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**Baptist Board To Begin
Training Center in Fall**

NASHVILLE (BP)--The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has announced plans to begin operation in October of a Church Program Training Center to provide advance, depth study for organization workers in Baptist churches.

The board will remodel the fourth floor of its Frost Building on Eighth Avenue North to provide facilities for the new program.

Already, 37 seminars and workshops have been planned for 1966-67 to begin the program, according to W. L. Howse, director of the board's education division, and James H. Daniel, coordinator for the new Church Program Training Center.

The board may conduct as many as 70 such seminars and workshops during 1967-68, but plans are still indefinite, said Daniel.

As many as 1,200 persons are expected to study under the program during its first year, predicted Daniel.

He said the board's education division would seek to offer "first rate training--the best possible--for the innovators in Baptist churches who want to be on the cutting edge of church education."

He said that the training center was not an attempt to compete with Baptist seminaries in any way, but to supplement their teaching effort by providing short-term "tutorial-type study for those with special interests."

Faculty and lecturers for the training program will come mostly from the Baptist Sunday School Board staff, but outside help will be brought in from time to time, said Daniel.

Three types of study will be offered--seminars, workshops, and guided study on an individual basis.

The seminars would provide about five days of lectures and orientation for as many as 40 persons.

Workshops would be similar, with more advance study on seeking to solve specific problems related to church vocations or phases of work.

Guided study will be done on an individual basis by persons interested in investigating areas where the demand is not enough to warrant a workshop or seminar. Guided study could last over an extended period of time.

Purpose of all the training, said Daniel, is to help leaders (1) understand and seek to maintain the true nature and purpose of the church, (2) develop understanding of concepts and advanced skills in order to be more productive, (3) increase leadership skills, and (4) increase the personal satisfaction of the leaders.

The departments of the board's education division will be responsible for planning and conducting the training programs in their respective areas of work.

Departments in the division include the Sunday School, Training Union, church music, student, church architecture, church recreation, church library, church administration, and family life departments.

Examples of types of seminars and workshops planned for 1966-67 include sessions for age-group workers with church organizations, church growth studies, associational programming seminars, orientations for new workers, new church member orientation, church public relations seminars, long range planning studies, etc.

Daniel said that the Brotherhood Commission of the SBC and the convention's Woman's

Missionary Union may also sponsor similar studies at the Church Program Training Center for their leadership.

Remodeling on the Frost Building's fourth floor to provide facilities will eventually give the Training Center two seminar rooms, eight small conference rooms, a library, and perhaps a closed-circuit television system and film equipment for use in teaching and training.

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Laymen's Meeting Emphasizing
Missions Slated In Detroit

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DETROIT, Mich. (BP)--A men's conference with an emphasis on missions has been scheduled the night of May 23 in Detroit as a prelude to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Sponsored by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission and the SBC Home Mission Board, the conference will be held in Central Baptist Church.

Program of the conference will feature addresses on missions, music, and testimonies of men involved in missions. Theme will be, "That Men May Know."

Sponsors hope to attract more than 300 men attending the Southern Baptist Convention, many from the Detroit area.

Cooperating in the conference is the State Baptist Convention of Michigan headed by Fred Hubbs, executive secretary.

Fred B. Moseley, assistant to the executive secretary of the SBC Home Mission Board, heads the steering committee planning the conference.

Objective of the meeting is to inform Baptist men about home missions and to motivate and challenge them to active involvement in missions related projects, Moseley said.

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Pastor Given High Gift
On Fifth Anniversary

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RIVERSIDE, Calif. (BP)--The Magnolia Avenue Baptist Church in Riverside, Calif., has presented its pastor with what it considers one of the highest gifts possible on fifth anniversary as pastor.

The gift was a steeple--a church steeple. And what gift could be higher than that?

Walter A. Pegg, the church's pastor, said it was the first time he had ever received a gift he couldn't take home with him.

But there were no strings attached--just mortar, bricks and steel.

Pegg explained that when the church building was built, there were not enough funds available to erect a steeple.

Unknown to the pastor, the church's trustees had quietly been raising the funds because the pastor had often expressed the hope the church could have a steeple.

But the church isn't letting the added expense of the steeple interfere with regular missions giving. The church exceeded its goal of \$1,000 for foreign missions this year by reaching \$2,400, and has already doubled its goal of \$500 for home missions.

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Annual Arts, Crafts
Exhibit May 9-11

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FORT WORTH (BP)--Workers from a five-state area are expected to attend the annual arts and crafts exhibit May 9-11 at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The exhibit, to be open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., will provide helps for Vacation Bible School workers, as well as those who direct craft activities for hobby groups.

About 2,000 persons from Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas and New Mexico attend the exhibit annually.

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NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP OFFICERS: Recently-elected officers of the North American Baptist Fellowship, a committee of the Baptist World Alliance, are (left to right) Carl W. Tiller of Washington, treasurer; V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia, chairman; Jennings Randolph of West Virginia, vice chairman; and Josef Nordenhaug of Washington, general secretary. The Fellowship committee links six major Baptist groups in the United States, Canada and Mexico for the purpose of cooperative planning and outreach. Hargroves, the chairman, is an American Baptist pastor. Randolph is a United States Senator and a Seventh Day Baptist. Tiller, of the U. S. Bureau of Budget, is treasurer of the Baptist World Alliance, and Nordenhaug is general secretary. (BP Photo)