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BILLY GRAHAM TO PREACH AT MIAMI
FOR GIANT SATURDAY YOUTH RALLY

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Billy Graham, nationally famous evangelist, is the preacher for the giant Youth Rally Saturday night, May 17, at the Southern Baptist Convention, announces Dr. T. L. Holcomb, chairman of the rally committee.

Music director for the rally will be Dick Baker, music director of the Birchman Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, and an experienced youth revivalist. A massed 500-voice choir of youth from the Greater Miami area will sing at the service. Maurice Fain, pastor of Miami Beach Baptist Church, is chairman of the local music committee.

General chairman of the arrangements committee has been Mac R. Douglas, Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board in Nashville. He has guided the plans for the giant Saturday night service through the Miami chairman, Woody Watkins, Riverside Baptist Church, and Mrs. Rubye Rees, student secretary at the University of Miami, his associate.

Dr. Holcomb announces that Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan, secretary of the Student Department of the Sunday School Board, will preside for the rally. Miss Billie Russell, an associate in the Nashville student office, will bring special music. Mr. Baker, music director, will also give a solo.

Two University of Miami students, Wayne Odom and Wert Whyte, will read the scriptures for the service and the prayer will be led by Howard Butt, young Texas business executive.

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CHILD UNDER SIX? THERE'S A
NURSERY FOR HIM IN MIAMI

MIAMI, Fla. --(BP)-- Children under six years of age are being well provided for at small cost during the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, May 14-18, according to Mrs. F. G. Davis, chairman of the nursery committee.

Mrs. Davis announces that children under three years will be cared for at the Central Baptist Church in downtown Miami. Three-year-olds and their brothers and sisters through six years will have the facilities of the Riverside Baptist Church, 900 S.W. 1st Street. The Riverside provision includes a large fenced playground and supervised out-door play.

A fee of 25 cents per hour plus 25 cents for each meal served the child will be charged. Meals will be well-balanced and well-prepared, Mrs. Davis says. The children will have morning and afternoon refreshments of fruit juices, and a proper

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place is available for rest periods during the day also.

The chairman assures parents that capable and responsible women will be on duty to care for the children. A list of women available to stay with children in hotels and homes will be available at convention time through Mrs. Davis.

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MUSIC PROGRAM COMPLETE
FOR MIAMI CONVENTION

TULSA, Okla. --(BP)-- Five choral groups from Baptist colleges and universities in Texas, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Florida, plus several soloists and two massed choirs from the Greater Miami district will furnish the musical portion of the Southern Baptist Convention's five-day gathering in Miami, Florida, May 14-18, announces Dr. Loren R. Williams.

Dr. Williams is minister of music at the First Baptist Church in Tulsa and was named last fall as director of music for the Convention's ninety-fifth annual session in Miami this year.

Official organist for the sessions will be Wilbur F. Martin, professor of music at the Golden Gate Baptist Seminary in Berkeley, California. Mrs. Evelyn M. Faucher, Allapattah Baptist Church in Miami, will assist him. The pianist named by Dr. Williams is Forrest H. Watkins of Riverside Baptist Church in Miami.

A special "convention issue" of the May issue of The Church Musician, Sunday School Board publication, will carry an insert of gospel songs and hymns so that it may be used as the convention song book. Dr. B. B. McKinney and Dr. W. Hines Sims of the church music staff of the Sunday school Board in Nashville have arranged for the special issue.

The Stetson University Glee Club, Stetson University, De Land, Florida, directed by Harold M. Giffin, will present three numbers at the opening session Wednesday morning. They will appear again on the Thursday night program.

The Wednesday afternoon session will hear tenor soloist Russell Newport, director of music of the First Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri.

Three numbers by the Furman University Singers, Greenville, South Carolina, will be the special music for the Wednesday night session. DuPre Rhame, director, will present the Singers again at the Thursday morning session.

Miss Jo Ann Shelton, sophomore soprano soloist from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, will sing for the Thursday afternoon meeting.

Also from Shawnee is the university's Bison Glee Club, directed by Dr. Warren M. Angell. The male chorus will sing for the Friday morning session and again Friday night in connection with the Christian Home Hour.

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Friday afternoon and Saturday night audiences will hear the Hardin-Simmons University Choir, Abilene, Texas. Mr. Euell Porter, chairman of the university voice department, is director.

Robert L. Jones, minister of music of the Allapattah Baptist Church in Miami, will lead his graded choirs in the music presentation for the Saturday morning service.

The Saturday night service will also feature a 500-voice massed choir of youth of the Greater Miami area, arranged by Maurice Fain, local music chairman. The massed choir for the Sunday evening service is to be directed by Julian Spradley of Miami and Dr. Williams.

A special feature of the Sunday night closing service is "Blessed Redeemer" by Loes, sung by the International Choir of Wayland College, Plainview, Texas. The Wayland group includes a number of students from other lands and all singers are dressed in native costumes. Shelby Collier is the director.

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COMMITTEE CALLS FOR STEP-UP
IN AMERICAN SEMINARY PROGRAM

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- The Committee on Negro Ministerial Education will make a full report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami in May, calling for a vigorous program at the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville with the aim of accreditation for the seminary.

The report and recommendations are based on a study by a corp of workers headed by Dr. Ira de A. Reid of Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania. The group included representation from the Southern Baptist Convention, the American Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convantion, Inc. The Southern Baptist committee consisted of Edward A. McDowell, chairman, Robert L. Cousing, Victor Glass, Ryland Knight, Mrs. Irvin Lawrence, Mrs. C. DeWitt Matthews, Stewart A. Newman and H. Clayton Waddell.

The negro minister situation is summarized:

"...there are 1,000 Baptist negro ministerial students in training in the U.S. in creditable institution of learning (colleges, seminaries, divinity schools, white, and Negro, North and South). This is about one student for each 5,000 church members. In contrast Southern Baptists have 6,537 young men in training for the Christian ministry, or one student for each 1,070 Southern Baptists.

"There are only 120 Negro Baptist theological students with college degrees in training in the U.S. in seminaries and divinity schools. This is approximately one student for each 41,666 church members. In contrast white Southern Baptists have in training in their seminaries approximately 2,250 men with college degrees, or one student per 3,111 church members.

"Of the 22,316 Negro Baptist students in colleges in the United States, approximately 500 are pre-theological or ministerial students. This is one out of every forty-four students. But of the 44,058 students of all denominations in Southern Baptist colleges, 3,724 are ministerial students, or one in every twelve students.

"These figures reveal dramatically the acute shortage of candidates for the ministry among Negro Baptists, and at the same time emphasize the urgent need for improved facilities for the training of young Negroes for the Christian ministry. The challenge for heroic action is imperative."

A full text of the recommendations is as follows:

"1. That the American Baptist Theological Seminary continue to operate as a

national seminary of the National Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, for the time being doing such work as may lead to the earning of the degrees of Bachelor of Theology or Bachelor of Religious Education, accepting as its long range program the attainment of such standards as will permit its accreditation as an approved school of theological education.

"For initiating such a program additional appropriations and increased faculty and a revised curriculum are required. No half-hearted approach or meagre preparation can obtain the objectives indicated.

"2. That the Southern Baptist Convention accept the recommendation of the Survey Commission in regard to Negro colleges, namely:

"In view of the fact that the combined resources, facilities, and faculties of the seminaries now parts of Benedict, Bishop and Morehouse Colleges, and Shaw and Virginia Union Universities would scarcely yield a first-class theological seminary; and in view of the fact that the complete integration of Negroes into the general education pattern of the South has not yet been achieved; and, furthermore, recognizing that even if this integration is achieved there will be need for good institutions that will satisfy what may be racial if not denominational need, it is recommended:

- "1. That immediate steps be taken to provide for the development of accredited graduate theological seminaries in connection with Morehouse College, Shaw University and Virginia Union University.
- "2. That because of their historic experiences and the levels of adequacy already achieved by Benedict and Bishop Colleges these colleges be considered as other institutions wherein this work toward standards of accreditation might be achieved.
- "3. That such theological training as is now given in other schools controlled by the national conventions be discontinued, or the conventions' support thereof withdrawn.
- "4. That schools controlled by the state conventions affiliated with the Negro Baptist conventions be asked to reconsider their theological training programs in the light of the findings of these studies, seeking to find ways and means for providing a sounder basic education for persons about to enter the ministry.
- "5. That the state conventions mentioned above be called upon to contribute more substantially to any nationally developed training program. It is most likely that these conventions can provide a more adequate scholarship program for the training of promising candidates for the Baptist ministry.

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"6. That the several conventions consider ways and means for closing some of the schools operating under their banners. This step involves transferring some of the schools to public ownership and control and of closing others.

"7. That meanwhile, the conventions and the several schools of the denomination indicate their willingness to consider such participation in programs of interdenominational cooperation in theological training as may be undertaken with dignity.

"3. That the Convention look with favor upon the provision of scholarships by individuals and churches for worthy ministerial students in the institutions named above.

"4. That the Committee on Negro Ministerial Education be continued and that it be instructed (1) to disseminate in every possible way the findings of the Survey on Negro Ministerial Education; (2) to consider ways and means whereby Negro ministerial education may be advanced in the light of the findings of the Survey."