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SBC Oversubscribes
Its Budget For 1956

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention has oversubscribed its \$10 million budget for 1956 through the Cooperative Program, thus entering into its advance program.

Porter Routh, Nashville, SBC treasurer, reported the goal was reached Oct. 8 and oversubscribed the same day. Total Cooperative Program receipts for Convention agencies at that time were \$10,441,888.

After the annual Cooperative Program budget is met, all these funds received through Dec. 31 go into an advance program. They are divided between the two Convention mission boards. The Foreign Mission Board gets 75 per cent, the Home Mission Board 25 per cent.

The 1956 budget, \$1 million greater than the 1955 budget, was met in almost the same amount of time as the 1955 budget. The 1955 budget was oversubscribed the first week of last October.

September was another "million-dollar month" for the Cooperative Program -- the total reaching \$1,028,082. Designated funds in September were \$127,366.

The Cooperative Program receipts are running almost 11½ per cent over a like period in 1955. Designations for the year total close to \$7½ million, or about 18 per cent more than they did this time last year.

"Southern Baptists can demonstrate their world mission concern in a very special way between now and Dec. 31," Routh stated, "with all Convention Cooperative Program funds going to the advance program."

The Convention has named 1957 its World Missions Year.

The September statement shows that the Foreign Mission Board has received almost \$9½ million this year through the Cooperative Program and designations. The Home Mission Board has gotten almost \$3 million through both type offerings.

sent in \$ to the treasurer's office of the SBC in September. This included \$ through the Cooperative Program and \$ through designated offerings.

ranked among states for the month.

California Sets 1957
Goals For New Missions

FRESNO, Calif.--(BP)--The organization of 357 churches, missions, and branch Sunday schools will be recommended to the Southern Baptist General Convention of California as its goal for 1957.

The goal will be voted upon at the forthcoming annual convention session at Eureka, Calif.

S. G. Posey, California executive secretary, said such an advance program is "unprecedented." "This," he said, "may sound high, but it is only an average of about 10 churches, missions, and branch Sunday schools for each association."

California Southern Baptists recently organized 110 missions in a single Sunday. The Southern Baptist Convention, with which the state convention cooperates, is trying to double the number of its preaching stations by 1964.

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BP folks & facts

.....J. C. Canipe, president of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, will give the address when Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N. C., observes Founders Day and Homecoming Oct. 27. The college is supported by the convention.

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.....Charles R. Gage, who served as personnel director for Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La., has become executive secretary of Louisiana Hospital Association.

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.....Ruth S. Montgomery, a Baylor University graduate now special columnist for International News Service, will be featured speaker at Waco, Tex., Nov. 9-10 for Baylor's 4th annual conference on American ideals.

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