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Baptist Unity Group  
Votes To Incorporate

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WASHINGTON (BP)--A voluntary group of Baptists interested in "healing the divisions among Baptists in the United States" voted to incorporate their organization and to request tax exemption status.

The Baptist Unity Movement gave approval for the incorporation and tax exemption processes in its fourth annual session here. The official name will be "Baptist Unity Movement, Inc." The group also adopted by-laws.

The theme for the conference was "Pathways To Unity -- Dual Alignment." (Dual alignment means church affiliation with two conventions.) The program featured messages and a panel discussion by pastors who are directly involved in dually-aligned church situations.

Featured address of the conference was "The need for Baptist Unity" by William L. Lumpkin, pastor of the Freemason Street Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va. Also addressing the group was Herbert J. Gilmore, pastor of Chevy Chase Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

The organization has no official connection with either the Southern Baptist Convention or the American Baptist Convention, although ministers and laymen from both conventions are active in the group. There were 35 in attendance from half a dozen states.

Lumpkin said that unity of the Baptist people is "both fiction and fact." Though there seems to be no unifying factor among Baptists they are still "obedient to a unifying principle or unifying principles," he said.

"The Baptists evidence a unity which is more spiritual than formal, more voluntary than legal, and more felt than seen,"

The Virginia pastor cited the history of Baptists in America as evidence of "the quest for Baptist unity." Though there has been some consultation in some phases of Baptist work, real cooperative work "has not been forthcoming between the Northern (American) and Southern Conventions," he said.

Lumpkin said "the need for Baptist unity in the United States today has never been greater." He based his contention on several considerations: (1) the full understanding of the church, (2) the need for Baptist unity as an aspect of the search for Christian unity, and (3) pressing practical considerations which argue the present need for Baptist unity.

Gilmore pointed out the difficulties and the positive aspects of a church that "is consciously and deliberately dually aligned."

From the local church level, he said there are difficulties in dual alignment because (1) there is a heightened religious diversity, (2) there is a heightened cultural diversity, (3) there is confusion in the different emphases and promotion in Christian education, and (4) there is "party loyalty."

On the positive side, he said there is (1) an amazing fellowship, an openness of spirit and a depth of understanding, (2) broader perspective which brings a corrective approach to the parochialism of individual conventions, and (3) greater freedom and elasticity which allows imagination and ingenuity in programming.

Closing speaker for the meeting was Sterling Price, pastor of Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Other speakers and panel discussion leaders included Jerry Moore, pastor of the 19th Street Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.; O. E. Luttrell, Norfolk, Va.; and Robert Seymour, pastor, Binkley Memorial Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, N.C.

The 1967 conference will be at Green Lake, Wis., July 15-22. The theme will be "Baptists and the Ecumenical Movement." Howard R. Stewart pastor of First Baptist Church, Dover, Del. and chairman of the group, said next year's emphasis will be on the non-participation as well as participation of Baptists in the ecumenical movement.

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SBC Historical Commission  
Votes Anniversary Observance

NASHVILLE (BP)--The Southern Baptist Historical Commission meeting here voted to recommend "appropriate observance of the 125th anniversary of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1970," and adopted a proposed budget of \$116,125 for 1968.

The budget, an increase of \$10,725 over the 1967 proposed budget, includes allocations for implementing an effort to obtain biographical information on Baptists from all areas of the denomination, and an increase in operating reserves.

A recommendation that the commission staff investigate the possibility of putting the biographical information on electronic data processing punch cards was also adopted.

The commission approved a recommendation that special study grants be provided through the budget and special gifts for historical research.

The commission also voted to publish its magazine, History and Heritage, semi-annually during 1966-67, although there was some discussion of the possibility that the magazine be published quarterly.

Re-elected as chairman of the commission was C. Penrose St. Amant, dean of the school of theology and professor of church history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Fred Schatz, dean at Belmont College (Baptist), Nashville was re-elected vice chairman.

New recording secretary is Douglas Harris, professor at Carson-Newman College (Baptist), Jefferson City, Tenn., succeeding Gene Kerr of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The Southern Baptist Convention Historical Society met in conjunction with the commission sessions, and re-elected Richard N. Owen, editor of the Baptist and Reflector in Nashville, as president. Other officers of the Society re-elected were Mrs. Ollie J. Owens of Greenville, S. C., as vice president; and H. I. Hester of Liberty, Mo., as recording secretary.

Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary of the Historical Commission, was re-elected treasurer of both organizations.

Special emphasis of the commission meeting was devoted to Baptist libraries, archives, and museums, Woolley reported.

Librarians of state Baptist historical societies, SBC seminaries, convention agencies and others joined the commission and the society for the meeting.

Principal speakers were Norman W. Cox, executive secretary emeritus of the Historical Commission; Edward C. Starr, curator of the American Baptist Convention Historical Society, Rochester, N. Y.; and Chairman St. Amant.

It was the first annual meeting of the commission since the Historical Commission and the convention's Dargan-Carver Library moved into their new quarters on the first floor of the Baptist Sunday School Board Tower Building in Nashville.

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Two Baptist Laymen  
Die In Plane Crash

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BALTIMORE, Md. (BP)--Two Maryland Baptist laymen were killed recently when the private plane in which they were traveling was demolished in mid-air during a heavy storm.

The Baptist laymen were Richard P. Randall of Silver Spring, Md., and Ernest A. Graul of Baltimore. Also killed in the accident were Randall J. Fosselman, 25, of Lanham, Md., Randall's nephew; and Arthur John Harvey, 26, of Linthicum Heights, Md.

They were returning from a convention in Chicago when the crash occurred.

Randall, a deacon in the Colesville Baptist Church in Silver Spring, had travelled widely as a worker in Southern Baptist Brotherhood laymen's crusades in Mexico City, Hawaii, the West Coast, and the Northeast. He was president of the church's Brotherhood (laymen's) organization, a deacon, chairman of the trustees, and a Sunday School teacher.

Graul was a Sunday School teacher, a choir member and substitute music director, and active member of Middle River Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md.

Funeral services were held for Randall on April 25 and for Graul on April 23.

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5 Baptist Schools Get  
Public Loans, Grants

WASHINGTON (BP)--Five Baptist schools are among 38 church-related colleges and universities receiving grants and loans under the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963, according to announcement from the U. S. Office of Education.

The Higher Education Facilities Act provides grants and loans for construction of undergraduate academic facilities. The 38 church schools received a total of \$5,442,352 in grants and \$10,519,000 in loans.

Of the totals, the Baptist schools received \$1,137,311 in grants, and \$1,560,000 in loans.

Furman University, Greenville, S. C., received a \$503,000 loan for construction of a science building addition. The loan is a supplement to a \$1,267,000 loan received in February by the school for the science building project. Gordon W. Blackwell is president of the school.

Earlier Furman University had been approved for a federal grant of \$611,898. However, the South Carolina Baptist Convention instructed the school to return the grant and pledged a campaign to raise the amount from special gifts. Loans from the federal government were not disapproved by the South Carolina Convention.

Stetson University received a \$602,000 loan for construction of an instructional and administrative building at its Gulfport, Fla., campus. In February of this year Stetson trustees voted to accept a \$501,926 federal grant to reduce the amount of an earlier loan of \$1.2 million for construction of a science building.

The State Board of Missions for the Florida Baptist State Convention asked Stetson to delay action on the grant until after November. A special committee studying the church-state implications of Baptist schools' accepting federal funds will make its report to the Florida Convention in November.

Stetson, a Baptist school, is governed by a private, self-perpetuating board of trustees, three-fourths of whom are Baptists. It is not under control of the Florida Baptist State Convention. J. Ollie Edmunds is president of Stetson.

The other Baptist schools receiving grants and loans under the Higher Education Facilities Act are Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore.; Salem College, Clarksburg, W. Va.; and Mount Olive Junior College, Mount Olive, N. C.

Salem College, a Seventh Day Baptist School, received a \$760,419 grant for a science building, and a \$295,000 loan for a multipurpose complex.

Linfield College, an American Baptist school, received a grant of \$376,892 for construction of a science building. Mount Olive Junior College, Free Will Baptist, received a \$160,000 loan for an instructional and administrative building.

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Midwestern Grants First  
Religious Ed Masters

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here is scheduled to award its first master of religious education degrees during spring commencement exercises.

Five of the 28 students enrolled in the seminary's religious education department are expected to receive the degrees at graduation exercises, May 7.

Candidates for the degree are Ronald Bayless of Kansas City, Mo.; Donald Cottner, of Kansas City, Kan.; William R. Rethford and William A. Carlin, both of St. Louis, Mo.; and Harold E. Renfrow, Southern Baptist Missionary to Niteroi, Brazil.

Bayless, Carlin, and Rethford were awarded bachelor of divinity degrees by Midwestern last year. They stayed an additional year to work on the master of religious education degree.

The degree plan is designed to prepare students for vocational service in the various areas of religious education in churches, mission work, or denominational agencies, according to Clifford Ingle, chairman of the seminary's department of religious education and church administration.

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Satisfactory completion of 64 semester hours plus field work is required for the degree. Bachelor of divinity degree graduates may apply 32 hours of their previous work on the degree, and may complete the religious education master's degree in about a year with 32 hours of additional study.

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Photo of degree candidates being mailed to state Baptist papers.

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New Orleans Professor  
To Lecture in Cambridge

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--A New Testament professor at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here has been invited to deliver the Tyndale lecture, July 12, in Cambridge, England.

Clark Pinnock will speak in England at the Tyndale House in Cambridge as part of the school's lecture program, sponsored by the Tyndale Fellowship of Biblical scholars. The lecture will be published in both London and the United States.

Pinnock was recently promoted to associate professor of theology by the seminary board of trustees. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto, and earned the doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Manchester, England.

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Midwestern Professor  
To Teach at Furman

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GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP)--Alan W. Gragg, professor at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., has been appointed to the faculty of Furman University (Baptist) in Greenville, S. C., effective July 31.

His appointment was announced by Francis W. Bonner, vice president and dean of the Baptist school here. Gragg will be associate professor of philosophy at Furman.

A native of Brunswick, Ga., Gragg is a graduate of Mars Hill College (Baptist), Mars Hill, N.C., Furman University here; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and Duke University, Durham, N.C., where he earned the doctor of philosophy degree.

He has done summer field work for the North Carolina Baptist Sunday School department, home missions work in California, and served as pastor of Otter Creek Baptist Church in Nebraska, Ind.

He has taught at Midwestern Seminary since August of 1961.

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**GRADY COTHEN, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California since 1961, has been elected president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, effective July 1. (BP Photo)**



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Billy Graham To Begin  
London Crusade June 1

LONDON (BP)--Evangelist Billy Graham begins June 1 what he expects to be his biggest evangelistic campaign ever -- the Billy Graham Greater London Crusade.

The Baptist evangelist hopes that the crusade will reach more than a million inhabitants of the British Isles.

Closed circuit television will be used to relay the evangelistic services from London throughout Great Britain.

Services will be held in the Earls Court Arena, June 1 through July 1, and at Wembley Stadium, July 2.

It will be Graham's first London campaign since his crusade here in 1955. Graham arrives May 24 at Southampton, England.

Eight cities have already made arrangements for halls and auditoriums in which the entire crusade will be relayed via closed circuit television.

Cities outside London that are taking part in the television relays include Leeds, Leicester, Southampton, Manchester, Newcastle, Sheffield, Norwich, and Birmingham.

It is the first time a religious evangelistic meeting has ever been relayed by closed circuit television throughout England.

Crusade headquarters have been operating from offices at Piccadilly Circus in London since Jan. 1, 1965, under the direction of Billy Graham Team members, Walter Smyth and Bill Brown. Smyth is crusade director and Brown is associate director.

Graham, speaking to his team members in preparation for the meeting, said: "If a crusade is blessed in London it can influence the continent of Europe and the whole British Commonwealth, and can have an effect in the United States. It can touch the world."

"Let's capture this vision and get world-wide prayer support on a scale that has never been known before, until millions of Christians feel that they are a part of this London campaign," Graham said.

Already, more than 1,800 churches in England have offered key personnel to work with the crusade, and more than 8,000 prayer groups are meeting each week. An estimated 120,000 persons are involved in the prayer groups as "prayer partners."

Christian Life and Witness classes are scheduled prior to the campaign in 25 different areas throughout a 40-mile radius of London. Taught by seven Billy Graham team representatives, several thousand attending the classes will counsel with those who make decisions during the crusade.

Graham is expected to preach at 28 services during the crusade, June 1-July 2.

The closed-circuit television relays are scheduled June 20-25, and June 27-July 1, a total of 11 nights. Each city is planning meetings during one of the periods.

Baylor Hires First  
Fulltime Negro Teacher

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WACO, Tex. (BP)--Baylor University, the nation's largest Baptist school, has hired its first fulltime Negro faculty member.

She is Vivienne Mayes, wife of Dr. James J. Mayes, a Waco dentist. She will teach in the mathematics department beginning next September.

Mrs. Mayes received her doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Texas, and earned bachelor and master of arts degrees from Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.

The first Negro faculty member at Baylor actually was Robert Bell, a doctor of philosophy degree graduate of the University of Texas, who teaches part-time in the psychology department.

Bell is a clinical psychologist at the U. S. Veteran's Hospital in Waco.

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Samford To Sponsor  
Seminar on Freedom

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VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (BP)--Samford University, a Baptist school in Birmingham, Ala., will offer a seminar on "The Preservation of the Principles of Freedom" here Aug. 1-19, in cooperation with the Freedoms Foundation.

Meeting at the Freedoms Foundation headquarters, Samford will be in charge of admission of students and general administration of the program for the seminar.

The seminar will feature addresses and lectures on the fundamental freedoms of Americanism, program and objectives of Communism, and the practical approach to teaching these subjects, according to Lee N. Allen, graduate chairman and professor of History at Samford and resident director of the seminar.

About 60 secondary education teachers of social studies and junior college and college instructors are expected to attend. They will receive three hours of graduate credit in history at Samford (formerly Howard College).

Similar seminars will be held at Valley Forge during June and July, directed by Brigham Young University of Provo, Utah, and St. Francis College of Loretto, Pa.

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Graham Team Member  
Named Southern Prof

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)--Donald Paul Hustad, a key member of the Billy Graham team, will become professor of church music at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here August 1.

His arrival on the campus will be delayed until 1967 because of long-range commitments to the World Congress on Evangelism--to be held in Berlin, Germany, this fall--and various Graham activities through 1966.

The organist and composer holds the bachelor of arts degree from John Fletcher College in Iowa and both master and doctor of music degrees from Northwestern University.

He has taught at Olivet College, New Orleans Baptist Seminary and the Moody Bible Institute, where he was director of the department of sacred music.

He has been a program music director for the American Broadcasting Company and was editor of two hymnals.

He is a member of Pi Kappa Lambda, honorary music fraternity, and was first president of the National Church Music Fellowship.

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CORRECTION: In BP story mailed 4-22-66, page 1, third graph----precise title of Badgett Dillard should be: executive assistant to the president. The title given in graph 3 of story was his title before becoming executive assistant.

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