000 committees enlist and use the organizations and facilities at their command;
5. IF the state department heads realize they have a definite responsibility in the movement;
6. IF the associational superintendents of missions, associational missionaries, chairmen of associational missions committees, and moderators will follow through on the plan as outlined in the tract, "The Associational Missions Committee in the 30,000 Movement," and discover all their needs, allocating and enlisting local church responsibility for sponsoring the work;
7. IF we can get it over to our people that "a mission is anywhere one or more members of a local church or churches are sent at regular intervals to preach or teach the word of God;"
8. IF every church will appoint a missions committee;
9. IF one out of ten of our pastors can find time to conduct a mission at least once a month;
10. IF half of our 6,260 ordained ministers without pastorates will venture to conduct a mission;
11. IF those really interested in organizing new churches will assist a group, in qualifying to take advantage of the Home Mission Board loans;
12. IF the older and more able conventions venture to sponsor the work in a pioneer state;
13. IF one out of ten of the stronger churches sponsors a new church in a needy area;
14. IF miscellaneous bonding plans continue to provide their inestimable assistance;
15. IF the Home Mission Board forces, particularly area missionaries, pastoral missionaries, chaplains, workers with language groups, and city superintendents of missions step up their efforts;
16. IF one out of ten of the Sunday schools dare to organize a new Sunday school or mission;

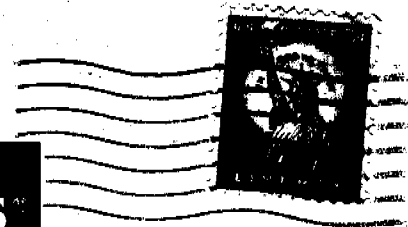
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17. IF half of the 7,000 Extension Departments of the Sunday schools venture to organize a Bible class;
18. IF the Baptist Student Union directors, pastors and church missions committees lead students into this program as suggested in the tract, "The College Student in the 30,000 Movement;"
19. IF one out of eight of our Training Unions venture to establish a mission;
20. IF one out of every eight of the missionary societies organizes a mission;
21. IF one out of every six of our Baptist Brotherhoods dares to follow George Schroeder's "8=1 plan;"
22. IF the seminaries dare expand the mission grant program suggested for them, somewhat along the order of that which is being done in Indiana and California;
23. IF the Annuity Board continues their encouragement for retired ministers to organize a mission;
24. IF the foreign missionaries realize that the 30,000 Movement from the beginning was an all-inclusive movement and that each Southern Baptist foreign missionary as well as each home missionary has a responsibility;
25. IF every new church organized and every new mission established can be reported;
26. IF the editors of the Baptist state papers continue to give of their space, time, effort, and encouragement;
27. IF the people can realize we are called upon to do something extraordinary;
28. IF we refuse to accept a defeatist attitude and keep on keeping on;
29. IF we pray the Lord of the harvest that he may thrust forth laborers to meet the growing needs; and
30. IF we continue to pray earnestly with the conviction that God has called us to do this particular task in this destiny-determining decade---

Then, it is my firm conviction we shall with God's help not only reach this year's goal but bring this effort to a victorious conclusion December 31, 1964.



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Former College Head  
Receives Texas Award

INDEPENDENCE, Tex. (BP)--Rupert N. Richardson, president emeritus of Hardin-Simmons University (Baptist) in Abilene, Tex., has received the annual Texas Baptist "Elder Statesman of the Year" award.

Richardson, 71, senior professor of history at the Baptist college in Abilene, was honored for outstanding contributions and achievements as a Baptist layman, historical researcher, writer, teacher and Baptist educator.

The annual award was presented here during a meeting of the Independence Homecoming Association, a historical organization which emphasizes the influence this south-central Texas community has played in the religious, cultural and educational development of Texas.

Baylor University, the largest Southern Baptist university in the nation, was founded at Independence, and one of the first churches in the state was organized here in 1839. The little community is located only a few miles from the first capital of Texas.

An engraved plaque citing Richardson for "long and untiring service to Texas Baptists as professor of history at Hardin-Simmons University and untiring devotion to the task of recording and preserving Texas history" was presented to Richardson during the meeting.

The Elder Statesman has served as professor of history at Hardin-Simmons for 45 years, and had also been dean of students, vice president, executive vice president, and president. At his own request he resigned the presidency in 1953 after eight years in the post to devote full time to his first love--teaching history.

The author of four published books, Richardson has recently completed two additional book-length manuscripts and is writing on another book.

He holds the bachelor of arts degree from Simmons College (now Hardin-Simmons), Abilene; the bachelor of philosophy degree from the University of Chicago; the master of arts and the doctor of philosophy degrees from the University of Texas.

He is the fourth person to receive the annual award, sponsored jointly by the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Independence Homecoming Association.

TV Sermon Prompts  
Estes Court Ruling

TYLER, Tex. (BP)--The influence of a televised sermon from the First Baptist Church of Dallas played an important role in a Texas judge's ruling here allowing television coverage of the Billie Sol Estes trial.

District Judge Otis T. Dunagan, in the opening day of the West Texas financier's trial on charges of theft and swindling, said that if television has a place in the house of the Lord, then it is not out of place in the courtroom.

Defense attorneys had filed a motion asking the judge to bar television cameras from the courtroom because they would bother the jurors and attorneys, and degrade the courtroom to the level of a circus.

Judge Dunagan said in ruling on the motion, "I had the privilege of viewing on television Sunday a sermon from the First Baptist Church of Dallas. There certainly was no circus in that church."

"If the court permits a circus, it will be televised," the judge said. "But the television won't create the circus."

Sternly warning news cameramen, the judge said, "This court will not be turned into a circus whether with or without television."

Later in the week, Judge Dunagan granted a postponement of the trial after defense attorneys filed a motion arguing that an impartial jury could not be found because of publicity given to the dealings of the Pecos, Tex., man.

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Tennessee Board Approves  
\$3.8 Million 1963 Budget

(9-28-62)

NASHVILLE (BP)--The executive board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention has approved a \$3,825,000 Cooperative Program budget for world missions in 1963.

The budget, an increase of \$125,000 over the 1962 budget, will be presented for final approval at the annual session of the convention in Gatlinburg, Tenn., Nov. 12-14.

The budget recommendation from the executive board suggests that 33.33 per cent go to Southern Baptist mission causes outside the state, and 66.67 per cent for work within the state.

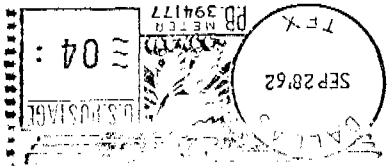
Under the proposed budget, Tennessee Baptist schools will receive \$608,364 for operating expenses and \$354,649 for capital needs--a total of \$963,013 for education. Hospitals will receive \$232,000, and children's homes, \$220,000. State missions has been allocated \$591,144.

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Dear Editor:

The enclosed story on the meeting of the Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees is being airmailed to you today so that you may have it as quickly as possible.

The regular airmail edition of Baptist Press for Monday will contain the story also, but we thought you would like this advance copy.

The meeting of the trustees concluded at 10:00 PM last night.

Sincerely,

W. C. Fields

