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SBC Given \$26.3 Million  
During First Five Months

NASHVILLE (BP)--More than \$26.3 million was given to Southern Baptist Convention world missions causes during the first five months of 1966, a monthly financial statement from the SBC Executive Committee here has revealed.

Southern Baptists gave \$9,725,772 to missions through their Cooperative Program unified budget plan, and \$16,634,278 to designated Southern Baptist missions causes from January through May of 1966, the report stated.

The total SBC missions contributions represents an increase of \$2.4 million (10.07 per cent increase) over missions gifts for the same five month period of 1965.

Cooperative Program budget contributions have increased \$575,076 or 6.28 per cent over budget contributions for the same period in 1965; and designated gifts jumped \$1.8 million or 12.42 per cent over designations last year.

During the month of May, Southern Baptists gave \$1.9 million through the Cooperative Program budget, and an additional \$2.2 million to designated SBC causes.

It was the largest amount of giving for the month of May for any year in SBC history, and was the second largest month of giving for 1966. Cooperative Program gifts for January topped the \$2 million figure.

The SBC Foreign Mission Board and Home Mission Board continued to receive the biggest portion of the contributions.

During the five month period, Southern Baptists gave \$18.2 million to foreign missions; and \$4.6 million to home missions.

A total of 20 SBC agencies and organizations received funds through the Cooperative Program budget.

The funds reported by the SBC Executive Committee, which receives and distributes the Cooperative Program contributions and designated gifts, do not include missions gifts to support local and state Baptist programs, but only to nationwide SBC causes.

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Oklahoma Baptist  
Missions Leader Dies

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)--Bailey Sewell, secretary of language missions ministries for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, died enroute to a hospital here June 4 after suffering a heart attack at his home. He was 60 years old.

Funeral services were held (June 6) at Portland Ave. Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, where he had previously served eight years as pastor.

He had directed Indian missions and work with other language groups for Oklahoma Baptists since 1954.

After graduating from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, he served three years as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Shawnee.

Before coming to the state convention, he had worked six years as superintendent of missions for the Comanche-Cotton Baptist Association, serving the Lawton, Okla., area.

Sewell is survived by his wife and a son, Leon Sewell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Weatherford, Okla.

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Rowland, Retired Baptist  
Indian Missionary, Dies

NOCONA, Tex. (BP)--Floyd C. Rowland, a veteran in Baptist missions work among the Indians, died of a heart attack June 4 here, his home since retirement in 1963.

Rowland, 66, had served among Indians in Oklahoma and New Mexico, first appointed to New Mexico in 1926 by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

During his long tenure, Rowland served as director of an Indian center in Oklahoma City, pastor of churches in Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico, and at the end of his term as missionary to several Indian pueblos in the Albuquerque-Bernalillo, N. M., area.

Mrs. Rowland, who survives him, said her husband had remained active as a supply pastor in the Nocona, Tex., area. She said he had prepared messages for Sunday, June 5, when he was to have supplied in a Nocona Baptist church.

"The Rowlands served faithfully for many years in some of the most difficult mission situations," Gerald Palmer, the Home Mission Board's secretary of language missions, commented.

Rowland, a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary attended East Central State Teacher's College in Ada, Okla., Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, and Baylor University in Waco, Tex.

His earlier pastorates included the First Baptist Church of Binger, Okla., and Indian missions in Ponca City, Quapaw, and Wyandotte, Okla. Before assignment to the Bernalillo area, he served as pastor of the Tinian Baptist Mission in Cuba, N. M.

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Southern Baptist Seminary  
Gives Blood Bank To Nigerians

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)--Contributions totaling \$1,200 from the students and faculty of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here will provide Southern Baptist medical missionaries in Eku, Nigeria, with a new blood refrigerator.

The money was given during William Wallace Week, an annual expression of the seminary's concern for medical missions honoring the Baptist surgeon in China killed by the Communists in 1951.

The funds raised will buy the equipment--commonly called a "blood bank"--and pay for its transportation to Nigeria.

Missionary doctor Bob Amis and nurse Jackie Eubank, both Southern Seminary alumni, will be using the machine by September. Another alumnus, Dr. William Gaventa, is currently on furlough from Eku and is living near the seminary campus.

Southern Seminary provides more than one-third of all Southern Baptist medical missions personnel--23 nurses and 17 doctors currently serving abroad, in addition to chaplains and medical technicians.

Speakers during the William Wallace Week services were Miss Everley Hayes, Bill Wallace's closest associate during the last five years of his ministry; Ed Galloway, former missionary to China and now pastor of First Baptist Church in Oak Ridge, Tenn.; and Dr. Ellis Fuller Jr., physician son of the late Southern Seminary president.

Miss Hayes noted that the story of Bill Wallace doesn't end with his death--for even in defeat he was victorious in dramatizing the need for increased support of medical missions.

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Gardener-Webb Dean  
Named Academy Head

MOUTH OF WILSON, Va. (BP)--Robert B. Isner, dean of students and instruction at a Baptist college in North Carolina, has been named president of Oak Hill Academy, a Baptist school in Mouth of Wilson, Va.

Isner has served since 1962 at Gardner-Webb College, in Boiling Springs, N. C.

Oak Hill Academy is owned and operated by the Baptist General Association of Virginia. It is located in the western part of the state.

A native of West Virginia, Isner is a graduate of Davis and Elkins College in Elkins, W. Va. He did additional study at East Carolina College, Greenville, N. C.

He was head of the biology department and later dean of men at Wingate College (Baptist), Wingate, N. C., before joining the Gardner-Webb faculty.

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Former New Mexico,  
Arkansas Editor Dies

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (BP)--Lewis A. Myers, former editor of Baptist state papers in Arkansas and New Mexico, died here at the age of 70 following a protracted illness.

Myers had served as editor of both the Arkansas Baptist newsmagazine, and the Baptist New Mexican.

Following retirement in 1959, he lived for about three years in Albuquerque, N. M., and then moved to Hot Springs.

He became editor of the Arkansas Baptist in 1940, and served as editor of the Baptist New Mexican from 1947 until retirement in 1959.

Publication of his latest book, a "History of New Mexico Baptists", was in progress at the time of his death.

He was survived by his widow, Mrs. Ann Myers; a daughter, Mrs. Betty Martin, and two grandchildren; and a brother, F. W. Myers, all of Hot Springs.

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Baylor Student Receives  
State Paper Scholarship

WACO, Tex. (BP)--Mike McKinney, Baylor University senior from Como, Tex., has been named winner of the 1966 Baptist Standard scholarship.

The \$800 scholarship is awarded by the Baptist Standard, Texas Baptist newsmagazine, to a student preparing for a career in religious journalism.

McKinney is majoring in journalism and political science at Baylor. He plans to do graduate study in journalism after graduation next January.

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Louisiana Man Named  
Art Department Head

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (BP)--Lilburn Carl Penland of Lake Charles, La., has been named by the University of Corpus Christi, a Baptist school here, as head of its art department.

With a bachelor of fine arts degree from Kansas City Art Institute and School of Design, and a master's degree from the University of Missouri, Penland is presently art instructor at McNeese State College, Lake Charles, La.

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#### Willard, McCall Awarded Degrees From Stetson U.

DeLAND, Fla. (BP)--Stetson University here, a Baptist school, conferred honorary doctoral degrees upon a Florida Baptist minister and the president of another Baptist university.

Receiving the degrees were Conrad Willard, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Miami, Fla., and Abner V. McCall, president of Baylor University (Baptist), Waco, Tex.

Willard delivered the baccalaureate address, and McCall delivered the commencement address at Stetson.

During the university's 83rd commencement, Stetson President J. Ollie Edmunds announced the creation of the first endowed chair in the history of the school.

Known as the Christian R. Lindback Chair of Business Administration, the endowment will consist initially of a \$250,000 permanent fund, \$100,000 of which has been contributed by the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation.

Edmunds said an additional \$150,000 will be added to the initial fund--\$75,000 from a special campaign and \$75,000 additional from the Lindback Foundation, making the total fund \$400,000.

Also during commencement exercises, the university awarded three Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallions in recognition of "high spiritual and humanitarian qualities" to two outstanding graduates and a member of the Stetson board of trustees.

The medallions went to Robert C. Eslinger, Bradenton, Fla., and Katherine Anne Warthen, Vidalia, Ga., both Stetson students; and to former Florida Governor Doyle E. Carlton of Tampa.

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#### Judson Colleges Names PR Man

MARION, Ala. (BP)--A journalism graduate and sports information assistant at the University of Alabama has been named public relations director at Judson College, a Baptist school in Marion, Ala.

He is Wayne Atcheson, son of a Baptist pastor in Clanton, Ala., and a graduate of Samford University and the University of Alabama where he earned the master's degree in journalism. He organized the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at both institutions.

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#### Stetson Names Two Administrative Aides

DeLAND, Fla. (BP)--Two aides have been promoted within the staff of Stetson University, a Baptist school here, according to Stetson President J. Ollie Edmunds.

George L. Painter, an ordained Baptist minister who served as pastor of churches in Lady Lake and Crystal River, Fla., has been named director of church relations after having served for one year as Stetson's assistant director of admissions.

William R. Carden, assistant professor in the school's department of history, has been named director of special projects at Stetson, with the major responsibility of making contacts with foundations and individuals who are possible donors to the school.

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