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**Enrollment Increases
At Six SBC Seminaries**

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Enrollments at six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries increased substantially this fall, with all but one of the six seminaries reporting an increase in the number of "regular" students enrolled.

The Education Commission of the SBC reported here that net enrollment for the fall semester of 1967 was 4,376 students, an increase of 239 students compared to the 1966 fall enrollment of 4,137.

Last year the fall enrollment at the six seminaries increased by 19 students over the 1965 seminary enrollment.

The SBC Education Commission compiled the statistics on the basis of official reports sent to their Nashville office from the registrars of the six seminaries.

All of the seminaries except one reported enrollment increases, and the only decrease was very slight.

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., reported 231 "regular" students in the fall of 1967, compared to 239 students last year, a decrease of only eight students.

Biggest enrollment increase was reported by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, which listed 1967 fall enrollment at 996, up 80 students from last fall's 916.

Second largest enrollment increase, and largest gain in percentage, was Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary's increase of 63 students. The seminary, located in Wake Forest, N.C., reported 547 students this year and 484 students last fall.

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, reported an increase of 54 students, with 1,614 enrolled this fall compared to last fall's 1,560.

Last year, both Southeastern Seminary and Southwestern Seminary reported decreases in enrollments, while this year reporting substantial gains.

Two other seminaries reported about the same increase: New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with 717 enrolled, an increase of 20 students; and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., with 207 enrolled, an increase of 15 students.

All of the figures were based on "net" enrollment of "regular" or "full-time" students, and do not include part-time, or "other" students.

Two of the seminaries reported students enrolled in the "other" category: Southern Seminary in Louisville with 118 "other" students bringing their total enrollment to 1,114 and Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City with 38 "other" students, bringing their total enrollment to 245.

Total enrollment at the six seminaries, including both full-time and other students, was listed as 5,396.

The statistical report also listed the number of graduates of the seminaries during the year, with a total of 1,013 such graduates reported.

Number of graduates listed for each school were: Golden Gate, 59; Midwestern, 42; New Orleans, 180; Southeastern, 155; Southern, 229; and Southwestern, 340.

In addition to the enrollment data on the six SBC-owned seminaries, an enrollment report was also included for American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, which is jointly supported by the SBC and the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.

American Seminary reported a net enrollment of 64 students, an increase of 15 over last fall's 49.

The seminary's biggest program, however, is a correspondence and extension study program among Negro Baptist pastors. In this phase, 864 "other" students were reported, bringing their total enrollment to 928 students.

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Indiana Convention Approves
Crusade of Americas Support

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NEW ALBANY, Ind. (BP)--The Crusade of the Americas dominated the messages and business sessions of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana meeting here.

The messengers amended the proposed budget to move \$20,000 designated for Crusade preparations from an "advance section" to the basic budget. The convention's Executive Board had recommended that the Crusade be "an over and above" item after the state Cooperative Program goal was met.

The final 1968 budget will be \$533,053, passing the half million dollar mark for the first time. The state Cooperative Program goal is \$329,000 with the remainder coming from Southern Baptist agencies and other designated sources.

The new budget designated 27.4 per cent of the state Cooperative Program gift for SBC mission causes.

Lyndon W. Collings, pastor of Halteman Village Baptist Church of Muncie, Ind., was re-elected to his second one-year term as convention president.

In other action the messengers approved the charter and bylaws of the Indiana Baptist Foundation and elected its first board of directors.

Resolutions adopted by the convention expressed opposition to the "production and public telecasting of adult movies, such as 'Never On Sunday.'" Another resolution reaffirmed God's love for people of all races and added that "we stand ready to exemplify this principle."

Next year the convention will meet at First Southern Baptist Church, Hammond, Ind., on Nov. 5-7, 1968.

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Home Missions Pioneer
Soloman F. Dowis Dies

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ATLANTA (BP)--Soloman F. Dowis, 76, a missionary who pioneered many of the current Southern Baptist Home Mission Board programs, died here Nov. 5 of a massive coronary.

Dowis, who retired in 1958 after 14 years as secretary of the cooperative missions department, still was active in missions as writer and promoter of the Home Mission Board's correspondence Bible course, in which more than 35,000 are enrolled.

"The Bible course, more than anything else to me, represents the contribution of Dowis' work," said C. E. Autrey, director of the board's division of evangelism.

"We're just now reaping the results of his labors. During the last year we had, by very conservative estimate, about 15,000 conversions as a result of the Bible study literature Dowis wrote," Autrey said.

Dowis was the first city missions superintendent (Atlanta) of the Home Mission Board. Later, at his direction, the cooperative missions department launched western missions, a rural church program, missions in Alaska and juvenile delinquency work.

He also had served as pastor of the Virginia Avenue Baptist Church in Atlanta for three years and the Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky., for 13 years. He was a U.S. Army chaplain from 1918-19.

The native of Oak Grove, Ga., was author of four books and numerous mission tracts. He was a graduate of Mercer University in Macon, Ga., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Mercer awarded him a doctor of divinity degree in 1945.

Funeral services were held in Atlanta on Nov. 6.

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Georgia Pastor Named
Missouri Bond Director

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)--The Executive Board of the Missouri Baptist Convention has elected Arthur H. Stainback, pastor of Bull Street Baptist Church in Savannah, Ga., as secretary of the convention's bond service, effective Jan. 1, 1968.

A former pastor of Baptist churches in North Carolina, Missouri, Kentucky and Florida, Stainback for five years was president of the Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla. He will direct the program of assisting Missouri Baptist churches finance expansions through bond

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SBC Mission Gifts Top
\$40 Million '67 Total

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Southern Baptists have given more than \$40 million to world missions causes during the first ten months of 1967, about \$2 million more than the same period in 1966.

More than half of that amount, a total of \$20,838,302, has been contributed through the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program unified budget plan which supports 21 SBC agencies and programs.

The remaining \$19,559,808 has come in the form of designated contributions to specific SBC missions causes on a national and world-wide level.

Report on financial support of the SBC during the first 10 months of the year came in a monthly financial statement prepared by the SBC Executive Committee here.

Cooperative Program contributions for 1967 have so far exceeded 1966 contributions for the same period by \$1.3 million, or 7.09 per cent.

Designated gifts for the same period have topped 1966 designations by \$939,545.

The grand total of \$40,398,110 for 1967 has surpassed 1966 contributions for the same period by \$2,318,583, or 6.09 per cent.

During the month of October, Cooperative Program contributions again exceeded the \$2 million mark, with a total of \$2,038,302 in Cooperative Program gifts, plus \$242,377 in designated contributions.

Of the \$40.3 million in total gifts, a total of \$25.2 million has gone to the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond; and a total of \$8.6 million to the SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

The amounts included in the SBC financial report reflect support of only SBC-wide missions programs, and do not include amounts given to support local and state-wide Southern Baptist mission efforts.

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Four Generations Join
Church In One Sunday

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FRESNO, Calif. (BP)--Four generations of one family became members of First Southern Baptist Church here on the same Sunday recently.

At the beginning of the service, Pastor J. Clifford Harris baptized three generations, and the fourth joined the church by statement at the close of the service.

Baptized were Mrs. Donna Hale and her three children--Pamela, Sandra and Michael Hale--and Mrs. Hale's mother, Mrs. F. E. House.

To complete the four-generation picture, Mrs. House's mother, Mrs. Bonnie Warren, joined by statement.

During the unique service, the church received a great-grand mother, a grand mother, a mother, and three children.

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C O R R E C T I O N S

Editors: On BP story mailed Friday, Nov. 3, a line was inadvertently omitted from graph 18 of story headlined: Controversial Report Draws Mixed Texas Baptist Reaction. Material omitted is underlined in full graph reproduced below:

E. H. Westmoreland of Houston, chairman of the Committee of 100, expressed regret that a member of the special committee had chosen to refer to the California purchase because the special committee was to report to the convention's Executive Board rather than the convention. He said the value of the property in California had never been a point in the consideration of the Church Loan Board's activities.

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On BP story mailed Nov. 2, headlined "Preaching Baptist Women Predicted," please kill the words "from pulpits" in graph one, line 2. This changes meaning of story on a theological point. Thanks.

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