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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIFTS TO ENTER  
FOREIGN MISSION ADVANCE PROGRAM SOON

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Cooperative Program receipts are expected to pass the \$7,200,000 current and capital needs budget sometime in November and to enter into the Foreign Mission Advance program by December 1, according to Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

On October 26, total receipts to date had reached \$6,492,640, leaving \$707,360 yet needed to meet the operating budget needs. All receipts for the rest of the year exceeding the \$7,200,000 will go directly to the Foreign Mission Board for its Advance Program.

Through October of last year, Southern Baptists had given \$6,026,187 through the Cooperative Program. The 1950 disbursements passed into the Foreign Mission Advance on November 30.

The October receipts thus far total \$648,877 as compared with \$676,662 for the entire month last year.

In addition to the Cooperative Program receipts, Southern Baptists have given to date \$3,865,411 through the Executive Committee offices to designated causes.

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NEW MEXICO BAPTISTS FIRST TO VOTE  
SUPPORT OF '53 STEWARDSHIP CRUSADE

CLOVIS, N.M. --(BP)-- New Mexico Baptists were the first to vote their support of the 1953 Simultaneous Stewardship Crusade as being planned by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee when the New Mexico Baptist Convention met in Clovis October 16-18.

Several large-scale financial projects were promoted during the meeting including the adoption of a 1952 budget of \$200,000 for the state Cooperative Program in addition to \$156,000 for other purposes.

Dedication services were held recently for the newly completed \$267,000 State Baptist Headquarters in Albuquerque and a \$100,000 fund raising campaign is in progress looking toward the erection of New Mexico Hall, administration building on the grounds of the Glorieta Assembly near Santa Fe.

W.D. Wyatt, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Albuquerque, preached the annual sermon. Re-elected president of the convention was T.J. Gamble, Jr., pastor of First Church, Alamogordo. Harry P. Stagg continues to serve as executive secretary.

The 1952 convention has been moved from the usual October dates and is scheduled to convene at the First Church, Las Cruces, November 5-7.

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MARYLAND CONVENTION VOTES  
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM INCREASE

BALTIMORE, Md. --(BP)-- A \$25,000 increase in their Cooperative Program budget for next year raises to \$175,000 the amount Maryland Baptists voted to give in 1952 to state and world-wide causes. Adoption of the increased budget was among actions taken at the annual meeting of the Maryland Baptist Union Association October 17-19 in Baltimore.

Social service recommendations adopted included:

- (1) that a temperance committee be set up in each local church.
- (2) that all who work with young people set forth clearly the philosophy of marriage.
- (3) that pastors continue to speak accurately and fearlessly from their pulpits concerning the principle of the separation of church and state.

The convention's annual sermon was delivered by W. Randolph Keefe of Cumberland. Sessions were led by Dr. S. Arthur Eppley of Baltimore, president of the Association, who was re-elected to this office.

The Association will meet October 22-24 in Cumberland next year, according to Dr. Clifton C. Thomas, executive secretary.

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MISSION SUPERINTENDENTS ATTEND  
ATLANTA PLANNING MEETING

ATLANTA, Ga. --(BP)-- Plans for a more co-ordinated mission program at home were laid by state superintendents of missions in a recent Atlanta meeting sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Among the features of the conference, directed by Dr. S.F. Dowis, secretary of co-operative missions, was the premiere showing of "Associational Missions," a Home Mission Board film production.

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KANSAS BAPTIST OBJECT  
TO "RELEASED TIME" PLAN

WICHITA, Kans. --(BP)-- A group of Kansas Southern Baptists recently passed a resolution protesting the "released time" program of week-day religious education classes sponsored by the Wichita Council of Churches.

Introduced by the editor of Kansas Southern Baptist Beams, state denominational paper, the unanimously adopted resolution referred to the educational program as "a violation of the Constitutional principle of separation of Church and State, and favoritism toward an inter-denominational system of religion to the discredit of individual denominations."

The Wichita public schools co-operate with the Council in the program.

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D.C. EDITOR GOES TO NEW JERSEY

WASHINGTON, D.C. --(BP)-- R. Edward Dowdy, associate minister of the First Baptist Church in Washington and editor of the Capital Baptist, is resigning both positions to accept the call as pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Mr. Dowdy has been associate minister for seven years and editor of the D.C. Baptist Convention's monthly paper for three years. He is also president of the Washington Baptist Minister's Conference.

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TEXAS CONVENTION APPROVES  
CHURCH LOAN ASSOCIATION

HOUSTON, Tex. --(BP)-- Establishment of The Church Building and Loan Association of the Baptist General Convention of Texas was the major action taken by Texas Baptists at the annual meeting of the Convention in Houston October 23-25, according to Dr. J. Howard Williams, executive secretary.

The new agency, serving to assist small Texas churches in building programs, was created upon the recommendation of the executive board with a capital of \$250,000.

A \$10,000,000 budget for 1952 was adopted with half of it designated for Cooperative Program causes, both state and Convention-wide.

Meeting in the Sam Houston Coliseum, a crowd of 20,000 gathered for the closing session to hear the evangelistic message by Billy Graham. The annual convention sermon was preached by A.B. Rutledge of Marshall.

Dr. Forrest Feezor, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Waco, will serve as president of the convention during the coming year. Ft. Worth has been chosen host for the 1952 convention, scheduled for October 21-23.

Messengers to the annual meeting voted to go on record as being "against sending an ambassador to the Vatican or any other religious entity in the world" in response to the President's recent appointment of General Mark Clark. The resolution was part of the report of the Committee on World Order, Dr. W.R. White, Baylor University, chairman.

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SCHROEDER NAMED BROTHERHOOD SECRETARY

MEMPHIS, Tenn. --(BP)-- Elected recently to succeed Dr. Lawson H. Cooke as executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood was George W. Schroeder who is now serving as associate secretary. Schroeder's election was announced following the annual meeting in Memphis of the Brotherhood Commission. Dr. Cooke's resignation will be effective January 1.

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