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List of Medical Men
Attending SBC Needed

DALLAS (BP)--An appeal for names and addresses of physicians, dentists, nurses and other medical personnel who will attend the Southern Baptist Convention here has been issued by the Texas Baptist Brotherhood Department.

During the convention on June 2, a breakfast for medical personnel will be sponsored jointly by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and the SBC Brotherhood Commission.

Personal invitations will be mailed to those in medical, dental and nursing professions whose names are received.

Purpose of the 7:00 a. m. breakfast at Holiday Inn-Central is to present opportunities for Baptist medical personnel to give short periods of time to medical missions.

An address by SBC Foreign Mission Board Executive Secretary Baker James Cauthen will follow a visual presentation of medical missions at the breakfast meeting.

W. L. Smith, Texas Baptist Brotherhood Department secretary who is handling ticket information, said that new emphases of the Foreign Mission Board offer opportunities for medical personnel heretofore unavailable, except on a continuing missionary basis.

Names of physicians, dentists, nurses and other medical personnel who plan to attend the convention should be sent to Smith at 410 Baptist Building, Dallas, Texas 75201.

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Baylor Names Foreign
Service Man to Staff

4-20-65

WACO, Tex. (BP)--Eugene A. Gilmore Jr., a man with 20 years' experience in U. S. Foreign Service, will come to Baylor University here next fall as professor of economics in the Hankamer School of Business.

Gilmore, a former economics teacher at the Universities of Southern California and Nebraska, retired from the foreign service in 1961 and is currently teaching at The American University, Washington, D. C.

He has served in economic, administrative and teaching capacities for U. S. Embassies in Havana, Cuba; Lima, Peru; La Paz, Bolivia; India and Iran. He has also served in two capacities for the U. S. State Department in Washington.

At Baylor, he will probably teach courses in economics principles and international economics, said Business School Dean A. S. Lang, who called Gilmore "a very distinguished scholar."

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Baptist Radio-TV
Sunday Set May 16

FORT WORTH (BP)--Baptist Radio-TV Sunday will be observed on May 16 in hundreds of Southern Baptist churches to let church members know how the denomination's Radio and Television Commission is using the air waves in the spread of the Gospel.

This year marks the 25th year of the denomination's use of radio for Gospel broadcasting.

The commission, with national offices here, has produced a film strip and a 15-minute tape recording by Commission Director Paul M. Stevens for use either separately or together by churches on the observance.

The tape and/or filmstrip are suggested as part of a Wednesday or Sunday night church service, or for use by church organizations in observance of Baptist Radio-TV Sunday.

Some churches, located near one of the 130 radio stations which have carried programs produced by the Baptist commission for 10 years or more, will present inscribed wall plaques to the stations as expressions of appreciation from the denomination.

All 1776 radio and television stations which are currently broadcasting Southern Baptist programs will receive a "silver anniversary award" of appreciation from the commission on the denomination's 25th year of radio programming and broadcasting.

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Spanish Radio Drama
Given to 250 Stations

4-20-65

FORT WORTH (BP)--Two Easter radio dramas in Spanish have been provided by the Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission here to more than 250 stations in Central and South America, the Caribbean, and the United States.

Commission officials here called the response "overwhelming," especially for countries with predominately Roman Catholic populations.

Easter radio programs prepared by the Baptist commission were sent to 47 stations in Mexico, in addition to many others in Haiti, Dominican Republic, Netherlands Antilles, and Puerto Rico.

Stations in seven of the United States, from California to New Jersey, requested the Spanish-language programs.

Jerry Pillow, head of the commission's language department, explained that the religious heritage of the Latin American people is a cultural force which enters their daily and national life. "During the 'Semana Santa' (Holy Week), great cities and remote villages alike give way to things spiritual," he said.

Pillow said that the supply of appropriate music and other broadcast material in Spanish is limited, and radio stations in these countries eagerly accept programs produced by Baptists.

"It's a great opportunity for Southern Baptists to preach the Gospel during the time of the year when the Spanish-speaking listeners are most susceptible to the message," Pillow added.

The two programs offered free to the stations by the commission include a 30-minute program called "Reborn Hope," and a 15-minute version of the same drama called "Mysterious Stranger," both based on Luke 24 and related scriptures.

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Southwestern Begins
Work on Apartments

4-20-65

FORT WORTH (BP)--Construction on an eight-unit student apartment building as part of the J. Howard Williams Student Village at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary begins here May 1.

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The \$85,000 addition, the twenty-first building in the Student Village, is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. George McQueen of Fort Worth. McQueen is an oilman and rancher who raises white face and black Angus cattle on a ranch near Fort Worth.

The student village now has 20 buildings and 160 apartments. It is a memorial to the late J. Howard Williams, former president of the seminary.

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Baylor Names Two
Alumnus Outstanding

4-20-65

WACO, Tex. (BP)--An oil operator from Houston, Earl C. Hankamer, and a pioneer in the field of transistor manufacturing from Dallas, Gordon K. Teal, have been named recipients of the first Outstanding Alumnus Awards from the Baylor University Ex-Students Association.

Hankamer, a Baptist deacon, is an independent oil operator in Houston and is vice president of Prudential Oil Co. A Baylor benefactor for many years, he donated a million-dollar building to Baylor's school of business in 1960. It was named in his honor. Hankamer is chairman of the Houston executive committee of the Baylor board of trustees.

Teal, inventor of single-crystal germanium and silicon for transistor use, is currently on leave of absence as assistant vice president and international technical director for Texas Instruments in Dallas to serve for two years as director of the Institute of Materials Research for the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D. C. He is a member at Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas.

Teal and Hankamer were selected for the Ex-Students Association award by a committee of ten university faculty members and ex-students meeting with Baylor Chamber of Commerce members as non-voting moderators.

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Urgency of Increasing
Missions Efforts Cited

4-20-65

HOUSTON (BP)--Manpower and resources must be stepped up greatly if victory is to come through Southern Baptists' missions efforts, speakers said at a World Evangelism Conference sponsored by a Houston church.

At the same time, the power of the Holy Spirit was emphasized as the foremost need throughout the denomination. Evangelist Bo Baker of Dallas said he doesn't know of any church in America where there is real revival.

The week-long conference in First Baptist Church called on Southern Baptists to re-examine "strategy in world missions in prayer and with open hearts."

A special task force of preachers and laymen to conduct evangelistic crusades in key missions centers and use of radio, television and other mass media were suggested as supplements to world missions efforts.

The conference program consisted primarily of foreign missionaries and Texas Baptist preachers, although no particular agency or convention was official sponsor. The theme was "Urgency Now in World Evangelism."

W. H. (Dub) Jackson, formerly a missionary to Japan, said that the present rate of advance offers "no real hope of reaching all the people."

Jackson, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston, urged that funds be made available to use mass media, especially radio and television, in spreading the gospel. The Houston church, pastored by former SBC President K. Owen White, has allocated \$10,000 for a radio ministry featuring the testimonies of Christian celebrities.

Winston Crawley, Foreign Mission Board secretary to the Orient, said he dreams of ten per cent of all Southern Baptist resources, preachers and special workers used overseas.

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"If ten per cent of our preachers go out, we would have $3\frac{1}{2}$ times as many missionaries," Crawley said. "If each church would increase its gifts by one per cent a year, we would double our missions support in seven years."

Billy Tisdale, missionary to the Phillipines, said that Texas alone should have a task force of 1,000 preachers and laymen who will give a month every year to world mission. Fifty men attending the meeting answered his plea and signed commitments.

Texas Baptist Executive Secretary T. A. Patterson, echoing the urgency of evangelism, said Southern Baptists "could have gone to Russia, and we had opportunity to go into China, but now the doors are closed."

Patterson said Baptists must not assume that they have to have buildings to carry on work at all missions points, but then pointed to local churches spending too much of their gifts on themselves as a basic reason for lack of building funds abroad.

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Ministers' Wives Debate
Their Own Importance

4-20-65

By The Baptist Press

Do ministers' wives feel they lead a better life than other women?

Some answer will be provided to this question when the Southern Baptist Conference of Ministers' Wives holds its 1965 meeting in Dallas June 3.

Two ministers' wives each have been assigned to present the positive stand and the negative stand in a debate over the statement - Resolved: That the minister's wife leads the best of all possible lives.

Defending the affirmative point of view will be Mrs. W. E. Denham Jr. of Austin, Tex., and Mrs. W. Temple Bennett of Richmond, Va. Opposing them will be Mrs. J. R. Halsell III of Vienna, Va., and Mrs. Vernon Elmore of Corpus Christi, Tex.

The meeting, at which an award will be made to a minister's wife for outstanding service, will be held at Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas. It is one of several meetings held during the week of the 1965 session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas.

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Sunday School Lesson
Offered in Portuguese

FORT WORTH (BP)--A new 15-minute radio program produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here features a Bible lesson taught by a Baptist missionary to the Portuguese in Rhode Island.

Bible teacher for the program is A. R. Major, a missionary appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to the Portuguese-speaking people of Rhode Island. Major is a former missionary to Brazil.

Only one station so far is using the new Baptist Sunday School lesson radio stations in the United States which carry some Portuguese radio programs.

Ilias Gomez, a Brazilian student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here is announcer for the program, titled "Escobar Biblica Do Ar" (or "Bible School of the Air" in English).

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Nursery Facilities
Available at SBC

DALLAS (BP)--Nursery facilities will be available to care for the children of out-of-town Baptists attending the Southern Baptist Convention here May 31-June 4, but local Baptists are asked to provide their own baby-sitters if they attend.

These are the policies set by the convention's nursery committee charged with making arrangements for nursery care.

Facilities of the First Baptist Church of Dallas located downtown at Patterson and Ervay streets will be available to out-of-town convention messengers at a rate of 75 cents per child per hour. An additional 25 cents will be charged if lunch is served.

Infants through three-year-olds will be eligible for the nursery care. Only residents outside Dallas County may use the official convention nursery.

Even though the facilities will be available, the committee stated it would discourage people from bringing their children, especially infants, to the convention.

The committee set rigid hours for the nursery care service, and ruled that a penalty of 50 cents will be imposed for every 15 minutes a child is kept beyond closing hours.

The nursery will open at 8:30 each morning, Monday through Friday of the convention, and will close at 5:00 p. m. It will re-open each evening at 6:30 and close for the day at 10:00 p. m.

In case of overflow crowds filling the First Baptist Church nursery to capacity, the nurseries of First Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, and/or Cliff Temple Baptist Church may be used.

Arrangements have been made for a doctor or nurse to be on call should any sickness occur in any of the convention nurseries.

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Kansas Office Calls
Pybas To Fill Post

4-20-65

WICHITA, Kans. (BP)--The Executive Board of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists has asked Garth L. Pybas, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Topeka, Kans., to join the staff here as secretary of evangelism and Brotherhood. Pybas will begin his new work June 1.

Pybas is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kans. He has been pastor of the Topeka church 9½ years. He is a former Army chaplain who served in the South Pacific.

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Missouri Board Votes
\$250,000 Budget Hike

4-20-65

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)--A \$250,000 increase in the state Baptist Cooperative Program budget goal for 1966 has been approved by the executive board of the Missouri Baptist Convention here. The proposal is subject to convention adoption.

The Missouri board also voted to change the name of the Brotherhood department at the Baptist state offices here. It approved a convention-sponsored bond program and will study a Bible institute program.

The new yearly Cooperative Program goal, which depends on gifts from cooperating churches, would be \$3½ million. The 1965 goal is \$3¼ million. The 1966 budget would continue the current division of receipts via the Cooperative Program -- 35 per cent to the Southern Baptist Convention, 55 per cent to regular Missouri convention causes, and 10 per cent to special denominational causes.

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This 10 per cent category includes annuity and retirement contributions for pastors and denominational workers, and publicity and promotion of convention activities, including the publication of the state Baptist weekly newspaper.

The name of the Brotherhood department was changed to department of work with Baptist men.

Under the state bond program, the executive board will guarantee bonds against default to help finance new church construction in the state through bond issues. It has negotiated a contract with a private bonding firm.

The Bible institute study will determine the possibilities for such an institute in the projected educational program of the Missouri convention.

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Blackwell Outlines
Furman Responsibility

4-20-65

GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP)--At his inauguration as president of Furman University here, Gordon W. Blackwell said the Baptist-related institution is "committed to the greatest possible service to the Baptist denomination of our state and region."

He added, "But it should be clear that our function in this regard must be educational, not evangelical. Baptists, no less than others, deserve higher education which is characterized by academic excellence.

"I believe this kind of education thrives best in an atmosphere which is permeated by Christian influences. But Furman University's function should never be confused with that of either a seminary or a church."

Blackwell became president of Furman, a South Carolina Baptist school, this year succeeding John Laney Plyler, who retired. Blackwell, 53, had served as president of Florida State University, Tallahassee, for four years before heading Furman.

The new Furman president is a native of South Carolina who is an alumnus of Furman and who also taught sociology at Furman from 1937 to 1941. He is a former chancellor of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, located in Greensboro.

Both of Blackwell's sons are Furman graduates.

Elsewhere in his inaugural address, Blackwell said, "the denomination has been sometimes inspiring, sometimes nurturing, sometimes exhibiting a lack of understanding and a forgetfulness of traditional Baptist freedoms--yet always present as a driving force helping to mold the character of the institution.

"And always an objective of the college has been to send out mature, intelligent, dedicated young men and women into the service of the church," the new Furman president continued.

"A college, like a religious denomination--if it is to fulfill its true purpose--should not be merely a weathervane, nor should it merely mirror its society," said Blackwell. "Rather it must exercise initiative for change and innovation, both within itself and in its society."

His address also credited William J. McGlothlin with being an inspiration to Blackwell during Blackwell's student days at Furman. McGlothlin was president of Furman at the time of his death in 1933. McGlothlin was also president of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1930-33.

Blackwell said Furman must show "sincere and primary concern for the student" and be just as "sensitive to the public interest" as the public-supported university.

"Along with other private colleges, we can expect difficult years ahead," Blackwell said. "It will not be easy to maintain the present quality of our faculty in competition with more affluent institutions. We must avoid recurring temptations to spread our resources too thinly. We must have a clear delineation of our mission and the courage to stick to these defined goals."

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Cuban Women Included
In Baptist Arrests

ATLANTA (BP)--The arrest of 53 Baptists by Cuban authorities April 8 included four women, according to Loyd Corder of Atlanta.

The mission leader's announcement was the first indication women were arrested. He discovered it when given the names of those in prison.

Corder, secretary of the Language Missions Department for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, said the situation remains very "fluid."

"Some pastors arrested at first were released and others imprisoned," he said. "The prisoners are not all in one prison, but they are scattered throughout Havana and the surrounding area."

He said the wives of missionaries Herbert Caudill and David Fite, both natives of the United States, visited the prison for the second time April 20.

"They missed seeing Caudill, who was in a hearing at the time, but they did see David Fite," Corder announced, "and found him well and in good spirits."

A granddaughter of the Caudills was born April 20 in Park View, N. M., to the Douglas Pringles. The girl, who weighed 8 pounds, 10½ ounces, was named Marjorie Diane. Mrs. Caudill's given name is Marjorie.

Mrs. Pringle phoned Havana the day Marjorie was born to relay the news of the second Caudill grandchild born this year. The Fites have a boy born in Havana March 5.

Corder said Mrs. Caudill is keeping very busy working with the churches, which had gone ahead with activities planned before the arrest of the missionaries, pastors, and laymen.

The president of the Cuban Baptist Convention, Luis Gonzales Pena, pastor of the Santa Clara Baptist Church, reportedly is held incommunicado somewhere.

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Virginia Discusses
\$4.2 Million Budget

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RICHMOND (BP)--The General Board of the Baptist General Association of Virginia is tentatively proposing a 1966 associational Cooperative Program budget of \$4.2 million.

The current year's Cooperative Program budget is \$4 million.

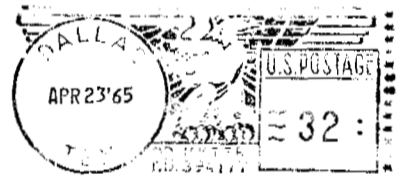
The tentative budget would mean an increase in percentage and total dollars for the Southern Baptist Convention for national and world missions. The current SBC budget share is 37 per cent. The proposal for 1966 is 37.5 per cent.

The 1966 budget is subject to another board review before it is sent to the annual state association meeting in November for adoption.

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WATCH FOR THE (BP) CREDIT LINE

Add One, "Texas Baptists...Host SBC"

From almost any direction out-of-state Baptists might take to Dallas to attend the SBC, visitors are likely to travel near or past a Texas Baptist institution.

Visitors from the east will find East Texas Baptist College at Marshall, Tex., on the edge of the Texas-Louisiana state line. A little further to the south is Baptist Hospital of Southeast Texas, located in Beaumont. Nearby is Houston Baptist College, now in its second year of operation, and Memorial Baptist Hospital in Houston, which has three unique "satellite" hospitals located in suburbs of this home of the astronauts.

Baptists from out west might stop on their trip to Dallas at Wayland Baptist College in Plainview; Hardin-Simmons University and Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene; Howard Payne College in Brownwood; or Baptist Memorial's Geriatric Hospital for the aging in San Angelo.

West Texas will soon have another Baptist institution, a hospital to be built in Amarillo. Construction on the first units will begin in November.

Just 65 miles northwest of the convention city is the world's oldest junior college in continuous existence--Decatur Baptist College.

Visitors must hurry to see final classes of this institution. Decatur Baptist College is moving, lock-stock-and-barrel, to Dallas on Sept. 1 of this year to form the nucleus of Dallas Baptist College.

Construction will be completed this summer on the new Dallas Baptist College campus, located on the Southwestern outskirts of Dallas near Grand Prairie overlooking beautiful Mountain Creek Lake.

Most of the Texas Baptist institutions are south of Dallas, of course, since the convention city is in North Texas.

To the south are most of the Texas Baptist colleges and universities, including Baylor in Waco, Mary Hardin-Baylor College for women in nearby Belton, San Marcos Baptist Academy still further south in scenic San Marcos, and the University of Corpus Christi located on the beaches of Corpus Christi Bay, a part of the Gulf of Mexico.

Texas Baptists also operate in South Texas two schools primarily for Latin Americans, the Mexican Baptist Bible Institute in San Antonio and the Valley Baptist Academy in Harlingen.

Baptist hospitals are also located south of Dallas in three of the cities where Baptist schools are operated--Hillcrest Baptist Hospital in Waco, Baptist Memorial Hospital in San Antonio, and Valley Baptist Hospital in Harlingen.

In addition to the Buckner system, Texas Baptists own and operate three other child care institutions, all in South and Central Texas. They are Texas Baptist Children's Home in Round Rock just south of Waco; Mexican Baptist Children's Home in San Antonio; and South Texas Children's Home near Beeville, Texas, between San Antonio and Corpus Christi.

No matter which direction in Texas you travel--north, south, east or west--the influence of Texas Baptist institutions is along the way, for Baptists in Texas are seeking to make a big impact for Christ on their state.

Baptists in Dallas Once
"Lonesome," But Not Now

By Al Shackelford
Baptist Press Texas Bureau

The name seemed appropriate--Lonesome Dove Baptist Church.

When it was organized in 1846 in eastern Tarrant County, the church was the first Baptist congregation in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

It was 200 miles to the nearest Baptist church, and there was not another evangelical church between the small Lonesome Dove church and the Pacific Ocean. But that was in 1846.

The Baptists of Lonesome Dove church would have no reason to feel "lonesome" today.

Now there are 360 Baptist churches in Dallas and Tarrant Baptist Associations, with nearly 300,000 members. When 15,000 Southern Baptists from throughout the nation gather in Dallas June 1-4 for the Southern Baptist Convention, they will be meeting in a two-city region with the greatest concentration of Baptists in the world.

But it was not always so. In pre-Civil War days, it was so difficult to get the first Baptist church in Dallas started that the city became known as "a terror to the missionary," according to Baptist historical records.

In the days before 1860, Dallas was commonly referred to as "a desperately hard place for Baptists." No pastor seemed to be willing to undertake the task of founding a Baptist church in Dallas.

During this period there were several growing rural Baptist churches in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, but little impact was made on Dallas. There were very few Baptists living in the city, since most lived in the rural areas.

As late as 1868, there were no Baptist churches in the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, although Baptist congregations were springing up rapidly in the outlying rural areas.

The founding of a church in Dallas was apparently so difficult that it took three attempts before a lasting congregation was established in the city.

The first attempt to organize a Baptist church in Dallas came in 1857, but the church lasted only three years. On Feb. 12, 1860, the fellowship was dissolved.

On the next day, however, 14 of the members organized the second First Baptist Church of Dallas. Since the pastor and most area Baptists were farmers and lived out of town, it was difficult to maintain a regular schedule of services.

The congregation began to meet in a school house at Pleasant View, four miles northeast of Dallas, and in 1863 it adopted the name of Pleasant View Baptist Church.

In the fall of 1867, a zealous Baptist layman, W. L. Williams, moved to Dallas but could find no organized Baptist group in the city.

With the help of two other laymen, Williams persuaded three Baptist ministers to come and conduct a campaign lasting several weeks. As a result, 11 members organized the third First Baptist Church on July 30, 1868. Today this church is the largest Southern Baptist congregation in the world, with more than 13,000 members.

About the time the First Baptist Church of Dallas was organized, Fort Worth was having its difficulties in getting a Baptist church started.

A Fort Worth Baptist Church had been organized in 1868, but a dispute within the membership in 1871 over land for a proposed West Fork Baptist College brought such dissension that the church ceased to exist.

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Baptist Feature

Add One, "Baptists in Dallas..."

Fort Worth's First Baptist Church was organized on Sept. 12, 1873, and within five years grew to 75 members.

At that time, 1878, the church sought to use the church covenant to discipline some of its members. Instead, the covenant was repealed and nine members withdrew to form the Southside Baptist Church, which is now one of the leading churches in Fort Worth--Broadway Baptist Church.

Despite the early hardships in organizing Baptist churches, the Dallas-Fort Worth area eventually gave birth to so many churches and Baptists that it now has the largest concentration of Baptists in the nation.

The region's growth into prominence as an important Baptist center began with several significant events and the influence of great Baptist leaders who came to the forefront around the turn of the century.

Prime example is the leadership of George W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, who began his 47-year ministry in Dallas in 1897.

One of the greatest of these Texas Baptist giants was B. H. Carroll, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Waco, who was instrumental in organizing the Baptist General Convention of Texas by uniting five general groups of Texas Baptists in 1886.

Carroll founded Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth in 1910 when he led the convention to move Baylor University's theology school from the main campus in Waco. Carroll became the first president of Southwestern Seminary, which now is the largest evangelical seminary in the world.

Truett was instrumental in founding what is now Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. At a banquet in 1903 honoring the famed "bloodless surgeon of Vienna," Adolph Lorenz, Truett called for erection of a "great humanitarian hospital" in Dallas. The hospital was founded in 1910.

Another great humanitarian institution was founded in Dallas by R. C. Buckner, a Baptist editor of "The Religious Messenger" who used his publication to launch a campaign for a Baptist orphans home in Dallas. In 1879, Buckner founded what is now Buckner Baptist Children's Home, and Buckner Baptist Benevolences, a huge benevolent system--the largest of its kind in the world--which cares for children, the aging, and unwed mothers.

In the 1890's, a Baptist controversy erupted in Dallas when the editors of two religious newspapers printed charges and counter-charges against each other, splitting the convention and resulting in the organization of the Baptist Missionary Alliance.

During the heat of the controversy, another Baptist giant came to the forefront. In 1897 J. B. Gambrell became superintendent of missions for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, resigning as president of Mercer University, in Macon, Ga., to accept the position.

Under the strong leadership of men like Gambrell, Carroll and Truett, Texas Baptists entered the twentieth century stronger united than before the controversy.

The same result came from another heated Texas Baptist controversy during World War I when the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fort Worth, J. Frank Norris, waged an anti-heresy movement, charging that the convention's schools were teaching evolution and "salvation by culture".

Norris, a former Dallas pastor and editor of The Baptist Standard which he sold to the convention in 1909, was a Fundamentalist and was critical of the denominations missions, educational and financial programs. In 1922, the Tarrant Baptist Association withdrew fellowship from his First Baptist Church, and Norris was censured and expelled from sessions of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in 1922, 1923 and 1924.

As a result of the Norris controversy, the Southern Baptist Convention adopted in 1925 a revised and enlarged statement of faith. Baptist unity emerged from the bitter controversy stronger in the faith than before.

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Baptist Feature

Add Two, "Baptists in Dallas..."

There have been other controversies within the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and there could be more in the future. Throughout history, Texas Baptists seem to have emerged from such inner struggle stronger than before.

Baptists in Texas owe much to the leadership of the giants like Carroll, Truett, Gambrell, and others who laid the foundation upon which Texas Baptists have grown to be the largest Protestant, evangelical group in the state.

When the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Dallas this year, the 15,000 Baptists expected to attend will gather in a state that is a bastion of Baptist strength. And unlike the Baptists in Dallas around 1850, they won't be "lonesome."