



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

August 15, 1969

Church Loans Term
Changed To 20 Years

ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has increased the term for church loans from 15 years to 20 years to hold monthly payments down in the face of rising interest rates and construction costs.

Currently, the agency's church loans division makes loans to new congregations for buildings and sites at 7½ percent. Anticipating a necessary increase in this interest rate, church loans director Robert H. Kilgore said the board chose to spread payments over a longer period, thus holding down monthly obligations of the churches.

"For example, the monthly payments on an 8½ percent 20-year loan are less than payments on a 6½ percent 15-year loan," Kilgore said.

-30-

Tennessee Convention Names
Yarbrough Student Secretary

8/15/69

NASHVILLE (BP)--Glenn Yarbrough, 45, director of religious activities for Georgetown College in Georgetown, Ky., has been named secretary of the student department for the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Yarbrough, effective in mid-September, succeeds Charles Roselle who is now head of the nation-wide Baptist student work program coordinated through the student department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here.

The new Tennessee student work director was secretary of the department of student work for the Missouri Baptist Convention in Jefferson City, Mo., before assuming his current position in 1955.

A native of Illinois, Yarbrough is a graduate of Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, where he earned the doctor of theology degree.

He has been pastor of Baptist churches in Marion, Ill., and Bardstown, Ky., and was professor at Campbellville College, Campbellville, Ky., before taking the Missouri student work position.

-30-

California Church Plans
Moon Mission, Starts Fund

8/15/69

CASTRO VALLEY, Calif. (BP)--The Valley Baptist Church here has adopted a resolution and started a fund to start a Baptist mission and place a Bible upon the moon.

The resolution adopted by the church stated that they were taking the action "because of man's recent adventure into the heavens and his successful conquest to set foot upon the moon."

Further reasons given were "because of his (man's) desire and plans to further explore the universe; and because of the possibility and probability of man inhabiting other planets.

"Be it hereby resolved that the Valley Baptist Church...establish a special fund to establish a mission and place a Bible upon the moon," stated the resolution.

The pastor of the church, Earl R. Bigelow, reported that he gave the first dollar to the fund. The resolution included a phrase that the fund be open "to all mankind for contributions, and that we invite all Christendom to join with us in this great venture."

Purpose of the endeavor, as stated in the resolution, is to "proclaim to all those who journey into space that 'In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth,' and that 'the Heavens declare the glory of God and the earth showeth forth his handiwork,' and that Jesus Christ by whom God created the universe is Lord of Heaven and Earth and offers salvation to all mankind."

-30-

First Baptist Radio Show
In Japanese Language Set

8/15/69

FORT WORTH (BP)--The nation's first Japanese Baptist radio program will go on the air in San Francisco in mid-September, the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here has announced.

The 15-minute program will have a sermon and music format similar to the English-language "Baptist Hour," said Jerry Pillow, director of language program production for the SBC agency.

Speaker for the Japanese program will be Raymond Ozasa, pastor of the Japanese congregation of the Tiburon Baptist Church, Tiburon, Calif. Music will be furnished by the Far East Broadcasting Co., mostly from an album produced recently in Tokyo.

San Francisco's language station, KBRG-FM, will broadcast the program produced by the language missions department, Pillow said.

-30-

Training, Music, Student
Head Named In Indiana

8/15/69

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (BP)--Eldon M. Boone Jr. of Middletown, Ky., has been elected secretary of church training, church music and student ministries for the state Convention of Baptists in Indiana by the convention's Executive Board, effective Sept. 1.

For the past three years Boone has been associate at the Training Union department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. He is a native of Texas and a graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth,

He succeeds Robert Wayne, who resigned to become pastor of an Indianapolis Baptist church.

He was a minister of education for Baptist churches in Tennessee, Virginia, Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri before joining the Kentucky Convention staff.

-30-

Baker Leaves PR
Post For Church

8/15/69

THOMASVILLE, N.C. (BP)--Eugene W. Baker, public relations director for the Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina for the past two years, has resigned to become minister of education for First Baptist Church, Savannah, Ga.

Baker is a former news director for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, and has been minister of education and served churches in Texas, Utah and Japan. A graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary, he recently completed resident requirements for the doctor of education degree at Southwestern Seminary.

-30-