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Nashville, Tennessee

9,000 RESERVATIONS; ROOMS
STILL AVAILABLE FOR S.B.C.

CHICAGO, Ill.—(BP)—More than 9,000 reservations have been made in Chicago hotels for the Southern Baptist Convention May 9-12, according to Frank Power, chairman, Chicago Convention Bureau. Most Baptists are paying from \$1.75 to \$6.50 a day for their accommodations. Some are paying up to \$10 a day. A Texas layman has leased a \$65 a day pent house. Rooms are still available in the following hotels:

| <u>Hotel and location</u> | <u>Single</u> |
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| STRAND, 6323 Cottage Grove Ave. | \$1.75-\$2.50 |
| BURTON, 1429 N. Clark | 2.00- 3.25 |
| UNION PARK, 210 S. Ashland Blvd. | 2.00- 4.00 |
| WACKER, 111 W. Huron | 2.50- |
| CASS, 640 N. Wabash | 2.50- 4.00 |
| ALEXANDRIA, 542 Rush St. | 3.00- 5.00 |
| BERKSHIRE, 15 East Ohio | 3.00- 5.00 |
| DEVONSHIRE, 19 East Ohio | 3.00- 5.00 |
| PLANTERS, 19 North Clark | 3.50 |
| BISMARCK, 171 West Randolph | 3.50- 5.00 |
| SHERIDAN PLAZA, 4605 Sheridan Rd. | 3.50- 5.00 |
| CHICAGOAN, 67 W. Madison | 3.75- 6.00 |
| CROYDON, 616 N. Rush | 4.00- |
| MARYLAND, 900 Rush | 4.00- |
| PARKWAY, 2100 Lincoln Park | 4.00- |
| ST. CLAIR, 162 East Ohio | 4.00- 5.00 |
| WINDERMERE, 1642 E. 36th | 4.00- 5.00 |
| EASTGATE, 162 E. Ontario | 4.00- 5.50 |
| BREVOORT, 120 W. Madison | 4.00- 6.00 |
| SHORELAND, 5464 S. Shore Drive | 6.00- 7.00 |

If you want economical accommodations, ask for the minimum rate.

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10-YEAR-OLD-CALIFORNIA BAPTIST CONVENTION COUNTS 250 CHURCHES

FRESNO, Calif.—(BP)—Southern Baptist work in California will be ten years old September 6, 1950. It was on September 6, 1940, that the State Convention of Southern Baptists was organized. Within this period the total number of churches has grown to 250, only five of which came from other Baptist groups.

Floyd Looney, editor, California Southern Baptist, predicts that by June, 1951, there will be more than 300 churches in the convention, the new ones to be organized out of 75 existent missions and other missions to be organized.

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RESPONSIBLE BABY SITTERS WILL BE
AVAILABLE AT CHICAGO CONVENTION

CHICAGO, ILL.—(BP)—Parents who bring small children to the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago may employ baby sitters any hour of the day or night, according to Dr. Noel M. Taylor, chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the convention.

To secure a baby sitter, telephone Baby Sitters Incorporated (Andover 3-3235) three or four hours before help is needed. The children will be cared for in the hot room of the parents.

The daytime charge for one or two children is 75¢ per hour plus carfare (usually about 30¢). For more than two children the charge is slightly higher.

The evening charge is 75¢ per hour plus carfare for the children of one family irrespective of the number of children in the family. If the same baby sitter cares for the children of more than one family the charge is \$1.00 per hour plus carfare.

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CONVENTION THEME
CATCHES IMAGINATION

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—(BP)—The theme for the Chicago Southern Baptist Convention is "Freedom's Holy Light," from the last stanza of the song, "America." It is catching the imagination of Baptists everywhere, according to Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, chairman of the program committee for the Convention. One Baptist, Elizabeth Terry, Cameron, Mo., has adapted a poem based on the theme and the song:

For freedom's holy light
We pray, O God, tonight
For all this world.
Let every person share
Freedom so bright and fair,
O God, let no one dare
To make men slaves.

God's world should all be free,
A world of liberty
Then all could sing:
A world where peace has come
Where righteousness has won
And where God's will is done
From sea to sea.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To thee we sing:
Long may our world be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!

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S. B. C. MESSENGERS, ATTENTION!

By Joe W. Burton
Secretary, Southern Baptist Convention

Pastors or church clerks should secure from the office of the Executive Secretary of the state Baptist Convention registration cards for the certification of messengers appointed to attend the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago, May 9-12.

These cards set out the Convention's constitutional requirement respecting an appointment of messengers from churches and provide for the necessary certification of the messenger.

The registration card should be secured at once from the state office and a card filled out properly for each messenger. These cards should be brought to Chicago by the messengers.

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BAPTIST NEWSLETTERS

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Managing Editor L. L. Winship of The Boston Globe, New England newspaper, has asked permission from Dr. B. B. McKinney to feature his song, "Send a Revival in My Soul," in connection with a Boston rally of 10,000 Christians to be led by Evangelist Billy Graham.

During Baylor University's long history, 210 alumni have served on foreign mission fields. 118 of them in service now.

Billy Graham, evangelist, spoke for 30 minutes by long distance telephone from a room in the South Carolina governor's mansion to a world vision conference of Youth for Christ leaders meeting in Minneapolis. He reported friendly religious conversation with former Secretary of State James Byrnes and publisher Henry Luce of Time, Life and Fortune.

Negro Baptists in Cleveland have gone into the apartment house business in order to protect less fortunate Negroes from unscrupulous landlords. They do not hope to solve the problem with the few apartment houses they will build, but to light the way for other public-minded groups.

Chicago will go on daylight saving time the last Sunday in April. This means that the clock will be one hour ahead of the Central Standard Time, the same as the Eastern Standard time and one hour ahead of Eastern Daylight.

Southern Baptists are being warned by Foreign Mission Board authorities about a Samuel Vila of Spain, who has threatened Baptist unity in Spain. Any appeals addressed directly to churches in this country by Mr. Vila should be ignored. Formerly a Baptist, he is now leading an interdenominational organization considered to be a schismatic Baptist movement.

Hal Bennett, assistant editor, Alabama Baptist, has resigned to take a position with the New Orleans Seminary, effective August 1. Bennett is a graduate of Howard College, Southwestern Seminary, and served several years as a U. S. Army chaplain.

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