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1964 Budget Proposal
Set At \$19,248,500

NASHVILLE (BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention's proposed 1964 budget through the Cooperative Program is \$19,248,500.

The SBC Executive Committee voted here to recommend that figure to the 1963 Convention session in Kansas City, Mo., beginning May 7.

The budget is under the 1963 sum of \$19,792,500. Adjustment was made to assure full payment of 1962 and 1963 capital needs allocated SBC agencies. The 1964 goal of \$20,149,217 would provide extra funds for the two mission boards, if reached, Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary, said.

The Convention failed to collect its full operating and capital needs in 1961 and 1962. The 1961 capital needs have been met now, but part of the 1962 capital funds still are due the agencies. These have priority over 1963 capital disbursements.

The proposed 1964 SBC Cooperative Program budget provides a larger total operating budget for the agencies--\$14,626,500, compared with \$14,217,500 for 1962. The capital needs section is smaller.

The Executive Committee indicated it believes the 1964 budget will be met in full by receipts from the state Baptist offices. If income passes the \$19,248,500 mark, the excess will be divided solely between the Foreign and Home Mission Boards. The Foreign Mission Board will get 75 per cent of the excess, or advance, section.

Of the operating budget for 1964, more than half--\$7,550,000--will go to the Foreign Mission Board. The six seminaries operated by the Convention will share \$3-1/4 million. The Home Mission Board will get \$2,150,000.

The Foreign Mission Board will get \$1,725,000 of the \$3,372,000 in the capital needs section. Another \$1-1/4 million is allowed to complete payment of 1963 capital needs which might be carried over.

The Stewardship Commission is a newcomer to the ranks of the agencies getting direct Cooperative Program allocations. It is to receive \$65,000. Only the Sunday School Board of the Convention's agencies operates without Cooperative Program income.

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(See item by item budget figures in another section of the releases.)

Annuity Funds Not
Loanable To Churches

(2-24-63)

NASHVILLE (BP)--The business and financial plan of the Southern Baptist Convention should not be changed to allow the SBC Annuity Board to provide money for loans to churches.

So decided the Executive Committee of the Convention at its winter meeting here.

Its action confirmed that of a special joint committee of the Executive Committee and the Annuity Board which studied the question. The money involved was that the Annuity Board holds for pastors and denominational workers in the retirement and annuity plans.

This is presently invested by the Annuity Board to produce interest, but it is not invested in church-related enterprises.

Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, Miss., business executive, spoke out against one part of the report.

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"I would like to see the Convention have the privilege, within a reasonable time, of expressing itself on this matter," Cooper declared. He succeeded in having removed a section of the report which he said implied the money used for church loans would not be "sound business judgment" and on which "the yield (of interest) would not be good enough."

Trustees of the Annuity Board had already approved the report.

The joint committee, composed of seven men each from the Executive Committee and the Annuity Board, studied in detail the pros and cons of making money available for church loans.

The committee found the bulk of the funds held by the Annuity Board are in contract with the state conventions, ministers and institutions for a specific purpose. This purpose is personal protection in times of retirement, disability or death of pastors, church or denominational employees.

These contracts had been entered into with the understanding that the Annuity Board was abiding by Article 8 of the business and financial plan of the Southern Baptist Convention, the committee said.

Article 8 reads: "Each agency of the Convention is hereby instructed and ordered to keep all trust funds and designated gifts (for they are trust funds) sacred to the trust and designation; that they be kept separate from all other funds of such agency; that they are not to be used even temporarily for any other purpose than the purpose specified; and that such funds shall not hereafter be invested in the securities of any denominational body or agency."

The committee also requested that no change be made in Article 8 of the business and financial plan.

This section, the committee maintained, was written into the Convention's plan, "as a result of tensions which resulted between agencies of the Convention where such transfer of funds had been made many years ago. Problems are created when a duality of interests is introduced in any investment program," the committee concluded.

The study was requested by the Annuity Board last year. Numerous questions, both written and oral, had come to the Annuity Board over the past three years asking why it did not make money available for church loans.

In the study the committee found there had been no formal request from any agency to borrow funds from the Annuity Board to make church loans.

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Support Given New
Method Of Amending

(2-24-63)

NASHVILLE (BP)--The Executive Committee has placed its support behind a new method of amending the constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The new way requires an amendment be voted on at two annual Conventions in a row before taking effect. Now, an amendment offered one year takes effect if it gets a favorable vote at the next Convention--but it does not have to have a vote when introduced.

The new proposed way to amend the constitution was discussed at the 1962 Convention in San Francisco.

The Executive Committee also proposed to rename one of the two recording secretaries now elected by the Convention. James W. Merritt, Gainesville, Ga., holds the office of "senior secretary." Joe W. Burton of Nashville holds the office of "secretary."

Under the amendment put forth by the Executive Committee, the office now held by Merritt would be called recording secretary. That held by Burton would be called registration secretary.

The recording secretary would be a member of the Executive Committee.

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This proposal, as an amendment, would require two successive approvals by the Convention under the new way of amending the constitution.

The Executive Committee also endorsed Jacksonville, Fla., as site of the 1968 Convention. It will so suggest to the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher which reports at Kansas City to the 1963 Convention. Sites through 1967 have been chosen by the Convention already.

Portland, Ore., and Cleveland, Houston, Memphis, Denver and Miami Beach had also bid for the 1968 session.

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Time, Place, Preacher
Committee May Die

(2-24-63)

NASHVILLE (BP)--The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher may draw its last breath at the 1963 Southern Baptist Convention.

Set up at each year's Convention, this committee has been asked to recommend the time and place for the Convention about five years ahead. It also recommends the preacher for the Convention sermon at the next year's Convention.

Bylaw changes passed by the SBC Executive Committee at its winter meeting here will be put before the 1963 Convention at Kansas City, Mo., in May for adoption.

These changes would do away with the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher.

The recommendation on time and place of future Conventions would thereafter come from the Executive Committee, which already recommends sites to the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher.

The recommendation on the preacher for the Convention sermon at the next succeeding Convention would thereafter come from the Committee on Order of Business, which drafts the agenda, or program, for that succeeding Convention session.

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If States Attain
Goals, SBC Will Too

(2-24-63)

NASHVILLE (BP)--If the state Baptist Conventions reach their Cooperative Program budget goals for 1963, the Southern Baptist Convention will attain its yearly goal too.

The 28 state Baptist conventions have adopted budget goals totaling \$56,778,408 through Cooperative Program. They have earmarked a total of \$19,796,995--just over one-third their state goals--to be forwarded to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The SBC's budget goal for 1963 through the Cooperative Program is \$19,792,500.

Figures were compiled by John H. Williams, Nashville, financial planning secretary, SBC Executive Committee. They were reported to that committee in its winter meeting.

For the last two years, SBC receipts through the Cooperative Program have failed to reach the year's goal. The 1963 SBC budget goal is higher than for 1961 or 1962.

While the nationwide Convention failed to reach its goal, full operating funds were paid to all SBC agencies. Payment of capital funds, used for expansion, were paid only partly. All outstanding 1961 capital needs have been paid to agencies, but full 1962 needs have not yet been paid.

The Cooperative Program is the unified budget plan used by state Baptist conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention to support missions, education and benevolences.

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The more than 32,500 cooperating SBC churches set aside a part of their local annual budgets--averaging about 11 per cent--for the Cooperative Program. This is sent to the state convention treasurer. He in turn forwards a percentage to the SBC treasurer.

Williams reported Texas again led all states in its Cooperative Program budget goal with \$10,976,807. North Carolina followed with \$4,568,390. These are the two largest states, in numbers of Baptists, in the SBC.

Alabama, Georgia, Missouri, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia each has a state goal of \$3 million or more, but less than \$4 million.

Georgia leads the states in the percentage sent on to the SBC. It divided its total budget 50-50 after deducting \$399,500 for administrative expenses and other preferred items. Counting the preferred items as state money, the SBC share is over 44 per cent.

Florida and Oklahoma follow with 41 per cent, with no preferred items.

Maryland forwards a straight 40 per cent. Without taking into account its preferred deductions, South Carolina sends 45 per cent to the SBC.

Taking the items into account, the percentage is over 36. This places South Carolina in the company of Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri and Virginia, whose amount forwarded to the SBC is above 35 per cent but less than 40.

Alabama is the third and only other state with deductions made before dividing the Cooperative Program between state and SBC causes.

PROPOSAL FOR 1964 SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION BUDGET

<u>OPERATING BUDGET</u>	1963	1964
Convention Operating	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Foreign Mission Board	7,450,000	7,550,000
Home Mission Board	2,100,000	2,150,000
Annuity Board	250,000	250,000 (1)
Carver School of Missions	40,000 (2)	
 Six Seminaries	 3,100,000	 3,250,000
Southern Baptist Foundation	45,500	52,000 (3)
Southern Baptist Hospital	35,000	35,000
American Seminary Commission	88,000	88,000
Brotherhood Commission	179,500	185,000
Christian Life Commission	49,000	56,500 (3)
Education Commission	67,000	74,500 (3)
Historical Commission	46,500	50,500 (3)
Radio and TV Commission	502,000	550,000
Stewardship Commission		65,000 (3)
Public Affairs Committee	65,000	70,000
 TOTAL OPERATING	 <u>\$14,217,500</u>	 <u>\$14,626,500</u>
 <u>CAPITAL NEEDS BUDGET</u>		
Golden Gate Seminary	\$ 100,000	\$
Southeastern Seminary	300,000	75,000
Southern Seminary	500,000	
Southwestern Seminary	500,000	81,000
New Orleans Seminary	320,000	136,000
Midwestern Seminary	700,000	
American Seminary Commission	25,000	
HMB Church Extension Loan Funds	850,000	750,000
HMB Capital Funds	305,000	405,000
Foreign Mission Board	1,725,000	1,725,000
Radio and TV Commission	200,000	200,000
Southern Baptist Hospital	50,000	
 TOTAL CAPITAL	 <u>\$ 5,575,000</u>	 <u>\$ 3,372,000</u>
 <u>SUMMARY</u>		
Operating Budget	\$14,217,500	\$14,626,500
Capital Needs Budget	5,575,000	3,372,000
 TOTAL	 <u>\$19,792,500</u>	 <u>\$17,998,500</u>
Estimated needed to complete 1963 Capital Needs Budget		1,250,000
 TOTAL		 <u>\$19,248,500 (4)</u>

(1) Designated for relief except that at the end of the year any unused portion will be transferred to the Old Annuity Fund, and that any balance remaining in the Old Annuity Fund after the death of the last annuitant shall be transferred to the operating funds of the Convention.

(2) Balance to be transferred to Convention Operating Budget as of Feb. 18, 1963.

(3) Including office space adjustment.

(4) Any money received in 1964 above whatever it takes to complete the 1963 Capital Needs program and meet full 1964 budget will be distributed for Advance, 75 per cent to foreign missions and 25 per cent to home missions.

Cutlines

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NEW OCCUPANT--The Extension Department of Southern Baptist Seminaries will move from Jackson, Miss., to the new Southern Baptist Convention Building in Nashville. Ralph A. Herring, right, director of the department, attended the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee meeting in the new building, where he made plans for the June move. At left is H. Leo Eddleman, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, one of the sponsors of the extension department. Mrs. Herring and another Baptist leader have joined them in a tour of the building. (BP) Photo