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**Ohio Convention Plans 100 New Churches Established in 70-71**

WILLOUGHBY, Ohio (BP)--The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, throughout its annual meeting here, emphasized a goal of establishing 100 new missions during 1970-71, and adopted a record budget of \$1.34 million aimed at helping carry out the goal.

Ray E. Roberts, executive secretary of the convention, pointed out that Southern Baptists in Ohio had never before established 100 new missions in a single year, "but neither have we had the resources and opportunities that are ours now," he said.

A resolution adopted by the convention pledged dedication to the goal of 100 new missions as the top priority program in 1971.

An earlier report by missions and evangelism leaders in the convention disclosed that last year, Baptists in Ohio reported more than 7,000 baptisms (conversions) for the first time in a single year, and led in establishing 21 new churches and 22 missions.

Despite the establishment of the 43 new churches or missions, the convention lost in the total number of churches and missions within its membership, since two state conventions were formed by churches in Pennsylvania and South Jersey, and in West Virginia, that previously were affiliated with Ohio Southern Baptists.

With the establishment of the two new conventions, membership in the Ohio Convention will be approximately 90,000 persons in 372 churches and 99 missions when the final reports are tabulated.

In other major actions, the convention adopted a budget of \$1,342,898 for 1970-71, elected a new president, and voted to ask a committee to study the convention's constitution and report back next year with findings and any recommendations it feels are needed.

Observers described the convention as "calm," noting that the meeting went to the last period of miscellaneous business before any motion was introduced from the floor, and that negative votes were "nonexistent."

The budget adopted by the convention includes a Cooperative Program goal of \$786,544 that will be divided 65 per cent to Ohio Baptist causes, and 35 per cent to Southern Baptist Convention world mission efforts.

Elected president of the convention was James Eford, pastor of Whitehall Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio.

Next year, the convention will meet at the First Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio, Nov. 3-5, 1971.

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Baptist College Professor,  
 Two Students Killed in Crash

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JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn. (BP)--A physics professor at Carson-Newman College here, his son and a close friend, were killed when their car was demolished by an oncoming automobile.

Dead were Paul J. Haig, 43, his son, Joseph 19, and David Gilbert. Both the boys were sophomores at the Baptist school, and David lived with the Haigs as "part of the family."

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Funeral services for Haig and his son were held at the First Baptist Church here, Nov. 5, and services for Gilbert were conducted at the Gulfport, Fla., Methodist Church, Nov. 6.

A native of Ohio, Haig is a graduate of the University of Florida and Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Carson-Newman President John A. Fincher called the "tragic and untimely death of ...this brilliant and conscientious teacher...a great loss to the college and to the teaching profession in physics."

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Two Communications Staffers  
Added by Home Mission Board

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ATLANTA (BP)--Two staff positions have been created and personnel added to the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Division of Communication here.

Larry Bryson has been named associate secretary of the department of missionary education, and Jimmie L. Hurst has been appointed to the newly created position of associate secretary of the department of art services.

For the past three years, Bryson has been associational consultant for the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission in Memphis. The other new staffer, Hurst, has been art director for the Robert R. Price, Co., in Peachtree, Ga., for the last three years.

Bryson, a native of Trion, Ga., has been a youth director and a pastor and was a missionary of the SBC Home Mission Board working with Cherokee Indians in North Carolina for four years.

He will be involved in planning and promotion of missionary education programs, and conducting associational planning conferences for world mission conferences. He will also seek to expand missionary education ministries among young people.

Bryson attended Georgia Institute of Technology and graduated from Furman University, Greenville, S.C., and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

Hurst, a native of Alabama, will help develop special promotional materials and displays promoting missions in Baptist associations and churches. He will also work with state conventions to provide materials for special projects, and help design and construct convention exhibits.

He attended Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Ala., and studied electronics during service in the U.S. Air Force. He lives in Peachtree, Ga., a new development about 40 miles from Atlanta.

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Home Board Appoints Three  
To Rural-Urban Ministries

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ATLANTA (BP)--Three missionaries, all working in rural-urban ministries, have been appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here.

The three are Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Coleman, who has moved from California where they were previously serving to McArthur, Ohio; and Mrs. Beth Routledge, appointed to assist her husband in El Portal, Calif.

Coleman was appointed to serve as a pastoral missionary in Ohio's Meigs-Vinton County area. He is pastor of Grace Baptist Chapel, works with the First Southern Baptist Church of Pomeroy, Ohio, and will help develop other churches and find pastors to lead them as his two congregations grow.

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A native of Shelbyana, Ky., Coleman graduated from Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., and the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Capital University, Columbus, Ohio. He was a chaplain in the U.S. Navy for three years, and was previously a pastor of a church in Columbus.

Mrs. Coleman, Doris, is a native of Huntington, W. Va., and is a registered nurse. She received her registered nurse certificate from Saint Mary's School of Nursing.

Mrs. Routledge and her husband, Dan, married this past February. Routledge was appointed two years ago as a mountain missionary in El Portal, Calif. She is a native of Miami, Okla., and attended Missouri Southern College, Joplin, Mo.



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