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Six Baptist Groups Join
North American Fellowship

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WASHINGTON (BP)--The North American (Baptist) Fellowship, a committee of the Baptist World Alliance, officially came into being here with six Baptist bodies in the United States, Canada, and Mexico establishing the organization.

The fellowship group includes Baptist organizations with a total of 12,835,000 members, and others are expected to join.

In its initial meeting, the fellowship committee voted to encourage all Baptists in North America to participate in a "Crusade of the Americas" proposed for 1969.

The committee also adopted a resolution encouraging "pulpit exchanges, rallies, or mass meetings" in promotion of the Baptist World Alliance Sunday observance slated the first Sunday in February each year.

The action came following discussion by the committee of its possible roles in promoting the work of the Baptist World Alliance among the churches and conventions represented in the fellowship committee.

Baptist bodies participating in the fellowship are the American Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention, the Progressive National Baptist Convention, the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, the Baptist Federation of Canada, and the National Baptist Convention of Mexico.

Elected chairman of the fellowship was V. Carney Hargroves, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Germantown, Philadelphia, and former president of the American Baptist Convention.

Named vice chairman was Sen. Jennings Randolph of Clarksburn, W. Va., a U.S. Senator from West Virginia and representative of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

The general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, Josef Nordenhaug, and the Alliance treasurer, Carl Tiller, both of Washington, are automatically named by the by-laws as secretary and treasurer.

Action to encourage Baptists in North America to participate in the "Crusade of the Americas" evangelistic campaign in 1969 came following a report by Wayne Dehoney, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and chairman of the SBC committee on the proposed crusade.

Dehoney, who recently visited Brazil to speak at the Brazilian Baptist Convention, reported that Brazilian Baptists recently completed a vast evangelistic campaign resulting in 100,000 professions of faith.

It was a Brazilian Baptist pastor, Rubens Lopez of Sao Paulo, who proposed the "Crusade of the Americas" uniting all Baptist conventions and bodies in North, Central, and South America in a vast, simultaneous evangelistic effort in 1969.

An intercontinental planning conference for the crusade is slated in July at Cali, Colombia, to formulate definite plans for extending the evangelistic effort throughout North, South and Central America.

Following Dehoney's report, the committee voted: "That the general committee encourage participation of all North American Baptists in this Crusade of the Americas."

The general committee also recommended that the new organization be known as "The North American Baptist Fellowship, a committee of the Baptist World Alliance."

Name for the organization will be considered for final approval by the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee, meeting in London, Aug. 1-4.

The fellowship's general committee is composed of a minimum of three representatives from each cooperating body, with an additional representative for each million members in that body; plus the president and general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance and three North American members of the BWA Executive Committee.

The fellowship is an outgrowth of five years of inter-convention cooperation, 1959-1964, when Baptist groups in North America joined hands in the Baptist Jubilee Advance to commemorate the 150th anniversary of organization of the first Baptist mission society in America in 1814.

At the close of the five-year period, the Baptist Jubilee Advance committee suggested that the Baptist World Alliance establish a "North American Baptist Fellowship...in order to conserve the gains and values which have resulted from the Baptist Jubilee Advance and to increase opportunities for fellowship and for sharing mutual concerns."

By-laws provide that the new group "shall have no authority over any Baptist church, nor undertake any work for which the member bodies are responsible."

Finances of the fellowship will be handled through the framework of the Baptist World Alliance with member conventions expected to make annual contributions. The 1966 budget was set at \$5,000.

The general committee will meet at least annually, supposedly at times to coincide with meetings of the BWA administrative or executive committee.

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Church Must Fulfill
Purpose, Hicks Says

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--"When the church fulfills its purpose, the needs of the world will be met," more than 600 students attending the 12th annual Student Missions Conference at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary were told here.

Bryant Hicks, professor of missions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., in an address to the students placed full responsibility for meeting the future spiritual needs of the world on the shoulders of today's church vocational students.

Many of the students attending the session are volunteers for church-related vocations. They represented 42 colleges and university campuses.

Jesse Fletcher, secretary for missionary personnel for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, emphasized the conference theme, "New Dimensions in World Missions."

Fletcher, author of the book *Bill Wallace of China*, pointed out that dimensions of missions are "broader, deeper, and wider" than they have ever been, and that more types of specialized vocational services are possible today for mission volunteers.

The conference, specifically designed for college youth considering a missionary vocation, included panel discussions on general qualifications and duties of the missionary, and conferences on specific areas of missionary service.

Questions posed by the students concerned the present requirements for missionary appointment, the arrangements for missionaries' children, the extent of Communism in specific nations, and the effect of the unsettled West African political situation on Baptist mission programs.

Special interest was shown in short-term mission appointments now offered by the SBC Foreign and Home Mission Boards. A special conference concerning medical missions pointed up specific problems and qualifications for this area of service.

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'Battle Hymn' Hotel Is
Site For Historic Meeting

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WASHINGTON (BP)--When the North American Baptist Fellowship organized in an historic meeting here, the sessions were held in an historic hotel.

The Willard Hotel in downtown Washington just two blocks from the White House where the meeting was held was also the site of the writing of "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Julia Ward Howe in 1861.

The song served as a hymn for reunion of the broken nation following the Civil War, and is frequently used in Baptist churches because of its strong religious tone. One especially significant line in the song says: "His truth is marching on."

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Gainer Bryan, Maryland
Baptist Editor, Resigns

LUTHERVILLE, Md. (BP)--Gainer E. Bryan, Jr., editor of the Maryland Baptist for more than eight years, has resigned to become editor and publisher of a weekly newspaper in his native state of Georgia.

Bryan announced here that he had accepted the position as editor and publisher of the Union-Recorder in Milledgeville, Ga., serving Baldwin County, Ga.

His resignation as editor of the 17,000-circulation publication of the Baptist Convention of Maryland is effective April 30.

The weekly newspaper in Milledgeville, Ga., a community of 11,000 located in a county of 29,000, has a staff of 17 employees and includes operation of an offset printing business.

Milledgeville, former state capital of Georgia, is located in the geographic heart of the state, 35 miles east of Macon, Ga. It is 25 miles from Bryan's birthplace in Riddleville, Ga.

Bryan said that the new position "provides me with an opportunity to go into general newspaper work at the administrative level, and to learn all phases of newspaper publishing, including advertising, circulation, and personnel; and to assume community leadership.

"My calling to serve God as a Christian journalist and layman transcends any particular category of service, such as church-related or secular," he said. "I will bring to community journalism the same sense of divine calling and the same dedication to the will of God that I have felt as the editor of the state Baptist paper.

"My years in Maryland have been years of struggle and growth," he said. "Both have been rewarding. They now provide the sure foundation on which I move toward the challenge of the future."

Bryan majored in journalism at Mercer University, (Baptist) Macon, Ga., and worked for newspapers in Beaufort and Morehead City, both in North Carolina. He later worked for the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle.

Entering Baptist denominational work in 1950, Bryan became superintendent of young people's work for the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. He also served as promotional writer and as associate editor of the Sunday School Builder.

In 1955 he entered Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and served as public relations director for the Kentucky Baptist Convention there while earning the bachelor of divinity degree.

Bryan in 1957 became the first full-time editor of the Maryland Baptist, then a monthly publication.

Under his editorship, the publication became a semi-monthly, and then a weekly in 1962. In January of 1964 it was converted from an eight-page magazine to an eight-page tabloid newspaper, doubling in size.

As editor, Bryan has covered several world-wide religious meetings, including Vatican Council II in Rome last year and the Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1960. He also served as alternate observer at the United Nations for the Southern Baptist Convention through its Christian Life Commission from 1960-63.

Bryan has for four years served as secretary-treasurer for the Southern Baptist Press Association, an organization of state and Southern Baptist publication editors.

His father, Gainer Bryan Sr., retired in 1963 after 25 years as secretary of the Training Union department for the Georgia Baptist Convention.



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Proposed Program
SOUTHERN BAPTIST RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Eleventh Annual Session, May 23-24, 1966
Room 3037, Cobo Hall, Detroit, Mich.

THEME: "A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Education"
PRESIDENT: Henry Love, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, May 23

Joint Session with Southern Baptist Church Music Conference

- 1:00 Registration
- 2:00 Music, scripture, prayer - William J. Reynolds, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville
Welcome, introductions, program outline
- 2:30 Address: "How to be a More Creative Person," - E. Paul Torrance, department of
educational psychology, University of Minnesota
- 3:05 Questions and discussion
- 3:15 Concert: Singing Churchmen of Oklahoma
- 3:45 Address: "The Multiple Ministry in the Modern Church" - Warren C. Hultgren, pastor,
First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.
- 4:15 Congregational music

MONDAY EVENING, May 23

- 7:00 Music, scripture, prayer
- 7:10 Address: "Improving Personal Skills" - E. Paul Torrance, University of Michigan
- 7:45 Questions and discussion
- 8:00 Address: "Research Now in Progress in the Southern Baptist Convention" - W. L. Howse,
director, education division, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville
- 8:30 Questions and discussion (study and research and program design team from Baptist
Sunday School Board will be panelists)
- 9:00 Adjourn

TUESDAY MORNING, May 24

- 9:00 Music, scripture, prayer
- 9:10 Let's Find Some Answers:
"Where Are We Missing the Mark with Young Adults?" - John Sisemore, Nashville, Tenn.
"Are Today's Enlistment Methods Relevant?" -
"What Are Some Techniques for Communicating Through Direct Mail?" -
"How Can We Enlist More Young People in Church-Related Vocations?"
"How Does Religious Education Relate to Church Administration?" - Cliff Elkins, Houston
"How Can Religious Education Workers 'Keep Up'?" - Al Parks, Montgomery, Ala.
- 10:30 Fellowship Break
- 11:00 Let's Find Some More Answers:
"What Can We Do to Reverse the Trend in Baptisms?" - Kermit Whitaker, Dallas, Tex.
- 11:15 "Do the Principles of Growth Still Work in Sunday School?" - E.W. Westmoreland, church
building consultant, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma
- 11:45 Report: "Churches Can Grow" - Report from the churches, directed by Dan McLendon,
Corpus Christi, Tex.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, May 24

- 2:00 Music, scripture, prayer
- 2:10 Address: "The Challenge of the Big City" -
- 2:30 Election of officers and miscellaneous business
- 2:45 Special music
- 2:50 Address: "The Future of Religious Education in Foreign Missions: An Overview"-
Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board
- 3:20 Address: "Where Are Religious Education Workers Needed?" - Jesse C. Fletcher,
personnel secretary, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.
- 3:40 Questions and discussions
- 4:00 Adjourn



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MONDAY AFTERNOON, May 23

Joint Session with Southern Baptist Religious Education Association
Room 3037, Cobo Hall

- 2:00 Worship through singing - William J. Reynolds, director of editorial services, church music department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.
Welcome, introductions, outline of program
- 2:30 Address: "How to be a More Creative Person" - E. Paul Torrance, department of educational psychology, University of Minnesota
- 3:05 Questions and discussion
- 3:15 Concert: The Singing Churchmen of Oklahoma- directed by James D. Woodward, Tulsa, Okla.
- 3:45 Address: "The Multiple Ministry in the Modern Church" - Warren C. Hultgren, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.
- 4:15 Ministers singing

MONDAY EVENING, May 23

First Presbyterian Church, 2930 Woodward Ave., Detroit

- 7:00 Concert: First Presbyterian Church Choir, Detroit - directed by Gordon Young

TUESDAY MORNING, May 24

Woodward Avenue Baptist Church, 2480 Woodward Avenue, Detroit

- 9:00 Organ Prelude
- 9:05 Worship through singing - W. J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tenn.
- 9:15 Concert: David M. Ford, bass, Waco, Tex.
- 9:45 Reports
- 10:00 Worship through singing - W. J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tenn.
- 10:15 President's Address: "The Frustrated (Church) Musician" - James D. Woodward, president, Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, and minister of music, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.
- 10:45 Worship through singing - W. J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tenn.
- 11:00 Concert: Samford University choir, Birmingham, Ala., directed by George Koski
- 11:30 Questions and answers

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, May 24

Woodward Avenue Baptist Church, 2480 Woodward Avenue, Detroit

- 1:30 Organ Prelude
- 1:40 Worship through singing - W. J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tenn.
- 2:00 Address: "Training Church Musicians in the Secular Institute" - James B. Wallace, dean of music school, University of Michigan
- 2:30 Concert: Madrigaleans of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
- 3:00 Election of officers and departmental conferences
- 3:30 Concert: Ouachita Baptist University choir, Arkadelphia, Ark., directed by Charles Wright
- 4:00 Questions and answers
- 4:15 Ministers of music singing



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Bachelor With 125 Kids
Named P-TA President

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By Joan Harvison

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (BP)--Ronald Coffman, a bachelor who has 64 "children" in one school and 55 in another, has confessed that he has "mixed emotions" about his election as president of the Parent-Teacher Association of a local elementary school.

"I never thought I'd see the day when I'd be elected P-TA president," the 28-year-old bachelor confided following his election to the top P-TA office at University Heights Elementary School here.

Dismissing his bachelor status as a factor, Coffman added: "In this case, I'm very definitely a parent figure."

As children's supervisor of the Oklahoma Baptist Children's Home, Coffman helps shoulder the responsibility of caring for 125 children (including a few college students).

Coffman serves as the Baptist home's official representative in P-TA meetings at both University Heights and the John Marshall High School.

"The administrative staff of the children's home works very closely with these schools," Coffman explained.

"Discipline problems are minimized when children know that parents stand behind a school.

"Children also should see parents at school on occasions other than for disciplinary conferences." He said the P-TA can help in both respects.

Practicing what he preaches, Coffman has on several occasions driven the Baptist home's bus on school field trips.

"We feel that this is one way we can help out," he said.

With black-rimmed glasses bordering his dark eyes, and wearing a business suit, Coffman has a scholarly appearance incongruous with his frequent role as bus driver and chauffeur.

Coffman, who graduated "magna cum laude" from Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee and received a master's degree in education from the University of Oklahoma, feels however that even driving a bus has its compensations.

Some of the best counseling opportunities often comes when I'm driving a bus, and children are in a relaxed, informal situation," he said.

"In counseling, you don't just hang out a sign on your door saying that you're available. You build up a relationship through little things.

"When you see your work with this kind of perspective, then nothing is really trivial."

Being elected P-TA president was Coffman's second eventful experience within a week's time.

He is still wondering what on earth he is going to do with a Shetland Pony suddenly acquired at the children's home.

An 11-year-old boy who lives on the campus won the pony in a drawing at a recent ice hockey game.

The pony has been temporarily corralled at Boys Ranch Town in Edmond, Okla., another institution of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

A penchant for the unpredictable has become an everyday way of life for Coffman.

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His telephone rings: It's a child asking for a pair of pants to replace the ones he split during recess at school; the principal calling to report that a child has run away from school.

A day's work schedule for Coffman often begins with chauffeuring children to early morning music rehearsals, and occasionally making a second trip to personally help a newcomer to the home enroll in school.

Often the morning and early afternoon is spent in conferences with house mothers; running errands, writing letters, or studying various cases with social workers and administrators.

"Activities go into high gear when the children get home from school," Coffman noted.

"I try to be in my office when the children arrive back on the campus," he said, adding that on a "typical day" he remains in his office until about 7:30 p.m.

During this time, he signs notes giving children permission to go on field trips, helps to look for a lost library book, or just listens to a child's recital of the day's experiences.

He also serves as young people's superintendent in Sunday School at Olivet Baptist Church and has helped start a local Cub Scout organization.

"Variety keeps down tension in my work," Coffman maintained.

An opera enthusiast and an accomplished pianist, Coffman confessed that he has "learned to endure" current teenage tastes in music.

"I can't say that I like the music that is popular with teenagers today, but I tolerate it out of respect for them."

He went on to say that "the Beatles are superior to most rock and roll groups."

And what about Batman? Coffman's an avid fan.

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Photo being mailed to state Baptist papers



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Objective, Basic Areas
 Of Church for 70's Set

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Two statements to be used as a basis for planning Southern Baptist Convention agency programs for the years following 1970 have been approved here by the denomination's Inter-Agency Council.

The statements interpreted the objective of a (local) church, and the basic or functional areas of a church.

Listed as the basic or functional areas of a church were five statements: that a church should worship, witness, educate, apply, and minister.

Both the objective and the basic or functional area statements grew out of the work of 41 different "grass-roots" study groups as part of the denomination's "70 Onward" emphasis.

The 41 chairmen of the study groups refined the statements in a meeting here last May, and two public opinion surveys were conducted evaluating and validating the two statements. Approval then came from the 70 Onward Advisory Committee.

Since the two statements were to be used as the basis of planning by the 21 agencies of the SBC, the denomination's Inter-Agency Council composed of representatives from each Southern Baptist Convention agency considered the statements.

Both statements will be reported to the Southern Baptist Convention as background information when it meets in New Orleans in 1967. The statements will also be considered by the SBC Executive Committee and its program subcommittee.

Neither statement should be considered to be a definition of the church, pointed out Albert McClellan, program planning secretary for the SBC Executive Committee.

"It is understood that this does not constitute a convention definition of the church, but only a tentative basis on which the SBC agencies may base their planning," McClellan said.

He added that the 70 Onward committees felt that the purpose and functions of a church must be held in focus as the denomination makes its plans for emphases following 1970.

The full statement on the objective of a church said:

"The objective of a church, composed of individuals who share a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, is to be, through the power of the Holy Spirit, a redemptive body in Christ, growing toward Christian maturity through worship, education, and ministry, proclaiming the gospel to the whole world, and applying Christian principles to man and society that God's purposes may be achieved."

The second statement, outlining basic or functional areas said:

"We propose that the following description of the basic or functional areas of a church be the basis on which the agencies will develop the plans for advancement for the period of 1970 Onward:

WORSHIP---Definition: A personal encounter with God in which the Christian experiences a deepening of his faith and a strengthening of his service.

Scope: This is the encountering of God in spirit and in truth. This may be done in public or in private.

WITNESS---Definition: The proclaiming of God's work of grace in Christ for all men.

Scope: The communication of the message of Christ which has as its central purpose bringing all men to confess Jesus as Lord and confess him as Saviour.

EDUCATE---Definition: The guiding of persons in their progressive development toward Christian maturity.

Scope: This includes teaching, training, and personal involvement designed to help a church and individuals grow toward a mature Christian faith and life.

APPLY---Definition: The practical application of Christian principles in all the issues of everyday life.

Scope: This involves the application of Christian principles in family life, human relations, daily work, citizenship, and both private and public morality.

MINISTER--Definition: The meeting of crucial human needs in the spirit of Christ.

Scope: This recognizes a church must have concern for the whole man, physical as well as the spiritual. This includes the service a church and its members perform for the estranged, the destitute, the deprived, and the suffering within its own membership, in its community, and in the world.

Baptist Camp Directors
To Organize Association

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DALLAS (BP)--Representatives from assemblies and encampments throughout the Southern Baptist Convention met at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Encampment near Dallas recently and voted to organize a nation-wide Baptist association of camp personnel.

Eighty-five persons representing 33 assemblies and camps from 14 states participated in the first meeting.

The Texas Baptist encampment manager's association which has been organized for 14 years served as host.

Paul W. Glore, secretary of camps and assemblies of the Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville, Fla., was elected president of the group.

Other new officers are Arthur Koehler, vice president, manager of Windemere Baptist Assembly in Roach, Mo.; and Olen Miles, secretary-treasurer, manager of Highland Lakes Baptist Encampment, near Austin, Tex.

The conference grew out of a need to share ideas on camp management, maintenance, staffing, and programing, said Miles.

Objective of the first meeting was to find ways of improving camp and assembly operations and the effectiveness of their ministry to churches.

Shocco Baptist Assembly, Talledega, Ala., is the site for next year's meeting, scheduled Jan. 30-Feb. 2, 1967. At that time, the group will adopt a constitution and by-laws, determine membership requirements, and the ongoing program of organization.

Baptist College Cagers
Selected "All America"

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--Two basketball players from Southern Baptist schools were selected to first-team berths on the N.A.I.A.(National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) All-American team.

Named to the 10-man firstteam were Al Tucker, junior of Oklahoma Baptist University, who led his team to the N.A.I.A. basketball championship and was the most valuable player in the tournament, and Jim Shuler, a senior from Carson-Newman College Jefferson City, Tenn.

Tucker was a third team choice last year.

Southern, Negro Baptists
Organize Social Conference

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--Southern Baptists and National Baptist ministers here have formed a conference to deal with social problems which affect whites and Negroes in this area.

The joint committee of the Kansas City Baptist Fellowship, an organization of 64 Southern Baptist and 72 National Baptist churches in this area, called for the formation of a ministers' conference which would meet monthly for discussions on social questions.

"This is a means of keeping open lines of communication between Southern Baptists and the National Baptists," said Charles J. Briscoe, director of the Baptist Fellowship.

Among the areas of concern that have been mentioned were fair and equitable treatment of all persons in employment, housing and individual cultural development. The poverty program and several local projects were also mentioned.

Norman Shands, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church here, said, "The conference would be to assist the total community in basing its attitudes on factual information and a prayerful spirit."

Among Southern Baptists announcing formation of the conference were Paul M. Lambert, general superintendent of the Kansas City Baptist Association, Shands, and Frank F. Norfleet, pastor of the Wornall Road Baptist church.