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RESOLUTION CALLS FOR
30,000 MORE CHURCHES

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--Baptist Sunday school leaders, 2000 strong, have passed a resolution here pledging themselves to organize 30,000 additional churches and Bible teaching stations by the close of 1963.

The resolution, introduced by T. L. Holcomb, associate pastor of the Lakewood Baptist Church in Dallas, Tex., urged Baptists to concern themselves more with the work of the Lord.

Robert E. Naylor, pastor of the Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., moved that the resolution be accepted by the assembly and J. N. Barnette, secretary of the Sunday school department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, seconded the motion. The assembly unanimously passed the resolution.

The text of the resolution was as follows:

"We register our concern and pledge our participation in the recent action of the Southern Baptist Convention to urge Southern Baptists' forces to organize 30,000 additional churches and Bible teaching stations by the close of 1963.

"We also register our concern and pledge our participation in the World Mission Emphasis which begins October 1 of this year and continues through 1957.

"We register our concern for a support of the commission on teaching and training of the Baptist World Alliance as the commission seeks to carry out the plans of enlargement and evangelism throughout the Baptist bodies of the world.

"We further register our concern and pledge our participation in a proposed plan to call September "Harvest Month," culminating on Sunday, September 23 as "Harvest Day"--the purpose being to win to Christ the approximately 800,000 lost people enrolled in our Sunday schools.

"Realizing the urgent need for trained workers in our existing churches and foreseeing the necessity for a large number of new workers in the new churches, Bible teaching stations and mission fields, we urge each church to re-double efforts in an enlistment and training program.

"We are conscious that this work cannot be accomplished by might or the cunning of men. We are assured that this work is in obedience to the will of God. We therefore agree to pray the Lord for victory that can come only from Him."

MISSION BOARDS INCOME
NOW OVER \$10 MILLION

NASHVILLE--(BP)--By the end of the first six months of 1956, Southern Baptists have given more than \$10 million to support their Foreign and Home Mission Boards.

The funds for these mission boards came through both undesignated, Cooperative Program contributions and through designated gifts, Convention Treasurer Porter Routh announced.

Total disbursements through June 30 to the Foreign Mission Board came to \$7,750,910 and to the Home Mission Board, \$2,344,170. No other agency of the Convention has reached \$1 million.

Southern Baptist Convention receipts for June, 1956, were \$1,407,775. This includes both \$1,087,032 through the Cooperative Program and \$320,743 from specially-designated offerings.

(None of these figures represents total giving of Southern Baptists. Donations used by individual churches and by state Baptist groups are not recorded monthly with the treasurer of the Convention. These figures represent only those funds given for the Convention at large.)

The June, 1956, total was about \$300,000 greater than the receipts for June, 1955.

Texas led all Southern Baptist states during the past month with total contributions to the Southern Baptist Convention of \$255,836, of which \$179,375 was through the Cooperative Program.

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TEXAS BAPTIST ASSETS
TOTAL \$426 MILLION

DALLAS--(BP)--Southern Baptist property and assets in Texas now total more than \$426,841,329, an audit discloses.

Of that amount, \$261,422,367 is in property owned by individual churches over the state; \$115,642,320 in schools, hospitals, and homes of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and \$49,776,642 in assets and property of the Southern Baptist Convention.

McCALL VICE-PRESIDENT
OF THEOLOGICAL GROUP

BERKELEY, Calif.--(BP)--Duke K. McCall, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, is the new vice-president of the American Association of Theological Schools.

The Association of institutions in the United States and Canada is devoted to education for the Christian ministry. It includes about 75 accredited members and an additional 40 associate members. Southern, Southwestern, and New Orleans Baptist Seminaries are accredited members; Golden Gate and Southeastern are associate members.

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MERRITT HEADS CAPITAL
NEEDS STUDY COMMITTEE

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Federal Judge Frank Hooper, chairman of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, has announced members of a committee to survey the need for a new five-year capital needs program in the Cooperative Program.

They are James W. Merritt, senior secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, Gainesville, Ga., chairman; Kendall Berry, Blytheville, Ark.; Curtis English, Altavista, Va.; Carl G. McCraw, Charlotte, N. C.; J. Ralph Grant, Lubbock, Tex.; W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Miss., and Conrad Willard, first vice-president of the Convention, Kansas City, Mo.

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.....Paul Andrews has become pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Coffeyville, Kansas, coming to the new pastorate from Hamilton, Mo.

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.....Albert M. Winchester, head of the biology department at Stetson University, Baptist four-year college in DeLand, Fla., is one of eight United States scientists chosen by the National Science Foundation to attend the International Congress of Human Genetics this summer in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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.....Taylor Whatley has come to pastorate of First Southern Baptist Church, Canoga Park, Calif., after a period as pastor of Temple Baptist Church, DeRidder, La.

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.....Earl L. Stark, field secretary for Oklahoma Baptist Orphans' Home, Oklahoma City, since 1954, will join the Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma Aug. 1 as its field secretary. This is a new position in the Foundation, according to its executive secretary, Augie Henry.

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