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1952 SBC COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
\$974,626 AHEAD OF LAST YEAR

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention's share of Cooperative Program receipts in 1952 reached \$9,076,047.82, an increase of \$974,626.19 over 1951, according to Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee.

Although the receipts lacked nearly a million dollars reaching the 10 million dollar goal for Southern Baptist Convention causes through the Cooperative Program, the gain did make possible a total of \$1,384,047.82 for the Advance Program of the mission boards, with 75 per cent going to the Foreign Mission Board and 25 per cent to the Home Mission Board.

The Foreign Mission Board received \$1,038,035.88 from Advance funds in 1952, an increase of \$136,614.25 over 1951. In 1951 the Foreign Mission Board received all of the Advance fund. The Home Mission Board shared in the Advance funds for the first time in 1952, and received \$346,011.94.

Total receipts for Southern Baptist Convention causes through the Cooperative Program and from designated funds reached \$13,923,025.73, a gain of \$1,772,389.64. The major share of the designated funds came as a result of the Lottie Moon and the Annie Armstrong offerings.

Although the totals for 1952 gained over 1951, December showed a loss from December, 1951, due to the action of several state conventions allocating a larger percentage of their Cooperative Program receipts to state causes. Cooperative Program receipts for Southern Baptist Convention causes in December were \$719,588.36, a loss of \$21,759.31 from the receipts in December, 1951.

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TWO SESSIONS DAILY
HOUSTON CONVENTION

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--There will only be two public sessions daily at the Southern Baptist Convention starting next year in May at Houston, instead of the usual three morning, afternoon and evening meetings.

This new setup was recommended by the Committee on Order of Business, headed by Dr. A. B. VanArsdale, Decatur, Alabama, and approved by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

First session each day will begin at 9:30 a.m. and run through 1:30 p.m., while the second session will be from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Three reasons were given for the readjustment:

1. To permit all functioning committees to have time for their meetings without being out of the Convention assembly.
2. To permit local people to vacate dining places.
3. To provide time for rest in the afternoon for everyone concerned.

Convention theme for 1953 is to be: "That the World May Believe" (John 17:21). Each session of the Convention will have a sub-theme, the opening one to be "Laborers Together."

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EDUCATION INTERESTS
TO BE PROMOTED IN '54

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--A program of Southern Convention-wide emphasis on Christian education will be projected for one week beginning in April, 1954, with official approval of the Executive Committee.

The action was the outgrowth of a joint study by the Education Commission and the Promotion Committee of the Executive Committee. Dr. Orin Cornett is director of the Education Commission and Dr. Merrill D. Moore is secretary of promotion for the Executive Committee.

Two workshops are planned as a part of the program. Establishment of a permanent college counselling committee would be an objective of one of the workshops. No attempt to deal with the problem of financial support for colleges would be undertaken, except as individual state conventions decided to add this feature.

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NORTH CAROLINA INSTITUTE
AIDS PASTORS HOSPITAL WORK

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.--(BP)--An Institute of Pastoral Care will be conducted in the North Carolina Baptist Hospital here January 26-28. It is being jointly sponsored by the hospital and the Bowman School of Medicine and is open to all pastors everywhere. There is no registration fee.

Purpose of the institute is improvement of the minister's hospital and doctor relationships and the improvement of the minister's technique in hospital visitation.

Some of the subjects to be discussed are "Spiritual and Emotional Problems of the Sick," "Ministry to the Needs of the Sick," "Common Meeting Ground of Minister and Doctor," "Emotional Factors in Physical Illness," and "The Therapeutic Value of Preaching."

Speakers will include: O. T. Binkley, professor of Christian sociology, Southeastern Seminary; Helen Flanders Dunbar, professor, Columbia University School of Medicine; Otis R. Rice, professor, Union Theological Seminary; Myron Madden, associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.

Additional information may be secured from Dr. Richard K. Young, North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.