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SOUTHERN BAPTIST TOTAL GIFTS PASS
\$10,000,000 MARK IN OCTOBER

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Gifts from all states channeled through the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention through October totaled \$10,360,783.17 in 1951 as compared with \$9,144,054.41 in 1950, a 13.3 per cent gain.

Of the total gifts, \$6,494,389.83 was given through the Cooperative Program, representing nearly 8 per cent increase over 1950 Cooperative Program receipts of \$6,026,187.45 through October. Designated causes have received \$3,866,393.34 in 1951, a 24 per cent gain over the \$3,117,866.96 given last year.

Cooperative Program receipts are expected to reach the \$7,200,000 operating budget needs during November, according to Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, thus allowing all receipts during December, or the remainder of the year, to be allocated to the Foreign Mission Advance Program.

Receipts during October this year, both to the Cooperative Program and designated, totaled \$748,940.09. The Cooperative Program received \$650,626.64.

Of the more than \$10,000,000 total receipts thus far in the year, more than \$5,000,000 has been allocated to the Foreign Mission Board and nearly \$2,000,000 to the Home Mission Board.

Texas gifts are well over the \$2,000,000 mark already this year. Second in contributions is North Carolina, pressing close to \$1,000,000 with \$927,332.81. Ten other states have passed the \$450,000 mark in their 1951 gifts.

Kansas Baptist have more than tripled their gifts this year as compared with the 1950 figures while two others of the newer states in Baptist work -- Arizona and Oregon -- have nearly doubled 1950 gifts.

	Total Gifts 1951	Total Gifts 1950	Increase (loss)
Texas	\$2,241,935.74	\$1,907,651.56	\$334,284.18
North Carolina	927,332.81	846,580.88	80,751.93
South Carolina	800,944.81	695,761.47	105,183.34
Virginia	774,021.99	589,038.17	184,983.82
Tennessee	768,477.89	707,868.07	60,609.82
Georgia	719,459.46	630,775.89	88,683.57
Kentucky	597,476.20	553,205.27	44,270.93
Alabama	537,244.35	473,726.23	63,518.12
Missouri	516,586.50	460,414.54	56,171.96
Florida	472,255.84	453,663.36	18,592.48
Oklahoma	462,826.20	399,677.92	63,148.28
Mississippi	459,323.22	443,671.35	15,651.87
Louisiana	382,461.48	335,242.64	47,218.84
Arkansas	295,547.12	305,448.28	(9,901.16)
Illinois	141,676.96	125,514.86	16,162.10
New Mexico	80,852.24	63,217.56	17,634.68
Maryland	56,634.36	53,417.05	3,217.31
District of Columbia	39,321.68	39,139.05	182.63
California	36,273.72	25,658.50	10,615.22
Arizona	21,760.79	12,216.05	9,544.74
Kansas	7,745.30	2,557.53	5,187.77
Oregon	5,390.04	3,904.63	1,485.41
Specials	<u>15,234.47</u>	<u>15,703.55</u>	<u>(469.08)</u>
Totals	\$10,360,783.17	\$9,144,054.41	\$1,216,728.76

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COLUMBIA, S.C. --(BP)-- "Adventures in Christian Living," a series of fifteen-minute dramatic transcriptions presenting Baptist life, is being produced by the radio committee of South Carolina Baptists for use in local broadcasts throughout the state.

The series is being introduced at the meeting of the state convention in Greenville November 14 through a thirty-minute broadcast to be aired by a state network, according to Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., chairman of the radio committee. Number six in the series, dealing with the Baptist Foundation, is being used for the introductory program.

The broadcasts were produced in Columbia under the direction of Mark R. Osborne, Jr., assisted by Tom Cowan of the Southern Baptist Radio Commission in Atlanta, and Harold Cole, state secretary of student work, who assisted in casting the productions. Benny Loyd, student secretary of Columbia, directed music and also aided in the casting.

Casts for the series include Columbia residents and students from the Baptist Hospital in Columbia and the University of South Carolina.

Author of the scripts, covering Baptist life in such fields as history, doctrines, state mission work, hospitals, children's homes, and the women's work, is Mrs. Ollin J. Owens of Winnsboro.

The transcriptions are scheduled to be available late in November, Brooks announces, and will be obtainable from the Radio Committee, 1301 Hampton, Columbia. Pastors and churches will make arrangements for broadcasts in their own communities. General promotion of the dramas will be handled by Horace Hammett, assistant to the state mission secretary.

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FORMAL OPENING SCHEDULED SOON
FOR GEORGIA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

ATLANTA, Ga. --(BP)-- The 363-bed addition to Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta will be formally opened for public inspection at a ceremony for laying the cornerstone in late November.

The new addition, one of the most modernly designed hospital plants in the nation, will increase the total bed capacity to 505 plus fifty-six bassinets. The new plant will be valued at \$7,000,000.

The seven-story addition is scheduled to be completed in January.

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SALINA, Kans --(BP)-- The Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists adopted its second five-year plan looking toward 200 new churches and a gain of 25,000 membership at the annual meeting of the convention in Salina, October 30-November 1.

Also included in the plan are a \$50,000 building loan fund, establishment of Bible Chairs at three state colleges, purchase of property for convention headquarters and a children's home.

In addition to the adoption of a more than \$70,000 budget for 1952, the messengers to the convention expressed regret that Kansas' dry law has been repealed and asked for resubmission of the prohibition question to the voters.

Dr. George D. McClelland, Wichita, is the incoming president of the convention, scheduled to meet in Wichita next year, November 10-13.

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YOUNG NEGRO GIVEN SCHOLARSHIP
TO AMERICAN SEMINARY IN NASHVILLE

GREENVILLE, S.C. --(BP)-- Believing that "the answer to racial problems is purely personal, not legislative," one Sunday school class of the First Baptist Church in Greenville has probably instituted a new step in Christian education with the awarding of a scholarship to a Negro youth for study at the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee.

Grady H. Donald, 22-year-old graduate of Benedict College in Columbia, received the \$500 from the Ives Class and is now studying in Nashville. Donald, whose home is in Anderson, would have been unable to attend school without the scholarship.

Ives Class has been working on the project for some time after finding that only 500 young Negro ministerial students were graduated from United States schools last year. Class members are expecting the idea to spread so that other classes will help train leaders for Negro Baptists.

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ILLINOIS CONVENTION APPROVES
NEW OFFICE BUILDING PLANS

CARBONDALE, Ill. --(BP)-- Illinois Baptists authorized architects to complete drawings on a new \$300,000 office building in Carbondale and voted to step up the completion of a \$25,000 addition to the Church Building Loan Fund at the annual meeting of the Illinois Baptist State Association in Carbondale October 31-November 2.

The convention adopted a \$300,000 Cooperative Program budget for the coming year and passed a resolution against the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican, according to L.H. Moore, Anna, president of the convention.

The 1952 convention is scheduled to meet in Springfield, October 29-31.

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EVANGELISM PLANNING COMMITTEE TO HOLD
DECEMBER MEETING IN NASHVILLE

ATLANTA, Ga. --(BP)-- The annual meeting of the Over-All Planning Committee in Evangelism, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, is scheduled for December 10 and 11 in Nashville, according to Dr. C.E. Matthews, secretary of evangelism for the Board.

Participating in the two-day meeting preceeding the semi-annual meeting of the Executive Committee in Nashville will be Convention leaders, state evangelism and executive secretaries, and representatives of the Southern Baptist agencies.

The opening session will begin Monday morning, December 10, at 10 a.m. The last session is scheduled for Tuesday evening.

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OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS VOTE
\$1,000,000 1952 BUDGET

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. --(BP)-- Adoption of a \$1,000,000 Cooperative Program budget for 1952 and rearrangement of the annual Falls Creek assembly program in the future were two principle actions taken at the annual meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City November 1. The traditional ten-day assembly in the Davis Mountains, which this summer registered 20,435 people, will be converted to two one-week assemblies with 1952 dates set for July 29-August 5 and August 6-13.

Anson Justice, pastor of Kelham Avenue Baptist church, Oklahoma City, was elected president of the convention which will meet in 1952 again in Oklahoma City. The dates are November 11-13.

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MISSOURI BAPTISTS URGE
LOCAL OPTION LAW

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. --(BP)-- Messengers to the annual meeting of the Missouri Baptist General Association in Springfield, October 29-November 1, voted to urge "that steps be taken to enact the Local Option Law in Missouri."

The association also adopted strong pronouncements against gambling, vice and traffic in narcotics, according to J.E. Rains, St. Louis, moderator of the association.

Elected moderator for the coming year is Dr. Fred C. Eastham, Springfield. The 1952 meeting is scheduled for St. Joseph, October 28-30. The group adopted a \$1,000,000 budget for 1952, covering all state work and gifts to the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program.

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