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BAPTIST ADVERTISING  
MATS NOW AVAILABLE

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Advertisements about Baptist beliefs in mat form for newspaper publication are now being sold to associational missionaries in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Albert McClellan, director of publications, Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Nashville, said there are 13 advertisements in the group. These will be sold as a group only and the price of \$7.50 is less than cost of producing the mats.

The advertisements are the width of two newspaper columns (about four inches) and about  $8\frac{1}{2}$  to nine inches deep.

They are being offered through the associational missionaries rather than individual churches to give churches an opportunity to make such an advertising venture cooperatively.

The series, containing doctrinal material in layman's language, was written by 11 Baptist editors, seminary professors, and pastors. The advertisements contain text with art illustrations.

The 13 topics in this series tell what Baptists believe about freedom of the individual, equal privileges of church members, the nature of God, Christ, the Bible, baptism, and the spiritual needs of man.

If the response to the series warrants, a second series of 13 advertisements in the same general format will be offered in the Fall. They will treat subjects from the evangelistic approach rather than the doctrinal approach.

The second series, if prepared, will contain special advertisements for use at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

The Southern Baptist Convention approved the advertisement project when it met at Miami in 1955. It asked the Executive Committee to prepare and sell the mats.

Pastors and churches interested in supporting publication of the advertisements in their local newspapers should contact their associational missionaries, who have been sent a descriptive folder.

Associational missionaries who failed to receive a folder describing the series should contact Albert McClellan, 127-Ninth Ave. No., Nashville, for a folder.

WORLD MISSIONS YEAR  
CALENDAR RECOMMENDED

NASHVILLE--(BP)--1957 as World Missions Year is the central point around which the proposed 1957 calendar for the Southern Baptist Convention is built.

The calendar will be submitted to the Convention at Kansas City, Mo., for consideration, according to Chairman Albert McClellan of the Committee on denominational calendar.

The year's calendar will include four special offerings for missions. These include the Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions.

In addition, there will be recommended a "Home and Foreign Missions Day in the Sunday School" and offering to be taken on Mar. 31, 1957, and a "State Mission Day in the Sunday School" and offering on Oct. 27, 1957.

World Missions Week is recommended for observance Oct. 27-Nov. 3, or at the nearest convenient dates.

Many of the monthly special emphases also pertain to missions. They are: January--church schools of missions; February--theological seminaries and Carver School of Missions and Social Work; March--home missions.

April--Christian education, Christian literature and church libraries; May--hospital ministry and nurse recruiting; June--Relief and Annuity Board; July and August--assemblies at Ridgecrest and Glorieta.

September--church music and Baptist foundations; October--Cooperative Program, associational mission rallies, Sunday school training courses; November--state papers and missionary magazines; December--foreign missions.

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BAPTIST HOUR SUNDAY  
PROPOSED ON CALENDAR

FORT WORTH, Tex.--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission wants the third Sunday in May each year to be observed in churches as "Baptist Hour Sunday."

The Baptist Hour is the weekly radio production of the Commission carried on a network of stations in the United States and abroad.

The Commission will present the matter of a "Baptist Hour Sunday" to the Southern Baptist Convention for action when it meets in Kansas City, Mo., May 30-June 2.

Purpose of the special Sunday will be to inform Southern Baptists about the work being done by the Radio and Television Commission, which has offices in Fort Worth.

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CONDITIONAL SEMINARY  
APPROVAL RECOMMENDED  
(with 2 column mat)

TULSA, Okla.--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention, which presently operates five seminaries, will be asked to give conditional approval to setting up a sixth seminary.

Establishing the new seminary would be conditioned on finding a location for it and on paying for it without impairing present SBC activities.

The recommendation is contained in the report of the committee on theological education, which will be presented to the Convention in annual session at Kansas City, Mo., May 30-June 2.

J. W. Storer, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, is chairman of this committee.

The theological education committee also will recommend that the Southern Baptist Convention take over complete operation of Carver School of Missions and Social Work or discontinue its support. The school is adjacent to Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Presently, Carver School is supported jointly by the SBC and its women's auxiliary, the Woman's Missionary Union. The Southern Baptist Convention does not elect its trustees.

Under the committee recommendation, election of trustees of Carver School would pass to the Southern Baptist Convention. They then will be "elected in the same manner that now prevails in the case of Southern Baptist Seminary," according to Storer.

#### Change WMU Charter

Approval of the committee's recommendation by the Convention must be accompanied by the WMU's changing its charter and bylaws regarding operation of Carver School.

"In effect, this (the approval by both organizations) means that the WMU goes out of the institution business and the Carver School becomes the property of the SBC," Storer reported.

The school would thus become part of the business and financial plan of the Convention.

Regarding the proposed sixth seminary, the committee said that it met in February with the executive committee of the trustees of Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kans.

"In their approach to the committee, they (Central Seminary) reported that two-thirds of their students, at this time, are from Southern Baptist churches, and they inquired on what grounds the Southern Baptist Convention would give financial aid to Central Baptist Seminary," the committee continued in reporting.

## ABC Affiliate

The seminary is affiliated with the American Baptist Convention, but some of its trustees are Southern Baptists. However, these are not elected by the Southern Baptist Convention.

The committee also will ask the Convention to amend one of its bylaws to provide that "the Executive Committee (of the SBC) shall not recommend any per centage allocation of (SBC) funds for any agency or institution for which the Convention does not elect trustees or directors."

This change apparently affects both Carver School and Central Seminary considerations.

The committee also recommends to the Convention that it not undertake joint ownership, support, and administration of any theological institution with any other Baptist body.

Continuation of the committee for another year to give additional consideration to the sixth seminary and Carver School was also recommended.

Present SBC seminaries are located at Louisville; Fort Worth, Tex.; New Orleans, La.; Berkeley, Calif., and Wake Forest, N. C.

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RECOMMENDATIONS IN A NUTSHELL  
SBC COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

1. That conditional approval be given establishment of a sixth Southern Baptist Convention seminary. Conditions are: (1) that a location be chosen, and (2) that a method of financing the new seminary be worked out that will not impair existing SBC activities.
2. That the SBC not undertake joint operation of any theological institution with any other Baptist body.
3. That before the SBC give a per centage of its funds to any agency or institution, the SBC must be able to elect its directors or trustees. This necessitates a change in Convention bylaws.
4. That continued support of Carver School by the full SBC be conditioned on full operation of the school by the SBC, including the election of its trustees.
5. (The WMU would have to change its charter and bylaws regarding Carver School for No. 4 to come to pass.)
6. That the theological education committee's life be extended another year for additional consideration of the sixth seminary and Carver School.

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KANSAS CONVENTION  
HAS 10TH BIRTHDAY

WICHITA, Kans.--(BP)--The Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists celebrated its 10th birthday recently.

Seven churches formerly affiliated with Southern Baptist work in Missouri and Oklahoma met in Chetopa, Kans., Mar. 19, 1946. There they organized the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists.

Of the 94,500 Baptists living in the state of Kansas, 19,500 of them are Southern Baptists. Most of the others are American Baptists.

Total Baptist churches in Kansas are 423, of which 122 are Southern Baptist.

N. J. Westmoreland assumed duties as convention executive secretary June 10, 1946. The convention now has among its affiliated churches one located in Lincoln, Nebr.

The convention has no colleges, but supports a chair of Bible of the state teachers' college in Pittsburg, Kans. The state convention offices are located at 231½ N. Main St., Wichita.

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OCT 12 DEDICATION

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.--(BP)--Wake Forest College, which moves here from Wake Forest later this Spring, will dedicate its new Winston-Salem campus Oct. 12.

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.....Texas Baptists recently dedicated a new \$70,000 Baptist student center at Sam Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville, Tex. Funds were provided jointly by Tryon-Evergreen Baptist Association and the state student department. Almost 50 per cent of the college's 2300 students are Baptists.

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.....The Baptist General Convention of Texas hopes to enrol 1000 new members in the Baptist Training Unions of its affiliated churches each month during the next year.

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.....Members of North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union, meeting in Winston-Salem, have elected Mrs. W. K. McGee of that city their president. Mrs. McGee, wife of the director of denominational relations at North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, succeeds Mrs. Gordon Maddrey, of Ahoskie.

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.....John C. Hedrick, pastor, First Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky., has resigned to become pastor of First Baptist Church, Campbell, Mo.

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.....Albert McClellan, director of publications and associate secretary, Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Nashville, has been elected executive secretary-treasurer of Louisiana Baptist Convention. He has not yet reached a decision on whether he will accept the post.

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.....Barry Garrett, editor of Baptist Beacon, Arizona state Baptist paper, has been elected interim secretary of the Arizona convention. W. J. Ray, former state secretary, became executive secretary of the Colorado convention, Mar. 15.

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# BAPTIST FEATURES

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HOME MISSIONS CHALLENGE GREATEST IN CENTURY  
By Courts Redford  
Executive Secretary, Home Mission Board  
For the Baptist Press

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is another in the series on world evangelization.

The extension of Home Mission Board ministry into the areas now served by Southern Baptists constitutes the greatest challenge that Southern Baptists have had at home since reconstruction days.

The rapid expansion of Southern Baptist work into new areas has greatly increased the Home Mission Board's opportunity for service.

The Board is now serving 42 states, Alaska, Cuba, Panama, and Canal Zone. It is seeking to serve 182 per cent more territory and 170 per cent more people than were served in 1940.

Six new state conventions of Baptists have become affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention since that year. The territory added has only 14 per cent as many Baptists in proportion to the total population as has the territory served in 1940.

The increase in church membership, plus an ever-growing population and the constant movement of American people, have made necessary more and better churches. Thus the Home Mission Board has a major emphasis on a church-centered mission program, designed to establish new missions and constitute new churches in areas not now occupied by Baptists.

## 15,000 Communities

The Board's success in these efforts has been phenomenal but there are still 15,000 communities without a Baptist church.

No nation can grow spiritually by segments. The minority groups need much consideration since they are often unable to adequately care for their own needs. Their presence in American society may become a great asset or a great liability, depending on each individual's relationship with Christ and the group's attitude toward Christian principles.

For these reasons, the Home Mission Board has given special attention to foreign language groups, Indians, Negroes, the underprivileged, the deaf, and other minorities which need special encouragement, guidance, and support.

Failure to provide a Christian ministry for these groups would leave them without the gospel message and would create a great spiritual vacuum. The spiritual vacuum would invite false religions and false philosophies that readily become like a spreading cancer.

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Much additional work must be done among these minority groups.

#### Key To Progress

Southern Baptists' progress at home and abroad depends upon their success in winning more converts, starting more churches, and giving a more effective Christian witness.

America can not give to the world that which she does not have herself. To extend and maintain a great worldwide mission program, Southern Baptists must have a strong home base.

The Home Mission Board has helped to stimulate, coordinate, and support this program of advance in the homeland. The progress has been stimulated by the evangelistic crusades and the constant emphasis on year-round, church-centered, soul-winning, efforts.

In spite of Southern Baptists' unprecedented success, there remain more lost people to be won to Christ than ever before.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

### EXPLANATORY TO THE EDITORS

By J. W. Storer

To the editors who will have the report of the Theological Committee for study and pre-Convention publication, it seemed wise to the Committee that they should have something of the background of our thinking and which could not be presented in the report, due to the necessary conservation of space and for other obvious reasons. Therefore, the Chairman undertakes to give you something of what has come to us during the year in our attempt to discharge the instructions of the Convention at its ninety-eighth session in Miami.

To begin, there were many of the brethren who were under the impression that the Committee was instructed to locate a new Seminary, and they brought to the Committee from sundry parts of the Convention territory what they felt were choice properties procurable immediately. This, of course, was not the instruction of the Convention, yet some of the brethren seemed a bit disgruntled at the Committee for its declination of purchase intent.

The Committee gave diligent study to the theological centers of population, to the teacher load, to the ministerial student enrollment of our Colleges and the prospect of further classroom crowding, resulting in what one of the Professors in one of the Seminaries called "mass production of theological indigestion."

The Committee, with the limited time available to it, began a study of what may be a future recommendation of suggested revision in both the time element and the curriculum in theological education, but it is not sufficiently satisfied with its findings to make any recommendations at this session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

This phase of our study is intriguing, and is not to be undertaken lightly, for it involves the whole idea of Seminary and other theological training. In reaching the conclusions which led to the recommendations relative to the Carver School, the Committee came to grips with a situation which had been before the previous Theological Committees, and for which various solutions had been suggested, but which were not felt to be either feasible or satisfactory. It is the feeling of the Committee that the Holy Spirit led us to a realization that something had to be done, and that both the W.M.U. and the Convention had to undertake a new approach to the problem. The result is what is found in the recommendations. Mrs. George R. Martin, Miss Alma Hunt, Miss Emily Lansdell, Mrs. H. G. Hammett, and Dr. Olin T. Binkley from the W.M.U. gave the finest of co-operation and with the evidential spirit of Christ.

If the recommendation relative to the Carver School is adopted, and the change in the charter and by-laws of the W.M.U. becomes operative, the Carver School will be an institution of the Southern Baptist Convention; its trustees elected in the same manner that now prevails in the case of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; its financial affairs carried on within the framework of the business and financial plan of the S.B.C. its support funds being allocated on a percentage basis, as are all the other agencies and institutions.

In effect, this means that the W.M.U. goes out of the institution, business; the Carver School becomes the property of the S.B.C.

This is a move of great importance and equally great implications, details of which will probably take a full year to become fully implemented.

The Presidents of our five Seminaries have cheerfully supplied the Committee with any information desired, and especially do we acknowledge the very real help supplied us by Dr. Lee Gallman of our Seminary Extension Department, the work of which it may be said with all reverence is growing in grace and favor with our preachers who desire more light from the Light of the world, and who for one reason or another have been denied "on campus" Seminary training.

May we ever be grateful that we are facing a problem which does not grow out of attrition in the ranks of God-called men to the ministry, but out of the marvelous response to His call - our problem is not one of poverty, but of riches.

As a denomination we must meet it on the high level of His command - Matthew 28:19-20.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION  
Kansas City, Missouri  
May 30-June 2, 1956

Your Committee has given due and diligent attention to the instruction given it at the 1955 Convention in Miami, which was:

(1) That a committee be appointed to further study the need of Theological Education and, if deemed advisable and necessary, recommend the location of an additional seminary. At least half the members of this committee shall be pastors of rural churches or other special rural workers.

(2) That the action of the 1950 Convention regarding the relationship of the Southern Baptist Convention to Bible Schools be reaffirmed.

(3) That the Committee be instructed to bring to the next Convention a detailed report of the financial relationship between the Carver School of Missions and Social Work and the program of theological, religious, and missionary education of the Southern Baptist Convention and make recommendations concerning the future relationship of the Carver School of Missions and Social Work to the Southern Baptist Convention at the next session of the Convention.

Due to the most regrettable and continued illness of the wife of Brother E. V. Peyton, of Virginia, the Committee has been deprived of the assistance it would have otherwise been given by Brother Peyton.

Your Committee, at its initial meeting, set up two sub-Committees. The sub-Committee to act on the first recommendation, i.e., "to further study the need of theological education, and, if deemed advisable and necessary, recommend the location of an additional seminary," consists of Louie D. Newton, Chairman, Carl Clark, E. V. Peyton and Garland Hendricks. The sub-Committee on recommendation 3, "to bring to the next Convention a detailed report of the financial relationship between the Carver School of Missions and Social Work and the program of theological, religious, and missionary education of the Southern Baptist Convention and make recommendations concerning the future relationship of the Carver School of Missions and Social Work and the Southern Baptist Convention at the next session of the Convention," consists of H. H. Hobbs, Chairman, J. William Lester, Douglas Hudgins, J. S. Bell and Forrest Feezor.

We bring to the Convention the reports of these two Committees:

Committee to Study Needs of Additional Theological Training  
and Schools

Your sub-Committee to study needs of additional theological training and schools has received a number of inquiries and suggestions from widely scattered and representative communities within the Convention territory. We have sought to give due consideration to every suggestion and proposal, having invited conference and discussion with several such groups, as reflected in the file of our Committee's work.

At the invitation of the President of the Board of Trustees of Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas, our Committee met the Executive Committee of their Board of Trustees at the Seminary, February 14, 1956. In their approach to our Committee, they reported that two-thirds of their students, at this time, are from Southern Baptist Churches, and they inquired on what grounds the Southern Baptist Convention would give financial aid to Central Baptist Seminary. They made a statement regarding the history and operation of Central Seminary. We explained the plan by which Southern Baptists own and operate our Seminaries. After full discussion, they suggested that they would report this information to their full Board, indicating that they might approach our Committee at a later date.

Your Committee received a proposal regarding a site near Topeka, Kansas. After careful investigation we decided that it was not suitable for seminary purposes.

In reviewing the work of our five Seminaries, we are particularly impressed with their broad program of service on and off campus. They are ministering to the needs of Southern Baptists in four ways: On the campuses for degree credit for college graduates; on the campuses for diploma or certificate credit for persons without college degrees; in extension centers over the territory of the Convention for extension certificate credit; and in correspondence courses for correspondence certificate credit. There are now 5,428 students enrolled in the five Seminaries. Reverend Lee Gallman, Director of the Extension Program, reports that we now have 3,317 students enrolled in the Extension Centers, and 1,717 students enrolled in correspondence courses. We also express appreciation for the work of our Colleges in this field of Extension and Correspondence courses. The splendid cooperation of our Seminaries and Colleges makes it possible for any Baptist minister to receive theological training.

Committee to Study the Financial Relation of the Carver School of  
Missions and Social Work to the Southern Baptist Convention

Your sub-Committee to study the financial relation between the Carver School of Missions and Social Work to the Southern Baptist Convention met in Nashville on February 24, 1956, with a committee of five from the Woman's Missionary Union: Miss Alma Hunt, Mrs. George R. Martin, Mrs. H. G. Hammett, Miss Emily Lansdell, and Dr. Olin T. Binkley. It was the purpose of the group to find the best possible solution to the matter before us. Prayerfully and with much amicable discussion we had a meeting of minds and hearts.

The representatives of Woman's Missionary Union reported concerning the Carver School of Missions:

Carver School is jointly supported by the Woman's Missionary Union and the Southern Baptist Convention. The school received \$61,000 from 1955 Cooperative Program receipts and \$45,500 from W. M. U. state apportionments. Total expenditures for the current operating budget in 1955 amounted to \$132,210.84. The total assets of Carver School, including buildings, endowments, and all funds are \$1,565,813.19.

The Woman's Missionary Union Training School was founded to meet a distinctive need in the denomination, and the school is now in process of adjusting to current needs in training of Christian workers. A distinctive service in the total program of training as sponsored by Southern Baptists can now be rendered in the fields of church social work and specialized missionary training.

The program at Carver School is still in process of being developed. Consideration is being given to the kind of supporting and controlling framework the school needs for the full realization of the proposed program. We need a program of social work where the concepts and skills are taught in a Christian climate and where the Christian philosophy of man's need for God through Christ is the foundation for training. The school needs the support and cooperation of the Southern Baptist constituency--men and women.

Mrs. George R. Martin, president of Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, gave the income report of Carver School as follows:

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>BUDGET 1956</u>
Cooperative Program	\$ 70,000.00
Room, Board, etc.	35,000.00
Woman's Missionary Union	58,000.00
Interest on Endowment	7,000.00
Sunday School Board	<u>500.00</u>
	\$170,500.00

#### Recommendations

The reports of the sub-Committees were received, and after due consideration we present the following recommendations:

1. That the Southern Baptist Convention approve the establishing of a new seminary as soon as it can be determined where such a school should be located and when such an undertaking can be financed without impairing our present seminaries and the Cooperative Program allocations to all of our agencies and institutions, the time and location to be recommended to the Convention by its Committee on Theological, Religious, and Missionary Education.

2. That it be the policy of the Southern Baptist Convention that beginning now it will not undertake joint ownership, support and administration of any theological institution with any other Baptist body.

3. That Bylaw (g) (5) 9 of the Convention's Bylaws be amended to read: To recommend to the Convention a comprehensive budget for the Convention and for all its agencies, which budget shall include the budgets of all the agencies of the Convention as approved by the Executive Committee, together with the percentage of Convention funds which may be allocated to each cause. The Executive Committee shall not recommend any percentage allocation of funds for any agency or institution for which the Convention does not elect trustees or directors.

4. Believing that there is a definite place for the Carver School of Missions and Social Work in the areas of church social work and missionary training, we recommend with regards to the Carver School:

(1) That if the Southern Baptist Convention is to allocate funds on a percentage basis to the Carver School it do so only upon provision that the Woman's Missionary Union amend its charter and bylaws.

(2) That when the charter and bylaws of the Woman's Missionary Union be changed to permit it, the trustees of the Carver School shall be elected by the Southern Baptist Convention, one-half of whom shall be nominated by Woman's Missionary Union to the Committee on Boards of the Convention and elected by the Convention, and that the Carver School shall then operate as an institution of the Southern Baptist Convention within the business and financial plan of the Southern Baptist Convention.

(3) That in the event Woman's Missionary Union shall be agreeable to the above recommendations, the Committee on Theological, Religious, and missionary Education of the Convention be authorized to work with Woman's Missionary Union in matters pertaining to details of agreement, such details to be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention for consideration as soon as possible.

5. We further recommend that the work of this Committee be continued, and that its study be based upon the findings reported to the 1955 Convention, with such additional data as it finds available in current efforts to determine when the Southern Baptist Convention should establish a new seminary, where such a seminary shall be located, and when such an undertaking can be financed without impairing the present Seminaries and the Cooperative Program allocation to all Convention agencies and institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Storer, Chairman  
L. D. Newton  
H. H. Hobbs  
J. S. Bell  
Carl Clark  
T. E. Capell  
Forrest C. Feezor  
Douglas Hudgins  
J. W. Lester  
Mrs. George Martin  
Garland Hendricks

COMMITTEE---Shown in session are six members of the committee on theological education, which will recommend conditionally that the Southern Baptist Convention establish its sixth seminary. Seated, from left, they are J. W. Storer, Tulsa, Okla., chairman; Mrs. George R. Martin, Norfolk, Va.; H. H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City. Standing, from left, J. W. Lester, Enterprise, Ala.; Garland Hendricks, Wake Forest, N. C., and Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, Ga.--Baptist Press.