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Baptists Plan Convention**

PAOLI, Pa. (BP)--The Pennsylvania-South Jersey Fellowship has set a target date of fall, 1969, for organizing into a state Baptist convention affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Meeting at the Paoli Baptist Church here for its third annual meeting, the Fellowship voted to set a goal of increasing church membership each year between now and 1969 by 25 per cent annually.

If they reach the goal each year, Baptist leaders in the two-state area feel confident they can reach the membership requirements to become a state Baptist convention.

SBC requirements call for Baptist groups seeking recognition as state Baptist conventions to have either 50 churches with 12,500 members or 70 churches with 10,000 members.

During the meeting, a report was presented showing an 18 per cent increase in church membership during the past year among the 40 churches, 19 missions, and nine home fellowships in the three Baptist associations which comprise the Fellowship.

Current membership in the churches totals 5,984, an increase of 947 members over last year's membership.

Three associations comprise the Fellowship--the Greater Pittsburg Association, which is affiliated with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio; and the Keystone Baptist Association and Delaware Valley (sometimes called Greater Philadelphia) Baptist Association, both affiliated with the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

Greater Pittsburg Association reported 11 churches, 10 missions, and five home fellowships with 1,675 members; Keystone Association reported 10 churches, seven missions, three home fellowships with 1,809 members; and Delaware Valley Association reported 19 churches, two missions, and one home fellowship, with 2,500 members.

The Fellowship elected Charles Jolly, pastor of the Pittsburg (Pa.) Baptist Church as its new president, scheduled its next meeting for Sept. 29-30 in Pittsburg, and adopted resolutions expressing appreciation for the work of two Baptist leaders in starting new missions in the area.

The resolutions commended A. B. Cash, who is retiring in December as field secretary of the SBC Home Mission Board's pioneer missions department; and George Bagwell, a deacon at the Absecon (N.J.) Baptist Church, and president of the Fellowship for the past two years.

New vice president of the Fellowship is J. Philip Allison, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wrightstown, N.J.; and secretary is Bob W. Brackney, pastor of South Hills Baptist Church, State College, Pa.

About 180 Baptists from 33 churches in the area attended the third Fellowship meeting, reported Brackney.

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Check From Viet Nam  
Boosts Baylor Fund

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WACO, Tex. (BP)--Baylor University's efforts to raise \$3 million for a new library have come \$190.39 closer to fulfillment, thanks to the concern of an Air Force surgeon in Viet Nam.

The university's office of development received a check for that amount from Capt. Patrick H. Beckham, a graduate of Baylor and the University's College of Medicine, who now is stationed with the 12th USAF Hospital at Cam Rahn Bay, about 150 miles northeast of Saigon.

The check was Capt. Beckham's last from Hennepin County General Hospital where he was entering the final year of a five-year surgery residency when he was drafted in June. He has been in South Viet Nam for two months.

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Capt. Beckham endorsed the check, "pay to the order of the Baylor Library Fund."

Capt. Beckham received his bachelor of arts degree from the Baptist school in 1957 and graduated from the College of Medicine at Houston in 1961.

Capt. Beckham is no stranger to the Far East. During his senior year in medical school he worked a summer at William Wallace Memorial Hospital in Korea under sponsorship of the Baptist Student Union at the school.

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Two New Professors  
Join Southeastern

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WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)--Two new professors have joined the faculty of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Donald D. Moore is the new director of counseling and assistant professor of pastoral care at Southeastern. He is a native of North Carolina, and a graduate of Davidson College, Davidson, N.C.; Southeastern Seminary, and the University of North Carolina.

Robert E. Poerschke, a native of Texas, is new associate professor of religious education. He is a graduate of Furman University (Baptist), Greenville, S. C.; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; and Columbia University, New York.

The addition of the two new professors brings the Southeastern faculty to 30 members who hold a total of 105 academic degrees from 36 different colleges, universities, and seminaries.

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Pastor Named To Sports  
Hall Of Fame In Texas

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DALLAS (BP)--Robert Jackson Robinson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Augusta, Ga., has been elected by the Texas Sports Writers Association of Dallas to the Texas Hall of Fame.

Walter Robertson, chairman of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, in informing Robinson of his election, said, "Your many outstanding contributions to the very great heritage of sports in our state unquestionably qualify you to join the select and renowned ranks of our association's Texas Sports Hall of Fame."

The honor will be bestowed upon Robinson in Dallas on Dec. 30 in connection with the annual Cotton Bowl festivities. The other living member to be inducted into the Texas Hall of Fame is Lloyd Mangum, former National Open Golf champion.

Robinson is minister of First Baptist Church of Augusta, a church of some 3,600 members, where the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845.

A native of Fort Worth, Robinson is a graduate of Baylor University (Baptist), Waco, Tex.; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth; and Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa. He did additional graduate study at the University of Edinburg, Scotland; earned the doctor of theology degree from Southwestern Seminary; and was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Howard Payne College (Baptist), Brownwood, Tex.

In athletic accomplishments, Robinson was an All-American basketball player, 1946-48, while at Baylor University; member of the 1948 Olympic basketball team; winner of the Jack Dempsey outstanding athlete award, 1947; on the board of directors of Fellowship of Christian Athletes; "Man-Of-The-Year" award by the Augusta Junior Chamber of Commerce; and selected as a member to Baylor University's Hall of Fame (Baylor University, Waco, Texas).

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Christian and Government  
Missions Needed, Judd Says

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WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)--"We must have government programs, but we need Christian missions to change the hearts of people," declared a former U. S. congressman and medical missionary speaking at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

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Dr. Walter H. Judd served as a medical missionary (Congregationalist) in China from 1925 until 1938. For nearly 20 years he was a U. S. Representative from Minnesota and in 1962 was voted by his colleagues as "one of the five most influential members of the House of Representatives."

"Governments can administer but seldom can they minister," Judd told students at Southeastern Seminary. "Governments cannot win people. They can do good, but their motives are always questioned. Only people can win people," Judd said.

"Poverty does not make Communists," he added. "Communists are made by other Communists. So Christians are made by other Christians, not by coercion but by persuasion."

"As Christians we believe that man is endowed with certain inalienable rights, that man is created in the image of God, that man is more than an animal to be conditioned and manipulated. And this faith we must communicate to the peoples of the world."

As the first of missionary day speakers to address Southeastern Seminary this year, Judd used the text which Jesus had used in his home synagogue (Isaiah 61:1-2) and explained it in terms of the relevancy of Christianity in economics, sociology, politics, education and religion.

## Baptists in Baltimore Play Kings of Softball

By R. G. Puckett  
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BALTIMORE (BP)--This bustling city is swelling with pride because the Baltimore Orioles are the American League champs, playing in their first World Series.

Baptists in Baltimore have a winner also, though not as famous as the Orioles. Valley Baptist Church in Lutherville, a suburb of Baltimore, won the city-church league in softball this year.

As a result, they were invited to play "The King and His Court" in an exhibition game prior to an Oriole-Angel game in Memorial Stadium in Baltimore.

Eddie Feigner, known in softball circles as "The King," has been touring the globe for two decades with three talented champions, in an effort to prove that a four-man softball team can whip a qualified nine-man team. The four-man team plays without an outfield.

Feigner uses 19 different windups and hurls a softball faster with his underarm delivery than most pitchers fling a baseball overhand.

Over a 20-year span, the "King and His Court" have won more than 3,000 games, 1 st a few more than 300, and tied 44.

Valley Baptist lost the exhibition game here 5-1, but not before Jerry Mentzer got a double and then a home run off "the King." Deciding blow in the game was a grand-slam homer by Jim Herrick, catcher for "the King."

Pastor Dick Satchell is catcher for the Valley Baptist team. Satchell feels that a properly-directed church recreation program will offer a positive, Christ-centered emphasis that will encourage youth and adults to identify themselves more devotedly to the Lord and their church.

He added that the church's recreation program, which includes softball, basketball, bowling and volleyball for men and women, has helped "to reach and to hold people in our church."

It also helps provide opportunities for weekday application of Christian principles taught at church, with numerous opportunities to teach Christian ethics on the playing field, he said.

"Recreation helps develop a sense of cooperation or team work," said Satchell. "And I must say that any church program, organization or committee functions a lot better if it operates as a team rather than as a group of several individuals."

"Win or lose, God can use a team's Christian conduct and attitudes to bring blessing and inspiration to a church and community. This has been our experience," the pastor said.