

September 29, 1963

Alaskan Baptists
Plan Fall Crusade

DALLAS (BP)--Thirty-six visiting pastors and musicians will lead Baptist churches and missions in Alaska in simultaneous revivals Oct. 20 to Nov. 3.

Directing the crusade will be C. Y. Dossey of Dallas, associate in the division of evangelism of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dossey said the churches of Alaska range in size from a handful of members to more than a thousand members. They are scattered over that state's almost 600,000 square miles, extending as far north as Fort Yukon.

The visiting ministers and musicians, representing 12 states, will have their expenses to Alaska paid by their own churches for the most part, and the Alaska churches will pay expenses while they are there.

States represented are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin.

Those taking part by states, are the following:

Alabama: George Patterson, Enterprise.

Arizona: John E. Felty, Tucson.

Arkansas: Frank J. Baker, Pine Bluff; Prince E. Claybrook, Paragould; Dale Cowling, Little Rock; Robert D. Hatzfield, North Little Rock; Norman E. Lerch, Booneville; Paul Owens, Lake City; Bernes K. Selph, Benton.

California: W. E. Harrell, Norwalk.

Louisiana: J. C. Clement, Baton Rouge; Leland A. Langridge Jr., West Monroe.

Mississippi: E. V. May, Oxford.

Missouri: Thurman D. Kelley, Joplin.

New Mexico: C. C. Meadows, Carlsbad.

Oklahoma: Charles Baggett, Buffalo; R. M. Buchanan, Ardmore; Wade Carver, Moore; Paul McCray, Vinita; Robert H. Willets, Tulsa; Edward E. Wolfe, Woodward; Bob Woolley, Duncan.

South Carolina: Knox Lambert, Sumter.

Texas: Irby D. Bates, Gladewater; W. N. Clark, Pharr; Dossey; Royce Dowell, Richardson; Pete Fast, Tulia; Hershel A. Hutchins, Brownwood; Raymond W. King, Lubbock; Robert D. Longshore, Littlefield; L. A. Richardson, San Antonio; C. J. Taylor, Cleburne; Charles D. Vanderslice, Richardson; Ferman Weedon, San Angelo.

Wisconsin: Holland P. Smith, Milwaukee.

Lee Roy Till Selected
To Direct 1964 Music

NASHVILLE (BP)--The president of the Southern Baptist Convention announced here he has appointed Lee Roy Till of Dallas to be in charge of music for the 1964 Convention session in Atlantic City, N. J.

K. Owen White of Houston said Till, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Dallas, the largest cooperating church with SBC, would lead congregational singing and would select persons and groups to provide special numbers.

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Dothan White Survey
Shows Number Churched

(9-29-63)

DOTHAN, Ala. (BP)--Results of a Houston County religious survey show 64 per cent of the total population are church members, with another 23 per cent not related to a church in any way.

Total church membership in the county is 19,962, with nearly 14,000 listed as "active", or attending services at least once each month. Baptists led the totals with 55 per cent or 11,094. Methodists showed 3,974 members.

The white population of the county is 38,617.

Twelve denominational groups participated in the county-wide survey, with 66 individual churches represented and 1120 individual workers.

Wilburn Walton, general chairman of the survey, reported more than 96 per cent of all white families in the area were contacted. Walton is pastor of the First Methodist Church here.

Director of the activities was Leonard Irwin, secretary of department of survey and special studies for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Associate director was George Ricker, Montgomery, head of associational missions work for the Alabama Baptist State Executive Board. John Chafin, promotional secretary for the Columbia Baptist (Houston County) Association, served as coordinator.

Chafin stated Baptists in the area are following the survey with a Sunday school enlargement campaign to reach the prospects from the survey.

Ricker, in evaluating the survey, said, "We will continue to study the findings in order to establish new missions or churches where needed, and to institute other programs of work to meet the spiritual needs of the people.

"This was one of the best surveys we've had in Alabama. There was a good response from the workers, and a good spirit of cooperation among the participating groups."

The survey revealed there were 2,175 non-church members listed as having "Baptist preference." These were considered evangelistic prospects for Baptist churches. Another 634 children under the age of nine were also found as Baptist prospects.

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16 Seminary Apartments
Finished In Fort Worth

(9-29-63)

FORT WORTH (BP)--Sixteen new apartments in the J. Howard Williams Student Village apartments have been completed on the campus of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

The new apartments were furnished with solid maple contemporary furniture as a gift from Carson Stout, business executive of High Point, N. C.

Stout had previously given the seminary furniture for the faculty longes and a \$10,000 scholarship fund.

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3 Southwestern Profs
Are Joint Book Authors

FORT WORTH (BP)--Three professors at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here are joint authors of a new book, "Steps to The Sermon."

The three professors, H. C. Brown Jr., H. Gordon Clinard and Jesse J. Northcutt, are faculty members in the school of theology specializing in homiletics (preaching).

Their book is a basic description and analysis of sermon construction and the chronological order of sermon development.

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Graham Named Speaker
At Houston College

(9-29-63)

HOUSTON (BP)--Evangelist Billy Graham will be the principal speaker for Houston Baptist College's religious emphasis week on the campus Oct. 28-Nov. 1.

Graham has given the college, which opened in September as one of brand-new Southern Baptist schools, his acceptance to participate in the emphasis.

Houston Baptist College opened with about 350 freshmen students on its modern new campus in southwest Houston.

Graham will also speak to a group of Houston pastors and clergymen at a Houston hotel at the beginning of the week.

He will deliver the principal address on the college campus Oct. 30 at a rally open to the public.

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Norfolk Survey Shows
140,500 Need Ministry

(9-29-63)

NORFOLK, Va. (BP)--A door-to-door survey of the Norfolk-Portsmouth area by 3,600 workers of 100 churches reveals 140,500 people needing an "intensified" spiritual ministry.

The survey indicated 52,000 persons nine years of age and over in the half million population do not have church membership. Another 59,000 have their church membership outside the metropolitan area, and 29,500 are local church members who attend less than once a month.

These figures were released by Orrin Morris of Atlanta, a survey specialist who helped direct the work for the 18 participating denominations.

Morris is associate secretary of the department of survey and special studies at the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He said workers visited some 84,000 households and secured information on their estimate 275,000 residents. Percentages from this information were used to project the estimates for the entire population.

"We actually gave to the churches 90,000 names of people needing an immediate, intensified ministry," he said.

One leader in the survey called the situation "rather alarming," even though the area reports 66.2 per cent of the population church members. The national average is 63.4 per cent.

Of the children under nine years of age, 36,500 were reported to seldom or never attend church or synagogue activities. "This represents approximately one-third of the children in this age group," Morris said.

The survey found 34.7 per cent of all church members nine years old and upward are Southern Baptists; 21.4 per cent, Methodists; 14.9 per cent, Roman Catholics; 8.4 per cent, Presbyterian; 5.1 per cent, Episcopal, and 3.4 per cent, Lutheran. The remaining 12.1 per cent belong to 38 other denominations.

Morris uses the word "intensified" to mean "a concerted effort, more than a one time approach to an individual, not just a contact and then letting the prospect drop."

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