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**Ample Rooms Assured
For Atlantic City**

NASHVILLE (BP)--Reservations for the 1964 Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist Jubilee Celebration to follow it are being accepted in Atlantic City, N. J.

John H. Williams, Convention arrangements manager for the SBC Executive Committee here, said notices with names of hotels and motels, a map of Atlantic City and essential information are being sent to Baptist state papers for publication.

The information, along with a fill-in form to clip out and mail, also will appear in September in the magazine, Baptist Program, which goes to SBC pastors and denominational workers.

The Convention is dated May 19-22. The 150th birthday of Baptist work will be marked with meetings involving seven Baptist groups May 22-24.

The SBC Housing Bureau, 16 Central Pier, Atlantic City, N. J., is clearing all reservations. With over 11,000 motel and hotel rooms in the city, used to big conventions, there should be ample room for Southern Baptists and Baptists of other conventions who come there.

An attendance at the celebration of 40,000 to 50,000 Baptists is hoped for.

This will be Southern Baptists' first visit to Atlantic City, famous for its Boardwalk and for the Miss America beauty pageant. The Convention Hall, where meetings will be held, is site of this pageant and also will be used later in 1964 for a nationwide political convention.

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To editors: The (BP) annually provides a page-size repro proof for you to print with the information mentioned above. It is being readied for mailing in a very few days. -- (BP) Nashville

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**Ohio Board Discusses
Budget, Book Store**

(8-10-63)

SENECAVILLE, Ohio (BP)--The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio expects to receive \$400,441 in Cooperative Program gifts next year from churches cooperating with the Convention.

Of this, it plans to forward \$120,132 to the treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention for SBC agency work in missions, education and benevolent activities.

Cooperative Program receipts from churches make up the major part of the Ohio Convention's proposed 1964 budget total of \$700,599. The total was arrived at during an executive board meeting here. It will be presented to the state convention this fall for adoption.

Other items in the total budget include expected receipts from three special offerings, one for foreign missions, another for home missions and the third for state missions. Allotments from the SBC Home Mission and Sunday School Boards for joint education, promotion and mission work are also included in the total.

The 1964 Cooperative Program goal tops this year's goal of \$340,000.

The executive board employed an architect to design a new building to house the Baptist Book Store in Columbus. It will move from a downtown location there to a plot next door to the state convention's offices. The two buildings will be connected by an arch.

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Head Of Baptist Hospital
For Aging Awarded Degree

WACO, Tex. (BP)--Mrs. Elsie Wendt Gayer, founder and administrator of Baptist Memorials Geriatric Hospital in San Angelo, Tex., has been named to receive an honorary doctor of laws degree at Baylor University's summer commencement exercises here.

Mrs. Gayer, a graduate of Baylor School of Nursing and the wife of a San Angelo attorney also educated at Baylor, will address the summer graduating class.

Baptist Memorials Geriatric Hospital specializes in the care of chronically-ill aged persons, and is the only Southern Baptist hospital of its kind.

Mrs. Gayer was named "Man of the Year" by the San Angelo Board of City Development in 1960 for her contributions in founding and building the hospital. She was the first woman ever to receive the "Man of the Year" award.

Before heading the Baptist Geriatrics Hospital, Mrs. Gayer was executive secretary of the Tom Green County Tuberculosis Association.

The hospital was founded in 1950 as a tuberculosis sanatorium, converted to a geriatrics hospital in 1954, and given to the Baptist General Convention of Texas in 1956.