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Georgia Convention
To Increase Budget

ATLANTA (BP)--The Georgia Baptist Convention will be asked in November to adopt a 1964 Cooperative Program budget of \$3,614,000.

The executive committee of the convention agreed on the recommendation which calls for an increase of \$227,500. The budget provides \$1,588,000 for Georgia institutions and agencies, an increase of \$94,500, and a similar amount with increase for the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program.

The remaining \$438,000 is for administration, promotion and the ministerial retirement program of the SBC Annuity Board.

Atlanta Baptist Association will ask the convention to release it from commitments made in 1958 concerning a proposed Atlanta Baptist College as a "coordinate college of Mercer University." The convention's executive committee agreed to join in the recommendation with the association to promote the college independent of Mercer, Baptist school at Macon.

The original agreement required the association to raise approximately \$2,500,000. The association has reached the half-way mark and plans now a new campaign.

The executive committee elected O. M. Cates, pastor of Macon's Cherokee Heights Baptist Church, as secretary of evangelism. He will succeed R. T. Russell who retires Jan. 1.

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Herren To Direct
Seminary Services

(9-14-63)

LOUISVILLE (BP)--H. Kenneth Herren, manager of Seminary Village Apartments at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here for the past two years, has been promoted to director of administrative services.

He replaces Badgett Dillard, who was elevated to executive assistant to Seminary President Duke K. McCall.

Before joining the seminary staff, Herren was finance director for a rural electric corporation in Louisville for seven years.

The seminary staff member, who attended Eastern State College, Richmond, Ky., has taught accounting and business law at a Louisville business college.

As new director of administrative services, Herren will supervise the seminary's non-academic personnel and student housing, as well as such office services as telephone, addressograph, duplicating, typing and filing.

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Furman Sports Editor

(9-14-63)

GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP)--William Fletcher Allen, Furman University alumni magazine editor, has been named sports publicity director at the Baptist school here. He succeeds Dick McKee, who resigned to enter public relations work in Charlotte, N. C.

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1963 Annual of SBC
Goes Out In Mailing

NASHVILLE (BP)--Copies of the 1963 Annual of the Southern Baptist Convention have been mailed from here to pastors, education directors, associational missionaries, SBC agency and state convention officers and certain others as prescribed by Convention action.

Copies may also be bought for \$2.50 each by sending orders to Southern Baptist Convention Annual, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tenn., 37203.

The Annual contains minutes of the 1963 actions at Kansas City, official yearly reports of SBC agencies and committees, addresses of pastors and other church workers, directories of Baptist agencies and state Baptist bodies, and statistics.

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Longshore To Direct
California Missions

(9-14-63)

FRESNO, Calif. (BP)--Ralph E. Longshore, secretary of evangelism for Alabama Baptists at Montgomery, has been elected assistant executive secretary for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California here.

Coming Oct. 15, Longshore will direct the cooperative missions division, succeeding Edmond Walker who became Hawaii Baptist executive secretary.

He was elected at the meeting of the California convention executive board.

The board also elected a new business manager--David C. Oglesby, minister of education and music at Briarlake Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga. Oglesby succeeds E. Dale Brister, who resigned.

The board adopted a budget to present to the convention in its November sessions. The total is \$1,840,356 including Cooperative Program receipts from churches, three special missions offerings and joint work subsidies from the Sunday School and Home Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Cooperative Program state goal for 1964 will be \$990,000. The amount of it going to the SBC for work beyond California will be \$247,500, subject to state convention approval.

The board voted to increase its statewide emphasis for the next two years on beginning new churches and missions.

It launched studies for a new Baptist office building. The present one here is in an urban renewal development area of the city. A report will be made to the convention in November.

Longshore, 40, formerly was superintendent of Adult work for the SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville. He was educated at Howard College (Baptist), Birmingham, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

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Baptists In Alabama
Open Mobile College

(9-14-63)

MOBILE, Ala. (BP)--Mobile College, newest institution of higher education in Alabama, has opened here as an agency of the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

About 200 freshmen were expected for the first year on the 400-acre campus. It is located in the Whistler-Eight Mile area of suburban Mobile, about 10 miles from downtown.

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The new senior college is one of two being opened by Southern Baptists this fall. Houston (Tex.) Baptist College also opened.

William K. Weaver Jr., native of and former pastor in Alabama, is president of Mobile College, the first senior college to be chartered in Alabama in 57 years.

The Alabama Baptist State Convention maintains two other senior colleges-- Judson College for women at Marion and Howard College, coeducational, in Birmingham.

T. T. Martin of Mobile, a railroad official, led the campaign to raise over \$2 million for the college. At ceremonies opening the new college, he said, "When God's hand is in a matter, it cannot help but succeed."

Other persons joining in the opening included George E. Bagley, Montgomery, executive secretary of Alabama Baptist work; A. Hamilton Reid, Montgomery, whom Bagley succeeded this year; Leon Macon, Birmingham, editor, Alabama Baptist, and president of the convention.

Harwell G. Davis, chancellor and former president of Howard College; J. L. Bedsole, Mobile, chairman of the new college's trustees; Leslie S. Wright, Birmingham, president of Howard College, and C. A. Anderson, president of Judson College.

H. H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City minister and past president of the Southern Baptist Convention--also a former pastor in Mobile, brought the address of dedication.

Harold W. Seever, pastor of this city's Dauphin Way Baptist Church, brought greetings as chairman of the SBC Executive Committee.

An open house following the dedication permitted residents of Mobile and visiting Baptists from over the state to inspect the new, three-story administration-classroom building. It cost more than \$1 million.

A Mobile family donated 200 acres of land which makes up half the campus site.

Most of the first year students came from the Mobile vicinity. The new Mobile College has no dormitories.

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Arkansas Board Votes
\$2,213,535 Budget

(9-14-63)

LITTLE ROCK (BP)--The executive board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention here adopted a \$2,213,535 budget for the convention's work during 1964.

The budget now goes to the full convention, meeting in November, for approval.

The Cooperative Program portion of the 1964 budget includes \$1,156,382 for objectives within Arkansas and \$706,652 to be forwarded to the Southern Baptist Convention for nationwide and worldwide work.

The 1964 total budget is a little more than \$100,000 above the current year's sum. The \$706,652 for the SBC compares with \$667,621 presently.

Other parts of the proposed budget include capital needs allocations and provision for funds received above the budget total.

The convention's department of missions and evangelism will go into a full-time ministry to the deaf. The cost is to be shared equally with First Baptist Church, Little Rock, which has had a program of work with deaf for some time.

Executive Secretary S. A. Whitlow of Little Rock was authorized to set up and maintain a file of personal information on pastors, ministers of education and music and other church workers. This would be for guidance to churches in calling persons to fill vacancies.

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Dallas, Birmingham
Lead In Total Gifts

By the Baptist Press

First Baptist Church, Dallas, largest church in the Southern Baptist Convention, also with the highest property value, leads in a third category--its \$1,479,950 total gifts in a year are also tops.

But the First Baptist Church of Amarillo, across the state, is the apparent leader of Southern Baptist churches in amount of budget going out through the Cooperative Program. On a yearly total income of \$750,516--fourth largest--it sends \$200,210 to state Baptist and Southern Baptist Convention work via the Cooperative Program.

Dallas, First Church follows with \$180,000.

According to figures compiled in Nashville from records sent in by more than 1100 regional associations of churches, Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, has the second highest annual income for a church--\$904,894. It sends \$78,874 through the Cooperative Program.

Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, largest church in membership east of the Mississippi River, ranks ninth in total gifts for a year. The figure: \$579,250, with \$78,355 forwarded through the Cooperative Program.

Sixteen churches in the SBC have total annual gifts over \$500,000, according to information compiled by the research and statistics department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

In order of total gifts, with Cooperative Program indicated by the letters CP, the others, starting at third place, are:

Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, \$769,365, CP \$138,000; First, Amarillo; Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, \$670,855, CP \$145,601.

South Main Baptist Church, Houston, \$656,543, CP \$100,000; First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex., \$645,327, CP \$88,650; First Baptist Church, Atlanta, \$586,151, CP \$46,000.

Bellevue, Memphis; First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., \$559,385, CP \$66,043; Park Place Baptist Church, Houston, \$546,872, CP \$40,981; First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, \$525,631, CP \$65,038.

First Baptist Church, Midland, Tex., \$525,007, CP \$100,365; Second Baptist Church, Houston, \$524,730, CP \$20,677; Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., \$512,360, CP \$85,915, and Mid-City Baptist Church, New Orleans, \$504,472, CP unavailable.

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Illinois Increases
Budget By \$10,000

(9-14-63)

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (BP)--Directors of the Illinois Baptist State Association approved here a 1964 budget for state work only of \$669,850.

The figure does not include Cooperative Program gifts to be forwarded to the Southern Baptist Convention for national and worldwide missions and education.

The SBC, according to their proposal, would get 35 per cent of the \$735,000 Cooperative Program goal in receipts from churches. (The 65 per cent remaining in Illinois is included in the \$669,850.)

The Cooperative Program goal for next year is \$10,000 more than for 1963. The division of state and SBC portions is identical.

Not included in the budget figures also is the \$155,715 budget for the Illinois Baptist Children's Home at Carmi. Churches support this benevolent institution directly, usually through allotments of 3 to 5 per cent of their church annual budgets.

The budgets are subject to a vote of the association itself.

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Student Missionaries
Represent 199 Schools

ATLANTA (BP)--The 645 student missionaries appointed for the 10 summer weeks by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention represented 199 schools in 25 states and Canada.

Two Baptist colleges sent 23 students each. These were Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn., and Mississippi College in Clinton. Thirteen other schools sent nine or more.

"These 199 schools are the largest representation we have had in student summer missions," said Nathan Porter of Atlanta, associate secretary of the personnel department of the mission agency. Porter works in college recruitment of mission personnel.

He also cited the six states placing the most students in summer missions. These are Texas--105, Mississippi--75, Tennessee--63, Georgia--54, Arkansas--51, and Louisiana--46.

Student missionaries have been appointed by the Home Mission Board since 1944, and, including this year's group, 7,567 have served. Eighty-four of the 645 this summer were sponsored by the Baptist Student Union, campus organization.

The other 13 top schools and the number of students from them in summer missions are Baylor University, Texas--13; Mercer University, Georgia--13; Agricultural, Mechanical & Normal College, Arkansas--12; Oklahoma Baptist University, Oklahoma--12; Tift College, Georgia--12; Wayland Baptist College, Texas--12; Clarke Memorial College, Mississippi--11; Louisiana Polytechnic Institute--11; Hardin-Simmons University, Texas--10; Hannibal-LaGrange College, Missouri--9, Howard College, Alabama--9; University of Southern Mississippi--9, and Southeastern Louisiana State College--9.

All are Baptist schools except for the one in Arkansas, the two Louisiana institutions and the University of Southern Mississippi.

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(Note to editors: You may want to combine this with the Mobile college story also in this bundle, since they are related.)

New Baptist College
In Houston Dedicated

(9-14-63)

HOUSTON (BP)--A dedication service and cornerstone laying marked the opening of Houston Baptist College here, a brand-new Southern Baptist institution of higher education.

In the dedicatory address, William E. Denham Jr., chairman of the new school's board of trustees and a Houston Baptist pastor, called for the complete dedication of the trustees, administration and faculty.

Denham said commitment may be missing in some denominational schools, but it is the key to achieving the fundamental purposes for which Houston Baptist College was established.

Stewart Morris, a Houston attorney and trustee who presided over the cornerstone-laying ceremony, quoted the preamble to the school's bylaws. It states all trustees, faculty and staff members must believe in the Divine inspiration of the Bible, that man was directly created by God, the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, and the doctrine of salvation by grace.

President William H. Hinton had stated soon after his election the school would enlist only Baptists as faculty members and administrative staff members.

The college begins its first year of operation with a faculty of 31 and about 400 students, on a 200-acre campus in the southwest section of Houston.

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The first buildings opened on the campus are grouped into a quadrangle composed of the administration building, the M. D. Anderson student center building, library and classroom building, and Denham Chapel.

Construction has also been completed on men's and women's residence halls, and on the president's home. A new Bible Building and physical education plant are expected to be completed soon after the first semester has begun.

About 3,500 persons attended the dedication services.

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Baylor Research Team
Discovers Leukemia Link

(9-14-63)

DALLAS (BP)--A Baylor University chemistry professor and his assistant have discovered here a cell defect that leads to a common form of leukemia.

It is believed their discovery could pave the way for learning how cellular growth is lost in other types of cancer also.

Directing the experiments here were Morton D. Prager, senior staff member of the Wadley Research Institute and Blood Bank and professor of chemistry of the Baylor Graduate Research Institute housed at Baylor. The assistant was Miss Sarah E. Bryan, doctoral candidate of the Baylor Research Institute.

Their findings were described in a research paper presented at the American Chemical Society Convention in New York City.

The defect, which permits uncontrolled growth of white blood cells in granulocytic leukemia, is in an enzyme system located inside the cell, Prager said.

The enzyme system, in a normal white blood cell, controls the production of pyrimidines. These are the key ingredients of the genetic material which controls cell growth and reproduction.

Demonstrating the way a cell prevents over production of material for growth and reproduction, the scientists simulated in the laboratory one step in the production of pyrimidines. The process of production stopped when the "final product pyrimidine" was added.

In a second experiment extracts from the white blood cells of patients with granulocytic leukemia were used.

"The continued division and multiplication of cells is the actual process of growth and tumor development," Prager said. "Thus loss of an important control at the molecular level extends to loss of control in the growth of the tumor as a whole."

Prager said theories as to how to reinstitute control are "nothing but speculation" at the moment.

He said experiments in the second type of leukemia, lymphocytic, produced no clear cut results. He added further experiments may uncover defects in different control systems.

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