

December 11, 1950

TOTAL S.B.C. GIFTS
PASS TEN MILLION

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Combined Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program and designated gifts have gone past the ten million dollar mark for the second time in history. The first time was in 1946 in connection with the relief and rehabilitation offering. The announcement was made by Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

Gifts totaled \$10,045,590 at the end of the days work on December 7.

In the first seven days of December, Foreign Missions Advance received \$153,927, a total of all Southern Convention Cooperative Program receipts over the current total and capital needs budgets of \$6,657,000. The Convention passed from the capital needs budget into the Foreign Missions Advance on November 30.

At the end of November's business, Cooperative Program receipts were 15.17 per cent higher than in 1949; designations were 3.57 per cent higher and total gifts 11.14 per cent higher.

Total Gifts for November	649,530.73	78,820.51	728,351.24
1950 to Date	6,675,718.18	3,196,687.47	9,872,405.65
1949 to Date	5,796,333.12	3,086,372.73	8,882,705.85
Increase	<u>879,385.06</u>	<u>110,314.74</u>	<u>989,699.80</u>

Disbursements for the year are as follows:

	<u>Year to Date</u>
S.B.C. Budget Fund	172,500.00
Baptist Brotherhood	48,952.63
Radio Commission	107,076.09
Foreign Mission Board	4,684,904.19
Home Mission Board	1,841,939.56
Relief and Annuity Board	965,051.61
Southern Baptist Hospital	32,329.58
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	662,539.19
Southwestern Bapt. Theological Seminary	593,426.98
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary	595,196.08
W.M.U. (Tr. School & Desig.)	43,580.08
American Baptist Theological Seminary	112,738.14
Miscellaneous	12,171.52
Total Disbursements	<u>9,872,405.65</u>

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O. T. BINKLEY ELECTED
SOUTHEASTERN PRESIDENT

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Dr. O. T. Binkley, professor of Christian ethics and sociology, in Southern Seminary has been elected the first president of Southeastern Seminary. If he accepts he will reside at Wake Forest, N. C., where the seminary is expected to open next September.

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GOD CALLS BAPTISTS TO PRAYER

Duke K. McCall
Executive Secretary
Southern Baptist Convention

Many lines of providence have called Southern Baptists to a renewed emphasis upon prayer. Wisely the Sunday School Board has set aside the first week of January, 1951, for Bible study. The spirit of God led to the selection of prayer as the theme for that study.

Independently the S.B.C. Committee on Relations with Other Religious Bodies and the S.B.C. Executive Committee carried to the Chicago Convention a recommendation that our people be called to a week of study of some great Bible doctrine.

From still another direction, the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board is working on the plans for the simultaneous revivals in the 18,000 churches east of the Mississippi in April, 1951. The plans are tested and tried. They will work to produce a great revival if there is spiritual power flowing through them. The one thing needful is a renewed emphasis upon prayer as the channel of God's power.

The newspaper headlines have created an awareness in the hearts of all people of our weakness and of our need of power beyond our own. We are ready to pray.

With so many fingers of divine providence pointing in the same direction, I hope every Southern Baptist pastor will call aside his people for a week of study of prayer. Dr. Robert G. Lee, in his masterful and matchless way, has prepared a guide for the study. Significantly the title is The Bible and Prayer. We are to study not what a man thinks but what God has said about prayer.

Above all, let us pray.--(BP)

EDUCATION COMMISSION
ELECTS NEW SECRETARY

RICHMOND, Va.--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission elected an executive secretary. He is Dr. Richard Orin Cornett, 37, vice-president of Oklahoma Baptist University.

Dr. Cornett is a layman and has majored in physics. A native Oklahoman and a graduate of O.B.U., he received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas in 1939. The author of several textbooks in physics and mathematics, he lectured at Harvard University from 1942-45 on electronics.

He will have offices in Nashville, Tenn., beginning February 1.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Duke K. McCall (Nashville, Tenn.) and Dr. W. A. Criswell (Dallas, Texas) have just recently returned to the United States after a round-the-world tour of various existing and prospective Southern Baptist mission fields of the world. Following is one of Dr. McCall's reports written from Balikpapan, Borneo, Indonesia:

Balikpapan, Borneo, Indonesia

by
Duke K. McCall
Executive Secretary
Southern Baptist Convention

I just drank a cup of java in Java and met the wild man of Borneo. By way of reaction, the 5 cent cup of coffee which costs 10 cents in my favorite restaurant in the U.S.A. is worth \$10.00 in comparison to the stuff you get in Djakarta. I was the wildest man in Borneo when I found that I had to spend the night here and would miss my connections in Manila.

The Indonesians have just gotten their freedom from the Dutch. Today they are celebrating with a big parade. I almost missed my plane trying to get around the miles of American equipment which lined the streets of the capitol. I never would have made it except for the little English-made taxi with the baggage tied on the rear bumper which squirted between the wheels of the big trucks and tanks like a cake of wet soap.

I hope we Americans are selling democracy as well as the equipment to defend it. The United States Information Service had only 93 visitors the day I was there. The people in charge were very smart. On a three hundred guilder (\$20.00) deal they hooked me for one hundred guilders. It is assumed by all that an American tourist is a gold mine to be excavated by whoever can.

Generally the United States' effort to make friends in foreign lands takes the form of dealing with governments. We give (or "lend" which means the same thing) money to the government. We treat government officials royally.

What we do not understand is the difference between our attitude toward our government and the attitude of most of the people in the world. Even in democratic lands the democracy is new while the relation of the governed and the governing is very old. For most of the people all that the introduction of democracy means is a change of words and the people in power. Where an American thinks of the government as his friend, other people instinctively think of the government as an enemy.

Thus it is that making friends with a government does not mean that you have made friends with a people.

I have listened to the voice of America radio broadcast. I have visited our consulate and embassies everywhere we stopped. I have tried, as an amateur, to evaluate the other U.S.A. propaganda and information services.

I believe the best media for creating world friendship and understanding is Christian missions.

The Russians have long since learned to tell their story to the people. We have a better story but we tell it to the wrong folks.

That is why I believe that Christian missions are the best way to get to the people.

More important than selling America, the missionaries have a message of a new power for life. It is the power of God through Christ Jesus.

That will sound like a Sunday sermon when you read it. Out here it sounds like the cure for the worst trouble these new nations have. The character of the people who suddenly come to power in these new democracies is not always ready for the temptations of that power. As a result the mass of people gain nothing by the change and lose the efficiency and justice which belonged to the old colonial system.

I keep remembering that Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Here people have reversed the order. They want freedom first and truth later.

No stable government, whether in North America or the isles of the Pacific Ocean, can be built without a foundation of truth expressed in the character of the people.