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SOUTHERN CONVENTION 1953 BUDGET
ENTERS ADVANCE PHASE, NOV. 3

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--November 7 was a red-letter day in the office of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, according to Porter Routh, executive secretary for the Committee.

When the office opened, a total of \$32,853.41 was needed to complete the capital needs section of the Convention-wide Cooperative Program.

Three checks arrived and Mrs. Ruth Nelson, bookkeeper, entered them in alphabetical order. The first was for \$26,842.78 from Arkansas. That left a balance needed before Advance could start of \$5,989.37. The next check was from Florida and it was for \$38,487.86.

Mrs. Nelson breathed a prayer of thanksgiving and spread the good news to other members of the Executive Committee staff. The goal had been reached and all funds received in the Convention-wide office through Dec. 31, 1952, would go 75 per cent to the Foreign Mission Board and 25 per cent to the Home Mission Board.

The third check, and the first to be divided completely under the new distribution, was from North Carolina. It was for \$93,124.03.

According to Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the S.B.C.:

"Advance has begun, but any funds from churches which you want to make available for this should be sent to your state office before Dec. 1, because funds sent after that date usually will not be distributed until January."

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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GAIN
REFLECTS STATE GIFT INCREASES

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Southern Convention Cooperative Program receipts are nearly one million dollars more for the first ten months of 1952 than for the same period last year. The gain is actually \$978,776 or 15.07 per cent. Last year's Cooperative Program gifts for the period were \$6,494,389; this year's gifts, \$7,473,166. The figures were released by Porter Routh, treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Increased giving in the churches was chiefly responsible. All states except one report gains in amounts contributed to Southern Convention causes. Kansas increased most with a gain of 66.55 per cent. Oregon-Washington was second with 61.28 per cent, Oklahoma fourth with 47.24 per cent and California fifth with 46.98 per cent. The others are as follows: Alabama, 11.40 per cent; Arizona, 43.26 per cent; Arkansas, 37.62 per cent; District of Columbia, 15.15 per cent; Florida, 31.46 per cent; Georgia, 10.33 per cent; Illinois, 4.38 per cent; Louisiana, 7.02 per cent; Maryland, 8.47 per cent; Mississippi, 7.14 per cent; Missouri, 8.79 per cent; New Mexico, 33.51 per cent; North Carolina, 13.31 per cent; Tennessee, 17.38 per cent; Texas, 18.52 per cent; and Virginia, 14.91 per cent. Kentucky reported a 18.9 per cent decrease.

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Designated gifts are up 20.84 per cent for the period, a gain of \$805,899 from \$3,866,393 to \$4,672,292.

Total gifts including both Cooperative Program and designated gifts increased 17.23 per cent or \$1,784,675 from \$10,360,783 last year to \$12,145,459 this year.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
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RECEIPTS

	<u>Cooperative Program</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total</u>
Specials	171.45	1,138.49	1,309.94
Alabama	22,899.42	3,897.09	26,796.51
Alaska	327.91	--	327.91
Arizona	2,391.70	31.00	2,422.70
Arkansas	26,842.77	478.61	27,321.38
California	5,507.17	238.37	5,745.54
Dist. of Columbia	3,343.10	2,119.61	5,462.71
Florida	67,592.32	5,894.08	73,486.40
Georgia	61,490.41	12,307.47	73,797.88
Illinois	13,468.32	926.90	14,395.22
Kansas	604.78	1,326.92	1,931.70
Kentucky	35,961.76	3,450.32	39,412.08
Louisiana	26,103.52	1,930.54	28,034.06
Maryland	6,042.92	32.50	6,075.42
Mississippi	35,922.17	2,507.19	38,429.36
Missouri	38,093.19	4,723.20	42,816.39
New Mexico	6,641.92	794.44	7,436.36
North Carolina	72,847.02	16,706.88	89,553.90
Oklahoma	59,760.02	3,565.46	63,325.48
Oregon-Washington	1,021.46	--	1,021.46
South Carolina	81,740.05	19,972.54	101,712.59
Tennessee	84,302.17	3,760.78	88,062.95
Texas	92,916.74	21,166.70	114,083.44
Virginia	80,688.21	10,643.14	91,331.35
Totals	826,680.50	117,612.23	944,292.73
Year to Date	7,473,166.44	4,672,292.62	12,145,459.06
1951 to Date	6,494,389.83	3,866,393.34	10,360,783.17

DISBURSEMENTS

			<u>Year to Date</u>
S.B.C. Budget Fund			192,000.00
Foreign Mission Board	165,336.07	84,108.87	6,250,848.59
Home Mission Board	121,191.36	28,208.76	2,195,119.67
Relief and Annuity Board	80,436.00	3,293.72	835,695.70
Southern Baptist Theol. Seminary	92,092.22	500.00	511,152.69
Southwestern Baptist Theol. Seminary	75,558.61	88.32	455,438.82
New Orleans Baptist Theol. Seminary	104,740.47	104.16	553,648.62
Golden Gate Baptist Theol. Seminary	55,056.93	--	285,287.58
Southeastern Baptist Theol. Seminary	82,668.04	--	378,253.54
Radio Commission	3,306.72	312.62	104,757.78
American Baptist Theol. Seminary	11,573.51	90.50	85,159.40
W.M.U. Training School	--	--	41,458.22
Woman's Missionary Union	--	270.49	1,113.83
Southern Baptist Hospital	33,067.25	15.00	151,469.58
Baptist Brotherhood	1,653.32	--	55,513.64
Baptist World Alliance	--	25.00	25,609.60
Miscellaneous	--	594.79	23,021.80
Total Disbursements	826,680.50	117,612.23	12,145,459.06

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COMPARISON 1951 AND 1952 RECEIPTS
October, 1952

	Cooperative Program 1952	Cooperative Program 1951	Designated 1952	Designated 1951
Specials	2,409.72	4,286.27	10,618.38	10,948.20
Alabama	390,818.01	350,821.77	214,952.38	186,422.58
Alaska	1,775.40	--	1,528.54	--
Arizona	17,305.77	12,079.87	12,549.33	9,680.92
Arkansas	280,620.84	203,908.16	104,356.60	91,638.96
California	27,641.42	18,806.17	22,364.11	17,467.55
Dist. of Columbia	24,995.83	21,707.33	19,437.94	17,614.35
Florida	454,910.35	346,051.41	163,567.63	126,204.43
Georgia	502,199.53	455,198.34	328,826.72	264,261.12
Illinois	112,765.72	108,036.39	42,403.41	33,640.57
Kansas	5,472.07	3,285.50	6,041.50	4,459.80
Kentucky	355,300.85	438,075.56	189,601.97	159,400.64
Louisiana	259,440.02	242,419.23	178,828.62	140,042.25
Maryland	57,112.74	52,652.82	3,374.63	3,981.54
Mississippi	314,662.38	293,682.18	206,028.99	165,641.04
Missouri	376,049.23	345,668.56	187,222.02	170,917.94
New Mexico	56,027.00	41,963.87	60,322.52	38,888.37
North Carolina	605,642.87	534,484.94	452,679.20	392,847.87
Oklahoma	445,361.85	302,482.85	198,121.68	160,343.35
Oregon-Washington	3,431.45	2,127.57	4,115.97	3,262.47
South Carolina	653,611.16	565,287.05	272,293.83	235,657.76
Tennessee	698,963.66	595,495.34	193,401.71	172,982.55
Texas	1,264,166.68	1,066,666.68	1,461,150.01	1,175,269.06
Virginia	562,481.89	489,201.97	338,504.93	284,820.02
TOTALS	7,473,166.44	6,494,389.83	4,672,292.62	3,866,393.34

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BOARD'S FORTY-FIFTH
BOOK STORE IN GREENVILLE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The Baptist Sunday School Board announces the opening of its forty-fifth book store in Greenville, S. C., early in December. The date for formal opening of the new store will be announced later.

Miss Margaret Phillips, Columbia, S. C., has been appointed manager of the new store. She is being transferred from the position of floor sales manager in the Columbia Baptist Book Store.

Two other personnel changes have been announced. E. Odell Crowe and Thomas Henry Scudder have been appointed the Board's Merchandising Department as assistants to Keith Von Hagen, director. Crowe will be manager of the Merchandising Department, and Scudder will be order expeditor and in charge of inventory control.

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KENTUCKY BAPTIST
PERSONNEL CHANGES

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--Dr. A. M. Vollmer, who for seven years has been secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, will take over duties as promotion secretary for the state mission board on January 1.

Emmett R. Johnson, 24, a Texan, has been appointed administrator of the 117-bed Baptist Hospital in Paducah, Ky. Mr. Johnson comes to Paducah from the Medical Center Hospital in Tyler, Tex.

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HOUSTON COLISEUM
AMPLE FOR S.B.C.

HOUSTON, Texas--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention will actually have room to stretch itself when it meets in Houston, May 6-10, 1953. The Convention sessions will be held in the city-owned Sam Houston Coliseum. The Coliseum, built in 1938, is a mammoth building that can accommodate 17,000 people. Twenty conference rooms of all sizes are easily available on all three floors. The book store and exhibit room can accommodate a sizable convention itself. Largest crowds ever to fill the Coliseum were attracted by Billy Graham in May, 1952, and General Dwight Eisenhower in 1950. The Coliseum is in almost constant use, averaging more than nine months each year. A full-time staff of two janitors, two electricians, and one engineer, assisted by part-time helpers, keep the enormous building in order.

The Music Hall, where the W.M.U. Convention will be held, is a part of the Coliseum and offers additional space for committee meetings and tape recorders. The Music Hall is air-conditioned and equipped with 22 hundred comfortable seats.

The Coliseum and Music Hall are located in the heart of Houston's civic center, flanked by the City Hall on the south and Criminal Courts Building on the north. Nearby is Houston's new 3 1/2 million dollar jail, and next to the Coliseum is a fire hall.

For most messengers the Coliseum is ideally located. It is only five blocks from the business district, with its fine hotels and excellent restaurants. One cafeteria can feed 15,000 people daily. It is possibly the largest in the world.

There are plenty of parking facilities available around the Coliseum, but the cost will run seventy-five cents to a dollar a day, with an additional fifty cents for evening parking. Even though parking may prove more expensive than in Miami last year, lower food costs will help to balance one's convention budget.

Available in the building will be the usual lunch stands. The information and registration desks will be located in the main foyer. Check stands will be maintained.

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MISSOURI PASTOR OWNS
ANCIENT CHURCH LETTER

POPLAR BLUFF, Mo.--(BP)--William S. Smelser of Poplar Bluff, Mo., has in his possession a yellowed scrap of paper of great historical value. It is a church letter issued by a church 135 years ago. Granted in the state of Virginia and signed by James Dabble, it reads:

"The Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, called Ashcamp, Charlotte County, Saturday the 4th of October, 1817. We dismiss Brother James R. Brooks and Elizabeth his wife (who is in full fellowship with us) when joined to any other church of the same faith and order."

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NEW MEXICO BAPTISTS ADOPT
\$70,000 GLORIETA CAMPAIGN

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.--(BP)--New Mexico Baptists have voted to adopt a campaign of \$70,000 for New Mexico Hall at Glorieta Baptist Assembly. This campaign, reactivated under new organization, will complete a \$100,000 drive started some months ago.

The Baptist Convention of New Mexico, in session at the First Baptist Church, Las Cruces, N. M., also voted to appropriate \$35,000 for buildings and equipment for the Chama Medical Center.

An over-all goal of \$250,000 for 1953 was adopted by the convention. Sixty per cent of this will go for state work and 40 per cent for Convention-wide causes.

L. M. Walker, pastor of Fruit Avenue Baptist Church, Albuquerque, was elected president. Next year the convention will meet in Tucumcari, October 27 - 29.

Attendance this year reached 600.

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ILLINOIS UPS S.B.C.
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.--(BP)--Illinois Baptists voted a 2 per cent increase to Southern Convention causes in their annual association here. Last year they divided offerings 60-40. This year they will be divided 58-42. The new budget calls for \$236,253 to state causes and \$191,079 to Southern Baptist Convention causes, making a total of \$427,333.

The convention registered 1,138 people in attendance. Dr. Noel M. Taylor, executive secretary, announced that the new \$300,000 state office building will be finished soon.

Dr. L. H. Moore, pastor First Baptist Church, Anna, was elected president. The convention will meet next year in Salem, Ill., on October 28 - 30.

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COLEMAN ASSUMES DUTIES
AS BROTHERHOOD OFFICE MANAGER

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(BP)--E. M. Coleman, a deacon in Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, has accepted a position as office manager of the Brotherhood Commission. Coleman assumed his duties November 1.

The Southern Baptist Brotherhood headquarters is located in Memphis and George W. Schroeder is executive secretary.

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