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TEXAS BAPTISTS PASS TWO MILLION
IN GIFTS TO SBC AGENCIES' SUPPORT

DALLAS, Tex. --(BP)-- Texas Baptists passed the two-million mark in gifts for Southern Baptist Convention causes in August. The \$2,011,609 for the first eight months of 1951 is \$319,686 more than the total for the same period in 1950. Of the 1951 gifts, \$883,333 was given through the Cooperative Program and \$1,128,276 in designated gifts. In August this year Texas Baptists gave \$129,024 toward the support of convention-wide agencies and causes.

Gifts from all the states for Convention-wide causes during the first eight months of 1951 totaled \$8,849,293, a 14.76 per cent gain over the \$7,710,994 for the same period in 1950.

Of this total amount, Cooperative Program receipts gained 8.91 per cent to total \$5,169,960 as compared to the \$4,746,753 last year. Gifts to designated causes rose from \$2,964,240 last year to \$3,679,332 at the end of this August, a 24.12 per cent increase.

Total Southern Baptist Convention receipts for August, both Cooperative Program and designated, were \$672,984.

Of the total gifts to date this year, \$4,998,963 has been allocated to the Foreign Mission Board and \$1,653,601 to the Home Mission Board. In August \$170,896 went to foreign missions and \$88,197 went to home missions.

Twelve states have given more than \$350,000, with Texas the only one passing the two-million mark. North Carolina is second with more than \$800,000. Others among the top twelve, in order, include Virginia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, Alabama, Missouri, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Florida.

Two of the newest states in Baptist work, Arizona and Kansas, have almost doubled their 1950 gifts this year. Oregon shows a more than 20 per cent gain.

	Total Gifts 1951	Total Gifts 1950	Increase (loss)
Texas	\$2,011,609.52	\$1,691,922.54	\$319,686.98
North Carolina	800,308.15	712,591.10	87,717.05
Virginia	663,625.55	484,633.08	178,992.47
South Carolina	652,652.56	589,244.55	63,408.01
Tennessee	646,033.41	580,080.76	65,952.65
Georgia	595,535.79	536,525.88	59,009.91
Kentucky	494,682.26	455,776.58	38,905.68
Alabama	450,559.00	394,999.94	55,559.06
Missouri	449,834.32	378,359.15	71,475.17
Mississippi	418,892.46	361,274.24	57,618.22
Oklahoma	390,085.63	330,993.42	59,092.21
Florida	370,033.23	361,721.92	8,311.31
Louisiana	324,116.49	287,342.97	36,773.52
Arkansas	250,929.70	263,385.37	(12,455.67)
Illinois	117,793.22	101,462.39	16,330.83
New Mexico	68,223.16	54,468.95	13,754.21
Maryland	43,634.18	41,546.94	2,087.24
California	30,494.21	23,568.85	6,925.36
District of Columbia	28,014.33	30,805.01	(2,790.68)
Arizona	19,735.94	10,859.84	8,876.10
Kansas	5,119.81	2,157.53	2,962.28
Oregon	4,402.98	3,312.25	1,090.73
Specials	<u>12,977.31</u>	<u>13,960.82</u>	<u>(983.51)</u>
Totals	8,849,293.21	7,710,994.08	1,138,299.13