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Half Unpaid Capital  
Due Mission Boards

NASHVILLE (BP)--Nearly half the unpaid 1962 capital needs of Southern Baptist Convention agencies are due its two mission boards.

Since unmet 1961 capital needs received priority after 1962 operating budgets of the agencies were met, there remains a balance of \$894,384 in unfulfilled capital needs from the 1962 Cooperative Program budget.

However, all the 1961 balance was paid off.

The SBC Foreign Mission Board needs \$224,669 and the Home Mission Board \$194,797 to complete the capital needs voted them by the Convention. These, along with other agencies' unmet capital needs of 1962, will have priority after the agencies' 1963 operating budgets are taken care of.

Third largest amount due is to Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Kansas City, Mo.--\$123,335. Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, each still has \$88,097 coming its way.

The capital needs, pro-rated among the agencies voted capital allocations, lack about 17 per cent of being met for the year. Not all agencies share in the capital needs section of the Cooperative Program budget.

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will require \$56,436 and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, N. C., \$52,859 to complete their needs.

The Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, must have \$35,239 to finish its portion.

Other amounts include: Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., \$17,619; Southern Baptist Hospital, operating two hospitals, with offices in New Orleans, \$8854, and Commission on American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, \$4382.

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Preacher's Sermon Gets  
Timely Illustration

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HOLLY SPRINGS, Miss. (BP)--Members of First Baptist Church here were listening to pastor Earl Kelly preach on the second coming of Christ.

He had just quoted Matt. 24:27, "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

Without warning, a large light bulb fell from its socket in the ceiling 25 feet above. It shattered on the floor in front of the pulpit.

Kelly was equal to this dramatic accent on his sermon subject. He told the still-startled worshippers, "His coming will be just as sudden, and unexpected, and devastating to the dreams that are not Christ-centered."

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Former Women's Leader,  
Mrs. W. G. James, Dies

RICHMOND (BP)--Mrs. Minnie (William Carey) James, 88, one-time president of Woman's Missionary Union, died here Jan. 10.

Born Feb. 1, 1874 at Palestine, Tex., she served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention auxiliary from 1916-1925. As wife of a Baptist minister, she lived in Kentucky, Virginia and Alabama.

Her husband was pastor of Grove Avenue Baptist Church, Richmond, when Woman's Missionary Union elected her president. Her funeral Jan. 12 was conducted in this church.

From 1920 to 1924, she lived in Birmingham where Dr. James was corresponding secretary of the Education Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Nine years of wise planning and steady growth marked the years she was president," according to Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, present executive secretary of the auxiliary.

The Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists notes the following achievements during her term: "the erection of a new Training School building, election of a young people's secretary, removal of headquarters (of Woman's Missionary Union) from Baltimore to Birmingham, Ala., publication of World Comrades, initiation of a Young Woman's Auxiliary camp at Ridgcrest (N. C.), and inauguration of union and Convention fieldworkers."

To perpetuate her loyalty to the women's group, the union established the James Memorial Training School for young women in Bucharest, Romania, in 1930.

There were no survivors in her immediate family. Her age at time of death was not stated.

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Meredith Grant Goes  
Toward New Library

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RALEIGH (BP)--Meredith College here has received \$50,000 from the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation toward construction of a new library building.

Present library facilities are located on the second and third floors of the administration building at the North Carolina Baptist woman's school.

Meredith's half-completed, eight-year enlargement program, with its goal of \$5.6 million, includes plans for an air-conditioned library costing \$600,000.

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....Feb. 8 has been set as the moving date for five Southern Baptist Convention agencies located in Nashville. Moving from office space provided by the Baptist Sunday School Board to the newly constructed Southern Baptist Convention Building are the Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Foundation, Christian Life Commission, Education Commission and Stewardship Commission. No mail should be sent to the new address, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville 3, until after Feb. 8. (BP)

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Oregon Trick--Take  
\$3 And Make It \$5

NASHVILLE (BP)--Oregon-Washington Baptists showed the rest of the Southern Baptist Convention during 1962 how to make a \$5 bill from three \$1 bills.

For every \$3 the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington sent to SBC agencies through the Cooperative Program in 1961, it sent almost \$5 during 1962.

The gain from \$17,696 to \$29,066 was 64.25 per cent, highest percentage of any of the 28 state Baptist groups cooperating with the SBC.

At the same time, Oregon-Washington Baptists took every \$15 and made it \$20 in designated gifts to SBC agencies. They forwarded \$43,165 in 1962 against \$31,734 the year before--a gain of 36.02 per cent.

This was the second highest increase in percentage among the states in designated offerings for SBC agencies.

The Baptist State Convention of Michigan led in this category with a gain of 45.55 per cent. Its designations jumped from \$16,025 to \$23,324 from one year to the next.

In dollar amounts, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina led the Cooperative Program increase to the SBC. From 1961 to 1962, the increase was \$181,885 making the 1962 total reach \$1,551,885.

By the same token, the Baptist General Convention of Texas led the designations hike to SBC agencies. Its increase of \$350,500 led to a total of \$3,386,830.

The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio with 30.76 per cent increase was behind Oregon-Washington in the greatest percentage increase to SBC through Cooperative Program. Its 1962 total was \$70,626.