



**BAPTIST PRESS**  
News Service of the Southern Baptist Convention

460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37219  
Telephone (615) 244-2355  
W. C. Fields, Director  
Jim Newton, Assistant Director

**REGIONAL OFFICES**

ATLANTA Walker L. Knight, Editor, 1350 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30309, Telephone (404) 873-4041  
DALLAS Billy Keith, Editor, 103 Baptist Building, Dallas, Texas 75201, Telephone (214) RI 1-1996  
WASHINGTON W. Barry Garrett, Editor, 200 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002, Telephone (202) 544-4226

**BUREAU**

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD Lynn M. Davis, Jr., Chief, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37203,  
Telephone (615) 254-1631

November 18, 1968

**Tennessee Approves New Union  
Campus, Law and Order Statement**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--The Tennessee Baptist Convention meeting here authorized purchase of property for a new campus for Union University in Jackson, Tenn., and adopted a strong resolution pledging support for law and order.

The resolution petitioned the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the federal government and the individual states "to uphold the law and to take positive steps to establish a climate of respect for law."

It stated that "violence and unbridled passion of mobs has shamed this country over and over again through lynching, rioting, looting, burning, and shooting."

The resolution further lamented that a "permissive atmosphere has developed in our society where many people are psychologically conditioned to violence, crime and anarchy, and disrespect for the law."

Calling for individuals to support their local police, it also urged "all people to renew their allegiance to civil authority, respect for the rights of others, and cooperate with all agencies and institutions responsible for maintaining law and order and seeking to bring about social justice."

The resolution cited the gospel as the "ultimate answer to the spiritual malady afflicting the modern world," and urged Baptists to continue to "purge hostility and misunderstanding from our hearts, seek forgiveness for our own sins, and reaffirm our preference and respect for the lives and rights of others."

Although the convention took a strong stand on law and order, it referred back to its Executive Board the "Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation" adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention for minor word changes that would make the statement more specific to the Tennessee scene.

William Dodson, pastor of Lamar Heights Baptist Church in Memphis, made the motion to refer the statement back to the Executive Board to deal with minor word changes, such as changing the words "Southern Baptist Convention" to "Tennessee Baptist Convention."

The convention took action making it possible for Union University to move from its present campus in downtown Jackson, Tenn., to a new location about one-fourth mile from the intersection of Interstate 40 (Memphis to Nashville) and Highway 45 Bypass.

Union was authorized to purchase about 270 acres of land, but no purchase price or time schedule for moving the campus was given.

"We will begin immediately to plan an academic, a spiritual and a physical campus to meet our young people's needs and to merit the confidence expressed in us," said Union President Robert Craig in thanking the convention for the action.

Tennessee Baptists also approved a record \$5.4 million budget, an increase of \$445,000 over the 1968 budget of \$5 million.

Other resolutions adopted by the convention condemned "a moral breakdown that exploits sex" and makes commonplace "moral perversions of every describable order," and urged Baptists to support the "historic Baptist church covenant" pledging abstinence from beverage alcohol.

Another resolution commended the Crusade of the Americas evangelistic crusade and called Baptists to work and pray to the end that the crusade "might result in a mighty spiritual revival sweeping this hemisphere and world."

Elected president of the convention was Tom Madden, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tullahoma, Tenn. Next year the convention will meet Nov. 11-13 in Nashville.

Negro Layman Ordained  
Deacon In Arkansas

JACKSONVILLE, Ark. (BP)--An integrated Southern Baptist church, Marshall Road Baptist Church here, made Arkansas Baptist history when it ordained a Negro layman as a deacon (Nov. 17).

Norman Monroe and his family have been members of the Marshall Road Baptist Church for about two years. They were the first to join the church after it voted to minister to all people in the community regardless of race. Several other individual Negroes and Negro families are also members.

Monroe was ordained in the same service with two white men, Albert Holland and Bob Crossley.

All three were elected deacons by secret ballot of the entire church membership.

Each has been active in the various organizations of the church, including Sunday School, Training Union and Brotherhood. Monroe sings in the church choir, and the other two new deacons serve as ushers.

Ronald S. Griffin, pastor of the church, presided during the ordination service.

-30-

"Mini-Bus For Evangelism" Takes  
Students To Michigan Missions

(11-18-68)

LOUISVILLE (BP)--Student pastors on-the-go, seeking the most feasible and economical way to travel, have been riding a "mini-bus for evangelism" into the Great Lakes area of Michigan every weekend.

The young ministers, all attending the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, are serving new churches in the pioneer areas of Detroit and Battle Creek, Mich.

The outreach effort is sponsored by the department of evangelism established by the Billy Graham Endowment Fund, with Kenneth L. Chafin as chairman of the department. A national \$500,000 fund raising campaign for the new chair of evangelism is about \$150,000 short of its goal with the deadline set for June, 1969.

The Michigan project was initiated upon the request of Robert Wilson, director of missions for the Baptist State Convention of Michigan after a group of Southern Seminary students led a revival in Detroit. Wilson is a graduate of the seminary.

Fred Hubbs, executive secretary-treasurer of the Michigan Convention, and also a former student of Southern Seminary, has expressed enthusiasm over the results of the project.

There are 11 students participating in the preaching assignments at present.

The first church music student will soon join the mission to work with youth and adult choirs on Sunday afternoons in a new church. This work aids churches who cannot yet afford full-time staff members but can benefit from the weekend leadership of the students.

Chafin said that the work "involves the students in missionary activities, exposes them to an area of large population and great needs, and introduces them to potential grounds for their future ministry."

The churches served are in a 100-mile radius in greater Detroit and Battle Creek areas. Church members meet the students at central locations and drive them to their field.

The students are also involved in surveys, Sunday School visitation, and some are preaching in rented buildings or private homes.

-30-

C O R R E C T I O N

Please correct graph 15, story headlined "Kansas Church Loan Association Said Insolvent, SBC Aid Asked," to eliminate reference to the SBC Home Mission Board. Graph should read, "Cuts were made in the state convention budget in an effort to find \$50,000 per year to pay sinking fund obligations of the Church Loan Association," instead of "...\$50,000 per year to repay the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board which will help the Church Loan Association pay off its obligations." The money will go to the sinking fund, not to the Home Mission Board. Thanks.

--Baptist Press

Louisiana Baptists Dedicate  
Kearnie Keegan Student Center

NATCHITOCHES, La. (BP)--Louisiana Baptists dedicated the G. Kearnie Keegan Student Center at Northwestern State College in memory of the late director of the national program of Baptist student work.

Keegan, who died of a heart attack on an airplane in 1960, was a graduate of Northwestern State College, and had helped start the Baptist Student Union program on the campus.

Keegan, a former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Natchitoches, went on to become state student secretary for the Louisiana Baptist Convention, and for 10 years before his death was secretary of the student department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

The new Baptist student center named in Keegan's honor is valued at \$314,000 and includes a lounge, prayer room, kitchen, offices, library, work rooms, meeting rooms, dining and recreational facilities, and an apartment for a married couple.

About 500 persons from throughout the state attended the dedication ceremonies. Mrs. Keegan brought a brief message, and following special music, a portrait of Keegan was unveiled.

A telegram from James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, said that "only eternity can measure the length of the ministry of this devoted servant of God."

Director of Baptist student work at Northwestern State College is Miss Myra Gullledge.

-30-

Foreign Missionary  
Of Future Described

Baptist Press

FORT WORTH (BP)--The missionary of the future must be multilingual, multiskilled and itinerant, fraternal, interracial, international, ecumenical, and just as dedicated as his forebears, an official of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board said here.

Jesse Fletcher, the head of the newly-created mission support division of the Foreign Mission Board, spoke to students and faculty at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He shared his vision for the future in missions and then challenged the students by telling them that these "missionaries must come from your ranks, people like you."

In describing the new brand missionary, he injected the need for periodical retraining for missionaries and early retirement with future services in other areas.

Fletcher pointed out that the multiskilled missionary will have to be involved in theology, communication, culture, economics, education and other specialties in order to be effective. "He must be more like a diplomat who assumes new and varied roles during his lifetime."

-30-

Hawaii Baptists Endorse  
SBC Resolutions, Set Budget

(11-18-68)

KAUAI, Hawaii (BP)--The Hawaii Baptist Convention endorsed ten resolutions adopted last June by the Southern Baptist Convention, and approved of the SBC "Statement Concerning The Crisis In Our Nation."

The 10 resolutions dealt with pornographic materials, highway safety, beverage alcohol, the local church, the observance of the Lord's Day, church-state relations, world peace, violence and disregard for law, evangelism and the Crusade of the Americas, and the American Bible Society.

Elected president of the convention was Mori Hiratani, pastor of First Baptist Church of Pearl City who presided over the sessions as first vice president. The president of the convention, Daniel S. C. Liu, chief of police in Honolulu, was unable to attend due to previous commitments with the Billy Graham team in Singapore and Indonesia.

A record \$538,206 budget for 1969 was approved, along with a major capital fund raising campaign for Hawaii Baptist Academy. The budget is an increase of \$52,785 over the 1968 budget.

Other resolutions adopted by the convention commended Hawaii business establishments which close on Sunday, and urged news media "to strive to present a creative and positive approach in news selection and reporting."

-30-



**BAPTIST PRESS**

*460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37219*

DAVIS C. WOOLLEY NO  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
127 NINTH AVE. N.  
NASHVILLE, TENN. 37203

RECEIVED  
NOV 29 1968  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION, SBC