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**Carter Bearden Named  
Field Worker For Deaf**

ATLANTA (BP)--The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has appointed Carter Bearden of Atlanta as a general field worker with the deaf throughout the United States.

In announcing the appointment, Loyd Corder of Atlanta, secretary of language groups ministries, said, "Although we have a number of missionaries working in specific areas, we felt one person should be available to serve where the calls and needs are most urgent in areas not served by present workers."

He said Bearden, who is himself deaf, will also serve in the office in Atlanta but will not have administrative functions, working primarily as an assistant to Corder.

Bearden, a native of Dallas, Tex., worked with the mission board first as a student from 1949 to 1954. He has been a missionary since that time, serving throughout the United States and later specifically in Tennessee and Georgia.

He was educated at Gallaudet University in Washington, D. C.; Baylor University (Baptist) in Waco, Tex.; and at Southwestern and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminaries. He is married and has three children.

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**Net Enrolments At 72  
Institutions Increased**

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NASHVILLE (BP)--A report from the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention here shows that combined net enrolments in Convention-related schools, colleges and seminaries increased again in 1962.

Net enrolment refers to students taking 12 hours or more of courses, and thus considered full-time students. The net enrolment total for all types of institutions as of Oct. 1, 1962 was 55,791.

At the same date a year ago, it was 54,826, according to Rabun L. Brantley of Nashville, commission executive secretary. Figures are based on reports to the commission from registrars of the institutions.

Senior colleges, junior colleges and academies showed gains in net enrolments over 1961. Bible school enrolment was the same as the previous year. Seminary net enrolments showed a decline.

Brantley said 71 of the 72 institutions reported, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary being the only one for which information was not received. The 55,000-plus figure does not include an estimate of New Orleans Seminary.

Brantley added the combined net seminary enrolment would show a decline even if New Orleans were added to the list, using for 1962 a figure equal to net enrolment shown in 1961.

Enrolments at each of the five other SBC seminaries showed drops from Oct. 1, 1961, he noted. Counted as seminary enrolment also are students attending Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, and American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville. The latter, for Negroes, is jointly operated by the SBC and the National (Negro) Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc.

With Carver and American Seminary in the picture for 1961, net enrolments as of Oct. 1 had reach 4580. This Oct. 1, with New Orleans unavailable, net enrolments for the eight institutions came to 3560.

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Leaving out Carver and American Seminary, net enrolments for 1961 came to 4461 compared with 3491 for 1962, not including New Orleans for 1962.

Baylor University, Waco, Tex., continues to be largest of the 72 schools. Its net enrolment jumped from 6077 to 6283. Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N. C., largest east of the Mississippi River and second of all, gained from 2869 to 2915. Howard College, Birmingham, and University of Richmond in Virginia showed drops of 15 and six students, respectively. Both exceed 2000 in net enrolment.

Two new senior colleges joined the list this year--Kentucky Southern College in Louisville is for the time being using facilities of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. It reported a net enrolment of 122. Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky., moved from junior to senior standing, increasing the number of senior colleges to 33.

Campbell College, Buies Creek, and Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, both in North Carolina, remained the largest of the 19 junior colleges but both are on their way to senior college status. Campbell climbed from 1403 a year ago to Oct. 1, 1962 net enrolment of 1677 students.

Mars Hill went up from 1057 to 1141 students. Wingate College, in the North Carolina city of the same name, passed the 1000 mark this year--going from 904 to 1008 students. It is a junior college.

Fork Union (Va.) Academy remained the largest of the seven academies. It has a net enrolment of 653 compared with 650 students 12 months ago.

Baptist Bible Institute at Graceville, Fla., fell off from 192 to 180 students but remained the leader of the five Bible institutes.

The six SBC seminaries are Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville; Southwestern at Fort Worth; New Orleans; Southeastern at Wake Forest, N. C.; Golden Gate at Mill Valley, Calif., and Midwestern at Kansas City, Mo.

The '61 combined total enrolment (net plus other types) at the six was 4620 compared with 3597 in 1962. New Orleans Seminary was counted in 1961 but not available in 1962 figures.

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Enrolment comparisons for six SBC seminaries:

Seminary	Net: 1961	1962	Total: 1961	1962
Golden Gate	273	240	273	240
Midwestern	261	221	273	238
New Orleans	718	---	750	---
Southeastern	658	595	658	595
Southern	847	766	962	855
Southwestern	1704	1669	1704	1669
Totals...	4461	3491	4620	3597

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12 Churches Operate  
On More Than \$500,000

(11-4-62)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Twelve churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention have budgets which exceed \$500,000 a year, according to information from the research and statistics department of the SBC Sunday School Board here.

The latest available figures are for 1961. The four top churches in budgets are in Texas and five of the 12 above \$500,000 are in the Lone Star State.

First Baptist Church, Dallas, largest in membership in the SBC with 12,477, has the only million dollar budget. It adopted a 1961 budget of \$1,556,908 and gave \$176,000 through the Cooperative Program.

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Another Dallas church, Park Cities Baptist Church, with 3826 members, had the next highest budget--\$722,233. It sent in \$136,500 for the Cooperative Program.

Amarillo First Baptist Church placed third. Its budget of \$686,782 provided \$198,289 through the Cooperative Program, highest Cooperative Program sum of the dozen churches and probably largest in the SBC. This church had 6959 members.

South Main Baptist Church, Houston, the fourth in budget, operated on \$668,332, sending \$91,806 via the Cooperative Program. Membership: 5519.

First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., with \$664,630 budgeted, occupied fifth spot. Its Cooperative Program forwardings were \$66,000. It had 3347 members.

Largest budget of a church east of the Mississippi River was claimed by Atlanta's Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, with \$649,273. The 4013 members of this church sent \$140,257 for the Cooperative Program.

Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, largest in membership east of the Mississippi with 9256, was seventh in budget size. Its budget was \$639,319 including \$95,628 for the Cooperative Program.

Mid City Baptist Church, New Orleans, with 3076 members, had a budget of \$605,218 and Cooperative Program allocation of \$56,916.

Ninth place went to First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City. Its 6051 members adopted a \$598,691 budget with \$82,175 routed for the Cooperative Program.

A Texas church, First, Lubbock, ran tenth. With 7762 members, it worked under a \$559,061 budget including \$81,600 for the Cooperative Program.

Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, and First Baptist Church, Atlanta, completed the list. The Birmingham church, with 4226 members, had a budget of \$545,174 and sent \$60,179 to the Cooperative Program.

Atlanta, First had a budget of \$506,851 with \$68,000 going for the Cooperative Program. It had 5130 members.

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SBC Needs \$3,641,083  
To Meet 1962 Budget

(11-4-62)

NASHVILLE (BP)--In two months, the Southern Baptist Convention must receive \$3,641,083 to meet its operating and capital needs Cooperative Program budget for 1962.

The budget is \$19,013,500. Operating needs for the agencies have already been assured since the Cooperative Program income for 10 months has reached \$15,372,417. The operating needs, having priority, were \$13,930,500.

Receipts for October, announced here by Treasurer Porter Routh, amounted to \$1,491,836. This was \$4000 more than came in during October, 1961 but less than the \$1,540,209 received in September, 1962.

For the year to date, Cooperative Program receipts are running 6.48 per cent above 1961 receipts.

Special designations are running 11.59 per cent ahead of the comparative 10 months of 1961. The \$156,774 for October brought the 1962 total so far to \$13,401,104.

Disbursements to SBC agencies, including Cooperative Program and designated receipts, have reached \$17.4 million thus far for the Foreign Mission Board and nearly \$5-1/2 million for the Home Mission Board.

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, has gotten \$1,039,720 for the January-October period. No other agency's disbursements exceed \$1 million.

Total income and disbursements to SBC agencies is \$28,773,522, up 8.81 per cent over the previous year.

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State Baptist conventions also share in the Cooperative Program sums sent in by the 32,500 affiliated SBC churches. But the figures reported by Routh are only for the amounts forwarded from the state conventions to the SBC, generally about one-third of the total Cooperative Program gifts.

The figures do not include total church collections for all purposes which are many times higher than Cooperative Program receipts to support missions, education and benevolences carried on through SBC agencies.

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Anglican Archbishop  
Talks On Freedom

(11-4-62)

WASHINGTON (BP)--"Freedom means that a person has the power to choose an end or purpose and to unify his faculties to pursue that purpose."

This definition of freedom was given in a speech by Arthur Michael Ramsey, archbishop of Canterbury, before the National Press Club here.

"Freedom is something that survives not by being protected but by going forth and doing creative work for those who do not have it," the archbishop declared.

"Freedom must be growing and deepening all the time, or it will decline," he said as he discussed the question, "What is a free man?"

In his speech, the archbishop reported on religious freedom in Russia as he observed it during a recent tour.

A double policy toward religion prevails in Russia, according to Ramsey. This policy includes toleration for public worship within church buildings, but intense persecuting pressure against religion outside of the church.

In spite of the anti-religious measures of the Soviet government and the active atheistic propaganda, Ramsey reported that religion in Russia lives on. This is because of Christian homes that continue to keep alive religious faith, he said.

The archbishop predicted that freedom and religious faith would ultimately win in Russia, "because atheism cannot satisfy the human mind and aspirations."

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Nashville Seminary  
Gets Associate Rank

(11-4-62)

NASHVILLE (BP)--The Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges has granted associate membership to a Nashville seminary.

The school is American Baptist Theological Seminary, operated jointly by the National (Negro) Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., and the Southern Baptist Convention. It educates Negro Baptist ministers and church workers.

President Maynard P. Turner Jr. said the seminary has fulfilled several of the suggestions for improving the seminary issued by the association's study committee after visiting the campus.

It will be at least a year before American Seminary can reach full membership since the association meets only once a year. Dean C. H. Fitzgerald represented it at the meeting when associate membership was conferred.

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Private Schools Get  
Millions In Lunch Aid

WASHINGTON (BP)--The federal government is giving \$4,726,506 for direct aid to private schools through the school lunch program for the current fiscal year. This is \$976,957 less than the amount allocated for the fiscal year ending June, 1962.

Total funds available for the school lunch program, which began operating in 1946, are \$108,600,000 during fiscal 1963. This is an increase of \$10 million over the amount originally appropriated for the 1962 program.

Administration of the school lunch program is under the supervision of the states. However, some states do not permit public funds to be used for private institutions. In such cases, a percentage of the state's allocation is withheld by the federal government and given directly to the private schools in that state. The amount of money allocated to each state is determined by the number of school-age children living in the state.

No information is available as to the amount of school lunch aid that goes to private schools in the 25 states that administer the total program.

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E. Luther Copeland  
Wins Fulbright Study

(11-4-62)

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP)--A professor of missions at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here, E. Luther Copeland, has been awarded a Fulbright Research Scholarship for a year's study in India.

Copeland will leave next summer to begin his studies in the field of comparative religion at Hindu University in Banaras. His research, to begin Aug. 1, will continue for nine months.

About 600 Fulbright scholarships are awarded each year by the State Department of the United States government. Approximately two-thirds are for lecturing and the remainder for advanced research.

Besides teaching at Southeastern, Copeland's background includes pastoring churches in North Carolina, Indiana and Connecticut. During the years 1948-56, he was a missionary in Japan, where he was a professor of Christian history at Seinan Gakuin University in Fukuoka. During his last four years there he was also president of the university.

The Baptist professor is a graduate of Furman University (Baptist), Greenville, S. C.; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, where he received his master of theology degree, and Yale University, New Haven, Conn., where he was awarded his doctor of philosophy degree.

Copeland's selection of Banaras as a site of study was prompted by two factors--the growth of Hinduism throughout the world and the religious heritage of the city.

"The revival of Hinduism is affecting the rest of the world including the Western nations. One even finds its growth in America, particularly in the larger cities.

"Moreover, the city of Banaras is not only a holy city of Hinduism but also is the birthplace of Buddhism. The religion of Islam is also represented in the city and area. Banaras is truly a religious center where one can study religions in their own environment," he added.

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Missour Reminds Pope  
To End 'Persecutions'

JOPLIN, Mo. (BP)--The 1962 Missouri Baptist Convention here asked Pope John 23rd to "use his great influence to bring to a permanent end all persecutions and discriminations" in countries dominated by the Roman Catholic Church.

The petition went as the Second Vatican Council, called by Pope John, was in its early stages. The message contained "Christian greetings" to him on this occasion. Many Baptists have previously expressed their hope the council will encourage religious liberty in countries mentioned by the Missourians.

The convention also changed its constitution, freezing the number of Baptist churches in the state which may be affiliated with it and with a state body having American Baptist Convention ties. There are 12 such churches.

Adoption of a \$3 million statewide Cooperative Program goal for 1963 and a second step toward forming a Baptist college in St. Louis were other convention decisions.

Distribution of the Cooperative Program goal will continue to be 65 per cent to remain in Missouri and 35 per cent to be sent to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Scattered opposition was noted as the convention changed the constitution to freeze at 1961 level the number of dually-aligned churches in the state. The change means that from 1961 on churches affiliating with the Missouri Baptist Convention (related to the SBC) will not be affiliated also with the American Convention.

But churches already aligned with both nationwide bodies may continue to fellowship with the Missouri Baptist Convention.

The policy of the Missouri Baptist Convention since 1919 has been one of single affiliation. The Missouri Convention of American Baptists (related to that nationwide convention) was formed in 1959. Four Baptist churches in Missouri are affiliated only with the Missouri (American) Convention, in addition to the 12 cooperating with both groups.

The need for double alignment no longer exists, in the eyes of the Southern Baptist organization.

Advancing its St. Louis college project, the convention instructed its executive board to set up during the next year the organization and establishment of the proposed new school. The board also was authorized to select trustees and to seek a charter for the college.

The resolution addressed to Pope John 23rd called his attention to "persecutions and discriminations against Baptists and against members of other evangelical faiths in Spain, in Italy, in Colombia, and in all other Roman Catholic-dominated countries of the world."

Paul Weber Jr., pastor, Hamlin Memorial Baptist Church, Springfield, was reelected convention president. The 1963 convention will meet in Cape Girardeau Oct. 29-31.

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Texas Convention Sets  
Second Major Crusade

(11-4-62)

FORT WORTH (BP)--Texas Baptists in their annual convention here took a major step toward two of the largest evangelistic crusades ever attempted.

Messengers attending the statewide meeting put their approval on a statewide crusade aimed at reaching for Christ more than two million Latin Americans in Texas in 1964.

The messengers selected a day of prayer for a nationwide crusade to be sponsored by Texas Baptists in Japan next spring. During a special emphasis on the Japan Baptist New Life Movement, as it is called in the Orient, Baptist leaders revealed that the crusade had mushroomed far beyond expectations.

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The evangelistic effort, which will use several hundred Texas Baptist preachers and laymen, is also reaching out into revivals planned for the Philippines, Okinawa and Taiwan. Evangelist Billy Graham is expected to speak some 19 times in various sections of the Orient.

"This may be the beginning of a movement that will spread throughout all Asia," said T. A. Patterson, Texas Baptist executive secretary.

Recommendations of its Christian life commission adopted by the convention deplored the "sinful silence" of Baptist churches in the Mississippi racial crisis and upheld the U. S. Supreme Court decision of public school prayer. Still others deplored scandals in business urging Baptists to apply the gospel in their work, and urged Christians to learn about communism from reliable sources and work for the defeat of the communist movement.

The recommendation on race relations said all Baptists should acknowledge their share of the blame "for the sinful silence concerning the moral and spiritual principles involved in human relations."

The recommendation on public prayer said the Supreme Court did not outlaw prayer but made it "free from political control... It takes religion away from no man and forces it upon none."

Key resolutions commended the United Nations for its action in the Cuban crisis, and urged Baptists to oppose efforts to return legalized gambling to Texas and practices within public schools that would compromise the principle of church-state separation.

The U. N. resolution urged the 1.6 million Texas members of the denomination to "pray for the U. N. as it seeks to avert nuclear disaster in this troubled world."

K. Owen White, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Houston, was elected president. He replaces James H. Landes, pastor, First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls.

Woodlawn Baptist Church near Lufkin received top honors in the 1962 Texas Baptist Church achievement program, and Louis Hamlett, city editor of the Wichita Falls Times, was presented with the annual press award for "outstanding contributions to Christianity through journalism."

In other action, the convention adopted a record \$14,876,807 budget for worldwide missions and accepted ownership and operation of two schools and a proposed \$5 million hospital in Amarillo.

The \$14.8 million budget breaks down into these major items: Cooperative Program, \$10,976,807 (including \$3,605,000 for worldwide work through the Southern Baptist Convention) and anticipated special offerings for foreign, home and state missions during weeks of prayer, \$3.9 million.

The 200-bed hospital will be built within the next four or five years without the use of any government funds, a spokesman for the proposed institution said.

The schools are Mexican Baptist Bible Institute of San Antonio and Valley Baptist Academy of Harlingen.

Speakers during the three-day convention, as many had done during the Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union Conventions preceding it, rapped moral deterioration and materialism as factors likely to destroy America.

Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, accented the resolution of the Brotherhood Convention calling for godly living in critical days of communist onslaught.

Hobbs said, "The only way we can save the world from communism is with an all-out witness for Christ."

Outgoing President James H. Landes said, "If we who claim to be Christians do not repent, there may be a counterpart of Assyria on the not too distant horizon."

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In the closing address, Baker James Cauthen, Richmond, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, said God's call in "this day of danger" is to repentance, faith and duty.

He urged these who would participate in the Japan crusade to "completely dedicate" themselves to the task, while those who would stay support them with prayer.

An estimated 8,000 people attended the convention, which will meet next year in San Antonio.