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SBC Ends 1972 Fiscal Year  
Almost Reaching Total Budget

NASHVILLE (BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention ended a nine-month fiscal year with Cooperative Program unified budget receipts almost reaching the denomination's \$23.7 million budget goal.

When the books closed on the nine month fiscal year on September 30, Cooperative Program receipts totalled \$23,556,326.

It was a increase of \$1,216,822 or 5.45 per cent over giving for the same period during the previous year, but was \$211,696 short of the total budget goal.

Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee which receives and distributes the funds, said the 5.45 per cent increase "brings real encouragement" to the entire denomination.

"We were able to forward a small balance due on the 1970 capital funds, the full \$1,050,000 in 1971 capital funds, and all but \$211,697 due on the 1972 short fiscal year capital funds," Routh said.

The 1972 budget goal for the nine month period included \$21.8 million in operating funds for 18 SBC agencies, plus an additional \$1,934,860 in capital needs to support building programs at several SBC agencies.

Most of the \$1.9 million in capital needs, about \$1.1 million of the total, had been held over from 1970 and 1971 when the denomination was unable to meet the total capital needs requirements. The budget included \$787,500 in 1972 capital needs.

With only \$211,696 needed to pay all 1972 capital needs, that amount will be added automatically by convention action to the \$32.8 million 1973 Cooperative Program budget goal, bringing the total 1973 (12-month) budget to \$33 million.

John H. Williams, assistant to the treasurer and director of financial planning for the SBC Executive Committee, said that in order to meet the total 1973 budget of \$33 million, Cooperative Program gifts during 1973 must average 6.1 per cent more than contributions for the same period in 1972.

Williams attributed the 5.45 per cent increase for 1972 partly to an excellent month of missions giving in September, when contributions through the Cooperative Program increased 7.7 per cent over gifts for September of 1971.

During September, 1972, Southern Baptists gave \$2,449,860 through the Cooperative Program, an increase of \$175,121 (7.7 per cent) over September of 1972.

In addition to the \$23.5 million in Cooperative Program contributions, Southern Baptists gave more than \$25 million during the nine-month fiscal year to specific, designated SBC mission causes.

Designated gifts for the nine-month period increased more than \$2 million, or 8.89 per cent over designations for the same period in 1971.

Routh Cautioned, however, against making comparisons of the designated funds for the nine-month period with 1971 receipts. "We will have to wait until the close of the 1972 calendar year to make any valid comparison with designated funds, since the bulk of the Lottie

Moon and the Annie Armstrong offerings come in during the first nine months," he said.

Most of the \$25 million in designated receipts came through the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.

The combined, grand total mission gifts (Cooperative Program plus designated contributions) reached \$48.6 million for the nine-month period, an increase of \$3.2 million or 7.2 per cent over grand total mission gifts for the same period in 1971.

The amounts included in the financial report from the SBC Executive Committee reflect only contributions to national and world-wide Southern Baptist mission causes, and do not include gifts to support local and state mission efforts.

Baptist Students Write  
Their Own Textbook

BROWNWOOD, Tex. (BP)-- Few Students get the chance to write their own textbook, especially a text offering guidelines for churches across the nation concerned with a vexing social problem.

But tradition has been broken at Howard Payne College here, where students in Sociology 302--an advance course focusing on juvenile delinquency--have played an instrumental role in writing a new book.

Name of the book is "Persons Not Things." The author is listed as professor Marylea Wood of the sociology department at the Texas Baptist school. However, Mrs. Wood would be the first to attest that she had help from her students.

"Although I did the actual writing of the book," she says, "it really was the students who put it together. All we did was to put into the book things we learned and did in our course."

It could well be that what they did and learned might become a model for Baptist churches across the nation concerned with the problem of juvenile delinquency.

The book was published recently by the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham.

"It is intended as an individual study guide for mission action," said Mrs. Wood. "It contains suggestions, study activities, and other kinds of material all designed to show others how to treat people as persons instead of objects."

According to the professor, students spent more than 5,000 hours in Brownwood assisting in community projects and helping local officials with pressing problems--many of which involved juvenile delinquency.

"What the students found most interesting in the course," Mrs. Wood explained, "was the actual doing of it rather than just the planning. And another significant thing was that scores of Howard Payne students not enrolled in the course volunteered to help out on needed projects."

According to Mrs. Wood, the students contributed time and know-how to recreation programs sponsored by the Brownwood Police Department, under the leadership of Assistant Police Chief Joe Robbins.

"The students volunteered to serve as a 'big brother' or 'big sister' to delinquents in Brown County," she said.

Other students connected with the course took part in projects at the Brownwood State Home and School for Girls. A big part of their time at the home involved tutoring in classes and assisting full-time teachers where needed.

"At the school the students worked in classrooms, choir, arts and crafts, swimming classes, gymnastics and other places where asked," noted Mrs. Wood.

At the end of the course, Mrs. Wood continued, the students thought it would be a good idea to share their experiences and knowledge with others, so the idea for the book evolved.

Davis Named Sunday School  
Board Manuscript Analyst

NASHVILLE (BP)--Lynn M. Davis Jr., public relations staff member for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here, has been named manuscript analyst in the board's Church Services and Materials Division, effective Oct. 16.

Davis, former editor of the Ohio Baptist Messenger, has for the past six years been supervisor of the information section in the board's public relations office. In addition, he has been Baptist Press bureau chief at the board, and associate editor of Facts and Trends.

In a recent Baptist Press release, James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the board, indicated that the manuscript analyst position would change in organizational relationship from the executive office to the Church Services and Materials Division office.

According to Allen B. Comish, division director, Davis will be responsible for making analyses of church literature manuscripts. His duties will also include work with doctrinal readers outside the board's employ, plus assisting editors with information and practices concerning writers for church literature manuscripts.

A native of Florida, Davis was graduated from Ohio University in 1959. He earned the B.D. degree in 1962 from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

While attending the seminary, Davis served as assistant director of public relations and as editor of "Vision," a seminary publication. He also served for one year as state secretary of the student department, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. He served as editor of the "Ohio Baptist Messenger," the state Baptist paper, from 1962 until he joined the board in 1966.

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