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GREY EMPHASIZES CORRECT DATES
OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

NEW ORLEANS, La. --(BP)-- Correct dates for the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami this year are May 14-18. The closing session of the Convention will be Sunday night, May 18.

"It is earnestly hoped that all who go to Miami will attend the sessions of the Convention and remain through for the closing session and final benediction on Sunday night, May 18," emphasizes Dr. J.D. Grey, president of the Convention.

Dr. Grey says that many inquiries have been received concerning sight-seeing trips and tours of mission fields. He says that "we would like to make it clear that there are no official Southern Baptist Convention tours in connection with the meeting in Miami. It is hoped that those who plan such tours and those who will take them will arrange for them to come either before or after the Convention and not during the time of the Convention."

As a challenge to the people, Dr. Grey continued, "Let us come to the Miami meeting in a spirit of prayer and expectation. Let every messenger plan to stay through the entire Convention, through the climactic closing session of Sunday night, May 18!"

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"CHRISTIAN HOME HOUR" FEATURED
ON FRIDAY NIGHT CONVENTION SLATE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Friday night's program at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Miami, Florida, May 14-18, will feature the "Christian Home Hour," announces Dr. Joe Burton, director. Dr. Burton is editor of the Home Curriculum Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

Dr. James L. Sullivan, pastor of the First Baptist church of Abilene, Texas, will bring the principle address. He will be preceded by two musical numbers, "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and "God Give Us Christian Homes," sung by the Bison Glee Club, men's choral group of Oklahoma Baptist University. Dr. Warren Angell is director of the glee club.

A "family worship" scene with the H.C. Graham family of Lancaster, South Carolina, will open the program. Jimmy and Beverly Graham will give special music.

"Homes Bad and Good" will present Judge Walter H. Beckham of Florida in "Our Homes Failed Us," a series of juvenile delinquent case histories and "What My Home Means to Me," testimonies by Christian young people.

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ENROLMENT REACHES NEAR 400
IN SEMINARY EXTENSION PLAN

JACKSON, Miss. --(BP)-- Enrolment in the Extension Department of Southern Baptist Seminaries lacked only a few reaching 400 in the last report, according to Lee Gallman, director.

Three extension centers in Murphy and North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, and Evansville, Indiana, have been established since January 1, Gallman said. They include regular class work in Bible, religious education, homiletics and other extension courses.

The Department, created last July, offers extension work in connection with all Southern Baptist seminaries. The offices are located in Jackson.

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OKLAHOMA SCHOOL RECEIVES GIFTS
FOR BUILDINGS AND ENDOWMENT

SHAWNEE, Okla. --(BP)-- The largest single contribution Oklahoma Baptist University has ever received was recently accepted by the board of trustees and \$200,000 of the estate of Mrs. T.A. Thurmond of Ardmore created the building fund for a new Science-Administration building, announces Dr. John W. Raley, president.

Mrs. Thurmond's estate also included two Ardmore business buildings earmarked for the school's endowment fund. Plans were set up to create a \$1,000,000 endowment by 1956, the fiftieth anniversary of the Oklahoma Baptist Convention.

A \$20,000 anonymous gift for construction of a new cinder track and sports field was also announced by the board. Construction will begin immediately on this project.

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WASHINGTON CHURCH CELEBRATES
150TH BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR

WASHINGTON, D.C. --(BP)-- The 150th anniversary of the First Baptist Church in Washington is being celebrated this year with special observances in March, announces Dr. Edward H. Pruden, pastor.

The church, organized in 1802 in a meeting in the Treasury Building, has known the fellowship of many historical leaders, among them Luther Rice and General Sam Houston, who made his profession of faith there.

Greetings from the Southern Baptist Convention will be brought by L. Howard Jenkins, Richmond, Virginia, at a celebration dinner March⁷. Mr. Jenkins has been president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for nearly twenty years.

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