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Eastern States Led  
Atlantic City Totals

By the Baptist Press

North Carolina, Texas, South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia--in that order-- had the most messengers from churches to register at the 1964 Southern Baptist Convention in Atlantic City, N. J.

Each of these five states had more than 1000 messengers and were the only states to pass the 1000 figure, according to Joe W. Burton, Nashville, the Convention's registration secretary this year.

North Carolina had 1631 messengers; Texas, 1206; South Carolina, 1154; Virginia, 1129, and Georgia, 1071. Total SBC registration was 13,136.

Others with more than 500 messengers included Tennessee, sixth with 969; Alabama, next with 769; Maryland, host state, with 631; Florida, 615, and Kentucky, 607.

States east of the Mississippi River provided 10,202 messengers. If Louisiana is included as an eastern state, the total rises to 10,605.

The messenger registration for other states is Alaska, 8; Arizona, 40; Arkansas, 248; California, 190; Colorado, 61; Hawaii, 8; District of Columbia, 159; Illinois, 226; Indiana, 81; Kansas, 89; Louisiana, 403; Michigan, 52; Mississippi, 472; Missouri, 474; New Mexico, 50; Ohio, 162; Oklahoma, 433; Oregon and Washington, 20, miscellaneous registration, 178.

The 1964 registration total is the second highest for the SBC. Only the 1960 Convention and the 1964 Convention have passed 13,000. Both were held in beach resorts along the Atlantic Ocean. The record registration at the 1960 meeting in Miami Beach was 13,612.

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Furman Honors Sister  
College's President

(6-13-64)

GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP)--Furman University here announced it would award an honorary doctor's degree to the president of a sister Baptist college.

The doctor of divinity degree was to go to Thomas Lawton Neely of North Greenville Junior College in nearby Tigerville, S. C. A native of Greenville, Neely attended high school in Spartanburg, S. C., a short distance away.

He is a graduate of Wofford College, Spartanburg, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. Neely is a former Southern Baptist Convention foreign missionary to Venezuela.

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Stetson Gives 3  
Floridians Degrees

(6-13-64)

By the Baptist Press

A doctor of laws degree to a Florida district court judge was one of three presented this spring by Baptist-related Stetson University, DeLand, Fla.

The laws doctorate went to Abram O. Kanner of the district appeals court in Lakeland, Fla.

Previously, Stetson had presented its honorary doctor of divinity degree to James Albert Sawyer, pastor, First Baptist Church, Cocoa, Fla., and its honorary doctor of science degree to George Tom Willey, vice-president and general manager of the Martin Co., Orlando, Fla.

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Maryland Finds Site  
For Junior College

FREDERICK, Md. (BP)--Maryland Baptists found a site near here for their proposed junior college and have arranged to buy the 140-acre horse farm, taking possession next April 1.

The purchase agreement was approved by the state mission board of the Baptist Convention of Maryland, under authority granted by the 1963 state convention.

The site is 45 miles west of Baltimore, the state's largest city and convention headquarters location. It is the same distance north of Washington, D. C. It is just outside the town of Walkersville, population 1000.

Several horses well-known in sports circles have been bred on the farm--Glade Valley Farm--and entered in racing competition. The horse farm will relocate when the property comes into Baptists' hands.

In selecting the semirural location, Maryland Baptist leaders followed the plan to have a board type college rather than one for commuters in an urban location.

Cost of the site is \$300,000. Funds for the purchase will be raised in a campaign among Baptists throughout the state. The campaign will also seek to raise \$3 million to construct buildings on the campus and to equip them. The 1964 state convention at Salisbury will launch the drive.

Although no date was set for groundbreaking, Maryland Baptists hope to open the junior college during 1967. The hope to open to 150 students, to double that number soon afterward, and ultimately handle 450 students.

Maryland Convention has no education institutions. The nearest Southern Baptist Convention schools are in Virginia.

The Baptist Convention of Maryland first took action in 1962 to develop a college. Its last previous action was to employ John R. Cummins this year as director of development, the first staff person called.

Maryland has two scenic attractions--the Atlantic seashore and the mountains. In choosing a site, nearness to one of these attractions was a factor. The Frederick area is within sight of the mountains. The terrain is comparable to Kentucky's famed bluegrass country.

The Glade Valley Farm property has a mansion house on it estimated to be worth \$75,000 or more. Other buildings on the property could be converted into dormitories, some believe. It has both city water supply and its own springs.

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Tennessee Assigns  
3 Student Directors

(6-13-64)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Three Baptist Student Union workers have been assigned in Tennessee, according to a report from the executive board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention here. Positions in Nashville and Memphis are involved.

Miss Pitts Hughes, effective July 1, will be student director at Vanderbilt University, Nashville. She will no longer have statewide student work duties for Tennessee Baptists, whom she has served here since 1957.

Joe D. Crumpacker, presently student director at the University of Tennessee Medical Center, Memphis, will become an associate in the state student work department and will be part-time student director at George Peabody College in Nashville. His employment is effective Aug. 15, or earlier.

Gerald Max Buckner, from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., where he is studying, will become student director and Bible teacher at Memphis State University on Aug. 15.

Another personnel announcement is connected with the board's statewide Brotherhood department. William (Bill) Brown, a graduate of Union University (Baptist), Jackson, Tenn., and a master's degree candidate at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, has joined the department. Brown will be secretary of Royal Ambassador (boys') work.

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Thank You, Whoever  
You Are, For Helping

By the Baptist Press

Thank you, whoever you are.

There were four of you--two couples. Preachers, probably. You were on your way to the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlantic City. It was 2 o'clock in the morning, May 18. You were driving along an isolated stretch of U. S. Highway 11 near Knoxville, Ala.

There was a truck stop but no telephone available. A family from Houston, Tex., was stranded there with severe car trouble.

You came by in your blue or green, late model Ford. There's good reason to think you're from Texas--your license plates appeared to be from there. You saw the family with the broken down automobile. You stopped. You took information so you could help them.

Then you drove on north. You summoned help for them from the Triple-A automobile club in Tuscaloosa, Ala., 20 miles away. They sent out a tow truck. When you got to Birmingham, farther on, you called relatives of the family to tell them where they were stranded.

Now the family you helped in their hour of crisis wants to thank you. But you didn't leave your names. In the confusion that wee hours of the morning often bring, they forgot to ask you. You told them you were headed for the Southern Baptist Convention. That's all they remember.

If you read this, Mrs. Donald R. Brown of 5525 Val Verde, Houston 27, Tex., says thank you for coming to her family's rescue. She wishes she could write you a personal letter and hopes you'll identify yourself so she can.

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Midwestern Seminary  
Receives Accreditation

(6-13-64)

FORT WORTH (BP)--Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Southern Baptists' newest seminary located in Kansas City, Mo., has received accreditation by the American Association of Theological Schools meeting here. Olin T. Binkley, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., was elected president of the organization.

All six Southern Baptist seminaries are now accredited by the association, which meets every two years. Midwestern Seminary had been an associate member of the association for the past two years.

The seminary was formed by the Chicago meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1957 and was instructed to seek accreditation at the earliest possible time, which came at the meeting here. Other schools accredited were Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind., and St. Paul's School of Theology, also in Kansas City.

Reelected to the executive committee of the association was Robert E. Naylor, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Other Southern Baptists elected to commissions and committees include Allen W. Graves, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, to the commission on accrediting; Wayne E. Oates, Southern Seminary, to the commission on Christian education; Denton R. Coker, Southeastern Seminary, to the commission on Christian education; and Samuel Southard, Southern Seminary, to the committee on clinical pastoral education.

The association was urged by its executive committee to consider its future ministry to the 91 member schools and 39 associate members. This would cover such areas as continuing education to graduates, association with the laity, effect of current social and cultural changes upon student recruitment, trends in methods and curricula, and relation with universities, colleges and professional schools.

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Association President Stanley Brice Frost urged his fellow theologians to keep up with the secular world of science.

"All too often the church is unaware of what is going on in the seminar room of universities and their research institutes," said Frost, who is dean of graduate studies and research at McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

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Prepublication Discount

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COLUMBIA, S. C. (BP)--Prepublication orders for the forthcoming "A History of South Carolina Baptists" will receive a \$2 discount over the book's selling price after publication. The 550-page book, due out in October, may be ordered now by sending \$3.95 to South Carolina Baptist History, P. O. Drawer 597, Columbia, S. C. Author of the history is Joseph M. King, professor at Furman University (Baptist), Greenville, S. C.

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(Photo accompanies feature: Nurse Finds Theology/Her Kind of Tonic: New Orleans)

NURSE-THEOLOGIAN--Miss Peggy Argo of Atlanta is the first woman to receive the bachelor of divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, also the first woman there to be admitted for study for the doctor of theology degree. An obstetrics nurse at Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, Miss Argo acquired a penchant for theological studies, now wants to break precedent as a teacher of theology in a Baptist college or seminary. (BP) Photo