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\$13.4 Million Budgeted By  
Baptists For Home Missions

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ATLANTA (BP)--A \$13.4 million 1968 budget, which includes large appropriations for two major denomination-wide projects, was approved by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board directors, meeting in annual fall session here.

The record budget is about \$1.3 million more than the 1967 sum, a gain that reflects increased giving by Southern Baptists through the Cooperative Program (unified budget) and the annual Annie Armstrong Home Mission Offering.

Figures approved for expenditure by the evangelism division in 1968 include \$40,000 for planning and promoting the Crusade of the Americas, the 1969 hemisphere-wide evangelistic campaign in which Southern Baptists will participate.

Another major convention effort is Project 500, a two-year (1968 and 1969) push to start 500 new churches and church-type missions in 500 carefully-defined strategic locations in newer geographic areas of Baptist work.

About \$1.5 million of the 1968 Home Mission Board budget will be expended in support of this convention-wide church extension project, more than \$1 million of which is earmarked for church loans. And another \$1 million in "Annie Armstrong Offering" funds will be allocated to Project 500 if the offering of \$5.5 million is reached.

The 1967 Annie Armstrong Offering receipts reached \$4 million by early November. It is expected that receipts will fall short of the goal of \$4.5 million but still will gain by \$100,000 over 1966.

More than 300 of the 500 strategic locations already have been selected and convention agencies, including the Home Mission Board's program of establishing new churches and missions are mustering the force to effectively promote the two year effort.

"It is our hope the Crusade of the Americas will turn tens of thousands in the U.S. to Christ," said Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board.

"The entire staff of the Home Mission Board will be offering its heartiest support, and the Project 500 effort should be a healthy complement to the Crusade."

The rest of the record sum for home missions is dispersed throughout the Home Mission Board's six divisions and various departments in support of 2,284 missionaries and 12 mission programs of work.

Largest allocation is \$7.8 million designated for the missions division, which includes nine of the Board's 12 programs:

Establishing new churches and church-type missions, pioneer missions, rural-urban missions, metropolitan missions, language missions, Christian social ministries and work related to non-evangelicals.

Within the missions division, language missions will spend nearly \$2.6 million and Christian social ministries nearly \$1.1 million.

Language missions coordinates and supports the work of missionaries and missions in the U.S., Panama and Puerto Rico, and also is responsible for work in Cuba.

(It was announced during the board meeting that Southern Baptist Missionaries Herbert Caudill and David Fite, imprisoned in Cuba since April, 1965, are in good health.)

The church loans division of the Board will spend \$2.6 million during the year ahead, including nearly \$1.5 million that will be used to increase loan corpus and reserves. (This division aided 270 churches with church site and building loans totaling \$4.6 million during 1967.)

The 1968 budget approved by the 65-member board of directors also includes six new staff positions, which will bring the Home Mission Board staff up to 81.

New assignments will strengthen work in church loans, Christian social ministries, pioneer missions, rural-urban missions, work with National Baptists, and survey and special studies.

Rutledge in his report put the current number of missionaries, as of Nov. 1, at 2,284, a net gain of 119 over a year ago.

During the year, however, the Home Mission Board appointed a record 450 missionaries and associate missionaries. About 475 will be appointed during 1968.

The small net gain, Rutledge said, reflects some short-term appointments and mission pastors whose congregations have reached self-support, as well as natural factors such as death, retirement and resignation.

The missionary figures do not include 666 Southern Baptist chaplains who are approved through the Home Mission Board's division of chaplaincy. About 100 of these currently are serving in Vietnam.

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Caudill, Fite Still 1118  
Imprisoned In Cuba

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ATLANTA (BP)--Latest reports from Cuba indicate that two Southern Baptist missionaries imprisoned there since April, 1965, are in good health, it was announced here during an annual session of the Home Mission Board.

Herbert Caudill, 63, remains under house arrest in his Havana home, recovering from a March 15 operation in his one good eye, which was performed in Cuba by Atlanta surgeon, William S. Hagler, after Cuban officials granted a special visa to the eye specialist.

According to correspondence from Mrs. Caudill to the Home Mission Board here, Caudill continues to experience gradual improvement in the eye.

He is blind in the other eye due to a retinal complication that surgery in the U.S. failed to correct in 1964.

Mrs. Caudill also reported that David Fite, 34, the Caudills' son-in-law, is working as a prisoner on a farm quite some distance from Havana. She said that she and Fite's wife, Margaret, visited him late in October.

"He keeps his chin up and we can tell he is a great comfort to others," Mrs. Caudill said.

Fite's parents, Clifton E. Fite, pastor of the Rosemont Baptist Church, Waynesboro, Ga., and his wife, were allowed to visit their son in Cuba last spring, and reported a cordial hearing from Cuban officials as they appealed for Fite's release.

Both of the missionaries were arrested in 1965, along with about 40 Cuban Baptist pastors. They were convicted of illegal currency exchange. Caudill was sentenced to 10 years, Fite six.

Churches in the Baptist Convention of Western Cuba, numbering about 80, remain open and active, although there is a shortage of pastoral leadership. About 25 of the Cuban pastors remain imprisoned.

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"Mighty Fortress" Banner 1119  
Waves At Wittenburg

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WASHINGTON (BP)--Giant Communist posters lined the avenues as world Protestant leaders walked from Lutherhalle to Schlosskirche in Wittenburg, East Germany on Reformation Day, October 30.

The churchmen had come from all parts of the world to celebrate the 450th anniversary of the day in 1517 when Martin Luther nailed his theological thesis on the door of Schlosskirche and thus launched the great religious reformation.

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The posters and Communist flags were hung by East German officials to embarrass the Christian visitors and to say that the Communists were celebrating the 50th anniversary of their 1917 revolution. Crowds along the sidewalks jeered the visitors.

C. Ronald Goulding of London, representing the Baptist World Alliance, wrote to Alliance headquarters here a description of the tension that characterized the hour of this march. But then, he continued, "as we came near to the door of the church I saw something that will forever remain with me."

"Towards the back of the crowd there stood a middle-aged lady. She lifted at arm's length above her head not a red flag or a revolutionary placard, but a piece of cardboard on which she had printed the words of Luther's hymn 'Ein feste burg ist unser gott' (A mighty fortress is our God)."

Goulding said that the appearance of this sign, crude and unmounted, spoke volumes in the face of all the Communist propaganda. He said:

"The message came to us that not only in Reformation celebrations but also in the hearts of some of the people a Christian faith is alive in the D.D.R. (East Germany) today."

Rudolf Thaut, general secretary of the German Baptists had also been designated by Alliance General Secretary Josef Nordenhaug as an Alliance representative at the meeting, but Thaut's application for a visa was denied.

Goulding reported participation of seven Baptists beside himself. David S. Russell and Morris West represented British Baptists. Herbert Weist and Rolf Dammann represented Baptists in East Germany. Three other East German Baptist leaders, Gunter Lorenz, Manfred Sult and Helmut Muller also attended.

The eight Baptist visitors led in a Baptist rally in East Berlin following the Wittenburg celebration.

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Baylor Receives Rare 1120  
Books And Documents

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WACO, Tex. (BP)--A collection of rare books, described as "one of the most significant gifts the Law School has ever received" has been donated to Baylor University School of Law by Waco Judge Frank M. Wilson.

Wilson, associate justice of the Tenth Court of Civil Appeals and chairman of the University Board of Trustees, is a 1931 graduate of Baylor.

The 2,135 books and about 50 documents dating back to the middle ages will be housed early next year in a rare book library in Baylor's Morrison Constitution Hall.

The collection contains many of the basic writings on which the system of English law is based.

Among the books is the first text book of English law printed in 1554, as well as works by Bracton, Glanvill and Coke.

The early books and documents are written or printed in Norman, Latin and English.

There is an original transcript of Sir Walter Raleigh's treason trial and a document written about the same time the Magna Carta was signed by King John in 1215.

Law School Dean Angus S. McSwain said the books will not be used day-to-day, "but will be of interest to legal scholars, historians and those interested in rare law books."

"This is one of the most significant gifts the Law School has ever received," McSwain said, "not only because of their great value but because many items are irreplaceable."

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Home Mission Board 1121  
Elects Two New Staffers

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ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board elected two new staff members at its annual fall board meeting here, strengthening departmental work in two growing areas of mission activity.

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Roy W. Owen, currently superintendent of missions for the western slope area of Colorado, will be an assistant secretary of the department of rural-urban missions, effective Jan. 1.

Owen will give major attention to assisting state mission directors in making long-range plans for the establishment of churches and missions in rural areas, towns and cities under 50,000 population.

William Amos Jr., director of the weekday program at 23rd and Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., will come to Atlanta on Jan. 15 as consultant for church community weekday ministries and Baptist centers in the department of Christian social ministries.

The Home Mission Board's social ministries also include work with ex-prisoners, juvenile rehabilitation, ministries to migrant workers and literacy training.

Both new staffers will relate directly to local churches and missionaries in the field to promote and carry out program objectives.

Owen, a native of Merkel, Tex., also has served as an area missionary for North and South Dakota Baptists. His former pastorates include the Calvary Baptist Church, Chula Vista, Calif. and the First Baptist Church, Parker, Ariz.

He is a graduate of Baylor University (Baptist) in Waco, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Amos, of Charleston, S.C., served as missions chairman of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary student body in Louisville in 1964-65, and finished his degree work there in 1966. He also served as youth director at the Third Avenue Baptist Church in Louisville for two years.

He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College (Baptist) in Jefferson City, Tenn.

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Corpus Christi University 1122  
Receives Accreditation

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CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (BP)--The University of Corpus Christi (Baptist) has been accepted for membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Action was taken Wed., Nov. 29, in Dallas at the Association's annual meeting.

Acceptance means that UCC is now a fully-accredited four-year liberal art college. It is related to the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Southern Association approval is the combination of a four-year all-out effort involving all of the UCC family, trustees, administration, faculty, staff, alumni, students and friends, UCC's president, Joseph C. Clapp, said.

The University of Corpus Christi, located on the Bay at the Southeastern edge of Corpus Christi, occupies a 230-acre island formerly used by a U.S. Navy electronics school.

The college was moved to Corpus Christi in 1947 from Beeville and was officially opened on Sept. 15, 1947.

"The big question now before the trustees, administration, and faculty of the University of Corpus Christi is where do we go from here," said Clapp.

He added that the first order of business will be an intensive long-range planning for the school.

In 1963, W. A. Miller, then president of the college, launched the drive by appointing a special committee to improve the academic climate and to commence a concentrated effort to obtain Southern Association membership.

The next year, the board of trustees endorsed the effort and work was begun on a "self-study" required by the Southern Association.

In the summer of 1966, the final report was drawn and submitted to the Southern Association as UCC's application for membership. In April, 1967, a visitation committee was sent for inspection and membership has been granted on the basis of the committee's report and subsequent action on their recommendation.