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EVANGELISM THE AIM  
FOR JUBILEE ADVANCE

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WASHINGTON--(BP)--Emphasis for Baptist Jubilee Advance 1959-1964 will definitely be evangelism.

This was the main point developed at the April meeting of the Central Committee under the leadership of C. C. Warren, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Four different Baptist groups were represented and four other groups have indicated intention to co-operate in the advance program that will climax in 1964 with the 150th anniversary celebration of organized Baptist work for missions in America.

Formerly evangelism was to be the 1959 theme only, and emphases for the other years were not necessarily evangelistically-centered. The new plan calls for annual emphases as follows: Evangelism through Cooperative Witness (in reference to the simultaneous revival movement), 1959; Evangelism through Bible Teaching and Training, 1960; Evangelism through Stewardship and Enlistment, 1961; Evangelism through Church Extension, 1962; Evangelism through World Missions, 1963; and the Third Jubilee Celebration, 1964.

The shift to evangelism came when J. Howard Williams, Fort Worth, of the Southern Baptist Convention, reported the increased interest in evangelism among the laymen of the South and West. His plea was seconded by Frank Nelson, manufacturer of Racine, Wis., and president of the American Baptist Convention.

Nelson said, "I like the whole idea of tying the movement into evangelism. If we win souls for the Lord Jesus Christ, everything else will fall into place." Leonard Sanderson, superintendent of evangelism for Southern Baptists, also present, said that the general plan would fit into the Southern Baptist program of evangelism.

The committee adopted a statement of purpose that called for an effort of all Baptists in the United States and Canada to "see together" their world task, not to promote organized union or rehearse differences.

Basic is a quickening of the sense of responsibility for carrying out all phases of the Great Commission. Each denomination is to work toward common goals within the framework of its own organization. The plan is to make 1964 the greatest year of achievement in Baptist history.

Both emphases and purpose will be subject to consideration and approval of the participating groups and final revision when the Central Committee meets again in Washington on Sept. 24.

Those present at the meeting included committee members, Warren, Porter Routh, and Williams for Southern Baptists; Reuben Nelson, C. Theron Chastain, E. B. Willingham, and Frank Nelson for American Baptists; William C. Tapper for the Baptist General Conference, and O. L. Sherrill for National Baptists, Inc.

Others attending were Leonard Sanderson and Albert McClellan from the Southern Baptist Convention and R. Dean Goodwin from the American Baptist Convention.

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#### PURPOSE OF THE BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE

1814-1964

(Approved by representatives of participating Baptist groups  
April 30, 1956, Washington, D. C.)

At the 1955 Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, it was voted "to confer with representatives of other Baptist Conventions in North America, looking toward a five-year program of advance which will culminate in 1964, the date of the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the organization of Baptist work on a national level in the United States and North America."

At the meeting of the American Baptist Convention, it was voted: "That we heartily welcome the proposal of the Southern Baptist Convention and request that the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Society consider the implementation of American Baptist Convention participating in the Evangelistic Crusade and urge that the long-range objectives leading to the Sesquicentennial be referred with our cordial endorsement to the appropriate committee in the General Council for further development."

The National Baptist Convention of the U. S. A., Inc., took action in its September, 1955, meeting, endorsing the movement. At the organization meeting in Chicago on December 8, 1955, called by Dr. C. C. Warren, representatives were present from the Southern Baptist Convention, the American Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., the National Baptist Convention of America, the North American Baptist General Conference, and the Baptist General Conference of America. Canadian Baptists have since expressed a desire to participate.

The resulting movement, called the Baptist Jubilee Advance, has as its purpose the dramatization and deepening of the Baptist witness to the world. It is to begin with a concerted evangelistic effort by all participating Baptist bodies in 1959, followed by appropriate co-ordinated emphases in 1960, 1961, 1962, and 1963, and culminating in 1964 in the celebration of the Third Jubilee.

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## Specifically:

1. It is an attempt to quicken, in professed believers in Christ, a sense of responsibility for carrying out all phases of the Great Commission with zeal and fervor.
2. It is an attempt, on the part of Baptists in the United States and Canada, to "see together" the gigantic task before us. It is not, however, either a movement toward organic union or a program to emphasize, rehearse, or even consider past or present differences.
3. It is a program focusing the efforts of Baptists on common goals and objectives which each participating body can achieve within the framework of its own organization. It is not a stereotyped program to be handed down by a central committee to the participating bodies.
4. It is an effort to bring about, in the Third Jubilee year of 1964, the greatest achievements of any single year in Baptist history, to give to the world a dramatic presentation of what Baptists stand for and what they have done, and to gain a mighty impetus for even greater achievements for God's glory in the years ahead.

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MARS HILL WILL CLIMAX  
CENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE

MARS HILL, N. C.--(BP)--Mars Hill College, largest Southern Baptist junior college, will climax its centennial celebration with ceremonies here June 1-4.

The dramatics department of the college will present a historical pageant depicting important events in the 100-year history of the college on June 2. Descendants of the pioneer settlers of this mountain community who founded the school in 1856 will be honored during the pageant.

The centennial baccalaureate sermon will be preached by R. Paul Caudill, pastor of First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., and a graduate of Mars Hill. Dr. and Mrs. Caudill's son, Paul, Jr., will be a member of the graduating class.

The commencement address on June 4 will be delivered by Frank Porter Graham, former president of the University of North Carolina who is now a mediator for the United Nations.

Centennial year enrolment reached an all-time high of 1080. Mars Hill occupies a 120-acre campus in the Blue Ridge mountains north of Asheville.

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## ADD HONORARY DEGREES LIST-----

Mercer University, Macon, Ga.--Federal Judge Frank A. Hooper, Atlanta, who is also chairman of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, and Benjamin Holtzclaw, dean of graduate school, University of Richmond (Va.), LL. D. degrees; Hillyer H. Straton, pastor, First Baptist Church, Malden, Mass., and Guy N. Atkinson, president of Norman (Baptist) College, Norman Park, Ga., doctor of divinity degrees.

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MICHIGAN LOOKS TOWARD  
OWN STATE CONVENTION

DETROIT--(BP)--A regional fellowship meeting will be held here May 11-12 by Southern Baptist churches looking toward organization of a state Baptist convention in Michigan.

Most of the churches in Michigan are affiliated now with the Arkansas state convention. Fred Hubbs is superintendent of missions for the Motor Cities Association of Southern Baptists in Michigan, located in the Detroit area.

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ANYONE HERE KNOW  
OF JOHN CAYLOR?

BLUE RIDGE, Ga.--(BP)--Three John Caylors, plus an in-law, led in the revival services at the First Baptist Church here.

John Caylor, editorial secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, was the evangelist where his son, John Caylor, Jr., is the pastor. John Caylor, III, sang with the junior choir.

And, leading the music was Jack Jones, of Atlanta, brother-in-law of the pastor.

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MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS  
REFRESH THEIR HISTORY

LIBERTY, Miss.--(BP)--Mississippi Baptists planned a celebration here May 6 to observe the sesquicentennial of Ebenezer Baptist Church and their oldest association of churches, Mississippi Baptist Association.

The celebration will be at Ebenezer Church, six miles south of Liberty. The church was organized May 9, 1806, and the association came into being in August of that year.

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MRS. GEORGE W. TRUETT  
DIES AT 84 IN DALLAS

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--Mrs. George W. Truett, widow of the former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and Baptist World Alliance, was buried here recently.

Born Feb. 11, 1872, she married the late Dr. Truett in 1894 while he was a ministerial student at Waco, Tex., her home town.

Dr. Truett died in 1944 after a long pastorate at Dallas' First Baptist Church. Funeral services for his widow were held in his church.

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...Raymond Collier, present missionary for Sedgwick County Baptist Association, Kansas, has accepted a call to become mission superintendent for Southeast Texas Baptist Association, Nederland, Tex.

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2 FINANCIAL RECORDS  
SET IN APRIL BY SBC

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Southern Baptists, making ready for their 99th session at Kansas City later this month, received word of two financial records set by the Convention in April.

They were reported by Porter Routh, Nashville, Convention treasurer.

The April amount of \$1,157,504 for the Convention's missionary, educational, and agency work through the Cooperative Program was the highest in that category for any single month in history.

The second record set was the total amount received this year to date. The total funds for January-April, 1956, is the largest for the period on record. The total of \$9,918,255 includes both Cooperative Program (undesignated) and designated gifts, and it is \$1 1/4 million greater than the 1955 amount which was the earlier record.

As executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Routh will recommend that the 99th session of the Convention in Kansas City May 30-June 2 approve a record \$11 million Cooperative Program budget for 1957.

(Figures used here do not include any money retained in churches for local use nor any kept by state Baptist conventions to support state denominational enterprises. It includes only money for denominationwide activities.)

The top 10 states, in order, in April funds sent to the treasurer's office were Texas, Virginia, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Florida, Missouri, and Louisiana.

Program money and \$ sent in \$ of which \$ was Cooperative was designated.

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.....Albert McClellan, director of publications, Southern Baptist Executive Committee, has declined a call to become executive secretary of Louisiana Baptist Convention.

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.....Phil Harris, professor of religious education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, is new president of the Texas Baptist Sunday school convention.

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HOLCOMBS HONORED---Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Holcomb, Nashville, received tributes recently from the Southern Baptist Foundation, of which Holcomb has been executive secretary since 1953. He has resigned the position as of June 1. Jack C. Massey, left, Nashville druggist who is vice-president of the Foundation, makes a presentation to the Holcombs at the banquet in their honor. Foundation assets recently went over \$2 million for the first time.

--Baptist Press.

COMPARISON 1955 and 1956 RECEIPTS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION  
January-April, 1956

	Cooperative Program 1956	Cooperative Program 1955	Designated 1956	Designated 1955
Specials	1,652.93	1,164.15	3,194.12	81.78
Alabama	191,916.52	177,878.83	258,186.27	201,544.90
Alaska	1,839.59	1,659.17	3,447.35	3,201.19
Arizona	12,711.52	13,737.08	18,665.24	19,426.63
Arkansas	148,417.03	139,671.22	144,188.84	123,473.64
California	22,213.42	33,631.10	44,974.91	35,840.67
Colorado	4,666.64	—	2,227.75	—
District of Columbia	14,052.94	13,334.77	15,920.33	16,529.89
Florida	275,519.93	243,458.92	205,068.88	168,496.38
Georgia	351,871.22	298,418.02	377,815.07	328,056.31
Hawaii	1,234.26	527.73	8,526.40	6,757.72
Illinois	67,455.43	60,466.77	52,836.13	41,881.18
Kansas	5,918.69	4,863.13	8,916.69	7,355.79
Kentucky	200,000.00	184,976.37	184,613.26	158,160.36
Louisiana	214,530.27	175,619.69	246,846.30	221,488.04
Maryland	42,967.50	36,748.76	203.64	611.69
Mississippi	180,035.27	197,524.17	242,101.32	203,003.81
Missouri	220,393.98	204,462.32	210,174.48	174,220.38
New Mexico	35,246.56	29,669.81	40,070.88	33,592.24
North Carolina	346,835.30	306,952.99	532,539.51	444,171.24
Ohio	4,699.68	2,996.91	2,772.62	2,926.87
Oklahoma	292,936.81	252,076.74	241,519.12	204,298.17
Oregon-Washington	2,837.71	3,210.33	8,790.39	6,298.91
South Carolina	365,530.29	336,155.19	281,600.39	242,244.76
Tennessee	343,774.74	306,584.03	258,789.24	205,520.46
Texas	785,000.00	639,858.00	1,790,030.43	1,597,476.16
Virginia	270,430.73	221,636.19	329,547.45	310,551.04
Totals	4,404,688.96	3,887,282.39	5,513,567.01	4,757,210.21