

December 3, 1964

250 Radio Stations  
Slate Baptist Shows

FORT WORTH (BP)--More than 250 radio stations in 15 Central and South American countries have requested Christmas programs produced in Spanish by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here.

The response was three times the anticipated number and requests are still coming in, said Jerome B. Pillow, head of the commission's language production department.

"We offered two Spanish-language Christmas programs to 800 stations and expected to hear from about 80 of them," Pillow said. He called the response "evidence of God's power and blessings."

The two programs are titled "La Primera Navidad" (The First Christmas), a 15-minute program, and "El Mensaje de Belen" (The Messenger of Bethlehem), a 30-minute program.

Each program intersperses traditional Christmas hymns by choirs, soloists and instrumentalists with dramatized readings of the Christmas story found in the Bible.

Radio stations planning to broadcast one or both of the Christmas programs are located in Mexico, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Netherlands-Antilles, Nicaragua and Panama.

Pillow said most of the 250 stations carry only Roman Catholic religious programs, and the two Christmas programs produced by Baptists might in some cases be "the only evangelical witness which those stations broadcast at Christmas time."

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Receipts Creep  
Toward Advance

12-3-64

NASHVILLE (BP)--Cooperative Program receipts in the Southern Baptist Convention crept forward in November toward the much-awaited goal for the year and the advance mission stage beyond.

SBC Treasurer Porter Routh of Nashville reported income of \$1,663,242 in November brought the year to date via the Cooperative Program to \$18,840,449.

This is within shouting distance of the year's objective of \$19,187,355. It appeared the goal would be passed during the first week or 10 days of December.

After the Convention passes the \$19.1 million mark, Cooperative Program funds received from state Baptist offices will go entirely for foreign and home missions. All operating and capital needs for the two mission boards and other SBC agencies will have been met by the objective.

The advance stage, which enables the mission boards to undertake projects beyond the limits of the regular yearly allocation, provides 75 per cent to foreign missions and 25 per cent to home missions through Dec. 31.

Cooperative Program receipts for 1964 are running 8.11 per cent above those for 11 months of 1963 when the total through Nov. 30 was \$17,426,734.

Designations for the year now total \$15,723,357, including \$155,549 in November. Last year at the same time they had reached \$14,888,200.

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While Cooperative Program funds support all agencies according to a percentage scale, designations go only to the causes named by the donors.

Funds reported by the SBC treasurer do not represent total church offering plate collections nor even Cooperative Program money kept in the states for statewide Baptist missions, which are much higher.

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Moseley, Culpepper  
Join Mission Board

12-3-64

ATLANTA (BP)--A state Baptist executive secretary and a seminary missions professor have accepted top leadership positions offered them by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Fred B. Moseley of Portland, Ore., leader of the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington, assumes a newly created position on Jan. 1. He will serve as assistant to the executive secretary-elect Arthur B. Rutledge.

Hugo H. Culpepper of Louisville, associate professor of Christian missions and world religions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, becomes on Jan. 1 director of the division of missions.

Culpepper takes the position vacated by Rutledge in his elevation to executive secretary-treasurer.

These and three other staff changes took place in Atlanta at the annual meeting of the mission agency.

John F. Havlik of Alexandria, La., was named an associate director in the evangelism division, also effective Jan. 1. He has been secretary of the evangelism department for Louisiana Baptists.

Victor T. Glass of Atlanta, for seven years associate secretary of the department of work with National (Negro) Baptists, became that department's secretary following the retirement of Guy Bellamy of Oklahoma City.

The board also elected Thomas H. Baker of Atlanta as art director, a new position in the division of education and promotion.

Home mission work will not be new for Moseley; he directed the board's city missions department for two years before taking the Oregon-Washington position. A native of Gloster, Miss., he graduated from Mississippi College (Baptist) at Clinton.

His education was continued at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary from which he obtained the doctor of theology degree.

Following pastorates in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana, he served as associate secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

The personnel advisory committee, in recommending the staff changes, said Moseley would be given the task of formulating the program definitions for the Home Mission Board.

Culpepper's experience revolves entirely around missions and education, including service with the SBC Foreign Mission Board in China, the Philippines, Chile and Argentina.

He will coordinate the work of the board's departments of language missions, metropolitan missions, urban-rural missions, pioneer missions, work with National Baptists and special mission ministries. These departments employ most of the board's 2,369 missionaries.

A native of Pine Bluff, Ark., Culpepper answered the call to the ministry while a cadet at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., then attended Ouachita College (Baptist), at Arkadelphia, Ark., and graduated from Baylor University (Baptist) at Waco, Texas.

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Following graduate work at Southern Seminary in Louisville, he and Mrs. Culpepper were sent by the Foreign Mission Board to language school in China.

The school was closed in 1941 by the Japanese occupation, and they transferred to Baguio in the Philippines, only to be captured and interned for three years at Bilbid, Manila.

After two years of convalescing, they studied Spanish and then taught in the Baptist Evangelical Seminary at Santiago, Chile until 1951, when they moved to the seminary at Buenos Aires, Argentina.

In 1959, he accepted the W. O. Carver chair of Christian missions and world religions at Southern Seminary, and in 1961 he received his doctorate there in Christian theology.

"As a foreign missionary, I became conscious of the strategic importance of America in world missions," Culpepper said. "I am convinced, after these years of study and teaching, that there is no more significant opportunity for service than in helping to share an authentic and relevant Christian message throughout the United States."

Havlik, a native of Milwaukee, Wis., has been secretary of evangelism for the Louisiana Baptist Convention since 1961. Before that he held the same position with the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptist for five years.

He has been pastor of churches in Missouri, Texas and Kentucky. The last two were the East Baptist Church in Louisville, and the Beaumont Baptist Church in Kansas City.

His education was secured at Baylor University and at Southern Seminary, where he secured his bachelor's degree in theology, then at Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kans., for his master's degree in theology. He also did further graduate study at Central Seminary until 1955.

C. E. Autrey of Dallas, director of the division of evangelism, said Havlik would work primarily in presenting the role of the division and the program of evangelism through the printed page and visual aids.

Glass, a native of Spray, N. C., will lead in a program aimed at developing National (Negro) Baptist leadership through education, evangelism and missions.

He graduated from Carson-Newman College (Baptist) at Jefferson City, Tenn., and Southern Seminary, where he earned the doctorate in theology. He also attended Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

Before joining the mission agency in 1957, he taught at the American Baptist Seminary in Nashville, and one year was acting president. The school trains National Baptist leadership.

Baker, a commercial artist for 11 years with the Zell Manufacturing Co. in Atlanta, will coordinate art production for brochures, displays and other printed material.

A native of Charlotte, N. C., he attended the Hamlin Art School, specializing in advertising, copywriting and sales promotion. He worked for Sears-Roebuck and Co., for nine years, then operated his own business before becoming art and display director for Zell.

He has served on the advisory committee for the division of education and promotion of the Home Mission Board for five years.

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Novak Named  
Hospital Officer

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HOUSTON (BP)--Joe Novak, former editor of the Baptist Digest in Wichita, Kans., has been named public relations director for Memorial Baptist Hospital here.

Novak was public relations director for the Houston Chamber of Commerce before joining the Baptist hospital staff here.

Before editing the official publication of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists, Novak was editorial assistant for the Baptist Standard of Texas. He is a journalism graduate from Baylor University (Baptist), Waco, Tex., and received the master of religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, in 1955.

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## Research Expanded

JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn. (BP)--A \$30,360 grant to Carson-Newman College (Baptist) here by the National Cancer Institute will enable it to extend its research, directed by Carl T. Bahner, chairman of the college's chemistry department. The newest grant is \$10,000 more than the institute provided Carson-Newman last year for cancer research.

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Home Mission Board  
Budgets \$6-3/4 Million

12-3-64

ATLANTA (BP)--The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has budgeted \$6,841,250 for work in the United States, Cuba, Panama and Puerto Rico.

The budget, largest ever adopted by the mission agency, will support the work of 2,369 missionaries.

Action on the budget came during the annual meeting of the board, which witnessed the transfer of administrative leadership from Executive Secretary Courts Redford to Arthur B. Rutledge, his successor.

Actual transfer of administrative leadership started last August following Rutledge's election, but doesn't take full effect until Jan. 1.

However, at Redford's request, Rutledge took over the planning of the 1965 budget, a task not unfamiliar to him. As director of the missions division for five years, he supervised the spending of more than two-thirds of the budget.

The new budget set \$4,345,000 for the missions division in 1965. This includes work in language missions, metropolitan missions, pioneer missions, urban-rural missions, work with National Baptists (Negroes) and other related tasks.

Language missions, which will spend \$1,570,000 in work with 40 different language groups, again included \$240,000 for work in Cuba.

The mission agency assists in the support of 160 national workers and four missionaries from the United States who have managed to remain in Cuba.

Budgets for other divisions of the mission agency were adopted as follows: Chaplaincy--\$115,000; evangelism--\$200,000; education and promotion--\$225,000.

The administration, including the personnel department and the department of survey and special studies, will spend \$506,780 in 1965.

Another division, that of church loans, handles loan funds with a corpus expected to surpass \$14,149,222 by Dec. 31. The sum of \$731,250 will be added to this next year.

The primary sources of funds for the mission agency come from Southern Baptists' Cooperative Program, a unified budget plan for mission giving through the churches, and from the Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions, a special offering taken each spring and sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union, SBC auxiliary.

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Survey Discloses  
Church Committees

12-3-64

By the Baptist Press

Most Southern Baptist churches carry on their work with no more than 11 committees, and the committee most-often found to exist in churches, wherever they are, is the nominating committee.

This was discovered in a survey conducted by the research and statistics department of the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board in Nashville.

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Albert McClellan, Nashville, program planning secretary for the SBC Executive Committee, requested the survey. James A. Lowry, project analyst in the department, sampled 590 churches in the survey.

Queries went to pastors and Sunday school superintendents of all churches. Churches of fewer than 125 members and of more than 3000, and with memberships in between, were included in the contacts.

One church out of four (24.6 per cent) had three committees or less--in some cases, no committees; another fourth of them (23.3 per cent) had from four to seven committees; another fourth (27.8 per cent) had from eight to 11 committees.

Except for a few which did not reply, the balance of the churches had a dozen or more committees, and 2.2 per cent had 20 or more committees.

The smaller the church, the fewer committees it had, the survey disclosed. Over half the churches of under 125 members said they had only three committees or less. The larger the membership, the more committees, the survey found to be equally true.

Forty per cent of churches with 3000 or more members had at least 20 committees.

The committee to nominate church officers was found in a high majority of the churches. No other committee was nearly as prevalent as this one.

Two-thirds of the smallest churches had a nominating committee; among larger churches it was almost 100 per cent, the only committee to rank so high in existence. The average, considering churches of all sizes, was 83.4 per cent having a nominating committee.

The next most-often found committees were the trustees (58.5 per cent), Lord's supper (58.3 per cent), ushers (57.5 per cent), finance (also 57.5) and properties (57.3 per cent).

Least-often found were such committees as those on scholarship and transportation, in each case occurring in less than 1 per cent of churches.

Twenty-three committees were listed in the questionnaire sent to the 590 churches. Space was left for churches to list committees they had not found among the 23. Those answering listed a total of 133 other committees.

The reason for gathering this information was three-fold. It would show any need for reorganizing or reworking any existing church committee. Any relationship between the deacons and church committees would be depicted. Finally, the variation in number of committees in different size churches would be evident.

McClellan said the information will be used by the program subcommittee of the Executive Committee as it drafts program statements for work carried on by SBC agencies.

Of particular interest, he added, will be the frequency with which churches have committees whose tasks correspond to program assignments of Southern Baptist Convention agencies. An illustration is the church recreation committee, which serves in the area of the SBC church recreation service--a program of the Sunday School Board.(BP)

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Evangelism Division  
To Move From Dallas

12-3-64

ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in annual session here asked its nine-member evangelism staff to move their offices from Dallas, Tex., to Atlanta by June 30.

The evangelism division, operating on a budget of \$200,000, leads Southern Baptists in a uniform program of personal witnessing, revivals, evangelism emphasis and evangelism techniques.

The board's decision to move its evangelism division follows a trend of recent years to locate all administrative forces in Atlanta. Other offices have been moved from Memphis and Oklahoma City.

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When these staff members move, it will be the first time all the administrative staff has been together since 1946, the date the evangelism work was established in Dallas.

In recommending the move to the board, a special study committee said the decision was made for the following reasons:

- 1964 marks the close of one promotional emphasis and the beginning of another.
- space is available in the eight-story office building owned by the board in Atlanta.
- consolidation of the divisions in Atlanta will strengthen all phases of the board's work.

Although the evangelism department was first formed in 1906, it was discontinued between 1928-1937. In 1946, the leadership of the work was given to C. E. Matthews, who asked that the offices be located in Dallas.

Members of the present staff are C. E. Autrey, director; his five associates--C. Y. Dosssey, Eual F. Lawson, Jack Stanton, Newman McLarry, and newly-elected John F. Havlik, and three office secretaries.

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Note to Editors--

Pictures of Moseley and Culpepper have been mailed to all state Baptist papers. Any wanting pictures of the other--Havlik, Baker or Glass let Atlanta know.

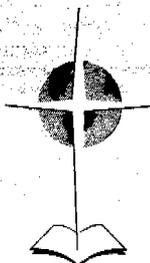


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December 3, 1964

ORCHIDS: To some hustling reporters

SUBJECT: State Convention Coverage, Baptist Press

Dear friends:

A thousand thanks to each of you named below!

And to those associated with you.

Your excellent work this year wrapped up all of the Baptist state conventions in record time. Fastest with the mostest--that's the story for '64. All assignments except one came through. At least eight states, including the newest state convention, provided superior coverage. Other states were several cuts above the average for other years.

Content of stories was excellent. Editors and public relations people assigned gave details as requested. You filled in additional information where most needed. . . and the conventions were covered quickly and in depth.

Most of those not on the teletype circuit called us--collect. Next year (and anytime in between when you have an important news story) please do the same. Reasons: (1) a collect call is made at your convenience. (2) A collect call spares us the time of trying to locate you at some hotel, convention hall, church, Rook game, or en route back home. (3) At such times of major news developments, (BP) pays the telephone bill!

Here is this year's Honor Roll, magna cum laude and magnifique:

Alaska:	William H. Hansen, executive secretary and editor, airmailed his copy
Oregon:	C. E. Boyle, editor, telephone
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Add to this list of distinguished citizens the name of the man who rides  
 shotgun on this end of the line, the assistant director of Baptist Press,  
 whose efficiency throughout the year makes the news service a going concern,  
 Theo Sommerkamp.

Also, a bouquet apiece for hard-working girls in the office here:  
 Suzanne Ezell working with air mail releases; Johnsie Markham working with  
 teletype copy; Grace Capra and Mary Helen Burke for special assistance.

Good friends, all!

Ne plus ultra (Nobody nowhere no better)!

Sincerely,

W. C. Fields  
 Director, Baptist Press

**INTERSTATE FIGURE**--Charles H. Ashcraft of Las Vegas, Nev., the president of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, has been elected executive secretary of the new Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention. The Utah-Idaho convention, 29th state work affiliating with the nationwide Southern Baptist Convention, comes into existence Jan. 1 with offices in Salt Lake City. (BP) Photo