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Churches to Observe
Baptist School Day

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Southern Baptist churches throughout the nation will observe the 13th annual denominational emphasis on Christian education and Baptist schools on Sunday, Feb. 20, designated as "Baptist Seminaries, Colleges and Schools Sunday."

Theme for the emphasis, sponsored by the Christian Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be "What Baptist Schools Offer."

Rabun L. Brantley, executive secretary of the Education Commission with offices in Nashville, said that pastors of many churches will preach on the subject of Christian education or invite representatives of Baptist schools to speak from their pulpits.

Some will hold a special seminar or program for students and their parents, assembly programs, banquets, breakfasts, or other special meetings on Christian education.

Purposes of the special emphasis, said Brantley, is to start young people thinking about what college they will attend and what kind of high school preparation they need, and to provide every possible assistance to the young people in completing their plans, including such things as making application, financing the cost, and choosing a proper course of study.

To assist the churches, the SBC Education Commission has prepared a kit of materials containing a leader planning sheet, a statistical leaflet on Baptist schools, a map showing the location of the schools, a list of courses of study offered, several tracts and pamphlets on Baptist colleges and Christian education, a folder on Baptist seminaries, and a sermon outline on "The Church-Related College in the Great Society." There is no charge for the materials.

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Formosa Church Sponsors
Servicemen's Center

2-3-66

TAIPEI, Taiwan (BP)--The Calvary Baptist Church here is soon to begin sponsoring a Christian Servicemen's Center in Taipei for servicemen who come to Taiwan from Viet Nam for rest and recreation.

In a letter to the treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, the treasurer of the Taiwan Baptist mission said that the new servicemen's center "will be a very helpful ministry to our men who are doing so much for us in Viet Nam."

Calvary Baptist Church is one of two churches on the island of Taiwan (Formosa) which ministers mostly to servicemen, their dependents and other American civilians in Taiwan, said Harry L. Raley, treasurer for the Taiwan Baptist mission work in a letter to Porter W. Routh, treasurer of the SBC.

Raley sent a check for \$1,000 from the Calvary Baptist Church to the Southern Baptist Executive Committee in Nashville as the church's contribution to world missions through the SBC Cooperative Program budget plan.

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Baptist In Los Angeles
Establish Loan Agency

LOS ANGELES (BP)--Southern Baptists in Los Angeles have established a church loan corporation to assist the association and churches in the metropolitan Los Angeles area in securing property for new churches and missions.

The church loan corporation was formed as a result of the work of a special committee established by the Los Angeles Southern Baptist Association.

Already the corporation has been incorporated under the laws of California, and has gone into business.

Within a week after it was formed, the corporation began proceedings to purchase eight acres of land for future church or mission sites. Officers of the corporation plan to hold the property after it is purchased and resell at cost to Baptist churches whenever they are ready to begin a new mission or church.

The Los Angeles Association has transferred \$30,000 in loan assets to the corporation for management, and elected the corporation's board of directors.

W. R. Bates, newly elected president of the corporation and pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of La Mirada, Calif., said that the loan corporation would compliment what is being done by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

Bates said that the corporation would probably not be able to make loans for construction of church buildings until its work is expanded, or unless someone gives funds for that specific purpose.

Bates said the corporation hopes to eventually employ an executive secretary to work in the corporation office, located at 1111 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles.

Los Angeles Baptists elected 12 directors for the corporation, all members of Southern Baptist churches in Los Angeles. W. A. Burkey, the associational missionary, is an ex officio director.

Officers of the corporation are Bates, president; Norris W. Fulfer, vice president and pastor of La Puente Baptist Church here; and Tony Blackwell, secretary-treasurer, and executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Credit Union in Los Angeles.

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Missions Assembly Weeks
Emphasize Communication

2-3-66

ATLANTA (BP)--A look at program planning for Home Mission Weeks at both the Glorieta and Ridgecrest Baptist Assemblies indicates a new emphasis on communicating the word of Christ.

In the place of presentations of various missions activity, mission program leaders will be directing their messages toward revealing practical, Bible-based ways of communicating the gospel, L. O. Griffith, chairman of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's assemblies program committee, said.

Home Mission Week is scheduled for Aug. 4-10 at Glorieta, N. M., and Aug. 18-24 at Ridgecrest, N.C.

"All the mission periods will deal with communicating the gospel," said Griffith, also director of the board's division of education and promotion. "Bible principles in communication, social and ethical practices that make God's Word relevant, and witnessing in public affairs will be emphasized."

Heading up these daily mission periods at Glorieta will be Wayne E. Ward of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville; William M. Dyal Jr. of the SBC Christian Life Commission, Nashville; Walfred H. Peterson of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D.C.; and W. C. Fields, public relations secretary for the Southern Baptist Executive Committee. Both Peterson and Fields also will participate at Ridgecrest.

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Other mission leaders at Ridgecrest are John P. Newport, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth; and Ross Coggins, of the Christian Life Commission.

Jaroy Weber, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Beaumont, Tex., will be the preacher at Glorieta, and R. J. Robinson, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Augusta, Ga., will preach at Ridgecrest.

Bible teachers are: Harold K. Graves, president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., at Glorieta; and Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville at Ridgecrest. Posey Starkey of the First Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala., will direct the music at Glorieta; and J. Q. Woodard of the Grand Avenue Baptist Church in Gainesville, Tex., will serve as music director at Ridgecrest.

"Emphasis will continue on designing programs for laymen. Four or five conferences specifically for laymen are being planned," Griffith said. "And of course, laymen can attend any of the other conferences, which generally cover various missions activity such as rural-urban missions or juvenile rehabilitation."

During Home Mission Weeks at both assemblies the SBC Brotherhood Commission has scheduled conferences for laymen geared to developing successful programs for Royal Ambassadors and Baptist men.

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Southwestern Seminary
Slates Early '66 Classes

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FORT WORTH (BP)--Students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will begin school two weeks earlier next fall under a new schedule that will allow completion of the fall semester before Christmas.

Previously, students had returned after the Christmas holidays for completion of their classes and final examinations.

The revised calendar also will move up the dates for the spring semester in 1967 by two weeks, and will provide a week-long evangelistic recess during which students may participate in revival meetings or other evangelistic work. The recess is scheduled March 18-26, 1967.

In another change, plans have been made for two "missions weeks" each year instead of the "missions days" which have been held twice each semester in the past.

The new schedule will provide the same number of class days for the fall semester and only one less class day in the spring.

Registration is slated for the fall semester on Aug. 29-30, with classes scheduled to begin Aug. 30. Final exams will come Dec. 16, 20-22, with commencement and Christmas recess slated Dec. 22.

Registration and classes for the spring semester of 1967 will begin Jan. 9, with final examinations scheduled May 2-5 and commencement on May 5.

Summer school at Southwestern will begin May 29 and conclude July 21, 1967.

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Stetson Names Newsman

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DeLAND, Fla. (BP)--Ralph M. Parkman of Carrollton, Ga., has been named director of the news bureau at Stetson University (Baptist) here. Parkman, who was reared by a family of newspaper people, was editor of the Bremen (Ga.) Gateway for one year before serving for two years as sports editor of the Carroll County Georgian and Times-Free Press. He is a graduate of West Georgia College, Carrollton.

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Baptists Start Year
With Record Giving

NASHVILLE (BP)--Southern Baptists started 1966 by giving \$5.8 million to world missions causes during the first month of the year.

The Southern Baptist Executive Committee here reported in an end-of-the-month financial statement that contributions during January through the denomination's Cooperative Program unified budget plan totaled \$2,125,391.

Designated contributions, mostly gifts to foreign missions through the Southern Baptist Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, swelled the total by another \$3,734,658 to the grand total of \$5.8 million in missions gifts.

Cooperative Program contributions for January of 1966 exceeded gifts for January of 1965 by \$91,292--an increase of 4.49 percent.

Designated contributions for January were up 20.27 percent, or \$629,331, and total world missions gifts increased by 14.02 percent over gifts for the same period last year.

It was the second time in Southern Baptist history that Cooperative Program contributions for January had exceeded the \$2 million mark. In January of 1965, gifts totaled \$2,034,099.

Cooperative Program funds comprise the unified budget part of the convention's income. The money is divided by a percentage scale to support operating and capital needs of three SBC boards, seven seminaries, eleven agencies and institutions, and the convention as a whole.

The total does not reflect the amount contributed by individuals to the 33,000 Southern Baptist churches. Most remains for local and state use.

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Progressive Baptists Vote
Fellowship Participation

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (BP)--The Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., has voted to participate in the North American Fellowship of the Baptist World Alliance, becoming the sixth Baptist convention to do so.

Organization of the North American Fellowship was assured when five Baptist bodies voted to participate. The Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas last June became the fifth to approve participation.

Actual organization will not begin until representatives of the member bodies meet in Washington for a planning session on March 28, said Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance with offices here.

The first five groups to join the fellowship are the American Baptist Convention, the Baptist Federation of Canada, the National Baptist Convention of Mexico, the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, and the SBC.

Now the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., joins the list. The group has headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio, and L. Venchael Booth is its executive secretary.

Combined membership of the six groups is 12,835,000, Nordenhaug said.

Invitations have gone to all eleven Baptist groups in North America which have membership in the Baptist World Alliance, Nordenhaug added. Most, or all of them, have committees at work studying the matter.

The North American Fellowship of the Baptist World Alliance is conceived as a continuation of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, in which seven conventions on the continent worked cooperatively from 1958 to 1964 on a program of evangelism, missions, Bible study and education.

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The Baptist Jubilee Advance carried out the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the organization of the first Baptist mission society on the American continent.

When the Jubilee program approached the end of its five-year period, leaders proposed that the Baptist World Alliance set up a fellowship organization "to continue the gains of values which resulted from the Baptist Jubilee Advance program and to increase opportunities for fellowship and the sharing of mutual concerns."

A constitution for the proposed fellowship was subsequently drafted by representatives of the eligible groups.

Eleven Baptist conventions will be represented at the March 28 session in Washington.

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Ouachita Nursing Study
Assured of Accreditation

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ARKADELPHIA, Ark. (BP)--Ouachita Baptist University's four-year program of nursing has been granted "reasonable assurance" of accreditation by the National League of Nursing.

Final accreditation of the program, begun only last September, cannot be granted until the first class is graduated. Interim accreditation will permit nursing students at the Baptist school to participate in various programs available to students in an accredited nursing school, said Ouachita President Ralph Phelps.

Under the nursing program, a student spends two years on the campus in Arkadelphia and the last two years at Arkansas Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock, Ark. before receiving a bachelor of science in nursing degree.

Phelps said that the Baptist school has one of two degree nursing programs in Arkansas, a state that rates last in the number of nurses per 100,000 population. Ouachita is attempting to meet one of the state's basic medical needs through this program, he said.

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