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**Selma Pastor Heads
Alabama Evangelism**

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (BP)--A Selma, Ala., pastor has been elected to head the evangelism work of the Alabama Baptist Convention, with offices here.

He's 36-year-old Roland L. Jarrard, who was pastor of Selma's First Baptist Church. He assumed his post as administrative assistant in charge of evangelism and missionary education immediately.

Jarrard's duties include promoting evangelism, schools of missions, and the Bible conference at Shocco Springs, the Alabama Baptist assembly grounds.

A graduate of Stetson University (Baptist), DeLand, Fla., Jarrard received his seminary degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He began his preaching career when 16 years of age. He is a native Georgian.

His pastorates in Florida were in Palatka, Miami and Pensacola. Mrs. Jarrard is a native of San Mateo, Fla.

In Selma, he has been moderator of the district association of Baptist churches. He also was a trustee of Judson College (Baptist), Marion, Ala.

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**Grant Directs
State Dimes Drive**

10-15-64

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP)--State chairman of the January, 1965 March of Dimes Campaign in North Carolina is the editor of a Baptist paper, who has a physically handicapped daughter.

He is layman J. Marse Grant of Raleigh, editor of the Biblical Recorder, publication of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The youngest of Grant's three daughters, 11-year-old Carol Ann, has been outfitted with a prosthetic arm. She also wears braces on both legs.

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**Radio-TV Commission
Announces Net Gain**

10-15-64

FORT WORTH (BP)--By the end of 1964, Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission here will have produced a total of 1103 different radio broadcasts of the 22 weekly programs now in regular weekly production.

In addition to these, the commission has provided 44 special tapes for various Southern Baptist agencies and state conventions. It has produced tape masters for four Christian home music phonograph recordings.

Special material for taped programs sent to other countries, giving an address to write to in a particular country, average 85 a week.

Since October, 1963, there has been a net gain of 311 radio and television outlets bringing to 1586, the number of outlets each week for commission-produced programs.

These figures include broadcasting in Latin American countries in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

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Latin-American Time
Reaches 80-Hour Mark

FORT WORTH (BP)--Nine radio and television programs produced by Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission here are being broadcast a total of 800 hours each week in Latin America.

This total compares favorably with "Voice of America" broadcasts going into Latin America at the rate of 90 hours a week, Director Paul M. Stevens said.

Contrasting with these, however, is the 420-hour weekly total of Communist broadcasts beamed into Latin America by Russia, Red China and Cuba, cited recently by Carl Rowan, chief of the U. S. Information Agency.

Latest United Nations world population figures show the fastest growing areas to be the Caribbean and Central American countries with a 2.9 per cent annual gain compared to the world average of 2.1.

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Sims Named To Direct
World Congress Music

10-15-64

WASHINGTON (BP)--W. Hines Sims, secretary of the church music department of the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board will direct the music at the 11th Baptist World Congress, meeting in Miami Beach June 25-30.

Sims was selected by the Congress Planning Committee to head the music program. He said the congress will feature a large choir of Baptists from south Florida. Special music will be presented by Baptist groups and individuals from all parts of the world.

The church music leader is a graduate of Centenary College (Methodist), Hardin-Simmons University (Baptist) and George Peabody College. He has written several books on church music. He served as music director for two Southern Baptist Conventions and for the Baptist Jubilee Celebration in 1964.

The program theme for the congress is ". . . And the Truth Shall Make You Free." Evangelist Billy Graham will be a featured speaker, addressing the Congress on Saturday and Sunday evenings in Miami's Orange Bowl.

Another appeal for advance registration has been made by the chairman of arrangements for the Baptist meeting, Conrad R. Willard of Miami. Willard said the local committee needs to know how many to expect and that the registration funds are needed for advance expenses in planning for the Congress.

Registration cards may be secured from the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tenn., or from the Baptist World Congress Committee, 1452 N. W. 36th St., Miami, Fla.

The Baptist World Congress is sponsored every five years by the Baptist World Alliance. Josef Nordenhaug of Washington is general secretary of the Alliance.

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Texas Students To Send
55 Summer Missionaries

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WACO, Tex. (BP)-- The 45th Texas Baptist Student Convention meeting here voted to send 55 missionaries to seven foreign countries and eight states next summer.

A budget of \$18,475 will be raised for these mission projects.

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In other action, the student convention divided \$1,000 left from last summer's expenditures, giving \$400 to the National Baptist (Negro) Convention for student work, \$350 to help establish a Baptist Student Union at the University of Minnesota, and \$250 to the Baptist World Alliance to help students in foreign lands attend regional World Alliance conferences.

A record registration of 2201 students attended the three-day meeting at Seventh and James Baptist Church, adjacent to the Baylor University campus.

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Georgia Starts
Spanish Work

10-15-64

ATLANTA (BP)--Georgia Baptists and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention have combined efforts to minister to the new Spanish-speaking population of the state.

More than 3,000 Cubans and Puerto Ricans now live in Georgia, which has had no state Baptist ministry to Spanish-speaking people in the 120 years of convention history.

The Cubans, refugees for the most part from Castro's Communist-dominated island, have concentrated in Atlanta, and the Puerto Ricans are connected with military operations in Columbus.

To provide the ministry needed, the state and the Home Mission Board asked former Cuban missionary, Abdiel Silva, a native of Texas, to serve both city areas. The Silvas reached the United States by way of Mexico in September.

The Atlanta and Columbus Baptist Associations of churches also are participating in support of Silva, who will live in Atlanta.

Churches in both cities have classes and departments of Spanish work. In Atlanta, a citywide meeting of Spanish-speaking people is held each Tuesday evening at Druid Hills Baptist Church.

However, mission leaders indicate no effort will be made to start Spanish-language churches. The work will encourage present churches to intensify and adapt their efforts for effective ministries to these people.

Silva was born in Austin, Tex., to parents who were natives of Cuba. He went to Cuba with his parents, who were also Baptist missionaries, when he was six. He graduated from Cuban elementary and high schools, and attended Havana University.

He returned with his parents to the United States when his father undertook mission work at Tampa, Fla. Silva attended Baptists' Baylor University at Waco, Tex., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville.

Since graduation from the seminary in 1939, he has served with the Home Mission Board, both in the United States and in Cuba.

He and his wife, a native of Matanzas, Cuba, were reunited in Atlanta with a teen-age son, Abdiel, Jr., who had left Cuba two years earlier.

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Carolina Budget Has
New Overage Plan

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP)--A new wrinkle in the 1965 budget proposal for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is the provision for handling any money collected beyond the \$5.1 million Cooperative Program goal.

The convention's general board here kept the 66 - 34 per cent sharing arrangement on the regular budget. The larger amount stays in North Carolina and the rest goes to the Southern Baptist Convention.

But it is recommending the convention divide any funds collected above \$5.1 million on a 50-50 basis between the state and the SBC. Inside North Carolina, the surplus would give extra income mainly to colleges and social service institutions maintained by the convention.

The \$5.1 million goal is about \$87,000 greater than the 1964 budget. Cooperative Program receipts this year are running 11 per cent above North Carolina's 1963 collections. They are expected to top \$5 million.

In a second action, the general board recommends a constitutional change to increase the size of the board. It now has 94 voting members, including at least one member from each of the 80 district associations of churches in North Carolina.

The constitutional amendment would enlarge the general board membership by 10 people, one from each of the regions in the state. A region includes several district associations.

The amendment, like the budget, requires approval from the state convention session. The amendment, if passed, would take effect in 1965.

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Brotherhood Agency
Approves Curriculum

10-15-64

MEMPHIS (BP)--A curriculum designed to channel the efforts of Baptist men into more meaningful Christian service has approved here by the Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Commission.

The new "life and work curriculum," already endorsed by one other Southern Baptist group, the SBC Sunday School Board, will become effective in churches in October, 1966.

George W. Schroeder, Memphis, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, said this three-year comprehensive curriculum will coordinate the educational programs of the five program organizations in Baptist churches for the first time.

Currently, these church organizations--Sunday school, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union, church music and Training Union--have separate educational programs that occasionally overlap, Schroeder said.

The curriculum is progressive in nature, Schroeder said, beginning with the story of redemption and climaxing with the meaning of Christian discipleship.

Representatives of the Sunday School Board, who did initial research on the life and work curriculum, envision it as a program alternate to the uniform lesson series, begun in 1872.

The curriculum is Bible-based, church-oriented and action-inducing. It has unusual implications for Baptist men, Schroeder said.

During this three-year program the men will study a biblical concept in Sunday school. They will train for actions growing out of this study in the Training Union. These truths, relating to missions, will be put into practice through the church Brotherhoods.

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The Brotherhood Commission provides programs of missionary education for 400,000 men and 250,000 Baptist boys in 17,000 churches throughout the United States.

In other actions, the Brotherhood Commissioners approved a \$374,370 budget for 1965, an increase of \$26,145.

They also elected Lowell Holder, layman of Evansville, Ind., as chairman; Hugh Cantrell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Stephens, Ark., vice-chairman; and C. C. Kelly, White Deer, Tex., recording secretary.

Outgoing chairman was Roy Collum Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Miss. Commissioners voted to meet in 1965 on Oct. 21-22 at the Brotherhood Commission offices in Memphis.

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Trustee Admission
Policy Preferred

10-15-64

COLUMBIA, S.C. (BP)--The general board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention has voted to leave the matter of admission of all qualified students to its colleges entirely in the hands of trustees.

This recommendation goes from the general board to the South Carolina convention for action. The 1963 convention had referred this matter to the executive committee of the general board for a year's further study.

Such action was brought about because trustees of Furman University in Greenville voted to admit all qualified students to the institution.

The recommendation brought by the general board reads as follows:

"We consider it impractical, at this time, to adopt a uniform policy for all our colleges. Therefore, we approve the policy of allowing each college to deal with student admissions in whatever way the trustees feel is best for that particular institution and the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

"We recommend that the above policy be voted on by secret ballot, and that ballots for this purpose be furnished to the messengers by the secretary of the convention."

The general board also authorized establishment of a long-planned Baptist college at Charleston, S.C. Trustees of the new college will be elected by the 1964 convention.

The board will recommend to the convention the new college have the privilege of borrowing up to \$1-1/2 million dollars in 1965 and 1966. A 500-acre site, debt free, and approximately \$700,000 in cash are on hand.

With other capital and operational provisions in the South Carolina convention budget, the college will receive approximately \$2-1/2 million dollars to begin operation. It is expected to grow into a four-year senior college.

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Two Couples Receive
Language Instruction

ATLANTA (BP)--The appointment of two couples to the Spanish-language institute in San Antonio, Tex., brings the total under appointment by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to 2356. Most of the missionaries work in cooperation with state mission boards.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Lewis Boland and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest W. Wiggins make 17 presently attending the language institute, which was begun in February.

Director M. D. Oates teaches the 11-month course. The first class of eight missionaries will complete the instruction in December.

Curtis Boland, a native of Corpus Christi, Tex., is a graduate of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., and the University of Corpus Christi.

Prior to his appointment, Boland was pastor of First Baptist Church, Tulelake, Calif.

Charlie June Boland, appointed along with her husband, is a graduate of Howard Payne College (Baptist), Brownwood, Tex. She is a native of Taylor, Tex. There are four Boland children.

Forrest W. Wiggins was born in Trinity, Tex., and was educated at East Texas Baptist College at Marshall and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He has been music director in three Texas churches--First Baptist Church, Atlanta; East End Baptist Church, Marshall, and North Side Baptist Church, Arlington. In the latter two he was also education director.

Mrs. Wiggins, the former Billie Janis Phillips of Navasota, Tex., was educated at Sam Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville, Tex., and East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex. The Wiggins' have two children.

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