

October 19, 1963

**Union Promotes
Wright To President**

JACKSON, Tenn. (BP)--Union University trustees have elected Francis E. Wright as president of the Tennessee Baptist school here.

Wright has been acting president since Dr. Warren F. Jones retired July 1. He was academic dean at Union for nine years prior to being named acting president.

He is the 30th president for the college.

Wright received his bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University (Baptist), Waco, Tex. He secured his master of arts and doctor of education degrees from George Peabody College for Teachers at Nashville.

He was dean of men at Baylor before moving to Union as dean. He also once was personnel counselor at Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, La. Wright hails from DeQueen, Ark., but was raised in Muskogee, Okla.

Mrs. Wright is a reading specialist in a Jackson public school. Their daughter, Kay, is a senior at Union preparing to enter kindergarten work.

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**Carolina Board Asks
Integration Delay**

(10-19-63)

COLUMBIA, S. C. (BP)--Furman University, which had just voluntarily lowered its racial barriers, may have to raise them again, temporarily at least.

The general board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, which supports the Greenville university, has asked the school's trustees to defer action until a study can be made of its effect on other educational institutions owned and controlled by the convention.

The study proposed by the board here would be made by it with the aid of the executive committee. The request for deferral does not amount to an order to university trustees, but it does carry weight.

The request will be contained in a report from the 50-member board to the convention when the latter meets in Charleston in November. Should the convention approve the request, it would carry even more weight.

Deferral would not be mandatory, but the school is expected to carry out the wishes of the convention.

If the trustees comply with the board's request, it would probably mean racial barriers to admission at the university would remain for at least two years.

The proposed study would be accomplished in the coming year and a report would come to the 1964 meeting of the convention.

It would affect also the proposed Lower South Carolina College, which the convention hopes to establish in the next three years, as well as North Greenville Junior College and Anderson Junior College.

The general board also adopted a Cooperative Program goal of \$3.6 million for 1964. It will be presented to the annual convention for final okay.

The budget formula has three sections, with each having a division affecting state convention and Southern Baptist Convention funds, so that a single across-the-board percentage division between the two is not stated.

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Maryland Paper Goes
To 8-Page Tabloid

BALTIMORE (BP)--The Maryland Baptist will be published here as an eight-page tabloid newspaper, doubling the content of the present eight-page magazine, starting Jan. 1.

A recommendation to that effect by Editor Gainer E. Bryan Jr., and the Maryland Baptist Committee was approved by the Maryland Baptist State Mission Board. The Board also approved hiring of an associate editor to help produce the enlarged paper.

These changes will be financed out of savings in printing costs, without any increase in subscription rates or state convention appropriation to the paper, E. E. Garland, chairman of The Maryland Baptist Committee, told the Board.

The tabloid format and use of newsprint instead of slick paper will account for the savings, Garland said. He stated high quality of appearance and readability will be maintained through offset printing. The present magazine is printed by letterpress.

Bryan published a pilot issue of The Maryland Baptist as an offset tabloid on newsprint and distributed it to Board members in advance of the meeting.

A 1964 Cooperative Program mission budget of \$575,000 was approved by the 75-member Board for recommendation to the Baptist Convention of Maryland. The state convention meets at Temple Baptist Church, suburban Baltimore, in November.

The proposed 1964 budget figure is \$15,000 higher than the 1963 amount of \$560,000. Sixty-four per cent division between Maryland Convention and Southern Baptist Convention mission causes would be continued.

A new feature of the recommended budget is that the proposed Baptist two-year college was included in the over-and-above portion of the budget. All receipts above the fixed amount of \$562,000 would be divided one-third each to SBC causes, capital needs and Baptist Junior College Fund.

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Brotherhood Record
Budget Approved

(10-19-63)

MEMPHIS (BP)--The Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention approved a record 1964 budget of \$348,225 and a staff reorganization plan in their annual two-day meeting here.

The new budget is \$23,225 above the 1963 allocation of \$325,000.

The new organizational structure, which becomes effective Jan. 1, combines the editorial and promotion divisions into a program development division headed by James M. Sapp, director of the old promotion division.

The new division is composed of a men's department directed by Victor Varner, boys' department directed by Edward Hurt Jr., and a young men's department directed by Norman Godfrey.

Godfrey is an assistant Royal Ambassador director at the Brotherhood Commission.

The young men's department is new and will become operational in churches only after extensive research and construction of a program for this 18 to 24-year-old age group, George W. Schroeder, executive secretary, said.

The new organization structure provides for a curriculum coordinator. Roy Jennings, director of the editorial division, will fill that spot.

In other action the commissioners voted to discontinue sponsoring Brotherhood Week each summer at Glorieta (N. M.) and Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assemblies after 1964. They voted to concentrate on special depth study opportunities for laymen on Baptist seminary campuses.

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The commissioners also favored conducting sessions for laymen in Convention cities just prior to the annual Southern Baptist Convention. The first laymen's meeting will be in Dallas in 1965.

Reelected chairman of the Brotherhood Commission was Roy Collum Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Miss. Dr. David Fried, a Hollis, Okla., physician, was reelected vice-chairman, and Lowell Holder of Evansville, Ind., an appliance manufacturing company executive, was chosen secretary.

Outgoing directors included John McCall of Memphis, 78-year-old lawyer who had served on the commission 25 years.

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Steel Pier Is Where
Pastors To Assemble

(10-19-63)

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (BP)--The Steel Pier in Atlantic City will be the meeting place for the 1964 Southern Baptist Convention Pastors' Conference May 18-19, according to Wayne Dehoney, Jackson, Tenn., president of the conference.

Over 5,000 seats will be available for those attending the conference.

The Seaside Hotel, directly in front of the Steel Pier, has been designated as the Pastors' Conference hotel. The Seaside is one of the newest hotel-motels on the Boardwalk, according to Dehoney.

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