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Mission Board Adopts Budget; Appoints 18 Missionaries

RICHMOND (BP)--The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in its annual meeting of the full 67-member board here, adopted a record budget of \$35 million, appointed 18 new missionaries and heard reports from its administrative staff members.

The board also re-elected four of its five officers, heard presentations of several new promotional projects, and honored 11 emeritus missionaries.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the board, gave members an overview of the proposed 1972 budget. The total budget is \$35,297,808, largest in the board's history, and is \$970,899 more than the 1971 budget.

Most of the increase applies to the missionary section of the budget, which provides for the appointment and supply of the missionary force. The capital, field work and home office sections of the 1972 budget are less than in 1971.

Early in the year it was anticipated that the amount of money the board was to receive from the SBC Cooperative Program for 1972 would be the same as in 1971, Cauthen said, and word was sent to the mission fields that all budgetary projections for 1972 should be on the same level as 1971.

Approximately 91 per cent of the proposed budget is for overseas work, with more than 50 per cent of that in the missionary section and about 33 per cent in the field work and foreign fields-general sections. The \$4 million capital section accounts for the balance of the overseas portion of the budget.

Funds for the budget come primarily from two sources, the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Cauthen pointed out. "The Lottie Moon offering enables us to go twice as far as we could go without it," he said.

The board anticipates that 44 per cent of its 1972 income will come from the 1971 Lottie Moon Offering and 42 per cent from its Cooperative Program allotment. The remainder will come from designated gifts, temporary investments and advance funds from the 1970 Lottie Moon Offering.

About \$960,000 of the 1972 budget is designated for missionary additions.

The new missionaries are Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dillman of Mill Valley, Calif., appointed to East Africa; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Jackson of Fort Worth, appointed to Korea; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond D. Joye of Wake Forest, N. C., Nigeria; Mr. and Mrs. James E. McAtee of Hayward, Calif., Indonesia.

Also, Dr. and Mrs. Jon D. Tillinghast of Oklahoma City, appointed to Yemen; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Upton of Fort Worth, Malawi; Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Williams of Louisville, Jordan; and Mr. and Mrs. J. Michael Wolf of Fort Worth, Taiwan.

Employed for a four-year term as missionary associates were Mr. and Mrs. James E. Corbin of Denton, Tex., assigned to Uganda.

The board's total missionary force now stands at 2,532.

The board's secretary for Southeast Asia, R. Keith Parks, reported that missionaries in his area are experiencing "a deepening spiritual awareness and renewal of commitment to a 'servant ministry' and witnessing that has come at God's initiative."

Parks, currently making his home in Singapore for a year, was in Richmond to attend the board meeting.

The "spiritual revivification" is being experienced by missionaries and nationals in every Southeast Asian country, Parks said. "I am convinced that the Lord has chosen to move in a decisive way in Southeast Asia at this time. I believe we are on the verge of real renewal which will lead to a great ingathering."

Parks also interpreted for the board members certain actions of the Indonesian Baptist Mission (organization of missionaries) taken during its annual meeting. In particular, the mission is recommending "the extension and revision of the seminary in Semarang, including the adding of several branches of multilevel theological education," he said.

Joseph B. Underwood, the board's consultant in evangelism and church development, reported on church growth, baptisms and evangelistic results in several areas of the world.

Underwood, recently named to head the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) World Mission of Reconciliation through Jesus Christ, called for additional ministries of reconciliation "in an effort to demolish racial, tribal, national, class and religious prejudices, fears and suspicions."

In carrying out the projected five-year world mission of reconciliation, the 87 Baptist conventions and unions affiliated with the BWA will set up their own committees and plan their own participation and emphases, Underwood said.

Underwood also told the board that 1971 is expected to be a record year for the number of baptisms by Baptists around the world, and reports on stewardship in several countries "are tremendously encouraging and challenging." Whereas membership has grown 3-1/2 times in the past 20 years, contributions by Baptists on the mission fields have multiplied 10-1/4 times, Underwood said.

The percentage of self-supporting churches has increased from 53 per cent in 1950 to 75 per cent in 1970, he added.

The board re-elected four of its five officers. Re-elected were Drew I. Gunnells Jr. of Montgomery, Ala., president; Joseph B. Flowers of Hampton, Va., first vice president; Mrs. John I. Alford of Atlanta, recording secretary; and Miss Elizabeth Minshew of the board's home office staff, assistant recording secretary.

Austin W. Farley of Richmond was elected second vice president, succeeding Mrs. Clyde V. Hickerson of Richmond.

In his report to the board, Jesse C. Fletcher, director of the Mission Support Division, introduced several new promotional projects being initiated by the board among Southern Baptists.

One is a telephone information service called "Missions Hot Line," which will be operational during November and December. By dialing a number in Richmond (703/358-7975) a caller can hear a three-minute recording of late news, information and prayer requests about Southern Baptists' foreign mission ministries. The message will be updated each Tuesday and Friday.

Cost of the "Missions Hot Line" call will be the regular station-to-station rate from any locality to Richmond.

Board members heard a sample "Hot Line" message. They also heard some radio advertisements and saw two TV ads keyed toward missionary service which have been aired recently in certain parts of the country. As a pilot project, the ads will be run for several more weeks.

Fletcher also announced that a foreign missions musical has been written, and played a tape recording of part of it. "Few forms of communication have more potential for reaching young people than this," he said.

Furloughing missionary William R. O'Brien and former missionary journeyman Rob Sellers have written the musical.

Fletcher told board members he hoped the musical can be published, recorded and premiered during the music weeks at the Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorieta, N. M., Baptist Assemblies next year.

Another innovation is a briefing service for Southern Baptist groups who will be traveling overseas. Samuel A. Debord, director of promotion for the board, is in charge of travelers' briefings.

More and more Baptists are visiting fields where missionaries live and work, according to Debord. Briefings can be conducted either at the point of debarkation or at originating cities in the final weeks prior to the trip, he said.

Tour leaders may write Debord at Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond for details and scheduling at least 60 days prior to departure.

Eleven emeritus missionaries were honored by the board during a luncheon. Each was presented a scroll and service pin by Winston Crawley, director of the Overseas Division. The missionaries represent a total of 378 years of missionary service.

Honored were Miss Ruth Ford of Memphis, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. R. Elton Johnson Sr. of Jefferson City, Tenn., Miss Harriett King of Friendswood, Tex., Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lingerfelt of Seymour, Tenn., Dr. and Mrs. Howard D. McCamey of Dallas, Dr. and Mrs. Buford L. Nichols of Mill Valley, Calif., and Miss Letha M. Saunders of Eunice, N. M.

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Charlotte Baptist Pastor
Endorses Liquor by Drink

10/14/71

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (BP)--The pastor of Myers Park Baptist Church, Eugene Owens, told his congregation here that he intends to vote in favor of liquor by the drink in an upcoming referendum.

Owens read a statement to the congregation, saying there was no "Christian position" on the consumption of alcohol, and that many Christians have been dishonest about the matter.

The statement by the pastor of one of North Carolina's largest and wealthiest churches was in direct opposition to the stand taken by most other Baptist leaders in North Carolina. Two counties in the state, Mecklenburg and Moore Counties, face votes on the issue in November.

For the past two years, the editor of the Biblical Recorder, T. Marse Grant, has been one of the state's most outspoken opponents of liquor by the drink. Grant said after Owens issued the statement he was "extremely disappointed" with the pastor.

Owens, in the statement, charged that "what was supposed to be a debate on the control of the sale of beverage alcohol has become a shouting contest on the evils of alcoholic consumption. Christian faith and the Christian Church have been abused and misused.

"There is much dishonesty in this matter," Owens continued. "It is the dishonesty of a simplistic solution written in absolutist terms."

He said he believed that religious people have encouraged a shameful attitude toward drinking. "It must be done on the sly, the way small boys smoke in the bathroom or behind the barn. A feeling of guilt has developed which contributes actually to the problem of alcoholism rather than aids in its solution."

Owens said that prohibition is not the best way to treat "the disease of alcoholism." "Some reasonable method of control seems best to me, or even better, the development of dignity and personal discipline within a society where alcoholic beverages are readily available."

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A reporter from the Charlotte Observer, in an interview with Owens, asked if he personally abstains from alcoholic beverages. Shaking his head, Owens replied: "If I want a beer, I have a beer. I don't feel the necessity to hide it. It's no big problem for me."

Owens has been pastor of Myers Park Baptist Church for the past three years. The church is dually-aligned with the Southern and American Baptist Conventions, but is not a member of the Mecklenburg Baptist Association of SBC churches in the area.

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"Peanuts" Creator Slates
Lectures at Golden Gate

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MIL VALLEY, Calif. (BP)--The creator of the famed "Peanuts" cartoon series, Charles M. Schulz, will be among the special lecturers at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here during the 1971-72 lecture-dialogue series.

Guest lecturers at the seminary include three Southern Baptist Convention agency heads, a Sacramento psychiatrist, four seminary professors, two California pastors, an Episcopal bishop, and a foreign missions leader.

James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will lead off the seminary's lecture-dialogue series with an address Oct. 20. Schulz will be next in the series, speaking Nov. 10.

Two other SBC agency heads to lecture in the series are Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the SBC Christian Life Commission, Nashville; and Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond. Valentine will speak Nov. 18; Cauthen, Nov. 19.

Thomas Harris, a practicing psychiatrist in Sacramento and author of the book, *I'm OK, You're OK*, will lecture on Dec. 8, and LeRoy N. Johnston, personnel secretary for the overseas ministries of the Christian and Missionary Alliance will speak Oct. 12.

The lecture series also includes addresses by C. Kilmer Myers, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of California, May 10, 1972; D. Manning Jackson, pastor of El Bethel Baptist Church, San Francisco, Nov. 9; and Browne Barr, pastor of First Congregational Church, Berkeley, Calif., Dec. 14.

Other speakers will be Langdon Gilkey, professor of theology at the University of Chicago, Feb. 11; Claude Welch, professor of religious thought at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Jan. 12; George E. Ladd, professor of New Testament and theology at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., March 9; Culbert G. Rutenber, professor of philosophy of religion, American Baptist Seminary of the West, Covina, Calif., April 12.

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Dozen Speakers to Address
Pan American Laymen's Meet

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YAZOO CITY, Miss. (BP)--Nearly a dozen speakers are slated to address the Pan American Union of Baptist Men when the hemisphere-wide laymen's group convenes for its second meeting, scheduled July 17-27, in Cali, Colombia.

Pan American Union President Owen Cooper, who heads the Mississippi and Coastal Chemical Corp. here, said he expects about 750 Baptist laymen from 25 countries in North, Central and South America to attend the meeting.

One of the features of the program, Cooper said, will be a mass rally at the largest gymnasium in Cali, which seats more than 10,000 persons. Cooper said they hope the gymnasium will be filled for the rally.

Cooper said he expected about 250 laymen from the United States to be among the estimated 750 Baptist laymen and pastors to participate in the 10-day meeting.

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Principal speakers who have accepted invitations to address the meeting include Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond; V. Carney Hargroves, president of the Baptist World Alliance, Philadelphia; and David Y. K. Wong, head of the Baptist World Alliance Men's Department and an architect from Hong Kong.

Three Southern Baptist missionaries to Latin America are to be on the program, Cooper said.

They are Roy Lyon, missionary to Caracas, Venezuela; Clark Scanlon, SBC Foreign Mission Board field representative for the Caribbean area; and Weldon E. Viertel, of the Caribbean Baptist Theological Seminary, Barbados. Scanlon and Viertel will present Spanish-language material to launch the Witness Involvement Now (W.I.N.) program in Latin America, Cooper said.

Each of the officers of the Pan American Union of Baptist Men will also participate on the program, Cooper added.

They are Cooper, as president; vice president Rigoberto Quiros Stella of San Jose, Costa Rica; secretary Samuel Prato of Caracas, Venezuela; and treasurer Aldo Broda, director of the Argentine Baptist Publishing House, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Also participating will be at-large members of the union's board--Roderick James of Kingston, Jamaica; and Edgard Calmon of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The Pan American Union of Baptist Men was organized in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1968 during the Crusade of the Americas, a hemisphere-wide Baptist evangelistic effort. Cooper said the second meeting in Cali would feature reports on the work of the union since its organization four years earlier.

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Southeastern Seminary Plans Doctor of Ministry Degree

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WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP)--Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here will begin offering a program of study leading to the doctor of ministry degree during the 1972 fall semester, the school's faculty and trustees have decided.

The decision was made after a study of the ministry and theological education by scholars in the United States and Canada, and after a series of consultations with theological educators within the Southern Baptist Convention, said seminary officials.

The study will be oriented toward academic excellence and professional competence, according to seminary officials. It will utilize experimental learning and interdisciplinary teaching in seminars, colloquia, and clinical settings including churches, hospitals and other areas of ministry.

Academic and professional work for the doctor of ministry degree at Southeastern seminary normally will require four years beyond college graduation. It will be open to graduates of recognized colleges and universities who have earned also the master of divinity degree or equivalent theological preparation with distinction.

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CORRECTION

On Baptist Press story mailed 10/8/71, headlined "Handicap Serves as Librarian's Greatest Asset," please change dateline to STUTTGART, Ark., rather than STUGGART as sent. Thanks. BP Photo sent to Baptist state paper editors.

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