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Dallas Reservations
Now Being Accepted

By the Baptist Press

Reservations are now being accepted for hotels and motels in Dallas for people who will attend the Southern Baptist Convention and related meetings there next May 31 - June 4.

The SBC Housing Bureau may be addressed at the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, 1507 Pacific Ave., Dallas, Tex., 75201. Envelopes should clearly indicate SBC Housing Bureau.

A list of accommodations and prices appears in this paper. (BP)

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More Eye Operations
Necessary For Caudill

(9-19-64)

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (BP)--A complication within the left eye of Herbert Caudill, Southern Baptist missionary to Cuba now in the United States for treatment, made two additional operations necessary.

Caudill came to Atlanta in June for his first operation on a detached retina. He had made good progress following the first treatment, until this problem was discovered.

This made two other operations necessary, the second when the retina detached again. The operations were successful, but it is too early to tell how much sight he will have.

Lloyd Corder of Atlanta made the announcement. He is secretary of the language missions department of the Home Mission Board of the SBC, under which Caudill works.

The operations were performed at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.

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Interfaith Effort
Aids Burned Churches

(9-19-64)

JACKSON, Miss. (BP)--Twenty-three Mississippi religious leaders, clergymen and laymen included, have formed a "Committee of Concern" to assist Negro churches recently destroyed by fire in the state in their rebuilding.

The nine denominations include Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish faiths. Both white and Negro leaders are taking part under the permanent chairmanship of W. P. Davis, Jackson, secretary of the department of work with Negroes for the Mississippi Baptist Convention board.

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Edward J. Pendergrass, bishop of the Methodist Church in Mississippi, is chairman of the group's executive committee. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, executive secretary of Mississippi Baptist Convention work, is a member of the executive committee.

Joe Abrams of nearby Clinton, public relations director for the Baptist board here, is secretary of the "Committee of Concern." Joe T. Odle, Jackson, editor of the weekly paper, Baptist Record, heads its public relations activity.

Davis said formation of the committee results from action by the Baptist board in accepting funds for burned out churches, and from interest shown by the other denominations in the cause.

The Mississippi Baptist board began accepting funds a month ago. No tally is available of receipts so far. Funds for the burned out churches may still be sent, made out to "Negro Church Rebuilding Fund," Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

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**Baptists To Stress
Work With Italians**

(9-19-64)

ATLANTA (BP)--The return of Armando Silverio of Tampa, Fla., from language study in Perugia, Italy, marks the beginning of a new emphasis on Southern Baptist work with Italian-speaking people in the United States.

Silverio, a missionary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention since 1961, was sent to Italy for six months of intensive language study to better equip him for work among those speaking Italian.

Lloyd Corder of Atlanta, secretary of the language missions department, said Silverio will survey concentrations of Italian-speaking people in the United States.

From such studies, recommendations will be made for the board's language mission work.

After the studies are completed, Silverio will be assigned to serve in one of these areas, such as Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York City, Boston or San Francisco.

The work will stress starting new missions and churches, or leading established churches to minister in Italian to those who speak this language.

Silverio was born of Italian immigrants in a coal mining town of western Pennsylvania. He has served as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in St. Augustine, Fla., and of the Armenia Baptist Church in Tampa.

The Silverios have a daughter, Beverly, who is attending Mars Hill College (Baptist) in North Carolina, and two sons, Henry and Milton, who are still at home.

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**Academy Promotes
Public Relations Man**

(9-19-64)

SAN MARCOS, Tex. (BP)--Robert C. Kercheville, director of public relations for San Marcos Baptist Academy for the past four years, has been promoted to vice president in charge of development by the Texas Baptist school.

The action came by the academy's board of trustees meeting here.

The board also adopted a resolution expressing appreciation for President William H. Crook, and named a new cadet housing facility for the school's president.

In other action, the board authorized a committee to study the academy's immediate building needs. The committee will bring its report to the next trustees' meeting.

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Dear Religion Editor:

Your copy of the 1964 Southern Baptist Convention Annual is enclosed. It has just been printed.

If you cover our annual conventions, you know that a Book of Reports is given out there. This contains the official reports of each of the SBC agencies to the Convention.

In addition, there has been each year an issue of the Southern Baptist periodical, Quarterly Review, devoted to the denomination's statistics for the current year. This also has been furnished to reporters covering the Convention sessions.

The Annual you are now receiving is another key source book. It contains several features you will find helpful in verifying information about Southern Baptist people, institutions, statistics, addresses, etc.

1. It contains the minutes of the Convention which met in May in Atlantic City.
2. It contains the official reports of the SBC agencies, taken from the Book of Reports.
3. It contains the rosters of pastors, chaplains, ministers of education and ministers of music by states in the Southern Baptist Convention.
4. It contains the addresses of Southern Baptist agencies, state conventions and other organizations.
5. It contains the lists of professional employees of agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention, giving titles or scholastic ranks. This includes the names of foreign missionaries and countries where they serve.
6. It contains financial information, including the SBC Cooperative Program budget for the year and the statements of SBC agencies.

If you do not find what you are looking for here, or through local or area contacts in the denomination, please call us in Nashville. It is area code 615 and our number here is 244-2355. Ask for W. C. Fields or Theo Sommerkamp. The public relations office of the Southern Baptist Convention offers any help it can provide.

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